

- Members: For each new member you get to join GDA – you and the new member will receive a ticket to win a prize November – January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Each district needs to sell twenty – five “150 years” pins, cost \$25.00 each. Deadline January 10, 2009.
- “150 Faces Campaign” needs more participation. As of October 23, 117 cases have been submitted.

## CDDS OFFICERS 2008-2009

President ..... Lindsay Holliday  
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 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Don Benton  
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 Delegate to ADA.....Ty Ivey (term)

### Committee Appointments

Awards .....Deena Holliman Smith  
 Const./Bylaws.....John Kuo  
 Council on Dental Health.....Shirley Fisher  
 Finance .....Kendrick Mathews  
 Forensic Dentistry .....Ashley Walker  
 GADPAC .....Paul Fraysure  
 Government Affairs.....Bill Argo  
 Information Technology.....Roy Lehrman  
 Membership Services.....Roy Lehrman  
 Peer Review .....Thomas Woodcock  
 Public Relations.....Lindsay Holliday  
 Recruitment and Retention .....Ched Smaha  
 Workforce.....Shirley Fisher

### GDA Delegation

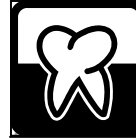
Kendrick Mathews (Chairman)  
 Steve McClain Nancy O'Brien  
 Alfred Peters Paul Fraysure

### Alternate Delegates

Roy Lehrman Craig McCroba  
 Shirley Fisher Deena Holliman Smith  
 Mike Loden

### Nominating Committee

Mike Loden Kendrick Mathews  
 Ty Ivey Bob Vedder  
 Ashley Walker



## CENTRAL DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Here's your dose of "Mental Floss"

Dr. John Bowman - Editor

Dr. Amy Lee-Assistant Editor

Vol. XXVII No. 4 November-2008

*Let us give thanks for our fellow dentists!...  
 tell them so at the meeting!*

# CDDS MEETING

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

**6:00 • COCKTAILS 7:00 • DINNER 8:00 • SPEAKER**

**IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB**

**MACON**



# SPEAKER

**THOMAS H. SACHY, MD, M, SC**

# PROGRAM

**DEPRESSION...**

**WHAT IS IT, WHO GETS IT**

**AND HOW IS IT TREATED?**



PLEASE .... RSVP for the meeting by Friday, November 14th so that we may have an accurate head count.

Dinner meeting - \$15. Thank you!

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# WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lindsay D. Holliday, DMD



Now begins another season of rituals for lightening the darkness of longer nights and shorter days... from Harvest Moon, through Jack-o-lanterns, and Hanukkah Candles, Christmas Trees, and various Festivals of Light to ring-in another New Year's Eve...

We gather in Thanksgiving beside electric fires we did not generate - from coal we did not excavate - containing energy from rays of ancient sunlight stored in Carbon compounds underground for eons.

The superabundance that we enjoy asks only that we manage it for some continuing increase in benefit to our fellow man and for future generations. Professionally this means building on our knowledge and giving time and care to meet, greet, fellowship and learn with our peers and with the Officials who make the laws that shape the way we practice the healing arts of Dental Medicine to help our patients. . . In short, come, participate and "share your light" at our meetings:

1- November 20th at Idle Hour and  
2-Tuesday, December 2, at the "Brickyard at Riverside" (option to bring your spouse!)

May our lights shine out, everywhere, into the world.  
- Lindsay

P.S. Is it time to brighten up your darkroom? Now is the season to find inexpensive strings of pure cherry-red LED (Light Emitting Diodes) festive lights at most department stores - for about \$7. Technical information is posted on my website here:

<http://www.hollidaydental.com/cdds/news/Safelight.htm>  
These light strings are comparable to, but brighter, and much less expensive than the Kodak \$170 LED Safelight.



