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	Alfred Peters-Task Force on Medicaid
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(Law Day, Legislative Reception)	Mike Loden
GADPAC	Michael Wright
	Mike Loden
	Ty Ivey (at large)
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	Jimmy Cassidy III
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	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)

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Mike Loden
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Amber Lawson (2021)
Michael Wright (2022)
Vincent Carey (2023)
Vin Bhasin (2024)
Cameron Garvin (2025)

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 ♥ FEBRUARY 16th

IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB
Macon

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

♥ SPEAKER

RICHARD VANDERWEELE
Colonel USAF, DC, Diplomate,
American Board of Endodontics

♥ PROGRAM

DENTAL TRAUMA



Don't forget to make reservations!!!

Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00

Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by February 10th
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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the large metropolis of Monticello Georgia! I hope this news letter finds everyone doing well in this New Year. We have great news as the GDA Plus buyers group is up and running. I'm excited to report that I saved 23% on my first order! I look forward to saving tons more over the rest of my carrier. I hope all members take advantage of this opportunity. We are very fortunate to practice in a state that has such a great association that works for the benefit of all members. As good as they are, they still need our support and involvement.

As the Legislative session kicks off, we have to be more diligent than ever in our efforts at the Capitol. This means we all need to participate at Law Day on March, 8th. Issues that will impact dentistry are being put forward, that unless we stand united, are going to change dentistry as we know it, and not in a positive way. Insufficiently trained individuals, ie mid level providers, and hygienists that wish to expand their scope of practice, are attempting to be something that they are not.....a dentist! Unfortunately, legislators do not comprehend what we do and the educational requirements needed. Therefore, we need to be loud and clear that for the safety of all patients, dentistry needs to be done by DENTISTS! All of this leads me to another important topic. As we engage current members for involvement, we also need to be mindful of both the recent and upcoming graduates. We have to show them the value as well as the obligation of being a GDA member. I recently received information from the GDA that they are going to offer to allow dental students to participate in Law Day with the region in which they are from, or where they will one day practice. I think that this is a wonderful example of how we can engage the folks that are going to be most affected by change. As we move forward, I hope that more opportunities will avail themselves for us to get the young generation motivated and involved.

Know that I am here to serve in any way I can, and if you have any comments or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time!

Respectfully,

Jamie Mitchell:

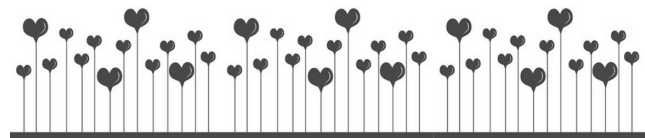
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were performing a valuable service to the public, but it doesn't seem to be enough for some.

Since the Alaska Experiment began in 2001, more and more people are trying to figure out how to get people to perform dentistry without getting all of that education. One of the pluses for being a dentist, in the U.S. News report, was the stress levels. If I had a vote, this would not have been a positive in my mind. I have always enjoyed practicing dentistry, but it has always been hard work. I never found enough patients who would put money in the bucket in the waiting room without getting me to do something to earn it. I don't know how I could have done the job without the outstanding education that we got at Emory University (in four years). How many of you would have been ready for practice after your sophomore year of dental school.

So now I will get to the point. A lot of forces are pushing dentistry today. Corporate America wants it to be a business. Foundations want two year graduates to alleviate the "so called" access to care problem (We have been talking about that for years.) And the beat goes on. There are many groups with a lot of money that want to change the dentistry that you know and the dentistry that won the U.S. News award for Best Job in America. Lost are the names like G.V. Black, Thomas Hinman and many other founding fathers. But the bottom line is this. If you think that your dentistry of the future will be what you have envisioned because of the efforts of those who have worked to elevate dentistry in the past, I would suggest that you will be sadly mistaken. Each and everyone of you will have to fight to maintain dentistry as it is. I am not sure what will be involved to take it to a higher level but maintaining the status quo will be a Herculean Effort. Counting on others to protect your life and your profession and your patients, will lead to grave disappointments and when The U.S. News takes the survey in fifteen years, dentistry will not be where you want it to be. Of course this is just my opinion.



