

participated in this greatly needed service and to encourage others to participate. This should be a priority for all of us to help those in need.

• **New Dentist Reception:** Oct. 18 at Wild Wings cafe, Rivercrossing Mall in Macon. Dentsply will help sponsor this event.

• **Board of Trustees & ADA Delegation:** See report in the newsletter.

• **New Business:** District needs to elect Two at-large members to nominating committee at meeting **November Meeting** is at Idle Hour CC. Program is by representatives from Blair-McGill group. Ched has had a request by the speaker to reimburse for hotel. EC voted to let Ched use his negotiating skills to work with the speaker to minimize our cost. It was generally noted that the attendance at the EC meetings has been down and then suggested that a notice be sent to all constitutional officers, delegates and committee chairs according to the by-laws of the District to refresh the importance of the functioning of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Don Benton

News Bites!

Elected: We elected two members at large to the nominating committee at the last meeting
Cameron Garvin and Bob Vedder.

Sequestration: On-line is a quick summary of the possibly devastating impact of Sequestration on the CDDS area economy. CDDS members are asked to consider contacting their representatives. The website for this is :www.secondtonone.org Ash Walker

Robert O'Brien is a 4th year student at MCG/GHSU, and he is interested in practicing (associate or transitioning/ buying) in the CDDS area.

His contact info is:

912-393-4090

rbobobrien@gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT September 2012

Balance brought forward20,238.90
Withdrawals

Taylor Trophies 44.94
Brickyard at Riverside, Meeting Meal3,894.14
GDA, July Caucus Meeting330.27
Macon Letter Svc-Newsletter/Envelopes/Postage731.25
FedEx Kinkoes Printing 10.00

Deposits

September Meeting Receipts2,940.00
Checking Acct Balance18,168.30
Money Market Balance4,735.82
Total Assets of CDDS22,904.12
Respectfully submitted, Don Benton



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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Central District Dental Society

Meeting

Thursday November 8th

6:00 ~ SOCIAL 7:00 ~ DINNER 8:00 ~ PROGRAM

IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB

Program

Warren Poe, CFP, and Brett Miller
from McGill and Hill Group

They will speak on
tax and business planning strategies
exclusively for dental professionals.

PLEASE....RSVP for the meeting by **Friday, November 2nd**
Thursday Dinner meeting - \$25

Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card.
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Let us all give thanks
for the many blessings in our lives!

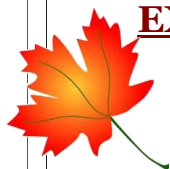
WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm sitting in a hotel room in New Orleans, after a ten hour day of CE, thinking about what to write in the Central District Newsletter. It occurred to me that we have been stressing a lot of external threats to both the profession of dentistry and the safety of our patients. I think we need to be reminded on occasion that for all the problems dentistry faces, it still beats many (all in my opinion) other healthcare fields. We also have people who are willing to give up a lot more of their time than me, or most of us do, to help defend the ideal practice of dentistry. One of these people is Dr. Nancy O'Brien who will be working with the Patient Protection Task force. She will be bringing a wealth of experience to a difficult and time consuming task.

The second thing I'd like to mention is the upcoming CE for the Central District. The course I am currently taking is costing me \$47.50 per CE hour. Last years CE at the Air Force base cost only \$2.85/per hour for Friday's course. Last years Central District CE ran \$5.00/hour. We were able to feed our members and their staff with the help of our sponsors, and we raised several thousand dollars for the central district. Any non-dues revenue we can generate helps keep our dues and meeting cost down.

If there is something we aren't doing or you think the Central District could do better, please let me know. Feel free to email me at wrightoralsurgery@gmail.com. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your president, and I look forward to seeing you at the next Central District meeting.

Michael Wright



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday - November 6th at 7:00 pm
at the office of Michael Wright
1502 Forsyth Street, Macon

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** Dr. Jim Hutson encouraged interested persons to place the Washington Leadership Conference on their calendars.
- **Finance Committee** Dr. Jim Hall presented the latest Profit/Loss Statement.
- **Medicaid Task Force** Dr. Jim Hall will serve as the Medicaid Liaison within the Council on Dental Health.
- **Patient Protection Task Force** Dr. Ty Ivey led a discussion of activities around the state related to midlevel providers. He charged each district to identify every organization working within the district that had an interest in access to dental care. He also charged the leadership to start working on ways to solve access to care issues within their district.
- **GMOM Project (Georgia Mission of Mercy)** Dr. Karyn Stockwell stated that the GMOM Committee is looking for a Financial Donations Lead for the 2013 GMOM event.




CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

September, 2012

Attending: M. Wright, C. Smaha, L. Holliday, D. Spillers, D. Smith, S. Fisher, A. Peters, K. Moore, A. Lee, A. Lawson, P. Fraysure, T. Ivey, D. Benton.

- **Meeting** called to order by President Michael
- **Minutes** of Previous EC Mtg approved as well as the Treasury Report.
- **GKAS (Give Kids a Smile):** Scheduled for February 2013, First Friday, Shirley Fisher asked for suggestions to coordinate efforts. Discussion followed as to locations and should we do treatment or screenings or both. President Michael asked all present to consider options and if we should involve the hygiene programs in the district. Come ready to finalize plan at the Nov. EC!
- **Awards Committee:** Deena Smith requested Nominations for HF, Award of Merit as well as Oral Discoveries. Criteria are listed and described in the GDA Sourcebook, downloadable from the GDA website.
- **Dental Education Foundation:** Paul Fraysure asked for support of the foundation as contributions have been down due to the economic downturn. This worthy cause assists students that are truly deserving!
- **Access to Care:** Next the EC discussed Access to Care issues and Don Spillers and Shirley Fisher brought us information on the Rehoboth Clinic in Houston Co. This volunteer clinic has been successful but has been underutilized to date primarily due to limited Doctor participation. This may be an excellent way to serve a very real need in middle Georgia. Funding has come from the Georgia Baptist Convention, some foundation funding and other donations. Discussions continued that indicated that many of us knew very little about this volunteer opportunity. Pres Michael asked that those present consider using this clinic as a way to solve our District needs without reinventing the wheel. An announcement will be made at Thursday's meeting to include acknowledging those that have

are being discarded to enable Low Level Providers. I believe that it is not morally right for patients' dental treatment to become fragmented. Why are these things so difficult for the ADA, the supposed guardian of quality dentistry, to understand?

Surely duty encourages, and conscience demands, that the GDA and ADA, in House of Delegates assembled, refraining from appeasement, adopt the above items by resolution, including the use of the term, Low-Level Provider in all of their correspondence and publications pertaining to this matter, increasing all efforts to preserve the good and proper patient care to which we all are dedicated. In so doing, we reveal the essence of the problem, not in restraint of trade, but in protection of the public that we are honored to serve. 



Highlights from the Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees Minutes - Ched Smaha

Present: Jim Hall, Jay Harrington, Mike Loden, Ty Ivey, and John Bowman.

- **President's Report:** Dr. Tourial reported on the following topics: upcoming attendance at the Oral Health Summit on August 13; midlevel providers and the Morehouse conference; upcoming census results and report which will determine strategy and action plan; push to grow the GDA through increased membership; proposed ADA dues increase and change of dues status for active Life members.
- **Executive Director's report:** Ms. Martha Phillips reported that Dr Donna Thomas Moses has been appointed to the Department of Community Health Board of Directors, which oversees the Medicaid and PeachCare programs; Census update – data being finalized and will be sent to the Health Policy Center for their report which is anticipated by the end of September; Midlevel providers and the Morehouse/Kellogg meeting; Dental Laboratory position paper and Senator Ginn's legislation on disclosure.
- **GDIS** Mr. Denis Mucha encouraged all present to utilize GDIS products and stated that GDIS insures over 3700 policies and covers over 7000 individuals.
- **GDA Foundation for Oral Health** Major action taken by the Board was the election of new Directors: Dr Doug Torbush, Northern; Dr. John Dooley, Northwestern; Dr. Byron Colley, Southeastern; Dr. Nancy Gallagher, Western District. In addition, current members re-elected are as follows: Dr. Mike Vernon, Eastern; Dr. Jim Hall, Central; Dr Jay Phillips, Southwestern
- **ADA Delegation** Dr. Sidney Tourial stated that the Georgia Delegation is supporting Dr. Kent Percy as Trustee Elect.