## BOT REPORT..... by Roy Lehrman

### Action Items and Other Information

- Contact each non-renewing member in your district by phone and report findings to GDA (Pam Yungk). Board of Trustees Members.
- Promote 150th Celebration.
- The Board of Dentistry wants to go "autonomous independent".
- Sedation Guidelines Parallel, ADA Guidelines.
- Five new Task Forces formed. Forward a nominee for each of the Task Forces by next Friday 8-29-08.
- Presentation by Dean of MCG Dental School, Connie Drisco:
  - Twenty-Three recommend of Task Force, check MCG website for more info.
  - 49% of incoming students are from underserved areas of need.
  - The average GPA is 3.6.
  - 10% minority.
- Next Months conference call on Universal Health Care topics. September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-7.
- Ben Massell Clinic, get scheduled in order for students to cover.
- Trustee: At least a \$14 increase in dues.
- Dental Practice. New classification of G.V. Black. Six classes: occlusal, proximal, cervical, depth, and reversible.
- Human Resources. General supervision not going to come out of council on aging. 31/2% budget cuts, DEFACS funding depleted.
- John Neel of Macon – Dental Coverage for Nursing Home Residents.
- Update on position papers/check out and be ready to vote on, in November.
- Medicaid – 21/2% increase approved/5% cut maybe coming.
- Medicaid Provider Network has opened up to allow new dentists e.g. Columbus, Dalton and other areas of need.
- Dr. Mike Carn – South Western District – negotiate fees on our behalf/Antitrust issues – GDA walked away from it.
- Doreika vs. Blotner Case/Informed Consent.
- Spokesperson Training Seminar/send two members from each district.
- Be aware of Anti-Fluoridation propagandas.
- Encourage members to contribute to Relief Fund on Dental Recovery Network.
- Deadline for awards – October 1, 2008.
- Mobile X-ray unit – scatter radiation. Digital x-ray unit – does not scatter radiation.
- Leadership Conference May 11-13, 2009 in Washington, DC.
- Each district send someone to the New Dentist Liaison.

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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS.....Dr. John Bowman

Ben Patterson writes in The Grand Essentials: *"I have a theory about old age – I believe that when life has whittled us down, when joints have failed and skin has wrinkled and capillaries have clogged and hardened, what is left of us will be what we were all along – in our essence."*

Exhibit A is a distant uncle. All his life he did nothing but find new ways to get rich. He spent his senescence very comfortably, drooling and gabbling constantly about the money he had made. When life whittled him down to his essence, all there was left was raw greed. This is what he had cultivated in a thousand little ways over a lifetime.

Exhibit B is my wife's grandmother. When she died in her mid-eighties, she had already been senile for several years. What did this lady talk about? The best example I can think of was when we asked her to pray before dinner. She would reach out and hold the hands of those sitting beside her. A broad beautiful smile would spread across her face. Her dim eyes would fill with tears as she looked up to heaven, and her chin would quaver as she poured out her love to Jesus. That was Edna in a Nutshell. She loved Jesus and she loved people. She couldn't remember our names, but she couldn't keep her hands from patting us lovingly whenever we got near her.

What is our essence-our core that we have cultivated in a thousand little ways during our lifetime? How will we be remembered?

Why not today – take time to thank and be grateful for and to our patients who provide our living - our income.

Thank you **Ty Ivey** who has worked diligently for the cause of dentistry over many decades. He has served us well!

Thank you **Lindsay Holliday** for serving as a conscience for our society.

Thank **all of you** who faithfully encourage us all, by your many phone calls.



*Let us all give thanks  
for our many blessings!*

## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### Legislative Reception

Tuesday, December 2

The Brickyard

(Riverside Golf Club)

Your spouse is invited!



After watching our quickly changing world for the last several weeks, is there anyone who does not think knowing your legislator may be important? Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend this year's event at this new location due to the City Club's closing. Directions will be on your upcoming invitation. Also, put March 25, 2009 on your schedule now as that is the Central District's Law Day in Atlanta. You can easily be back to work in your office that afternoon. Your participation is not only important, it is needed by your profession.

