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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Immediate Past President - Roy Lehrman
2. Chairman of the CDDS Delegation - Kendrick Mathews
3. The Senior ADA Delegate - Kara Moore
4. Two members at large from the CDDS. - Bill Argo, Thomas Griffin

*Chair Kendrick Mathews is serving his last term as chairman.  
 The Executive Council will nominate a new chair in February 2011*

### GDA DELEGATES

Kendrick Mathews (Chairman)  
 Paul Fraysure (rolls off Feb 2014)  
 Craig McCroba (rolls off Feb 2013)  
 Shirley Fisher (rolls off Feb 2012)  
 Roy Lehrman (rolls off Feb 2011)

### ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Don Spillers (2020)  
 Amy Loden (2019)  
 Lindsay Holliday (2018)  
 Mike Loden (2016)  
 Deena Smith (2015)



## CENTRAL DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

*Here's your dose of "Mental Floss"*

Dr. Amy Lee - Editor

Dr. Lindsay Holliday -Assistant Editor

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# Meeting

## Central District Dental Society

with the

### 78th Dental Squadron

6:00 ~ SOCIAL • 7:00 ~ DINNER • 8:00 ~ PROGRAM

### Thursday ♥ February 24th

Warner Robins Air Force Base  
Horizon's Officers Club

### Lecturer

### Dr. Karen Arnold

### Topic

### Dentists at Risk for Mental Health & Addiction

### Menu Choices:

Roasted Prime Rib or Roasted Stuffed Chicken Breast

**DON'T MISS FRIDAY'S EXTRA CREDIT DAY**

*...details inside.*

PLEASE...RSVP for the meeting by **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th**

**The base has to have list for security reasons..  
not on list, you can't attend.**

Thursday Dinner meeting - \$20

...or Pay at the Door \$5 extra, or IOUs for \$10 extra!!

Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card.

**Remember, ID is required to get on Base.**



## Extra Credit - Friday

**February 25th from 7:30 am till 4:30 pm**

Lecture at Hangar One at the Museum of Aviation

**Dr. Scott S. DeRossi**

"Common Orofacial Pains in Dental Practice"

**Dr. Michael Wright**

"Anesthesia Evaluation and Medical Emergencies"

**Dr. Chris Lauritzen**

"Legendary Leaders in Dentistry"

**\*\*\*A \$5 Fee is required for attendance to the continuing education session on Friday- Pay at the door.**



## February is Children's Dental Health Month

The ADA & your CDDS ask you to give back to the children in your community. Do an education program such as school visits, office visits, oral hygiene instruction. There is a real need as you are able to influence the next generation as to the importance of good oral health habits. You and your staff can make a real difference. Report your activities to Shirley Fisher [drshirleyfisher@aol.com](mailto:drshirleyfisher@aol.com), photos are greatly appreciated.



**Be a sweetheart....  
send in your meeting reservation card today!!!**

some of them had been in print predicting exactly what happened. But they were viewed as fools and ignored by the business establishment.

So here I go again with a metaphor relating to business. What is the connection to our learned profession? Your author, and compatriot, is of the opinion that it is spring of 2007 for dentistry. The BOT of the ADA is telling us everything is under control and we don't have to worry about mid-level providers. However, the Public Health Dentists and many of the major foundations in this country continue to push forward toward creating mid-level providers. These guys have twenty plus years invested in this movement and they will not be dissuaded easily. The ADA received some definite direction from the House of Delegates last October in Orlando. The House emphatically stated that it did not want anything to do with mid-level providers. One area that I remain concerned over is the apparent support for the mid-level concept from some key ADA staff members. They seem to be torn between representing our members and being popular in the Foundation crowd.

I recently sent the ADA BOT a letter on the ADA's activities with other groups who favor mid-level providers. It was one more nail in my popularity coffin. I am one of the newsletter writers predicting that in my opinion the Public Health Dentists of this world are trying to destroy the dental profession. I am making as much impact as those authors predicting "CHAOS" for the economy in 2007. No one really seems to be listening. ADA leaders are giving some "lip service" to these concerns, but they are not doing anything else differently.

