

## OFFICERS 2016 - 2017

President	Jamie Mitchell
President Elect	Tommy Peterson
Vice President	Ash Walker
Secretary/Treasurer	Don Benton
Newsletter Editor	Amy Lee

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Awards	Deena Holliman Smith
	Tommy Peterson
Constitution and Bylaws	Ched Smaha
Council on Dental Health	Samer Othman
	Amy Loden-GKAS
	Pinkney Gilchrist-Workforce
	Jim Hall-Task Force on Medicaid
	Alfred Peters-Task Force on Medicaid
Finance	Kendrick Mathews
Forensic Dentistry	Ash Walker
Governmental Affairs	Amber Lawson
(Law Day, Legislative Reception)	Mike Loden
GADPAC	Michael Wright
	Mike Loden
	Ty Ivey (at large)
Membership Services	Ash Walker
	Jimmy Cassidy III
New Dentists	Katie Garvin
Peer Review and Ethics	Greg Burns
Public Relations	Lindsay Holliday
Co-chair	Leigh Bennett
Nominating	Nancy O'Brien- HOD Chair
	Kara Moore- ADA Chair
	Cameron Garvin- Immediate Past President

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, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> •

BRICKYARD AT RIVERSIDE  
MACON

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

## • ANNUAL GDA OFFICERS VISIT •

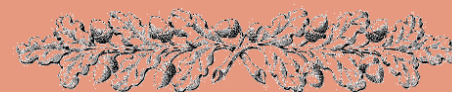
GDA PRESIDENT - DR. BEN JERNIGAN  
and

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - FRANK CAPALDO

*Other officers and staff may accompany them.*

*This meeting will allow us to meet our officers and hear what's in store for the upcoming year with emphasis on:*

- *Better Together - Dr. Jernigan's theme for this upcoming year*
- *Upcoming Legislative Elections and Issues*
- *Questions and Answers from CDDS Members*



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

Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00

Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by September 2<sup>nd</sup>

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# WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT



I'm staring at my computer screen trying to think of words that will excite and motivate all the dentists in our district. I wish I were the "literary guy" who is quick with a quip or quote that would grab your attention and imagination in order to fire you up for the upcoming term. Let me first say how honored I am to be serving as your President for the next 12 months. I never would have thought of pursuing an officer role in the district if not for the likes of Dr. Ty Ivey and Dr. Bob Vedder. Be careful what you say, and who you say it to.

My objective this year is to create a better system of communication and increase the opportunities we have to gather together, with as little interruption as possible to your families or practices. That being said, there are times that we will need your physical presence, namely, LAW DAY! This country flourishes and withers by what happens during legislative sessions, and the Georgia Dental Association is no different. I truly believe that most of our legislators want to do the right things, unfortunately they have tons of corporations and lobbyists constantly in their ear, promoting their own agenda. The small voice of the individual dentist is often overlooked. Therefore, we need to show up at the Capital in mass. Now, I will admit, years ago I was happy to let the "more experienced and politically savvy folks" spend their time fighting our fights, but we can no longer afford to have this mind set. We all need to participate! If we don't take just one day, really just a half a day for some of us, out of our offices, we will be putting the fate of our profession in the hands of dental illiterates.

On a lighter note, I'm happy to report that your district officers and executive committee have been busy these past few months. First, a Facebook page has been established that we want all Facebookers to be active in. It is a closed group, so you will need to contact one of our administrators, Samer Othman, Leigh Bennett, or Lindsay Holliday to request admittance. If you need help with this, just contact me. Second, we have been busy with 2 small group meetings, one in Dublin and the other Griffin, in order to reestablish a connection with our distant members. In the same vein, we would like to have a second OSHA/HIPPA class in Dublin this winter/spring, again to reach practices that are unable to make it to the Macon meeting. Third, the CDDS is hosting its first tailgate party at Mercer University on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This is open to all district members and their families. We have also invited all the legislators from our district, so we can get to know them in a more casual environment. We hope you will plan on joining us for what's sure to be a great day!

## News Bites!

### DR. PEACE RETIRES FOR A 2<sup>ND</sup> TIME

Rush Peace retired for a 2nd time this year. He retired from his restorative and prosthetic referral practice approximately ten years ago and elected to continue on with his earlier training with children and special need patients.

Rush joined the Central District Dental Society in October 1958 when he came to Macon with a public health and special care dental program.. He began private practice here in 1961. Rush might be the longest practicing, current member of the Central District. [Any takers to challenge this claim? Send the CDDS editor your information!]

With no hospital schedule now, and with more free time, Rush hopes to participate more in our CDDS activities.



