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Awards	Deena Smith
	Tommy Peterson
Constitution and Bylaws	Deena Smith
Council on Dental Health	Samer Othman
GKAS	Amy Loden
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Task Force on Medicaid	Alfred Peters
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	Jim Hall, Kendrick Mathews
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(Law Day, Legislative Reception)	Mike Loden
GADPAC	Michael Wright
	Mike Loden
	Ty Ivey (at large)
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	Amber Lawson- ADA Chair
	Cameron Garvin- Immediate Past President

CDDS Delegates:
Nancy O'Brien (2017-19) Chair
Lindsay Holliday (2017)
Amy Loden (2018)
Don Spillers (2019)
Pinkney Gilchrist (2020)

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Mike Loden
Ash Walker (Pres Elect)

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Amber Lawson (2021)
Michael Wright (2022)
Vincent Carey (2023)
Vin Bhasin (2024)
Cameron Garvin (2025)
Jamie Mitchell (2026)

ADA Delegates:
Amber Lawson
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 7, 2017

Social - 6:00 • Dinner and Meeting - 7:00

Idle Hour Country Club
251 Idle Hour Dr. • Macon 31210

GDA Officer Meeting

Enjoy an evening with the
Newly Elected Officers
of the

Georgia Dental Association

GDA President Dr. Robin Reich
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!

Don't forget to make reservations!!!

Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00

Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by August 31st
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t.doc@cox.net

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that I would like to begin by thanking Dr. Jamie Mitchell for his leadership and hard work this past year. Continuing one of his ideas, this will be the second year in a row we will have small group meetings in both Dublin and Griffin to help engage members who are on the outskirts of our district. Both Frank Capaldo, executive director, and Scott Lofranco, governmental affairs, will be present for questions and answers pertaining to: 1. Updates to the Dental Hygienist Supervision Law in Georgia (House Bill 154) effective January 1, 2018. 2. Updates on Georgia Prescriber Laws due to the prescription drug abuse epidemic in Georgia. 3. Benefits of being a GDA member.

At our summer planning session on June 6th the majority of time was spent discussing proposed changes to the Constitution By-Laws which Dr. Amber Lawson has been diligently working on with her committee. Dr. Charles Smaha and Dr. David Kalish have finalized an all-day CE meeting featuring Dr. Hugh Flax on November 17th, 2017. He will be speaking on cosmetic dentistry (7 CE hours). This will help offset the cancellation of the Warner Robins CE meeting.

In the upcoming year I would like to accomplish several goals: 1. Increase attendance at Central District meetings; please reach out to any new dentists in your area and encourage him/her to attend our meetings. CDDS will cover the cost for any first time attendee. 2. A larger presence at Law Day – our presence in large numbers is pivotal with our legislators. 3. I would also like to challenge our members to contact your closest volunteer clinic to inquire about volunteering. There are still only a handful of dentists covering these clinics throughout the year. As a result, many clinic sessions have had to be cancelled and patients are having to wait too long for treatment. We can make a dramatic impact locally if we all just give 1-2 half days throughout the year. I will be including the calendar of the upcoming months at Macon Volunteer Clinic to aid in filling open dental clinic dates. In Byron you can contact Terry 478 953-7770 with the Rehoboth Clinic. Dublin has the Joy Clinic, and the contact there is Janice Canady 478 484-1774. We have the patients; we just need more volunteers. Please take the time to find a date to volunteer now. Let's work together to improve our access to care.

It is true that we don't think like a lot of other states on some issues. However, the aggregate energy of everyone being on the same team changes everything. THE TRIPARTITE IS CRITICAL.

Next in importance is supporting the GDA and the ADA. Paying dues is important, but it isn't enough. Attendance and involvement are necessary for organizations (your organization) to function. Relying on others to get the job done when it affects your patients and your family is risky business. There is something for everyone in the committee structures: finance, politics, housekeeping and countless other areas require skills that can be found in each of us. If you are not involved, you can convince yourself that your hired guns (code name for staff) really can do the job without you. However, the staff is not made up of dentists - they don't think like you do. I will wager lunch, that I can tell you enough of the history of your organization (state and national) to convince you that all decisions need active participation by DENTISTS.

