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	Ty Ivey (at large)
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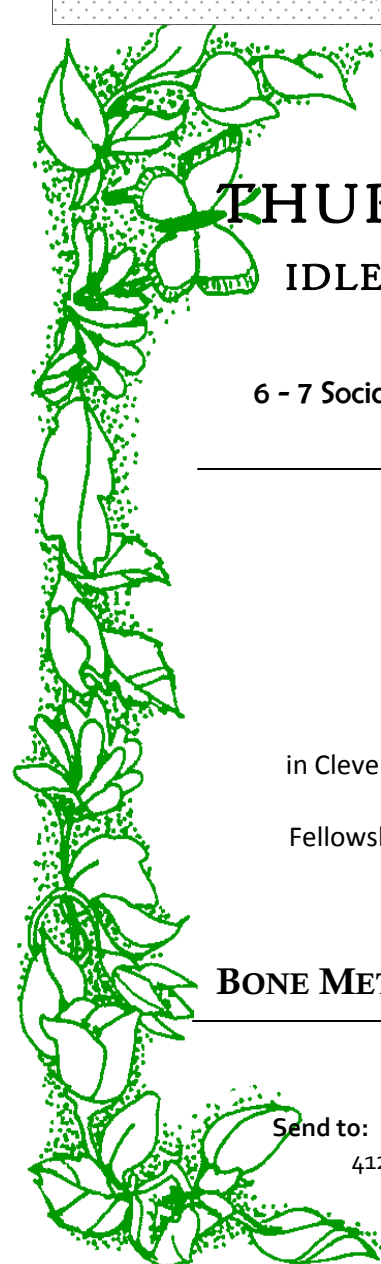
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*Here's your dose of "Mental Floss"*

Dr. Amy Lee - Editor

Dr. Lindsay Holliday -Assistant Editor

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# Meeting

## THURSDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

### IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB MACON

6 - 7 Social Hour/Check In • 7 - 8 Dinner/Meeting  
8 - Presentation

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**☞ SPEAKER ☞**

**BRIDGET M. WRIGHT, MD**

2000 Graduate  
Mercer University School of Medicine

Residency Metro Health Medical Center  
in Cleveland Ohio. Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

Fellowship in Rheumatology at the Cleveland Clinic

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**☞ PROGRAM ☞**

**BONE METABOLISM AND OSTEOPOROSIS**

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**Don't forget to make reservations!!!**  
Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00  
Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by May 1st  
4128 Arkwright Rd. Ste. B • Macon, GA 31210-1707  
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# WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last July I took over as the president of CDDS. I cannot believe that the year is coming to an end. It went by fast.

Dr Garvin is the incoming president and has done a great job with organizing all the meetings. Dr Mitchell is the incoming president elect and will organize all the meetings. If you would like to see a particular speaker in our meeting or would like to hear about a specific topic please give your input to him.

I am extremely grateful for all the officers and volunteers who have given so much time helping CDDS and GDA. Also they made my job easy as there was always someone available for guidance.

I am looking forward to attending the summer meeting at the Omni at Amelia. It's a great event with a lot of fun events for the kids and family. If you have not attended I will encourage you to do it.

It has been an honor to serve as the president of CDDS. I am proud of what CDDS stands for and what its members accomplish.

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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday - May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**at the office of Dr. Cameron Garvin**  
 2953 Vineville Avenue, Macon 31204

*All Committee Chairpersons, Delegates, and Officers are members of the Executive Committee and are required to attend. Any CDDS member is welcome to attend.*

**Support GADPAC!**

**It supports you and your practice!!**



# GMOM

## GEORGIA MISSION OF MERCY - JUNE 18 - 19 - 20

The GMOM is fast approaching! We'll be at the Fairgrounds in Perry and it'll be a fun and rewarding experience. Registration is open and you may sign up to volunteer by going to [www.gadental.org](http://www.gadental.org). Wendy and I have been very busy the last few months speaking to various groups such as the CDDS meeting in Warner Robins, various rotary clubs (Macon, Gray and Jackson Georgia) and the PFA breakfast at the Hinman Dental Meeting. Wendy and some of our staff members worked at the GMOM booth in the Exhibit Hall at the Hinman. We have also met with the Dobbs Foundation at the GDA office to discuss our grant application. We have three more speaking engagements on the schedule.