## TREASURER'S REPORT August 2016

Balance Brought Forward. ....	33,053.80
Withdrawals	
Macon Letter Svc. May Mtg. ....	602.00
Speaker Honorarium/ Door Prize BassPro .....	570.99
IHCC Meeting and Meal .....	2,279.80
GDA Invoices Insurance, etc. ....	3,112.75
Fed-Ex Printing.....	49.49
Brickyard Deposit Sept. Mtg. ....	1,000.00
Brickyard Deposit Nov. Leg. Rec. ....	1,000.00
Deposits	
May Mtg. Receipts .....	1,545.00
Door Prize Receipts.....	540.00
Affinity Bank Honorarium .....	1,000.00
G DA Dues to CDDS .....	12,093.75
Balance Checking .....	39,568.03
Balance Morgan Stanley .....	4,051.18
Total CDDS Assets .....	43,619.21

Don Benton

# The Ty Report... by Ty Ivey



## TIMES ARE CHANGING

That is the way my minister led into the sermon yesterday. Of course, that is a statement that will hold up almost anytime. It should. People have been saying it for years and I expect if we could get in a time machine we could say hundreds of years. So how does one deal with change?

Let's forget about the rest of the world and just focus on the profession that feeds you and your family and the one that allows you to earn a living by being in the service industry. Most everyone who works for themselves either sells something or provides a service. Even though we are called doctor because of the education required for our job, we are not much different from small appliance repairmen. If something isn't wrong, we don't have much to do. ( I do understand that a dental prophylaxis is not necessarily fixing something wrong, but we are usually finding something that we are improving. People don't usually get their teeth cleaned because they like the rotation of the prophylaxis angle. )

Last week, I was talking to a member of the district who said that if the GDA ever did a certain thing that we were talking about, they would consider quitting. Well, now we come back to the changing times. When times are changing, what do you do. Do you instantly embrace change, or do you fight it. I have often said that PROGRESS is the result of the forces of those who would change regardless of the cost working against those who would resist change at all cost.

The question is how do you play the game once you have made the determination of which position you will take? THE WORST POSITION THAT I SEE FOR ANYONE IS TO GO IT ALONE. How can you have a voice in the process if you are fighting many voices on the other side. If you belong to an organization like the GDA and the ADA you do so with the hope that they will be your help mate in this battle of wits. But how does a democratic organization make a decision. Majority rule is the usual means. Therefore it is incumbent on all of us to be active in the process. We must have a strong unified organization to resist the forces of change that I have been telling you about that relate to non dentists performing dental treatments.

I assure you that those forces are working every day here in Georgia. If you want to have an opinion on the matter, the GDA is your best opportunity to make a difference. But if you favor high school graduates performing dentistry you can just sit back, because The Pew and Kellogg Foundations will fight your battles for you. The Times are Changing. You just have to decide how you want to see them change.

These are as always just my thoughts. Ty

We cannot do this alone. We need your input and help. If you would like to participate in any aspect of our district, all that's needed is for you to contact me. I welcome the opportunity to get to know each of you better, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me any time. My email is [jamitchellmd@bellsouth.net](mailto:jamitchellmd@bellsouth.net) and my cell number is 706-202-9307.

Let's make this a great year!

Jamie Mitchell



## CDDS IMPORTANT DATES 2016-2017

August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Officer Meeting in Dublin 6:30
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Officer Meeting in Griffin 6:30
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting- Cameron's Office 7:00
Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	(GDA Officers' Visit Brickyard at Riverside 6:00
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Family Tailgate at Mercer University 1:00
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting- Cameron's Office 7:00
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	TBA 6:00
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 24-29, 2017 Atlanta GA
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## CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 10, 2016 at the Office of Cameron Garvin

Attending: Cam Garvin, Samer Othman, Nancy O'Brien, Deena Smith, Amber Lawson, Ched Smaha, Lindsay Holliday, Don Benton, Vince Carey Ashley Walker, Kendrick Mathews, Tommy Peterson, Leigh Bennett, Michael Wright.

- Meeting called to order at 7pm
- **House of Delegates:** Nancy reviewed the roll of Delegates for the July Meeting
- **BOT:** See Report: Mike Loden
- **ADA Delegation:** See Report, Kara Moore
- **Council on Dental Health:** No Report
- **Nominating:** No Report
- **Finance:** Kendrick Mathews: Meeting coming up and will report in September.
- **Awards:** Deena asked the EC to please keep people in mind for award levels. Review criteria at GDA website.
- **GADPAC:** Michael Wright discussed Raffle for the PAC. Brief discussion resulted in decision to continue raffle with prize funded by district as participation warrants. Suggestion was a Yeti soft cooler for Thursday meeting. All agreed and include an Honorarium for our speaker in the form of a gift card from Bass Pro Shops.
- **Membership Services:** Cameron brought up request for dues waiver by CDDS member for hardship. Voting ensued with unanimous approval. Additional member requested approval for Life Member status. Unanimously approved.
- **Secretary-Treasurer:** See Report.
- **Public Relations:** Lindsay reported on the successful "Because I saw my Dentist" promotion and encouraged all present to view at the GDA website.
- **President Elect:** Jamie Mitchell requested Planning session for his year prior to July GDA meeting to review and establish dates for meetings and suggestions for a productive year. He suggested June 14 and asked Cam Garvin if he was OK with this location and was given the go-ahead for that day. Agenda will follow closer to the date.
- **Governmental Affairs:** Amber requested checks for Jeff Mullis who has been helpful to our causes. Also reminded EC that Drew Ferguson is in a run-off for his race in West GA. Please support Drew! Legislative Reception is November 29, 2016 at the Brickyard! Make plans to attend and bring a colleague to the reception!



