

OFFICERS 2017 - 2018

President	Tommy Peterson
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Newsletter Editor	Amy Lee

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Awards	Deena Smith
Constitution and Bylaws	Deena Smith
Council on Dental Health	Samer Othman
GKAS	(Open)
Workforce	Pinkney Gilchrist
Task Force on Medicaid	Jim Hall
Task Force on Medicaid	Alfred Peters
Finance	Donald Benton
	Jim Hall, Kendrick Mathews
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
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)
Tommy Peterson (2027)

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, MAY 10, 2018

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

IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB

Macon, Georgia

SPEAKER

DR. BRIDGET WRIGHT

HEART OF GEORGIA RHEUMATOLOGY

**Considerations in Dentistry Regarding
Immunosuppression and
Biologic Agents such as Humira and Enbrel
and the Effects on Dental Treatment**

Dr. Bridget Wright graduated from Mercer School of Medicine in 2000. Dr. Wright has Board Certifications in Internal Medicine, Pediatric Medicine, and Rheumatology. She received her post graduate training at Case Western Reserve University at the Cleveland Clinic. She received advanced training in rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, systemic lupus, osteoporosis, vasculitis, connective tissue disease, and metabolic bone diseases in adults and children. Dr Wright will discuss special considerations for treating patients with immunocompromised conditions.

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 May 4th
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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Central District over these past three years. We have accomplished many goals and have set the stage for more to come. I would like to say a special thanks to everyone on the executive committee for their hard work and guidance this past year. I am especially proud of the increased number of volunteers and volunteer hours at our local volunteer clinics, as well as everyone who has donated their time and expertise to the Rescue Mission's Healthy Smiles Dental Program. More than 50 patients have been comprehensively treated and the impact on their lives is tremendous. It's so gratifying to see an individual gain the self confidence and self-esteem necessary to lead a happy and productive life. This would not be possible without the help of individuals within our district. Please keep in mind that there are more than 250 patients on the wait list of the Donated Dental Services Program. It only takes a couple of minutes to sign up and these patients can be seen in your office.

If you have not registered for the GDA convention (July 12-15, 2018 at the Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island), I highly encourage you to do so. Besides 40 hours of available CE, the weekend is also a lot of fun and a great chance to see everyone and spend time with your family. This year the GDA Convention Committee will be bringing back the district challenges. Participants will compete with their colleagues from other districts in each of the following challenges: 1) Limbo (1-2 team representatives), 2) Hula-hoop (1-2), 3) Lip Sync Battle (1), 4) Team T-shirt contest (group challenge). 5) Live Karaoke (1), and 6) District Attendance. We need 4-6 participants for the upcoming district challenges, so let's start brainstorming and put together a solid team to represent our district. July is just around the corner, so remember to register for this year's convention and I hope to see everyone there!!!

Tommy Peterson

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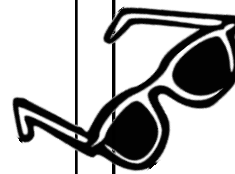
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Don't delay....

Send in your reservation card today.



Annual Georgia Dental Association Meeting

JULY 12-15, 2018

THE RITZ CARLTON

AMELIA ISLAND, FLORIDA

The 2018 Convention & Expo offers something for everyone! At the Convention & Expo, you can experience GDA in a new way, participating in business meetings and networking events. You can explore over 35 CE hours for you and your team, choosing from courses including practice management, trends in dentistry, and clinical topics. Feeling social? Our receptions, optional tours and sporting events, and Saturday night party let you make family memories, too.

Register now at GDAconvention.com.



TREASURER'S REPORT

April, 2018

Balance checking brought forward:.....28451.87

Withdrawals

Macon Letter Service - Feb. Meeting 733.42
Houston Lake CC - Feb. Meeting 2030.26
David Hayes Speaker Expenses 120.91
Ash Walker reimburse for speaker lodging..... 140.66
Methodist Children's Home CE Meeting..... 2780.00

Deposits

February Meeting Receipts 1255.00
GDA Dues Receipts 3056.25
OSHA CE Receipts 4855.00

Balance Checking 31712.87
Balance Money Market 3612.22
Total CDDS Assets 35325.09
Net from CE Meeting 2075.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Benton

★★★★★Governmental Affairs Report



The 2018 Legislative Session was once again quite busy. The Georgia Dental Association did get our Virtual Credit Card bill passed this year which these days is quite difficult getting through both the House and Senate and on to the Governor's desk. This bill requires insurance companies to notify health care providers of all fees associated with a particular payment method, how to opt out of the payment method, and prevents any unreasonable fees or charges on the health care provider for receiving electronic funds transfer payments. This is a practice that many insurance companies had begun using, thus costing dentists a percentage of each claim as a processing fee.

We also had a 1% Medicaid fee increase approved for the same codes that were increased last year, and got an \$85,000 Donated Dental Services budget request approved. We also got a dentist added to the new Healthcare Innovation Council that will be responsible for formulating much, if not all of the state's health care policy and initiatives.

As you can see, being involved in the Legislative Process is critical. Elections are coming up in November for our representatives and our Governor.

GET INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS!

Sincerely,
William V. Argo, Jr., D.M.D.



Katie and Cameron Garvin
welcomed a baby girl on
February 12th
Mathews Monroe

joins big brothers Reese and Calder.

Calendar of Events



- May 8 EC meeting/ Dr Ash Walker's office
(2700 Northside Crossing) corner of
Northside and Forest Hill Road
- May 10 CDDS Meeting/ Idle Hour Country Club
- July 11- 15 Annual Georgia Dental Association Meeting
Amelia Island, FL Ritz Carlton Hotel
- July 11 BOT meeting
- July 12 HOD meeting
- August 10-11 Georgia Mission of Mercy Augusta Georgia
- October 18-22 ADA meeting Honolulu Hawaii
- November 13 EC meeting Dr Ash Walker's office
(2700 Northside Crossing)
- November 15 CDDS Meeting speaker to be announced
Idle Hour Country Club - Macon

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING



Tuesday - May 8th - 7:00 pm

Dr Ash Walker's Office

2700 Northside Crossing

corner of Northside and Forest Hill Road

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

Any CDDS member is welcome to attend.