***In speaking with Frank at the GDA, he reminded me that CE credits will be awarded for participation in the 2015 GMOM.***

We had a site visit on March 13th. Mike Loden and Don Spillers are doing a fantastic job with the facilities management for the event. We have received in-kind donations along with donations of some supplies. We are still in great need of any donations, whether they are in-kind or supply donations. We are also in need of volunteers, especially multilingual translators. We need translators that are able to speak Asian, Spanish and Russian. Any support in these areas will be greatly appreciated.

As I have said many times, if for some reason you can not attend GMOM, you may still participate by making a financial contribution.

This is sure to be a life-changing event not only for the patients we will serve, but I know it will be for everyone that contributes.

Thank you!  
 Wendy and Jimmy Cassidy



## TREASURER'S REPORT April 2015

Balance Brought Forward.....	24,419.85
Withdrawals	
Macon Letter Svc Feb. Mailout .....	604.30
Fed Ex Copy Svc CE Certificates .....	40.61
Horizons Event Center, Feb.Mtg. Meal .....	2,126.04
Heritage Club, Bar setup Feb. mtg. ....	95.75
Deposits	
Feb. Meeting Receipts .....	1,410.00
Feb. CDDS CE Event .....	4,460.00
Balance Checking .....	27,423.15
Balance Morgan Stanley MM Acct .....	4,350.87
Total CDDS Assets .....	31,774.02

Respectfully submitted,  
 Donald B. Benton, Jr. DMD

Mississippi and Florida. It is designed to tell us that we need Mid level providers in our states ( that is my opinion, but I could be wrong ). We are awaiting the results of that survey. Now the legislation above has been introduced in Georgia late in the session so it can be studied over the summer. It will have its day in court ( the legislature ) next year. The source of this interest has come from The Caucus of Black State Legislators. They have encouraged its members to go to their states and introduce legislation.

There seems to be a new twist in the argument. The twist is that the proponents of mid levels seem to be trying to make what is a care issue a racial issue. How can anyone be an advocate for a two tiered system of care. Should this two tier system be put in place, there seems to be a grand irony in that the very patients that they claimed are placed in jeopardy will be subjected to a lesser standard of care. Also, the dentists who have been working to serve those in need are going to have their practices affected by a group of dental providers who can only perform the bread and butter services of their practices. No one wins.

A bright spot is that I have talked to leaders at the state and national level recently and they are optimistic that dentistry's plan to counter mid level providers will be a good plan for all of the patients, not just some of them. BUT, as always the ADA and GDA sources always state that in the end, it will come down to you and me making sure that we don't have a legislative breakdown. It will come down to asking does your legislator know you?? Your involvement and your future are directly related.

Once again, these are my opinions; but I could be wrong!  
 Ty Ivey  
 Macon



**Calendar of Events**

- May 7 CDDS Meeting at Idle Hour Country Club  
Dr. Bridget Wright speaking
- June 18-19-20 GMOM
- July 23-26 GDA Annual Meeting  
OMNI- Amelia Island Plantation Resort

**FYI** At the CDDS February meeting the following were elected:  
 Vice President: Dr Thomas L Peterson  
 GDA Alternate Delegate: Dr Vinamra Bhasin

## Governmental Affairs Committee

Law Day for the Central District was held on Wednesday, March 25th. I want to thank the following for attending and representing our district: Mike and Amy Loden, Vin Bhasin, Lindsay Holliday, Jay Harrington, Katie Garvin, Amy Lee, Tommy Peterson, Michael Wright, Clyde Marlow, Jamie Mitchell, Paul Fraysure, Don and Kay Benton, Vincent Carey, Deena Smith, Ty Ivey and Kara Moore. I hope we will have many more names to add to this list next year.

***In the coming year we will face some of our hardest legislative challenges as of yet.***

As forecasted, the day has come, and the issues of general supervision of hygienists and the creation of a dental hygiene therapist have been introduced in the legislature. I have listed the introduced bills below and each has been assigned to its corresponding Health and Human Services committee. They will not be eligible for a committee hearing until next session.

