

## 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
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Workforce	Pinkney Gilchrist
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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 Delegate
	Jamie Mitchell - Immediate Past President
	Kara Moore , Ched Smaha - At-large

#### CDDS Delegates:

Nancy O'Brien (2017-19) Chair  
Don Spillers (2019)  
Pinkney Gilchrist (2020)  
Amber Lawson (2021)  
Michael Wright (2022)

#### CDDS Alternate Delegates:

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, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

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

HOUSTON LAKE COUNTRY CLUB  
100 CHAMPIONS WAY ~ PERRY, GEORGIA

♥SPEAKER♥

DAVID HAYES

Partner with Owen & Gleaton Law Firm

### MEDICAL LIABILITY & HEALTH CARE LAW

Our healthcare litigation group, the firm's largest, is engaged in the representation of health care professionals, hospitals, medical practices, and clinics in healthcare professional liability litigation in state and federal courts and before administrative boards. Attorneys in this group have over thirty-five years experience in the trial of medical malpractice cases with significant victories for their clients. We practice in all areas of public healthcare law including risk management, medical privacy, informed consent, legal issues regarding involuntary treatment, HIPAA regulations, Stark and Anti-Kickback law and healthcare regulatory law.

***Navigating the legal landmines in Dentistry.  
What every dentist needs to know about healthcare law!***

***Don't forget to make reservations and check your choice of entrée!!***

**Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00**

**Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by February 9th  
4128 Arkwright Rd. Ste. B • Macon, GA 31210-1707  
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## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings! Happy New Year! With the commencement of 2018, we say goodbye to one of our great colleagues, Thomas Shelton. Let's all keep Louis Shelton and the Shelton family in our thoughts and prayers. We have made progress with our goal of more volunteer hours and improving access to care. In December, the Central District made donations to the Macon Volunteer Clinic, Rehoboth Clinic, and funding to sponsor a chair at the Georgia Mission of Mercy (GMOM) which will be held in Augusta this year. In regards to the Macon Volunteer Clinic, Dr. Othman has constructed a Google document which shows all filled and open dates throughout the remaining calendar year. This document updates live and should simplify finding good dates to volunteer throughout the year. An email will be sent out to the entire central district with a link to this document. Also, the Central District is in need of someone to chair Give Kids a Smile (GKAS). Please contact me if you are interested. Let's continue in our efforts to volunteer at our local clinics and/or in our own offices.

More members are participating in the GDA Plus Supplies program. Over 500 dentists are now saving significantly on their supplies. The equipment servicing arm has been vetted and is working exceptionally well. Many major manufacturers are now on board, and we are very close to getting the rest. Integrity Dental Buying Group (IDBG) is a game changer for private practitioners. Join today and begin saving right away! If you have any questions please ask Chairman Jim Hall or Vice Chairman Mike Loden.

On another note, an article "Many Georgia Prescribers Miss Pill - Tracking Deadline." *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, January 11, 2018. The article specifically states that of the 5,796 dentists in the state of Georgia, only 51% have signed up with the State's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program by January 1, 2018. The GDA was unable to confirm how accurate this percentage was,

● **OSHA PROGRAM:** Ash Walker is working on a HIPPA/OSHA program for early February. meeting place will be worked out.

● **MEETING INFO:** February membership meeting venue is being worked out. Renovations to Houston Lake Club may preclude us from having it there. A suggestion was made to attempt having a faculty at least once per year do a program for us at the membership meeting to show our support for the Dental College of Georgia or whatever it is called at the time. Most all of the EC expressed agreement that this would be a good thing. No other business, the meeting was adjourned by Tommy.

Donald B. Benton, Jr.DMD

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

January, 2018

Balance checking brought forward: ..... 40,092.51

### Withdrawals

Foshee Catering Leg. Reception Deposit.....	1,600.00
Macon Letter Service - Nov. Mailout and Supplies .....	910.05
November Speaker Honorarium .....	1,000.00
Speaker Expenses, mileage, lodging .....	332.57
Middle Georgia State Univ. Lunch.....	2,640.00
Hugh Flax Meeting Expense - Kalish .....	907.66
Hugh Flax Meeting Expense - Smaha .....	138.57
Speaker Exp. mileage, lodging.....	236.14
Macon Letter Service - Legislative Mailout .....	524.55
Foshee catering balance.....	1,593.96
IHCC Nov. Mtg. meal .....	1,914.93
Brickyard Leg. Rec. Balance .....	479.43
Macon Letter Service - Law Day Mailout .....	324.39
GDA Foundation donation- GMOM .....	\$3,000.00
Macon Volunteer Clinic.....	\$1,500.00
Rehoboth Life Care Ministry. ....	\$1,500.00

### Deposits

November Meeting Receipts .....	1,455.00
Flax CE late receipts .....	2,410.00
Balance Checking.....	28,451.87
Balance Money Market .....	3,611.93
Total CDDS Assets.....	32,063.80

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Benton

## CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

November 14, 2017, EC meeting, Office of Cameron Garvin

Attending: Jamie Mitchell, Michael Wright, Tommy Peterson, Amy Loden, Mike Loden, Ty Ivey, David Kalish, Pinkney Gilchrist, David Jenkins, Amber Lawson, Nancy O'Brien, Lindsay Holliday, Paul Fraysure, John Bowman, Deena Smith, Ash Walker, Don Benton.

