

## OFFICERS 2016 - 2017

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Finance	Kendrick Mathews
Forensic Dentistry	Ash Walker
Governmental Affairs (Law Day, Legislative Reception) GADPAC	Amber Lawson Mike Loden Michael Wright Mike Loden Ty Ivey (at large) Ash Walker
Membership Services	Jimmy Cassidy III Katie Garvin
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CDDS Delegates:  
Nancy O'Brien (2016) Chair  
Mike Loden (2016)  
Lindsay Holliday (2017)  
Amy Loden (2018)  
Don Spillers (2019)  
Pinkney Gilchrist (2020)

CDDS Alternate Delegates:  
Amber Lawson (2021)  
Michael Wright (2022)  
Vincent Carey (2023)  
Vin Bhasin (2024)  
Cameron Garvin (2025)

Board of Trustees:  
Mike Loden  
Tommy Peterson (Pres Elect)

ADA Delegates:  
Kara Moore  
Jay Harrington (Alt)



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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>  
IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB • MACON

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

## SPEAKERS

### COLONEL MARK WEBBER

(Wing Commander for the 116<sup>th</sup>)

#### Update on the J-STARS

(Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System)

### GARY THACKER

with Legally Mine

"A Common Sense Approach to Lawsuit  
Elimination and Tax Reduction"

- Discuss the need for lawsuit prevention for medical professionals.
- Cover the motivation for lawsuits being the assets of the defendant and how to organize those assets to shield them from any lawsuit.
- Show how to achieve income tax reduction through proper use of legal entities.
- Explain the purpose and value of a family living trust

*Don't forget to make reservations!!!*

Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00

Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by November 4<sup>th</sup>

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# WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow district members: It's hard to believe that the Holidays are almost upon us. Where has the year gone? I can't explain it, but time seems to go by faster with every passing year. That being said, we need to begin preparations now for the upcoming year. But before we do, we need to recap some of the highlights from this past year. Sadly, we said fair well to colleagues of great resolve that helped pave the way for dentistry as we know it; namely, Dr. Bob Vedder, Dr. Pat Patterson, and Dr. Charles Johnson. We saw a very active and harried legislative session that has the potential to repeat itself. We initiated the Integrity Dental Buyers Group, enjoyed a great meeting at Amelia Island, and reached out to our brothers and sisters in Dublin and Griffin with two small group initiatives that were a huge success. We also had our first, and hopefully annual, Mercer tailgate that brought us together in a new way. No doubt, this year was the quintessential roller coaster ride with highs and lows.

Now, for the year ahead: I hope we can build on the successes that we have enjoyed. This year's legislative session is shaping up to be just as challenging as last years, which means we need even more participation from our body of dentists. We need everybody to actively participate in meetings and Law Days. You need to mark your calendars now for The Legislative Reception, Tuesday, November 29, 2016 and Law Day, Wednesday March 8, 2017. All other important dates can be found in this newsletter. Your presence at these events really matters!

I think and pray for the future of dentistry, and that the dentists who follow us can one day say to us, "thank you for all you did to preserve the autonomy of our great profession! Well done!"

Jamie Mitchell  
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the list, insurance companies. They have an agenda that also comes in conflict with your abilities to function as a small business owner in health care.

So whoever you vote for President, you will choose because of your thoughts relating to a lot of other interests that may not include dentistry. But, how do you represent dentistry's interest and the interest of your patients to choose you to treat them. You get involved at the level below the candidates for President of the United States. He or she should worry a lot more about nuclear warheads than third molars. However, your Senator, your Congressman and your State officials will cast the deciding votes on your future. Therefore, even if your choice for President is none of the above, you still have an obligation to your patients and your family to be involved in the political process if you want dentistry to be user friendly for us and for them.

Ted DeTreville died at age 45, so if you want to take Politics 101, you can give me a call. Of course the thoughts that I teach in Politics 101 are like the opinions in this article. They are my opinions only.

Ty Ivey



## TREASURER'S REPORT October 2016

Balance Brought Forward .....	39568.03
Withdrawals	
Deanos Italian, Dublin Mtg .....	394.00
J.Henry's, Griffin Mtg.....	402.35
Macon Letter Service. Sept Mailout .....	607.32
Taylor Trophy .....	61.84
Mercer Football Event .....	1200.00
Brickyard at Riverside Mtg .....	1043.10
Check order Suntrust .....	101.33
Reimburse for September Door Prize .....	301.00
Deposits	
Sept. Mtg Receipts .....	3010.00
Door Prize Receipts .....	610.00
Mercer Social Receipts .....	315.00
Kettenbach Honorarium.....	500.00
Balance Checking .....	40193.09
Balance Morgan Stanley .....	4001.27
Total CDDS Assets .....	44194.36
Respectfully Submitted, Don Benton	

## The Ty Report... by Ty Ivey



I just finished reading *Don't Know Much About the American Presidents* by Kenneth C. Davis. It is a brief history (over 500 pages) of the establishing of the office in the early days of our nation and a synopsis of all of the presidents. They are graded at the end of their chapter and it is filled with interesting stories in what is a little like history "Lite." Actually I recommend it because it fills in a lot of gaps for many of us who never paid much attention to Franklin Pierce anyway.