The only difference in the business world in 2007 and the dental world in 2011 is that the way to save your money in 2007 was to get out of organized investing (AKA the Stock Market). The way to save your practice and the dental world today is to get into the action and become involved in organized dentistry (AKA the ADA). If you wait for people like me to save dentistry, you are going to be very disappointed. If you and all of your friends get involved, you may be pleasantly surprised. The only tool that you can fight with is an ADA under your control. Think Tea Party!

Now, the original question was, what does chaos look like. Well in August 2007, business looked like nothing special. In January 2011, dentistry might look like it did last Thursday. Cold, but nothing special. The chaos could come later. Most people don't recognize chaos until they see it in the rear view mirror. How will you see it? Further commentary can be had for free beer at the next district meeting.

Ty Ivey

# TREASURER'S REPORT

January 10, 2011



**Balance Brought Forward** ..... 10,563.53

## Withdrawals

Richard Callan, DMD,EDS Honorarium..... 105.95  
CGTC Scholarship ..... 500.00  
MGTC Scholarship ..... 500.00  
November Meeting Healy Pointe ..... 2853.30  
Macon Ltr Svc Mailouts ,Nov, Dec Meeting & Leg. Rec. .... 1039.24  
GDA, Mailout for New Dentist Reception ..... 42.95  
Brickyard at Riverside, Legislative Reception ..... 4111.65  
MNTC Fee ..... 20.00

## Deposits

November Meeting Receipts ..... 1,300.00

**Balance** ..... 2,630.05

**Money Market Account**..... 4,924.59

**Total Assets of CDDS**..... 7,554.64

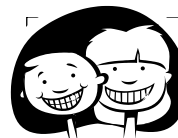
Respectfully Submitted, Don Benton  
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## The Ty Report.. "What Does Chaos Look Like?"

I was thinking the other day while trying to sort out some of my personal concern about the financial mess that I think that this country is in. I remembered back in the summer of 2007. Everything was looking rosy. The Dow was in the stratosphere at 13 to 14,000 and CNBC and Cramer were sounding like barkers at a carnival fun house where everything was fun and games.

On a personal note by way of example, in August of 2007, Pat Patterson and I got an offer to sell our building. It had a good cash flow and we debated, but we sold. On a rainy September 15th, 2007 we closed. In October, strange rumors about the real estate market began to surface. Then the wheels fell off of the economy. CNBC and Cramer were shocked. WHO KNEW? Pat and I weren't smart, we were lucky. If you believe any number of book and newsletter writers, they knew and predicted the entire mess and they got their clients out of the market and "their" clients were spared the anguish of the last three years. Actually



## "Give Kids A Smile" (GKAS)

Friday, February 4, 2011

The emphasis will be to perform dental services for under-served kids. You may want to have your efforts focused in your office on that day, as you may not be seeing your usual patients. Any service whether educational, preventative, or restorative, provided by a dentist and their staff on the first Friday in February, is reported as a part of the GKAS program. Report your activities to Shirley Fisher [drshirleyfisher@aol.com](mailto:drshirleyfisher@aol.com), photos are greatly appreciated.

## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kara Griffin Moore, D.D.S.

It's hard to believe it is 2011! Although it's a New Year...the same enemies still present themselves. The economy may be improving but the state will face another tough year with the budget. This means we need to be very involved with our respective legislators about the importance of adequately funding dental programs and educate them about the continuous cuts that dentistry has seen. They need to know that using dentists to help close the revenue, gaps will only put our most vulnerable patients at risk. Law Day will be March 9th so mark your calendars and plan to attend. Thomas Jefferson once said, "All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."