HB 684 a bill regarding general supervision for hygienists  
<http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20152016/HB/684>

SB 248 a bill that would allow for the expansion of the dental team to include a dental hygiene therapist  
<http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20152016/SB/248>

***Now that I have your attention, I hope each of you will support the GDA's legislative efforts through your GADPAC donations and your attendance at the Legislative Reception this December.***

Amber P. Lawson DMD



## CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

February 17, 2015

Office of Dr. Cameron Garvin, 7 pm

Attending the meeting: Vin Bhasin, Lindsay Holiday, Amy Lee, Deena H. Smith, Ched Smaha, Kendrick Mathews, Tommy Peterson, Jamie Mitchell, Cameron Garvin, Nancy O'Brien, Don Benton

● **Opening Discussion** with difficulties getting timely submissions for the newsletter from the Base with scheduled speakers information. Every effort is that we need to start earlier to get program together on a firm date to allow newsletter to be as accurate as possible in a timely fashion. Future program chairperson needs to pursue earlier collaboration and work with Base personnel sooner.

● **Finance Committee:** Kendrick Mathews reminded the EC that to be counted as a new or renewing member of the District all dues must be paid by Feb.28. This is critical for the final delegate count each year. Get those dues in by the deadline.

● **Nominating Committee:** Nancy O'Brien noted that the nominating cmt will be ready to report at the meeting Thursday night ! Don Benton will have paper ready if there is a run- off for tabulating a close vote!

● **Board of Trustees Report:** See Loden/Garvin Report

● **ADA Delegation:** See K. Moore Report

● **HB350:** Nancy O'Brien kicked off a lively discussion of HB 350 which is a Hygiene Local Anesthesia Bill that is one of the steps to independent practice. All participants in the discussion were amazed that this bill had any chance this year with all that legislators had on their plate. Our people at the Capitol are on it and when necessary can work on the contact dentists of key people in the committee it is assigned to.

● **Law Day:** Pres. Vin Reminded everyone present that LAW Day is on March 25. Details will follow from the GDA closer to the date. Make plans now to attend and take someone new with you that has not attended yet.

● **Awards:** No report from Dr. Deena H Smith

● **GADPAC:** Please support the PAC!

● **Membership Services:** Dr. Mitchell no report.

● **Public Relations:** Dr. Holliday wanted everyone to notify him of changes to e-mail addresses if any. Also to think of ways to encourage sign up for GMOM coming up in June. This is a huge project and one that needs to be embraced by all our members and staff! Dr. Cassidy will make a presentation at Fridays' program as well as Thursday evening.

● **Recruitment and Retention:** Cam Garvin mentioned in Katie's absence that New dentist function was held Thurs. Feb 12 with Affinity Bank sponsoring the event. Thank you Affinity, Liz and Tara, for helping us support these young Doctors.

(term expires 1/15) and accompanying CV from Dr. Jay Harrington who is a member in good standing. The House of Delegates will elect from this slate and any appropriate nominations from the floor if CVs were received by the December 31, 2014, deadline.

● Dr. Ty Ivey reported on several issues related to access to dental care in Georgia. The Board discussed the various avenues by which access to care could potentially be addressed by policymakers or legislators.

● Additionally the Board discussed the need to collect accurate information on the amount of charitable care that GDA members provide in their practices and communities. This initiative will be forwarded to the Council on Dental Health and Public Relations committees for consideration and recommendations.

### The Ty Report...I could be wrong!



Funny how someone says something to you and you remember it for a life time. While a key fact that you use all of the time will not stay in your brain. I practiced with Tom McKelvey for over 30 years and he told the story once that there was a great philosopher who was asked if he was willing to die for his beliefs? His answer was, "Of course not, I could be wrong!"

Well, on the matter of mid level providers, I could be wrong, but evidence is making a strong case, that I am right on the mark. At the end of the legislative session, Senator Valencia Seay dropped a bill to create mid level providers in Georgia. Besides the mountain of information that you have already received from me on the matter, there are new slants on this subject that have been put in play. The National Dental Association (NDA) has in the last year changed its position from opposing mid level providers to entertaining the idea of their value in dealing with access to care. When I spoke to Roy Adams and Lawrence Marable at a Central District meeting on this change, they were astounded and doubted that it was correct. But it is correct and you have to be curious if the \$400,000 donation from the Kellogg Foundation to the NDA had anything to do with that. The Pew Foundation and The Kellogg Foundation have put big bucks on the issue of mid levels and they are not above buying support if that is what it takes ( Of course, this is my opinion. I could be wrong ).