The Ty Report... by Ty Ivey



DON'T GET NO RESPECT!

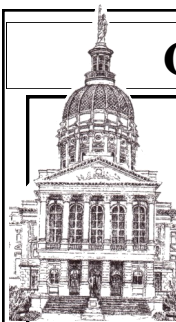
This is a heck of a topic to be writing as I just noted in the Morning Huddle of the ADA that the U.S. News & World Report has released a survey rating dentistry as the number one job in America. (I would recommend that you look up this report on line.) My thoughts leading to the above topic were shaped by reflecting on the last 100 years of dentistry and inspired by the preeminent Rodney Dangerfield.

While the first Dental School was the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery founded in 1840. It was 1923 before all of the Maryland fledgling schools were combined into one unit under state control. Late in the 1800's and early 1900's many dentist were preceptor trained and faced state board exams after studying under a licensed dentist in his (and rarely her) office. The dental field would continue to evolve toward being a profession for much of the first half of the twentieth century.

Clearly from the name of legendary Doc Holiday (a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery) we were always called doctor. This is not the case in much of the world where the dentist is called mister. Through it all, it is safe to say that a large percentage of the general public does not like us. We are still the brunt of jokes and there is a lack of understanding regarding the job that a dentist performs. (Think Rodney Dangerfield) And while many people still go around saying that they hate to go to the dentist, the army of our forefathers has fought to make us a profession and we have made remarkable progress in both comfort for patients and esthetic treatment abilities. Dentistry in the United States is the envy of the world.

Now we come to 2016. All over America people are clamoring to create Midlevel providers to perform the bulk of the "average" dental treatment. These new creations will do most of what you do in general dentistry with two years education after high school. (OK, they may go to summer school one summer.) The dental hygienist leaders are terrified that this new entity will be comprised of others who are not as worthy as hygienist (In their opinion). I thought that hygienist

Governmental Affairs Committee



★★LAW DAY★★

Wednesday March 8th

There are several very important pieces of legislation on the table this year greatly affecting how we will practice.

We will back home in time to work the afternoon.

Register directly with GDA by going to:
<http://www.gadental.org/advocacy/law-day>
or by contacting Bill Argo at: 478-742-4254
or email at: wvadmd@aol.com.

Carpooling will be arranged once we have names of attendees.

Thanks, Bill Argo

Looking forward to a large turnout from the Central District!!!



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday – February 7th — 7:00 pm
at the office of Dr. Amber Lawson**

1495 Forsyth Street, Macon 31201

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

Any CDDS member is welcome to attend.

CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

November 8, 2016 7pm
Office of Cameron Garvin, DMD

Attending: Jamie Mitchell, Tommy Peterson, Michael Wright, Ash Walker, Lindsay Holliday, Nancy O'Brien, Vincent Carey, Jay Harrington, Mike Loden, Paul Fraysure Amy Lee, Amber Lawson, Bill Argo, Pinkney Gilchrist, Cameron Garvin, Don Spillers, Don Benton

Meeting opened with an invocation by President Jamie Mitchell.

- Nancy O'Brien, chair of the nominating committee, reported and placed in nomination to her committee two names for consideration to fill the at-large positions, Jimmy Cassidy III, and Michael Wright. Approved unanimously by the EC.
- The circumstances regarding the planned speaker for Thursday's meeting was discussed and it was unanimously agreed upon that future speakers would be presented to the EC prior to committing them and booking for a CDDS meeting.
- Next a discussion ensued regarding the recent CGTC survey that was sent to some members regarding the dental assisting program. Paul Fraysure reported that the purpose of the survey was to generate feedback as to the viability of the program as is, converting it to a CODA accredited program or cancel the program. The school will accept the completed surveys and evaluate the results. All EC members present agreed that any CODA involvement may have the potential to be harmful in the future. Paul, Nancy and Don are on the advisory board at the CGTC and will apprise us of further actions by the schools.
- Jay Harrington gave a report about the ADA October Annual Session that took place in Denver. Highlights included a \$10.00 dues increase and adoption of new sedation guidelines that will trickle down to the individual states.
- Mike Loden reported on the status of the IDBG, our buying group venture. The leadership is confident that it will be taking orders in December. The Executive leadership is negotiating for service and equipment contracts as well.