Governmental Affairs Committee

The Central District Legislative Reception
will be held

Tuesday, November 27th

at the Brickyard beginning at 7 pm.

Invitations will be going out soon.

Please make sure to RSVP.

It is important that all of you attend in order to
meet and show support
for our current and newly elected legislators.



Amber Lawson

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Calendar of Events

November 8	Meeting-Warren Poe and Brett Miller from McGill and Hill Group Idle Hour Country Club
November 27	District Legislative Reception Brickyard at Riverside
2013	
February 14	Warner Robins Air Force Base Meeting Time and location to be announced
March 20	Central District Law Day
May 9	Meeting- Dr. Jimmy Cassidy Topic TBA Healy Point



GOT ANY NEWS?.....

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F.Y.I. ...SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Ched Smaha

Sovereign Immunity is something the state of Georgia offers to encourage dentist to provide their services as a volunteer. The policy ensures the doctor cannot be sued by the patient as long as he was working as a volunteer dentist. Other than gratification of volunteering and legal protection there are other incentives the state offers with Sovereign Immunity.

1. You are protected anywhere within the state of Georgia including your own office.
2. Your policy never expires and there are no annual fees.
3. All doctors qualify as long as their license is in good standing.

You may earn up to a maximum of 10 hours of CE credit every two years. For more information call Robyn Freeh with the Georgia Volunteer Health Care Program at (706) 421-6183 or .

<http://health.state.ga.us/programs/healthaccess/gvhcp>

With that being said....Here are some opportunities for you!

Milledgeville Volunteer Clinic:

102 Airport Rd NE
Milledgeville, GA
31061-9313
(478) 453-0077
Jay Gay is the director

Macon Volunteer Clinic

Location: 376 Rogers Avenue. Current dental clinic hours are Monday 1:00 - 4:00. They will be happy to expand services if additional dentists volunteer. Ashley Smith is the Volunteer Coordinator. She may be reached at 755-1110, ext.130 or by email at: mvcvolunteers@gmail.com

Rehoboth Life Care Ministries:

In Warner Robins, Rehoboth Life Care Ministries Dental Clinic is a non-profit organization serving less fortunate families in the Middle Georgia Area. The following summary will give you an idea of the progress we've made this year.

Number of Patients seen through October 8th, 2012:	345
New Patient screenings:	111
Extractions:	252
Amalgams:	202
Resins:	13
Crowns:	6
Dentists Volunteers:	35
Support Staff Volunteers:	297
Production:	\$116,656.05
Collected:	\$15,349.90
Adjustments (write offs): .	\$99,034.85

Number of Volunteer Hours: 2,181.62

Rehoboth Life Care Ministries Dental Clinic needs your support. The clinic needs volunteer dentists, hygienists and assistants. Anyone who is willing to volunteer should contact Yesmin Wilson at yesminw@cox.net or by phone at 478-953-7770. Reported by Don Spillers.

not outside foundations, because only dentists have the dedication, expertise, and total ability to do it. Tolerance of destructive ideas is the chief attribute of persons who have ceased believing in anything.

- 3 Each individual patient's needs can be determined only as an integral part of a considered, holistic examination, involving several sciences simultaneously. It is entirely wrong to permit partially trained individuals to base patient-safety judgments upon mechanistic approaches and pre-fabricated medical-status checklists, in performing any surgical or operative procedures. More than wrong, it is actually degraded. Degraded is the proper word. Yet, the concept of the inferior dental-provider has been extant for a sufficient time, now, to reach quasi-acceptance in certain quarters, like other oft-repeated lies.
- 4 We must also seriously consider the American underclass, (so much of which has been caused and perpetuated by government programs) including several minorities, to whom our hearts go out in great sympathy. They are among those to receive dental treatment by the less-trained providers. To force upon our minorities, or disadvantaged people in general, any sub-standard level of care by personnel of inferior training, (compared to educationally prepared, licensed dentists), at greater risk for these needy people, is a very cruel thing for the perpetrators to do! Cruel is the proper word.
- 5 The foundations' extremist Low-Level-Provider (LLP) concept is yet another goal to force more Americans' needs under control of a political elite. When it proves imprudent, the liberal-progressives will then seek to force the entire profession into central-government control-for the "public good." They may claim good intentions, but the cruelty of their objectives can hardly be excused by the purity of their motives.
- 6 Third-party companies are already moving toward independent reimbursement and payment for Low Level Providers. Think about it - how soon do you think these LLPs, trained to do (supposedly) "urgently needed" restorations and extractions by rote (for "access") will no longer be restricted to urgent single restorations and extractions, and move into complex treatment plans under demand by the insurance companies and the government through the Affordable Health Care Act? Actually, it will be in the near future, and it will be legalized malpractice. The denturists are illegal for the same good reasons that