## Highlights from the Board of Trustees

July 13, 2016 Jamie Mitchell

- Dr. Tom Broaderick called the meeting to order after which Dr. Rene Roberts gave our invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
- Dr. Jay Harrington reported that Medicare "Part D" enrollment was pushed back to February 1, 2017. The GDA has updated its "Medicare opt in/opt out Decision Guide" for members and is posted at [www.gadental.org](http://www.gadental.org)
- ADA local arrangements chair, Dr. Karen Stockwell, reported the need for volunteers for the ADA Atlanta meeting in 2017. She can be contacted at [kstoc@aol.com](mailto:kstoc@aol.com).
- Dr. Robin Reich reported how well the "Because I Saw My Dentist" campaign is doing and encourages members to utilize this resource through the help of GDA staff member Carol Galbreath at [carol@gadental.org](mailto:carol@gadental.org)
- Executive Director Frank Capaldo gave an update on the Integrity Buyers Dental Group. The original supply company they were prepared to sign with, backed out at the last minute. They are in negotiations with others and assured the BOT that "it will happen in the near future and for all participants to be patient and hang in there. It's coming!"
- Dr. David Bradberry resigned one year early as editor of the GDA in order to assume the nomination to Vice President of the GDA. Dr. Kumar Patel will be nominated to replace him.
- Due to the sad and untimely death of Immediate Past President Doug Torbush, the position of ADA Delegate At Large has been left vacant. Dr. Jim Lopez has been nominated to assume this position.
- Dr. Ed Green reported that the financial status of the GDA is very solid. GDIS is making great strides in becoming more competitive and that the finance committee expects it will continue to grow.



## Family Tailgate at Mercer University

Saturday, September 17th at 1:00 pm

Come join the fun and fellowship and door prizes!!

Reservations: Jamie Mitchell at 706-202-9307 or

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## ADA REPORT by Kara G. Moore

### SO WHAT'S THE ADA DOING FOR YOU?

● Well, Obamacare strikes again! The ADA is now working over time to try and delay or reform the new requirements set forth in section 1557. This section requires that any practice that receives funds from Medicaid, CHIP, or Medicare advantage must now provide all of its patients, with limited English proficiency, access to translators. The practice must also post in 15 different languages that they will provide them with a translator at no additional charge and provide them with all of their written materials in the language of their choice. The continuous addition of burdens placed on dental and medical offices is out of control. The government mandates are becoming unattainable and at some point this will break the back of every Medicaid and Medicare provider in America. If you have questions regarding this new mandate please call the GDA or ADA for guidance.

● Vermont is the latest state to fall to mid level providers. Their legislature just signed into effect a bill that would give hygienist a path to being a dental therapist. Mid level providers are on the verge of being a reality in 21 states. Pew is in 13 states and Kellogg in 8. The ADA has its work cut out for it, but they are offering support to all of the states that are battling this pathway to compromised care. Your membership both in the GDA and ADA will be essential to helping us protect our patients from this looming threat.



### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday – September 6<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)

- **Miscellaneous:** Pres. Elect Jamie tentatively has the Mercer University Tailgate Party scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Should be a great family event! Make plans to attend and invite a colleague to join in the fun!
- CGTC is pursuing accrediting their Dental Assisting program. The enthusiasm Program Chair Lyndsey Evans has for the program is apparent from attending the CGTC Advisory Cmt. meeting.
- Discussion had regarding CDDS financial support to assist in the accrediting process as there are limited funds available in the college's budget for the expense. Some discussion suggested the District could support their effort at the \$1500 level which is approximately 10% of the total for becoming accredited by CODA. Suggestion to further discuss at planning session and Sept. EC.

No other business meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Benton

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## Governmental Affairs Committee

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is Election Day.

Go Vote for your next President!

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Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> is the  
ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION.

It will be held at the Brickyard at 7pm.

*Please plan to attend and bring your spouse.*

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> IS LAW DAY  
for the Central District.

*Go ahead and block out your work schedule so you can be at the Capitol.*

You will be back in time to see patients at 2 pm.

Amber Lawson  
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