● Meeting opened with a prayer by Tommy Peterson

● **CE COURSE:** David Kalish updated the group on CE course Friday Nov.17, 8 am to 5 pm. Hugh Flax will speak on Contemporary Esthetic Dentistry. 85 confirmed attendees, 8 CE credits, lunch included. Should be a very good course presentation.

● **GDA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:** Next, a good and frank conversation was begun regarding the proposed changes to the GDA C&B. The bulk of the conversation was centered around the goal of the House of Delegates as being the working body of the GDA, the governing body of the GDA, to guide the Board of Trustees and the Executive Director. Recent years have shown that the Board of Trustees and GDA's executive committee have had too much leeway in making decisions. Amber Lawson and her committee have worked hard to balance the need of the GDA to modernize its Constitution and Bylaws and see that effective method of governance is enacted for the betterment of the Association. The work continues!

● **BOT:** Next CDDS Trustee Mike Loden reviewed District Action takeaways from the most recent trustee meeting. Many of the EC members commented that the inclusion of the district action takeaways is an excellent addition to our newsletter.

● **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Nancy O'Brien noted that the nominating committee would meet prior to Thursday's meeting to ensure timely business Thursday evening.

● **IMPORTANT DATES:** President Tommy noted other important dates:  
Nov.16 membership meeting with Fred Rueggeberg topic Dental materials.  
Nov.17 All-day CE with Hugh Flax at Middle Georgia State University  
Dec. 5 Legislative reception at The Brickyard with spouses, maximum attendance a must.

Jan. 24 Law Day at the Ga State Capitol.

Tommy made a motion that was seconded and discussed then approved that we donate \$3,000 to the GDA foundation to support GMOM in Augusta GA next year.

July 12 is the GDA Annual convention at the Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island, FL.

as many dentists do not have a DEA number and therefore would not be required to register. So, please take the time to register if you have not already as we do not want the public, press, health care advocates, or politicians to get the impression that dentists are ignoring the law.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns:

Tommy Peterson

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### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday - February 13th - 7:00 pm  
at the office of Dr. Cameron Garvin

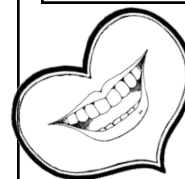
2953 Vineville Avenue, Macon 31204

*All Committee Chairpersons, Delegates, and Officers are members of the Executive Committee are required to attend.  
Any CDDS member is welcome to attend.*

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

**We want to know!!** Please email or call me, Amy Lee  
Cell (478) 951-5639 Office (478) 757-5826 Fax (478) 757-5823  
E-mail: [DrAmyLee@bellsouth.net](mailto:DrAmyLee@bellsouth.net)

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



A DENTIST is....  
Doctor, ENgineer, ArTIST

## ★★★★★Governmental Affairs Report



Thanks to all who attended our Legislative Reception on December 5. We had a good turnout and were able to continue to build relationships with our legislative delegation.

Also remember that every dentist is required to enroll with the Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program by January 1, 2018. If you have not done so, do it now. On July 1, 2018, dentists must seek and review a patients' PDMP information if prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine unless the Rx is for no more than three days OR no more than twenty-six pills.

### REPORT FROM CDDS LAW DAY (1-24-18)

Georgia Representatives Lee Hawkins and Matt Hatchett spoke at the breakfast meeting. We got an update on some pending legislation that may affect dentistry. Being early in the session, most bills have not been finalized, but we met with legislators to discuss some bills and to request funding for a statewide Donated Dental Services (DDS) coordinator.

Thank-you to CDDS members who attended -- Vincent Carey, Amber Lawson, Paulomi Shah, Jay Harrington, Michael Wright, Sharon Jordan, Tommy Peterson, Kara Moore, Paul Fraysure, Don Benton, Jon Barden, Jamie Mitchell, Ulysses Marable, Cameron Garvin and Bill Argo.

Bill Argo

## Calendar of Events

Jan 24th	Law Day/Georgia State Capitol
Feb 13th	EC meeting /Dr. Cameron Garvin's office
Feb 15th	CDDS meeting/Houston Lake Country Club
April 13th	OSHA/HIPPA Meeting Methodist Children's Home-Rumford Center
May 8th	EC meeting /Dr. Cameron Garvin's office
May 10th	CDDS meeting /Idle Hour Country Club



Dentists, Hygienists and Staff  
are invited to attend

## OSHA/HIPPA MEETING

**SPEAKER - LINDA HARVEY**

**Friday, April 13, 2018**

**Methodist Children's Home  
Rumford Center**

304 Pierce Avenue  
Macon Georgia 31204

Registration 8:00 am

Meeting 8:30 until 1:00

Continental breakfast to be served  
with coffee, water and sodas

### **Cost:**

25.00 ..... pre-registered

30.00 ..... at the door

Please make check payable to: CDDS  
and mail to:

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Macon, GA 31210

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