**DON'T BE SILENT COME TO THE CAPITOL  
AND SPEAK YOUR MIND!**

I want to make sure everyone is aware that the GDA gave each and every one of you a \$300 gift this year. All of you got the notice from the Georgia Department of Community health regarding a \$300 licensure activity fee. This was another direct attempt by certain entities to increase the state's revenues at the expense of the dentists. The GDA and its members mounted an immediate defense and were able to convince the legislators to repeal the "tax" and this gave you an early Christmas gift that I hope all of you enjoyed. I hope everyone of you says your "thank you's" to the GDA and your colleagues by sending in your dues and once again becoming a member of the only organization in Georgia that is truly looking out for all dentist.

Please mark your calendars for February 24th! The meeting at WRAFB is always one of the best of the year so I hope everyone is able to make the drive to Warner Robins for this great event!

# ADA REPORT

Kara G. Moore

I hope most of you were able to hear my presentation regarding the success your ADA delegation had in Orlando preserving the scope of practice but the battle is not over. We need to continue to ensure that the ADA is echoing our commands and that they are standing up for the grass roots dentist and their patients.

Pew evidently has felt the resistance of so many dentists that they have now changed their "spin" on access to care. In one of their most recent statements they have tried to appeal to the practicing general dentist by saying that if the dentist would accept the idea of a mid level provider that the dentist themselves could reap the rewards financially. They propose that by hiring a mid level provider that the dentists' profits will increase and the access problem will soon be solved. This proposal would only be accurate if two very important things happen. #1) Increase government funding for dental programs to help pay for all of these patients who supposedly are dying for dental care (In this days economy...I find that highly unlikely). #2) more people would need to see the value of oral health and seek dental care. (They offered no suggestion on how that might be accomplished). As far as I am concerned having a dentist hire an extra employee won't solve access. If anyone is able to profit from midlevel providers it will be corporations that produce some sort of "dental mill" and value only high production not high quality. Is that what Pew sees as the solution to access to care?

The ADA is currently working on their own research study to evaluate the effectiveness of the existing DHATs in Alaska. Our delegation is waiting to see what exactly this study's criteria will be but we know that their results will differ greatly from the "independent" study that Pew themselves conducted. The ADA must vehemently defend what we know to be true. The U.S. has one of the greatest health care systems in the world. Dentists are the most important piece to the puzzle of oral health and to allow dishonest foundations manipulate data in the name of health care reform would be a travesty.

There are also two other issues that the ADA is working very hard on. First, they are very busy lobbying in Washington to try and repeal health care reform. Many people feel that this is futile, but to sit back and allow this piece of legislation to proceed with out at least a fight would be sinful. Secondly, they are trying to defend our right to use amalgam. I'm afraid that before I retire (a very long time from now), I will no longer be allowed to place amalgam. What a shame that a few people in the name of environmental safety are allowed to deprive many other people of a restoration that in some situations is the only adequate way they will be



## Highlights from the Board of Trustees

- PDRS has surpassed \$1.2 million in collections and is currently operating in the black. If you are not using them, please consider their service.
- Amerigroup, one of the three Medicaid CMOs in Ga., is leaving current dental benefits administrator DentaQuest in favor of SCION Dental on Feb. 15. The GDA is pushing for a single administrator for Medicaid to reduce administrative cost. Representative Mickey Channel is sponsoring this Bill in this legislative session. Dentistry is the only profession that has received cuts in payments. If there is another cut, we ask that it will be across the board.
- The Environmental Protection Agency recently announced plans to propose a rule requiring all dentists to separate amalgam waste. The final rule is targeted to be released and implemented in 2012. If your office does not have a separating device, start working on plans to do so.
- The GDA has raised \$76,000 for the new dental school with a goal of \$100,000. The districts are asked to come up with ideals of raising the remaining \$24,000.
- Districts are asked to support and recruit volunteers for Give Kids A Smile and Children's Dental Health Month.

