

## OFFICERS 2017 - 2018

President	Tommy Peterson
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### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Awards	Deena Smith
	Tommy Peterson
Constitution and Bylaws	Deena Smith
Council on Dental Health	Samer Othman
GKAS	(Open)
Workforce	Pinkney Gilchrist
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Task Force on Medicaid	Alfred Peters
Finance	Donald Benton
	Jim Hall, Kendrick Mathews
Forensic Dentistry	Ash Walker
Governmental Affairs	Bill Argo
(Law Day, Legislative Reception)	Mike Loden
GADPAC	Michael Wright
	Mike Loden
	Ty Ivey (at large)
Membership Services	Ash Walker
	Jimmy Cassidy III
Recruitment & Retention	Cameron and Katie Garvin
Emile T. Fisher Foundation Rep	Paul Fraysure
Peer Review and Ethics	Greg Burns
Public Relations	Lindsay Holliday
Co-chair	Leigh Bennett
Nominating	Nancy O'Brien- HOD Chair
	Amber Lawson- ADA Delegate
	Jamie Mitchell - Immediate Past President
	Kara Moore , Ched Smaha - At-large

CDDS Delegates:  
Nancy O'Brien (2017-19) Chair  
Lindsay Holliday (2017)  
Don Spillers (2019)  
Pinkney Gilchrist (2020)  
Amber Lawson (2021)

CDDS Alternate Delegates:  
Michael Wright (2022)  
Vincent Carey (2023)  
Vin Bhasin (2024)  
Cameron Garvin (2025)  
Jamie Mitchell (2026)

Board of Trustees:  
Mike Loden  
Ash Walker (Pres Elect)

ADA Delegates:  
Amber Lawson  
(Alt Open)



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 16, 2017

SOCIAL - 6:00 ♦ DINNER AND MEETING - 7:00

IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB  
251 IDLE HOUR DRIVE • MACON 31210

### ♦SPEAKER♦

**FREDERICK RUEGGERG**

DENTAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA  
DEPARTMENT OF RESTORATIVE SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF ORAL BIOLOGY

♦PRESENTATION ON DENTAL MATERIALS♦  
BONDING AGENTS AND  
GLASS IONOMER RESTORATIONS  
AND  
USING ADHESIVES IN CLINICAL DENTISTRY

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

**Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00**

**Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by November 10th**  
**4128 Arkwright Rd. Ste. B • Macon, GA 31210-1707**  
**t.doc@cox.net**

## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is here at last. I hope that everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. I am pleased to announce that we had great participation at both the Dublin and Griffin small group meetings. Additionally, we had some new faces and first time attendees at our annual GDA Officer meeting in September. Let's continue to reach out to our fellow colleagues and encourage them to get involved and participate in our district meetings.

I would like to give special thanks to the dentists and staff who have stepped up to fill in the remaining open dates at the Macon Volunteer Clinic the month of December. Since January 2017 we have treated over 100 patients and logged more than 100 volunteer hours. We will be submitting providers, dates, volunteer hours, # of patients seen, and procedures performed to Carolyn Jones at the GDA (Carolyn@gadental.org) for record keeping. It is imperative that we keep track of all volunteer work moving forward and provide the appropriate documentation to the GDA. **Please!!!** document any and all volunteer work, especially work done at your own offices as we need to provide tangible evidence demonstrating our efforts in improving access to care. We need help with our upcoming Saturday, November 4th blitz at the Macon Volunteer Clinic. We have four chairs available from 9-12 and 1-4. We still need two dentists in the morning and three for the afternoon. We will only be performing extractions. You are welcome to bring any team members and/or materials/instruments you would like to as well.