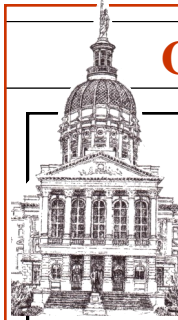
One thing that I learned is that things haven't changed as much as you might think that they have. However, I believe this year's Presidential Election will have a special place in the history books. I never thought of myself as a political person even though I did hold class office in college and I did take Politics 101 from a fraternity brother named Ted DeTreville who was the campus political guru at Mercer. That was growing up time. As I entered the real world, politics was but a fleeting memory.

I was involved in Macon's first fluoridation referendum when I returned to private practice. That was enough for the long time Central District Legislative Chairman, Dr. Hubert Darby from Vidalia to come over one day and hand me his notebook and announce that I was going to be the new legislative chairman for the district. He had a big smile on his face and declared his confidence in me. I didn't have a clue as to why he had such a big smile or what he had done to me. I also didn't have a clue about what the job entailed and why we even needed a Legislative Committee.

I learned over the next few years and as some of you remember Dr. Glenn Tatum was one of my main teachers. Glenn was on the national PAC Board in the mid seventies so he was light years ahead of me. As the years went by one of the main questions that I was always asked was are you a Republican or a Democrat. My answer was always that my Democratic friends were sure that I was a Republican and my Republican friends were praying for me. I was a dental advocate. We needed everyone's vote.

As you receive this post, you will probably know who you are going to vote for President. But, are you a Democrat, a Republican or a dental advocate? Forget who the 2016 candidates are. I have never seen a case where two individuals polarized people as much as our current candidates do. Let me remind you that the Democrats have a social agenda that may challenge your ability to function as a small business owner in health care. But! And this is a big but. The Republicans are the party of big business. That includes at the top of

## Governmental Affairs Committee



THE CENTRAL DISTRICT  
LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION  
will be held at the Brickyard on  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7:00 PM.**

Formal invitations to follow.  
Please bring your spouse with you.  
This is the most important meeting of the year.

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Mark your calendars and join us for  
**LAW DAY**  
at our Capitol on  
**Wednesday, March 8th**  
to discuss the critical issues affecting Dentistry.

Amber Lawson  
amberlawson@gmail.com

Let us give thanks  
for the many blessings in  
our lives!



## CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Sept.6, 2016 Attending: Jamie Mitchell, Tommy Peterson, Michael Wright, Pinckney Gilchrist, Don Spillers, Samer Othman, Cameron Garvin, Paul Fraysure, Deena Smith, Nancy O'Brien, Amy Lee, Ashley Walker, Vincent Carey, Amber Lawson, Lindsay Holliday, Don Benton.

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm and opened with an invocation by Jamie.
- Committee Reports given: Committee members were updated to reflect the following changes: Finance-Don Benton-Chairman, Kendrick Mathews and Jim Hall as Co-Chairs. Government Affairs- Kara Moore Chair effective December 2016, Nichol Jackson new committee member, NOTE: Amber Lawson will be placed in nomination for ADA Delegate-presumed effective December 2016. Recruitment and Retention-Cameron Garvin. Emile T. Fisher Dental Education Foundation Representative-Paul Fraysure will continue. Michael Wright will present GDA officers with a PAC check at Thursday Meeting at the Brickyard. Awards Chair Deena Smith recommended Amber Lawson for Honorable Fellow Award.
- Next we discussed the need to better track volunteerism at the local clinics. Don Spillers, Samer Othman, and Amber Lawson reported the difficulty in getting Dentists to commit to the spirit and mission of these clinics serving these needy patients. All agreed that this an ongoing problem that will require brainstorming. We will continue to appeal to the membership at our quarterly meetings for participation. The consensus suggestion was one half day per quarter of volunteering at one of the clinics. Don and Samer will discuss at Thursday meeting.
- Treasury Report: Don Benton is working with Scott LaFranco at the GDA office to align ourselves with the other Districts regarding non-profit status and IRS filing requirements. Three other Districts are following the same protocol to become compliant as well. Don made a motion to change bank to Affinity Bank because they have been strong supporting our District and the GDA. Motion passed.
- OSHA/HIPPA CE is scheduled for February 3,2017 through Patterson Dental Co. Tommy Peterson is looking into the feasibility of a second course in Dublin.
- There next was a discussion regarding the GDA and the slow nature of members receiving GDA/ADA membership materials half way through the year and that some members had difficulty with the Annual Convention as reservations were not honored as well as mistakes regarding number of rooms etc.
- A moment of silence was observed to honor deceased members: Dr.Charles Johnson, Dr. Pat Patterson and Dr. Bob Vedder. Also a reminder to observe same at the meeting on Thursday evening.