My last encouragement is something that I have told many of you over the years. This is the same thing that I have told every new volunteer who would listen. "Never think that anyone's ideas are better than yours." This doesn't mean that you should ignore the wisdom of seasoned volunteers. But I have at all levels presented information as a cub scout volunteer completely awed by a room of well known dental volunteers, only to find that many of these "SEASONED" veterans had lost their fire and welcomed a fresh look at many things. Listen first, but do not assume that your ideas are any less valuable than theirs. Always have confidence in your thoughts and present them!!!

Obviously this little 1-2-3 is written in deference to space and there is much more that could be said. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve through the years. I have not been a yes man and I have paid the price on more than one occasion. I have always tried to stand for the values that were our values here in the Central District of Georgia. The values that benefit the patient's welfare and the values that held that the ethics that I was taught in Emory University School of Dentistry have never become outdated. You will face a great many trials in the future. Your ability to meet them will depend on your efforts together to maintain a strong organization and a strong patient centered profession. It may appear difficult, or it may be as simple as 1-2-3.

Thanks
Ty Ivey



SIMPLE AS 1-2-3

I was looking back to see when John Bowman conned me into writing this op ed piece for the CDDS Newsletter. It was 2008. I didn't realize that it had been that long.

The members of the Central District have given me ample opportunities to represent you and to tell you what was going on in dentistry then and now. And of course, as with this piece, you have given me the chance to voice my opinion and no one else's.

Somewhere in the distant past, I quipped that I would quit telling you "how to do" when I didn't have the same dog in the hunt that you did. That time has come. While I do darken the doors at 1902 Forsyth St., nothing that happens in or to dentistry will affect me any way except emotionally. So it is time to reflect on what I think I have said and what I think you should do with my thoughts.

There is a lot that is important in my opinion, but I am going to list my top three:

- 1 Embrace the Tripartite
- 2 Actively support the ADA and the GDA
- 3 Have confidence in your own opinion

The ADA's tripartite requires us to belong to the local, state and national organizations. If you belong to any of them, you MUST belong to all of them. I am not sure which other national organizations support the tripartite concept any more. Our Medical brothers do not and they serve as a prime example of why you need the tripartite. Once a powerful lobbying group for Medicine and physicians, the American Medical Association (AMA) splintered over squabbles that I will bet no one remembers. When belonging to the AMA was no longer a requirement, many MD's thought that their state organizations could be their voice. Some even thought the local organization would meet their needs. Then specialty groups decided that they could do better for themselves. But, in the end, the sum of the parts (regardless of how many parts) never equals the impact of the whole again. Largely this is true because often the parts are working against each other.

I look forward to the upcoming year and feel privileged and humbled to be serving as the Central District president. I am especially grateful to all those who serve on different committees to make this organization function so well. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is tlpeterson80@gmail.com; office 478 742-4254; cell 478 318-0129.

Sincerely,
Tommy Peterson



Macon Volunteer Clinic

We are still in need of volunteers for the Macon Volunteer Clinic. Currently, there are only a handful of dentists carrying the load of the entire clinic, which is causing a backlog of patients to build up. If Friday mornings do not work for you, Dona Gurley, who schedules for and assists the dentists, will surely work out a time with you that is better for you. I have spoken to Rita McCurdy, the executive director, about possibly doing a Saturday blitz, where we take advantage of the 4 dental chairs at MVC and knock out as many patients from the backlog as possible. We would do two shifts, 9-12 and 1-4, using 4 dentists per shift. Rita will choose a few dates, most likely in November, which I will relay on to you all. If you are interested in volunteering, let me know and I will get you some paper work. We also gratefully accept donations of dental materials/instruments! You are also welcome to bring any of your team members and any materials/instruments you would like to make your time there more comfortable. Thank you all for your time.
Samer Othman