Please mark your calendars as we have several important upcoming dates. Your presence at these events is extremely important to our organization and is very much appreciated.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>:** Central District Meeting at Idle Hour;  
Speaker: Frederick Rueggeberg; Topic: Dental Materials

**November 17<sup>th</sup>:** Dr Hugh Flax at Middle GA State University

**December 5<sup>th</sup>:** Legislative Reception at Brickyard in Macon

**January 24<sup>th</sup>:** Law Day in Atlanta

Please contact me with any questions or concerns:

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office: 478 742-4254; cell: 478 318-0129

Tommy Peterson

- **NEW BUSINESS** Tommy noted that the OSHA/HIPPA Compliance CE will be on February 3rd through Patterson Dental. He is looking at possibly another course in Dublin to serve that area of the district.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Donald B. Benton, Jr.DMD



## CDDS IMPORTANT DATES 2017 - 2018

Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	CDDS Meeting Speaker: Frederick Rueggeberg
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	CDDS all day speaker Hugh Flax at Middle Georgia State University
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Legislative Reception Brickyard Golf Course Clubhouse
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Law Day 2018 Georgia State Capitol
Feb 3rd	OSHA/HIPPA/Patterson Dental Meeting



## TREASURER'S REPORT

October 22, 2017

Balance Brought Forward .....	39,098.47
Withdrawals	
Macon Letter Svc - Sept Newsletter + CE mailout.....	1,015.57
IHCC Sept. Mtg and Meal.....	2,078.10
GDA Insurance Invoice .....	1,729.37
GDA July Caucus Breakfast Invoice.....	684.63
GDA Broadcast Fax Invoice.....	4.43
CDDS Hygiene Scholarship/ Albritton.....	500.00
CDDS Hygiene Scholarship/ Shiver.....	500.00
Deposits	
September Meeting Receipts .....	1,735.00
GDA Late Dues Receipts .....	106.14
CDDS November CE Receipts .....	5,665.00
Balance Checking.....	40,092.51
Balance Money Market.....	3,731.75
Total CDDS Asset .....	43,824.26

Respectfully submitted, Don Benton, Jr., DMD

## CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

September 5, 2017 Attending: Tommy Peterson, Paul Fraysure, Pinkney Gilchrist, Cam Garvin, Nancy O'Brien, Jay Harrington, Don Spillers, Vince Carey, David Kalish, Mike Loden, Samer Othman, Bill Argo, Amber Lawson, Lindsay Holliday, Deena Smith, Ash Walker, Don Benton

- Meeting Opened by Tommy Peterson at 7:05 pm with a prayer.
- **CE MEETING** David Kalish updated progress on CE November 17, all day at Middle Georgia State University reporting that sign-up has been slow for this course that is 8 CEU's and includes lunch. He encouraged the EC to spread the word and encourage attendance. Speaker is Hugh Flax, DDS
- **LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION** Bill Argo discussed the Legislative Reception December 5th at The Brickyard. The format has changed in that the venue will run the bar service and we must provide our own caterer for the food. He is narrowing down the choices for a caterer and will determine menu.
- **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS** Tommy Peterson updated all present on some updated committee assignments; Finance- Don Benton Chair, Kendrick Mathews and Jim Hall co-chairs, Governmental Affairs-Bill Argo. Amber Lawson - ADA Delegate. Retention and recruitment-Cameron and Katie Garvin, Emile T Fisher Foundation - Paul Fraysure will continue. Awards Chair - Deena Smith
- **VOLUNTEERISM** Next, we discussed the need to better track volunteerism at the local volunteer clinics. Don Spillers, Samer Othman, and Amber Lawson noted that it is an ongoing problem to fill the needs of the community. We will continue to bring this up at the membership meeting and encourage all to participate at some level.
- **TREASURY REPORT** as printed in the newsletter. Don Benton is working with GDA council Scott Lofranco to validate the CDDS nonprofit status for reporting purposes. Don Benton made a motion to switch banking relationship from SunTrust to Affinity Bank due to their strong support of the GDA and CDDS. Motion seconded and a short discussion followed and passed unanimously.
- **GDA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS** Amber Lawson noted that her work on the proposed changes to the GDA Constitution and Bylaws is ongoing and approaching a final draft. She encouraged the EC to review and please forward any input to her. Amber noted that the goal is to allow the GDA to function more efficiently and be consistent with Georgia laws regarding responsibility and oversight of decisions made by House of Delegates and Board of Trustees. A spirited discussion followed with no consensus reached but noted some opposition to proposed current form. More to follow. Vote will most likely be at the December House on the final draft.
- **CALENDAR** Tommy Peterson reviewed the calendar for the upcoming year. Noted the November speaker is Fred Ruggeberg from the Dental College of Georgia The topic will be materials update and current trends in developing materials.