TREASURER'S REPORT

January 9, 2017

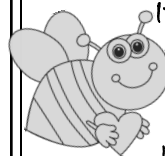
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Withdrawals
Reimbursement for door prize Nov. Mtg 300.00
Macon Letter Service . Nov. Mailout..... 765.97
Speaker Honorarium Nov. Mtg. 1652.06
Jay Harrington, WLC expenses 389.30
Mike & Amy Loden, WLC expenses 967.99
Macon Letter Service Legislative Reception 507.20
GDA Insurance Bill, HOD Breakfast 2111.49
IHCC Nov. Mtg. Meal 2241.28
Brickyard @ Riverside, Legislative Reception 4513.80
CDDS Scholarships 500.00 x2 to CGTC 1000.00

Deposits

November Receipts for Mtg. 1110.00
Door Prize Proceeds 510.00
Final Dues Check from GDA 1125.00

Balance Morgan Stanley Account 3951.31
Total Assets CDDS 32,489.80

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Benton



It would be so sweet to see you at the
meeting!

Don't delay....Send your
meeting reservation card in today!



Got any news?.....



We want to know!! Please email or call me, Amy Lee
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E-mail: DrAmyLee@bellsouth.net



Highlights from the Board of Trustees

– Tommy Peterson

- Dr. Ben Jernigan, Jr. called the meeting to order.
- GDA Officer Nominations at the meeting were as follows:
Dr. Evis Babo – GDA Vice President; and
Dr. Kumar Patel – GDA Editor.
- ADA Delegation Seats – Central District Nominee:
Dr. Amber Lawson – filling the expiring term of Dr. Kara Moore.
- Dr. Marshall Mann, Chair GDA Governance Task Force covered the GDA Proposed Structure which was passed at the House of Delegates.
- Dental Lifeline Network coordinator that was hired resigned. The Network is currently being run out of Colorado until we find a replacement.
- The GDA Annual Convention will be held July 20-23, 2017 at the Omni Amelia Island.
- The IDBG (“Integrity Dental Buyers Group”) went live on December 16, 2016 and there was a webinar on December 12, 2016; Memberships fees cut in half; 600+ Dentist signed up (450+ and Emergency situation – Immediate response).
- Jones and Kolb Audit Report: lots of adjustments have been made but no critical deficiencies noted due to the way administration handled transition. Bottom line our finances (Books) look good moving forward.
- ADA Communications: \$18M campaign approved to drive people to their dentist.
- ADA in Atlanta 2017: volunteers needed.
- GMOM 2018: need a district/area to step up (No GMOM in 2017).
- GDIS Report: Top 5 Small Business Agency by Hartford for September and October 2016; Introducing personal lines for 2017 (through SafeCo).
- ADA Delegation: Jay Harrington is our new 5th District Trustee Elect (taking over for Red Stevens).
- Governmental Affairs Committee: we are working on a compromise bill with the hygienists and the chair women of Health and Human Services for the House and Senate. The bill will likely include some form of general supervision for hygienists.

- Amber Lawson reminded those present that the Legislative Reception will be held Tuesday, November 29th, 7pm at the Brickyard Golf Club. Maximum member and spouse attendance is encouraged.

No further business, the meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Next meeting of the EC is slated for February 7th at 7pm, Office of Cameron Garvin.

Donald B. Benton, Jr. DMD

CDDS IMPORTANT DATES 2017

- Feb 3 Patterson Dental and CDDS
“OSHA & HIPAA 2017: Updates and Trends”
- Feb 7 Executive Committee Meeting– Amber Lawson’s Office
7:00
- Feb 16 Meeting at Idle Hour Country Club - 6:00
- Feb 17 CANCELLED (no meeting)
- March 8 Law Day at the Capitol
- May 9 Executive Committee Meeting- Cameron’s Office 7:00
- May 11 Meeting TBA 6:00

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 4th Augusta
July 19th GDA Annual Meeting
Amelia Island

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

July 20th
GDA Annual Meeting
Amelia Island

ADA

Oct 19-23, 2017 Atlanta GA

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a better place....
One smile at a time!