The efforts at Morehouse University to study the issue are also being driven by a former Kellogg Employee and funded by Kellogg money for their survey. The survey in question encompasses Georgia,



## Highlights from the Board of Trustees

February 2105 by Dr. Cameron Garvin

- Sign up for the Donated Dental Services program as a volunteer. Dr. Torbush welcomed the members of the Leadership GDA Class of 2015.
- Mr. Capaldo invited the Board to participate in the dialogue generated by the guest speakers on multi-office dental groups, dental support organizations, and buying cooperatives.
- Dr. Charles Coulter, owner of Dentistry for Children, and Dr. Quinn Dufurrena, executive director of the Association for Dental Support Organizations, addressed the Board regarding the operations of the multi-office dental group, the administrative and other functions offered by the ADSO for the group's offices. Dr. Dufurrena updated the Board on meetings the ADSO had held with the American Dental Association regarding membership of dentists involved with multi-office dental groups as well as the ADSO's efforts at the state level in regards to legislative action.
- Dr. Kevin Cain, a Georgia Regents University Hull College of Business Assistant Professor of Management with an emphasis in dental consulting, addressed the Board on the potential benefits associated with a group purchasing initiative.
- Dr. John Ferguson asked the Board to support the products and services that GDIS offers and noted that GDIS continues to offer significant value for members. He discussed the rate of renewals for the GDA health and welfare plan and noted that GDIS hoped to offer additional health-related coverage, including Medicare supplemental coverage.
- GDIS won a Bronze Medal award among all MEDPRO agencies for having the best ratio of retained business for professional liability coverage at 96.7%. GDIS has been in the top three agencies nationwide with the highest retention rate for the last four years.
- Members are encouraged to save the date for GMOM 2015.
- Dr. Marshall Mann moved that the Board of Trustees endorse the policies and procedures on transparency and avoidance of risk as presented by the Executive Director and refer the policies and procedures to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to insert in the Policy Manual. The motion passed unanimously.
- Dr. Torbush reported on the following slate from the Nominating Committee. The Committee offered the nomination of Dr. Robin Reich of Northwestern District for GDA Vice President. This candidate will be voted on at the GDA Business Meeting held on July 24, 2015, in Amelia Island as part of the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee received the nomination for the ADA At-large Alternate Delegate position

● **Future CDDS meetings:** Dr Garvin is working on securing sites for future meetings, more info to follow at next EC  
Newsletter: Dr Amy will notify all responsible parties regarding submission deadline for the next newsletter! Please be attentive to the required deadline so that there will be adequate time for proofing all sections for a timely mail-out!

● **Treasury report** given by Dr. Benton. motion made seconded and approved to accept report as printed.

● **Children's Health Activities:** Vin asked all participating offices to submit documentation to GDA Office with photos and dollar amt of donated dental services during February for Childrens Dental Health Month.

● **CE meeting** on Feb.6 with Linda Harvey, RDH,MS,LHRM was a great success and generated \$4,460. There was unanimous support to continue this type of program as a service to the membership as well as staff to meet annual CE requirements.

No other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Don Benton



## ADA REPORT by Kara G. Moore

### What is the ADA doing for you?

- 1). The ADA has hired a new head of communications to help effectively convey the message of the ADA as well as to look at ways to better market the ADA dentist to the general public.
- 2). After recent publicity about the historical inaccuracies of the health effects of sugar Published by the National Institute of dental research, the ADA has formed a workgroup to advocate for more research on the role of sugar in the development of caries. From this they are hoping to make a formal position that is science based that will prove that it is the diet of this generation that is allowing the caries rate to skyrocket. (And no mid-level provider can solve that). Maybe with this new research instead of the governments investing millions in trying to create new types of low level providers they could instead change the way foods are made available to caries susceptible populations.
- 3) In an effort to engage more members the ADA is looking to create a more user friendly online/smartphone application that will help members better access the resources that our membership dollars pay for. Most members have no clue about all the resources available to you through your ADA membership
- 4). Legislatively the ADA has been very busy lobbying on our behalf on several different issues. This is by far one of the most important and yet non tangible member benefits we could ever receive. The ADA is hoping to purchase a new building near the Capital that will help in their efforts to have the dentists voice heard on a daily basis in DC.