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collapses because it has poor leadership and the government and the insurance industry and all of the Foundations who have a different social idea about how dentistry should be conducted win because we don't have enough people involved, does it really matter if all of little Johnny's little league team and their parents come to you as patients?

Back to the original question - *Where do we go from here?* That depends on how strong we are. If we are a bunch of old goats with no young blood, we are going to fall prey to the enemies of the profession. So if you don't get it, maybe it is time to do a reality check. The future is now. If you wait too long to "get it" and get involved, you may discover that we have missed the boat. If so, you might be facing a long swim in the near future.

Ty Ivey

LOW-LEVEL-PROVIDERS ARE BAD FOR PATIENTS

GUEST EDITORIAL FROM CLYDE MARLOW

Our GDA Executive Director Martha Phillips' article in the September GDA Action, is a momentous wake-up call to the dental profession, since we all love our patients and sincerely desire that which is best for them. I respectfully suggest that you read that article several times and note that, more than the dental profession, our patients are under attack. There are several factors to consider:

1. The attack comes from liberal-left foundations, health insurance profiteers, and other agitators under the cloak of benevolence and "public interest" aimed at direct governmental influence (considerably successful thus far) to establish legalized dental charlatans under the excessively dignified term, "mid-level providers." Actually, they are Low-Level! Beware, always of the Utopians. This is another example of those who advocate, through government fiat, that the honored professions offer less than their best to the public. This advocacy is a corrupt endeavor. Corrupt is the proper word.
2. These agencies are not gentlemen. They are not offering simply another method which, if we lose, we merely return home unaffected. I have heard their advocacy on National Public Radio, to which I listen occasionally to monitor the opposition. Theirs is not a kindly approach or just another viewpoint on access to dental care. We constantly hear that we must show "tolerance" to all other social viewpoints because they are "equal to our own." No, they are not! Dental care must be defined by dentists,

The Ty Report... *"Where do we go from here?"*



One of our colleagues brought me a letter to read the other day. He may in fact send it to you. He has been reading the ADA News and combining ideas with some of the Central District Editorials that you have read. His letter demonstrates that he understands the problem, and he is really concerned about what is happening.

"Who does fillings" is a concern of this dentist, even though he hasn't done a class II amalgam since Wilbur Eames was teaching at Northwestern Dental School. That was, for some of you really young guys, just after the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk, I think. He is concerned about the entire dental product, and he and I agree about the danger to the public of a poorly trained, "Low-Level provider". (Inaccurately labeled a "mid-level provider" by the ADA bureaucracy.)

Now, here is where I am going with this. This guy is older than I am, and I am older than most of you; and he and I "get it". Now the question is - *Do you get it?* I read a book by one of the investment wizards named Harry Dent. I think it was his book, but anyway one of the premises of the book was that generations have different personalities. Not like clones, but in the general sense. So seventy something [years old] people would not think in the same terms as a forty somethings would, and the twenty somethings would be different still. So the attitudes of the dental student coming out of school today would not be the same as mine. They would see nothing wrong with advertising. But in the old days, if anyone had letters larger than three inches on their office sign, they got a visit from the ethics committee; and if you ever placed an ad on television, you would have simply disappeared and never been heard from again.

When you graduated (back then), you were expected to join the dental society. After you were around for a while you became a part of the committee structure, and then a little further down the road, you bumped out the old guys, and you became the establishment. Because of this, the structure of the dental association was maintained. That was a good thing. Now the question is - If you are under fifty, are you involved? Really involved? Because, one day the old guys will be gone. In the Central District there is a lot of talent - Jay Harrington and Kara Moore are already at the national level representing you. But they can't do it all. *YOU* need to be involved. Being on local boards and coaching little league may put a few more patients in your office. But if the American Dental Association