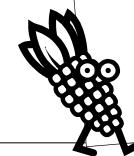
Thanks,  
Bill Argo

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

• TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> • 7:00 PM •

Ty Ivey's Office 1902 Forsyth Street, Macon

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



**GADPAC**  
WORKS FOR YOU!

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Attending: B. Argo, J. Harrington B. Vedder, N. O'Brien, D. Benton, J. Bowman, D. Holliman-Smith, S. Fisher, S. Shah, J. Kuo, L. Holliday, C. Smaha, M. Loden, C. McCroba, K. Moore, A. Lee

- Minutes** of the May EC meeting approved by acclamation.
- Announcement** regarding the death of Gray, Ga. Dentist Danny Lee, followed by a discussion of avenues for intervention in situations of depression. Discussion of Wellness Committee work with GDA office but all agreed that it begins with a recognized need. J. Harrington mentioned adding crisis intervention numbers in newsletter.
- Hygiene:** S. Shah presented Application and mechanism for Scholarships to be presented at the November membership mtg.
- Treasury Report:** D. Benton reviewed report with discussion of Thursday meeting numbers and potential new members or first time visitors.
- Awards Committee:** D. Holliman-Smith Request for Honorable Fellow Nominations as well as GDA Community Service Award. Discussion followed with suggestion to nominate an individual from the District deserving of this award with the proper supporting documentation. Deena and Pres. Holliday to write letters of support. Also Awards Committee to include D. Benton and J. Bowman to meet prior to the Thursday meeting to discuss HF nominations. Pres. Holliday expressed desire to honor Jimmy Cassidy for presenting the program in May. Motion made, seconded and approved to donate \$500.00 to the MCG School of Dentistry Building Fund.
- Next** a discussion of the recent report of the consequences on the Board of Dentistry with the loss of 25 personnel in the Secretary of State's Office.
- Council on Dental Health:** GDA office and Pres. Mark Ritz still needs submissions for the "150 Faces" campaign to highlight member service to the underserved in our communities.
- GADPAC:** Lee Hawkins and Greg Goggins appreciate and need support in their respective campaigns. We all know they have been hugely helpful to the GDA, Patients and Members.
- Governmental Affairs:** Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008 Legislative Reception at The Brickyard. Spouses are welcome again this year. Be on the lookout for your invitation and respond ASAP to help with an accurate headcount for this important annual function!

So what's a person to do? I heard rumors that some high level AGD members were going to drop their membership in the ADA. Then there were other rumors that some high level members of the AGD were going to drop their membership in the AGD. The point here is that the AGD from my point of view is a very good study club but they were not unified or prepared for trying to save the profession. Some of you may ask the question, why bother to belong to the ADA at all? Well, here's why! The environment is going to get worse not better. After this election as I have already stated to you, the Republicans or the Democrats (that means both) are going to come after health care. We will still have the fight between the bull elephant on one side (the Insurance Industry) and the bull elephant on the other side (the US Government) fighting to see who controls health care. This time around, unlike the 1993 Clinton Health Plan, dentistry will be included or so I think. So change is in the air and without a strong voice, AKA the ADA, we don't have a chance.

I believe when the wolves are at the door, the national association will be the only hope that we have. They came to their senses in 1993 and we have to hope that when pushed, the rest of the country will notice that we are the correct ones on this issue and rally to the cause...

For another day, we will talk about Access to Care. It is driving the debate and most people don't realize that it is still different things to different people. I believe that we need to be training more dentists in this country, but for that thought, I mostly get laughs. Remember, you can go it alone, but it increases the odds that we will all get smashed in the process. As Ben Franklin warned, "we need to hang together, or we will hang separately."