***Please contact Angela Millett to inquire about volunteering
478 755-1110 ext #130**

Sept. 1 – closed
Sept. 8 – Othman
Sept. 15 – Peterson
Sept. 22 – open
Sept. 29 – open

Nov. 3 – open
Nov. 6 – open
Nov. 17 – open
Nov. 24 – closed

Oct. 6 – open
Oct. 13 – open
Oct. 20 – open
Oct. 27 – open

Dec. 1 – open
Dec. 8 – open
Dec. 15 – Lawson
Dec. 22 – closed
Dec. 29 – closed



Governmental Affairs Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Tuesday, December 5th
at Brickyard

LAW DAY

Wednesday, January 24th

Bill Argo

TAILGATE PARTY

MERCER vs CHATTANOOGA

Saturday, October 14th

\$20.00 for a ticket and barbecue meal

\$8.00 for meal only

RSVP your name and # of tickets
to my email:

jamitchelldmd@bellsouth.net

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday - September 5th - 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.



- Pres. Jamie reported that the meet and greet for Senior Dental students went well and encouraged us to continue the program next year. Jamie noted also that the Medicaid Taskforce, with Scott LaFranco, had a conference call on May 4th. They then had a productive meeting with the CMO's that administer Medicaid in order to express concerns and grievances. The parties will meet again this fall.

- **Summer planning Session** is set for June 6th at 7 pm, the office of Cam Garvin.

No new business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Benton

*Don't delay...
Send in your
reservation card today.*



TREASURER'S REPORT

August, 2017

Balance brought forward	39,531.86
Withdrawals	
May Door Prize	350.00
Macon Letter Service	617.68
Tommy Peterson/Speaker Reimburse	1,000.00
IHCC Meeting and Meal	2,078.10
August Small meeting Dublin	275.00
August Small meeting Griffin	0
Deposits	
May meeting Receipts	1,330.00
GDA late dues receipts	2,557.39
Balance Checking	39,098.47
Balance Money Market	3,731.62
Total CDDS Assets	42,830.09
Respectfully Submitted, Don Benton	

CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 9, 2017 Office of Cameron Garvin, 7 pm

Attending: Tommy Peterson, Jamie Mitchell, Ash Walker, Don Spillers, Charles Smaha, Pinckney Gilchrist, David Kalish, Samer Othman, Bill Argo, Deena Smith, Lindsay Holliday, Amber Lawson, Vince Carey, Nancy O'Brien, Cam Garvin, Michael Wright, Jay Harrington, Don Benton.

- Meeting opened with a prayer by President Jamie.
- A thank-you letter was read sent from the Macon Volunteer Clinic.
- **CE Meeting** Next up Charles Smaha and David Kalish gave us a progress report on all day CE course offering on November 17. The venue has been reserved at MGSU for the course. Capacity is 240 and their feeling is that we will have no problem filling the room with Dentists and Hygienists. A fee set at 125.00 and 85.00 for a potential revenue of as much as 24,000. before expenses. They plan to provide a continental breakfast, door prizes, and a catered lunch at a cost of appr.18.00. Due to changes in CE certificates from the GDA, they will check if Dr. Hugh Flax will provide the certificates. Bill Argo made a motion that we continue moving forward with this program. Amber seconded the motion. a motion passed unanimously. Charles and David will update the EC at the Sept. EC meeting.
- **Governmental Affairs-** Bill Argo discussed legislative bills dealing with the opioid registration and prescription writing as well as the hygiene bill. The Legislative Reception is set for December 5th at The Brickyard. He explained that the venue will provide the bar but that we will have to hire a caterer for the meal. The estimated cost will increase due to this new arrangement.
- **GADPAC-** Michael Wright encouraged all members to back the PAC! New levels have been established and we will continue with the door prize. May prize is a Mercer University Yeti cooler!
- **Awards-**Deena Smith and committee are working on awards to be submitted this fall to the GDA.
- **Constitution and Bylaws-** Amber reviewed some of the highlights of the restructuring process, encouraged and answered questions that lead to a discussion regarded for the needed changes. She believes that this will be presented at a town hall meeting format at the July annual session.
- **Council on Dental Health-** Samer Othman reported that Dr. Mixon has retired and the MVC is looking for more dentists to volunteer to help with hygiene coverage and treatment planning. Tommy Peterson will have sign-up sheets available at Thursday's meeting.