## THE INS AND OUTS OF THE ADA

Your Georgia Delegation began preparations starting in August for the ADA Annual Sessions and House of Delegates meeting that was held in Atlanta, GA October 19-23. The delegation was hard at work, reviewing resolutions and holding conference calls to prioritize the issues for discussion at the Fifth District Trustee Caucus in September. In all, your delegation studied and deliberated on more than sixty resolutions submitted by the ADA Board of Trustees and various councils, commissions and trustee districts.

During the House of Delegates meeting, Dr. Jeffrey M. Cole from Delaware was elected to the office of ADA President-Elect and Dr. Richard A. Huot from Florida was elected to the position of ADA Second Vice President. Dr. Joseph Crowley of Ohio was sworn into office as the 154<sup>th</sup> president of the American Dental Association. As a member of the Central District, I was proud to watch Dr. Jay Harrington be installed as our new Fifth District Trustee. We all know Jay will serve us well on the board of the ADA.

I have listed just a few of the sixty one resolutions and actions that were taken at the House.

- ☐ The House approved a policy statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep-Related Breathing Disorders.
- ☐ The House established ADA Dues for active members to remain the same at \$532 for 2018.
- ☐ The House accepted the proposed amendments to the ADA Bylaws via resolution 7.
- ☐ The House voted to give New Dentist Committee Liaisons voting privileges on, and approved appointing recommended New Dentist Committee members to the ADA Councils.

Please contact me if you would like to know more about what the ADA is doing for you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your delegate on the Georgia Delegation. It is an exciting honor and privilege.

Amber Lawson



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday - November 14th - 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.*



## Governmental Affairs Committee

### 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2017 legislative session was definitely one to remember. Our legislative team was able to get \$200,000 restored to the Rural Dental Student Loan Repayment program which will be incentive for dentists practicing in more rural locations around the state. We also were able to get an additional \$100,000 added to this program so we now have \$300,000 for 2018.

Secondly, we were able to finally get an increase in Medicaid provider fees. It has been since 2002 since fees were increased. The 2018 budget will reflect a 10% increase in specific preventive and restorative codes.

We also closely monitored and helped in getting some changes to a bill that will require anyone with a DEA number to enroll in the Georgia PDMP--Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. This bill initially required anyone who writes a prescription for an opioid drug to check the status of the patient through the website and document that step. Now there will be exclusions as long as you are writing for 3 days or less and 26 pills or less. Penalties for failure to comply will come through the GA Board of Dentistry rather than the original wording of criminal penalties.

Lastly, after a two year battle, it became evident that a compromise was necessary regarding dental hygiene practice. House Bill 154 passed and will become law in January. This bill allows the general supervision of dental hygienists---- a dentist does not have to be in the office while treatment is performed. There are several provisions of the bill and I will mention the highlights. Hygienist must be licensed in Georgia and have 2 years experience. The dentist must perform an exam every 12 months in private offices, but not necessarily so in the safety net settings (nursing homes, long term care facilities, rural health clinics, etc but treatment can not be performed on patients in pain or with widespread obvious dental disease. Up to 4 hygienists can practice under the general supervision of 1 dentist and the dentist's office must be within 50 miles of the location where the hygiene services are being provided. Dental assistants will be allowed to perform rubber cup prophies on primary dentition. None of the provisions of this bill shall be construed to establish independent hygiene practice.

More information will be forthcoming on all of these issues from the Georgia Dental Association in the near future. Thanks for the always good attendance at Law Day and remember that if you want some say in what happens with your profession, please get involved with your legislator and the programs we support within the GDA.



Bill Argo

CENTRAL DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY  
presents

8 HOURS CE MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017

Middle Georgia State University  
Charlie Jones Conference Center

7:30 to 8:00 Continental Breakfast with  
pastry, juice and coffee  
8:00 to 5:00 Presentation and Italian Lunch

SPEAKER

DR. HUGH FLAX

Past President of the  
American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry

Contemporary Cosmetic Dentistry

Predictable Principles that "Facilitate and Replicate"  
The Smiles of Our Patients

Registration Fee:

Dentist \$125 Hygienist \$85

Space is limited

First 120 registered are eligible for a cash drawing

Registration Deadline, November 8th

Questions: Dr. David Kalish  
478-742-5326 or dr2thdk@cox.net



Let us all give thanks  
for our many blessings.