Alfred B. Peters

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday - February 22nd  
at the office of Amber Lawson  
1902 Hardeman Avenue, Macon**

All Committee Chairpersons, Delegates, and Officers are members of the Executive Committee and are required to attend.

Any CDDS member is welcome to attend.

### **Calendar of Events**

*February is Children's' Dental Health Month!*

Feb 24 Membership Meeting/at Robins AFB  
Mar. 9 Law Day  
May. 12 Membership Meeting TBA  
July 21-24 GDA Annual Meeting

*Looking forward to seeing everyone at our meetings!!!*

## CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

November 9, 2010

Office of Lindsay Holliday

Attending: Kara Moore, Shirley Fisher, Amber Lawson, Ched Smaha, Lindsay Holliday, Paul Fraysure, Deena Holliman-Smith, Kendrick Mathews, Amy Lee, Alfred Peters, Don Benton.

- **Motion** made, seconded to approve minutes of last EC Meeting: approved.
  - **Treasury Report:** Don Benton reviewed report for the EC and reminded the group that the last two months of the calendar year are when most of our expenses occur with the scholarships and the Legislative Reception. Question was raised regarding other District dues levels. DB informed the group that he would ask Pam at the GDA office to report on all the Districts dues status and report back to EC in Feb.
  - **Meeting:** Kara reminded us that the February Meeting will be at the base and has a strict reservation deadline for security purposes. Tentative date is Feb.10 but may change due to base needs and scheduling a speaker. All-day CE will follow the next day at the Museum of Aviation.
  - **Legislative:** Amber Lawson reviewed Nov.30 reception for the Legislators. We must have an accurate count for the Brickyard to be ready for us. She encouraged spouse attendance as well as reinforced the purpose of speaking and getting to know our delegation's new members. We need great attendance to be ready for the challenges of the upcoming session in January.
  - **Member Recruitment and Retention:** Kara and Ched remarked on a very successful new dentist social that included excellent information sharing regarding the CDDS and the GDA with those in attendance. Ched and Katy Garvin are working on Non-renewals to keep our numbers up. If they call for assistance please lend a hand contacting colleagues.
  - **Nominating Committee:** Kendrick Mathews in last year of term as chair. The Committee will meet to do their work prior to Feb. Mtg.
  - **BOT Report:** See Alfred Peters report
  - **ADA Delegation:** See Kara Moore's report.
  - **Old Business:** Alfred updated EC on cuts by CMO for Medicaid providers. Again.
  - **New Business:** Motion made seconded and unanimously approved to give Thursday evening Speaker Dr. Callan a \$100 honorarium to help offset travel expenses from Augusta.
- No other business, meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Don Benton

able to maintain their teeth. Amalgam is safe. It has been proven safe for years and has stood the test of time, while other materials have come and gone. I proudly use it, and I hope that you as a responsible health professional will help ease the public's mind by reminding them of the years of research that have supported this material time and time again.

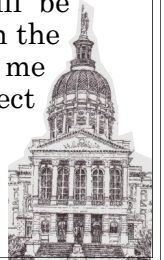
## Governmental Affairs Committee

### ★LAW DAY REPORT★

Wednesday, March 9th

It is time to get serious about LAW Day. Several of you have informed me that you will be attending, but we need to rally the troops as we know that there will be MANY issues that the profession will be facing in the 2011 Legislative Session. Please email me to let me know you will be attending so that we can protect this wonderful profession.

Amber P. Lawson  
[amberplawson@gmail.com](mailto:amberplawson@gmail.com)



## GADPAC IT'S FOR YOU!

We have elected a new governor, have a new realigned legislature, and have a new political climate. We have made our contributions to GADPAC and have participated in the electoral process.

Now we must be prepared to go into the trenches to fight for our profession. How we do that is by attending LAW DAY on Wednesday, March 9 and by being a contact dentist to our district senator or representative.

*Organized dentistry needs you now more than ever.*

Paul Fraysure