## Highlights from the Board of Trustees

September 10, 2016 – Tommy Peterson

President Ben Jernigan presided over a lively and productive meeting of the newly installed Board of Trustees on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board approved several new projects and initiatives. Visit the GDA website for information on current initiatives and to see how you can become involved.

- An article will be published in the GDA Action journal describing the proposed new structure of the Governance Task Force
- We need 300 volunteers for ADA 158th Annual Session October 19 - 23, 2017
- 330 CE programs will be offered in Atlanta 2017 – get free registration and CE for meeting if you volunteer!
- The Board discussed the new rule on Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act: requires Medicare and Medicaid dentists to provide certain services, including translation services to patients by October 16th. The ADA and GDA websites have more information.
- Georgia Dental Insurance Services renewal begins November 1 so keep GDIS in mind when you choose a medical plan or any insurance
- GDA Annual Convention & Expo is July 20-23, 2017 at the Omni Amelia Island Resort in Florida
- Major problem for ADA is STAGNANT MEMBERSHIP!!
- Defer GMOM from 2017 due to ADA and GDA summer meeting and HINMAN MEETING
- Georgia Donated Dental Services resolution passed - provides free care to disabled elderly individuals
- Discussed new GDA structure recommendations
- Integrity Dental Buyers Group (IDBG) is finalizing details on our group buying program to be launched before the end of the year. There will be a portal to order all supplies with an average discount of 30%, one invoice and free 2-day delivery. The program will also include a statewide servicer of existing equipment. IDBG will communicate more details of the program as agreements are finalized.
- GDA marketing for 2017: benchmark trends, target audiences through multiple channels – social media, magazine ads, etc. Grow digital media. Look for testimonials of patients whose lives have been changed by dentistry
- The Board reviewed the proposed 2017 GDA legislative agenda. We will be addressing barriers to dental care in Georgia and looking to expand the Rural Dental Student Loan Repayment program among other initiatives. Join us by serving as a Contact Dentist or be at a LAW Day to talk to legislators or contribute to GADPAC . Get details at [www.gadental.org/advocacy](http://www.gadental.org/advocacy)
- Report by Executive Director Frank Capulto
- Business and Compliance CE training – not limited to clinical personnel
- Only **63%** of dentists in Georgia belong to GDA



## ADA REPORT by Kara G. Moore

It is with mixed emotions that I tell you that this will be my last ADA session representing the Central District of the Georgia Dental Association. It has been a tremendous honor to represent you all at this level, and while it has been an exciting 8 years, it is time for me to step back and let someone else take the reins. Dr. Amber Lawson will now be our district representative and I know she will do a great job. Our district will also now have a member who is representing us in a National leadership position. At our district caucus in Birmingham, Jay Harrington was elected trustee-elect for the 5th district of the ADA and he will start his term in October of 2017. What a tremendous honor that is! Congratulations Jay!

By the time this newsletter is delivered, the annual session will be over and Jay and I will be able to give you a full report on all that the 5th district has been able to accomplish. I look forward to seeing you all at our next Central District meeting.



### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday – November 8<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.*

*Got any news?.....*



**We want to know!!** Please email or call me, Amy Lee  
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E-mail: [DrAmyLee@bellsouth.net](mailto:DrAmyLee@bellsouth.net)

- Next item was the suggestion regarding the door prize to benefit GADPAC. After some discussion it was decided to have the door prize at the September, November and May Meeting.
- President Jamie reminded all present about the Mercer Football tailgate event on Sept 17 near the tennis courts for food, fellowship and beverage. He will make announcement at the meeting on Thursday to promote it as well.
- No other business, Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Benton



### **CDDS IMPORTANT DATES 2016-2017**

Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting- Cameron's Office 7:00
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting - Idle Hour Country Club, Macon
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	Legislative Reception- The Brickyard at Riverside 7:00
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting- Cameron's Office 7:00
Feb 16/17	Warner Robins Base meeting Thursday 6:00
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Law Day at the Capitol
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting- Cameron's Office 7:00
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	TBA 6:00

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

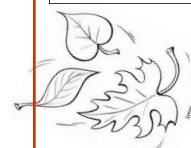
2016	2017
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> GDA Office Atlanta	March 4 <sup>th</sup> Augusta
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> GDA Office Atlanta	July 19 <sup>th</sup> GDA Annual Meeting Amelia Island

#### **HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

2016	2017
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center	July 20 <sup>th</sup> GDA Annual Meeting Amelia Island

#### **ADA**

Oct 20-24, 2016 Denver CO	Oct 19-23, 2017 Atlanta GA
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**Fall on in to CDDS involvement!  
Don't delay....Send your  
meeting reservation card in today!**