Ty Ivey - ADA Delegate (lame duck)

## Calendar of Events



November 18	<b>Executive Council Meeting</b>
November 20	<b>District Meeting</b>
December 2	<b>Legislative Reception at The Brickyard</b> at Riverside Golf Club with our Spouses!
<u>2009</u>	
February 17	<b>Executive Council Meeting</b>
February 19	<b>District Meeting at WRAFB</b>
March 25	<b>LAW Day</b> (is the week after Hinman this year)
May 19	<b>Executive Council Meeting</b>
May 21	<b>District Meeting</b>
July	<b>GDA Annual Meeting ***150th</b> Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC

# TREASURER'S REPORT

September 2008



Balance Brought Forward.....	12,058.26
<b>Withdrawals</b>	
GDA Caucus Breakfast .....	388.72
Preferred Trophies.....	31.30
Campaign, Marie S. ADA Pres. Elect .....	3,500.00
Macon Letter Svc. Sept. Mailout.....	570.82
Idle Hour Banquet Svc Invoice, Sept. Mtg.....	1,918.94
<b>Deposits</b>	
Sept. Meeting Receipts .....	1,005.00
GDA Late Dues Receipts .....	502.50
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$7,155.98</b>
<b>Money Market Acct. Balance.....</b>	<b>\$8,520.47</b>

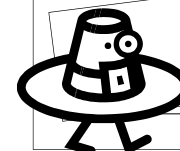
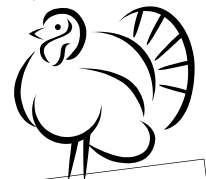
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## ADA REPORT by Ty Ivey

As I mentioned in the last edition, it was my last epistle as your delegate to the ADA. That was somewhat erroneous, as John and Amy have demanded a report of the meeting. John may want some more Bill Shipp type columns as I move out of the way. However, Jay is your new Vice President and soon will know more that I do.

San Antonio is a nice town for a meeting, but as usual the delegation didn't move too far from the hotel. The main issue for us was the definition of the mid-level provider and the establishment of the Community Dental Health Provider (CDHC). We were successful in convincing the House of Delegates to keep the ADA from adopting a definition of the mid-level provider as ADA policy. We felt that any definition was more likely to justify the existence of something than clear the air on the subject. On the issue of the CDHC, we were killed. Our little band of renegades mustered 19+% of the votes. I continue to point out to you that we in the Fifth District (Georgia, Ala and Miss) live on an island. The only other district that thinks like we do most of the time is the Fourth Dist (NJ, MD, Del, DC, and the Armed Services). They supported our point of view. This summer the AGD raised the question when I thought the matter was dead. I had hope that they would be the catalyst for some sanity, but in the end they fell away and failed to take the process to completion. The ideologues (AKA your delegate and his allies) that opposed us spending large amounts of money for a project that will in my opinion fail, lost. The margin of the vote demonstrates that a large part of the rest of the world doesn't think like we do.

- Public Relations Committee:** President Holliday mentioned conference call activity for brochure regarding specialties.
  - Recruitment and Retention:** C. Smaha asked all to make new members feel welcome and assist their entrance into the dental community.
  - GDA Delegation:** Discussion of terms of service, B. Vedder commented on his recollection as past head of the delegation. J. Kuo will head a committee to work on Constitution and Bylaws to clarify terms of service taking into account moving through the officer chairs.
  - Bill Argo** mentioned a special recognition award for a district member to be discussed at the November EC Mtg.
  - BOT Report:** reported in the Newsletter, PLEASE read .
  - ADA Delegation:** San Antonio coming up in October. Ty Ivey thanked the EC for the opportunity to serve us as the representative to the ADA. Ty noted that the EC and membership at large needs to understand the Academy of General Dentistry's August 2008 'White Paper' regarding the direction of the workforce in dentistry. We must let the HOD of the ADA know that the Fifth District is serious about preserving our scope of practice and refuses to give it away as many in the House would have us do. When asked to make calls, be ready and make those calls!!
  - New Business:** J. Harrington mentioned possibility of NDDS and Fifth District ADA Trustee Marie Schweinebraten running for ADA President Elect. We need support at the District level. Past GDA Pres. Ed Green is her campaign chairman. Discussion as to what level of support from our District. Motion made, seconded and approved to Pony up \$3,500 towards her campaign.
- No other Business to conduct, Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.  
 Respectfully submitted,  
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**Don't be a turkey....send in your reservation card today!!**