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 Coffee, Tea, Fruit
8:00 to 5:00 Presentation and 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 1st

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



Highlights from the Board of Trustees

– Tommy Peterson

(Meeting on July 19, 2017)

- GDA Member Survey – 534 members completed – results presented at HOD Public Relations – flag dental-related stories and send to Carol Find-A-Dentist Page on ADA Website – only about 160 GDA Dentists have completed profile. Create a profile at ada.org. If a potential patient searches for a dentist on ADA website, registered ADA members will be listed first
- GMOM 2018 August/EDDS in August 2018
- GDA Foundation being reorganized – wants to raise \$1 million over next 3 years Considering dissolution of GDA Alliance – 7/21/17 Need a new member for: Department of Community Health Board Department of Public Health Board Let Amy and Heather know if you know someone who would be willing (time sensitive)
- GDA Conference (Amelia Island) - 1056 attendees as of 7/12/17; 41 first time attendees 95 exhibitors – sold out (85 was goal) – could have sold more; 50 first time exhibitors; please thank them for coming
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report – town hall meeting for members to ask questions and get clarification about the proposed draft. The committee asked for feedback and will be taking it and finalizing a draft which will be voted on at the December HOD.
- Governmental Affairs Committee Legislative agenda for 2018 session See: 2018 GDA Legislative Agenda as Approved by GAC (CONFIDENTIAL) doc
- Audit Report – Brian Muia, Jones, and Kolb Second year that Jones and Kolb are auditing GDA Bottom line: trending in the right direction

Got any news we can sink our teeth into?.....

We want to know!! Please email or call me, Amy Lee

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THE HOD NEEDS TO RECONSIDER GDA GOVERNANCE, GALLERY AND GAPS

Editorial Opinion of Lindsay Holliday

The GDA was fortunate to hire Frank Capaldo 4 years ago, because his skill set was perfect for what the GDA needed at that time. The GDA owes deep gratitude to Frank for clarifying and strengthening our financial position.

GDA executive leadership and staff have thought long and hard about the situation that Frank inherited. They have tried to plot a course forward that might inoculate the GDA from certain types of problems from ever occurring again. They brought in a consultant, Michael Gallery, PhD. to analyze the structure of the GDA governance to see if this was part of the problem. Dr. Gallery presented his findings through a "Gap Study" that strove to identify "gaps" in the GDA governance that allowed mistakes to sneak through the cracks/gaps.

Gallery's recommendation was to place more power in the hands of our GDA Board of Trustees (BOT). Gallery would take away power from the larger number of GDA members in the House of Delegates (HOD). Gallery felt that because the BOT meets more often, the BOT should be therefore logically "better informed" about the GDA office where the problems arose.

One problem with Gallery's recommendations is that they do not explain how more power to the BOT would have precluded the problems we suffered in the past. As near/close as the BOT was to the problem, they never saw it. The BOT never came to the House of Delegates (HOD) with any warning of any such problems. So how will giving the BOT more power make them more observant, probing, skeptical, and wise? It won't.

Another problem with Gallery's plan is the unintended consequences of shifting gaps from one area to another. Dentists understand how when you tug on one side of a surgical flap to "close a gap"... another gap opens up on the far side of the flap. All things are connected. So it is with Gallery's recommended "gap closures". Other gaps open up. These newly opened "gaps" will be discussed in a future essay titled "Beyond the Gap Study".

Please ask your Delegates to reconsider, with due diligence and extreme caution, the wholesale changes to our GDA Governance.

