

## OFFICERS 2013 - 2014

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 Ty Ivey (at large)  
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Nancy O'Brien (Chair-2016)  
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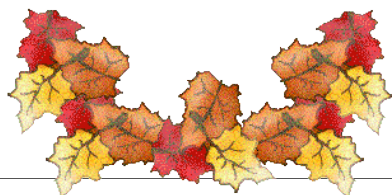
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#### Board of Trustees:

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## 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 14, 2013**

**Idle Hour Country Club**

6:00-7:00 pm - Social Hour/ Check-in

7:00 pm - Dinner & Business Meeting

## Program

**Dr. William V. Argo**

presents

**Medico Legal Issues**

Thursday Dinner meeting - \$25.00

Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by

Friday, November 8, 2013

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## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

In light of our government's partial shutdown, ObamaCare, and all of the uncertainty forthcoming, it is becoming increasingly important organized dentistry remains strong and cohesive. Please note in your calendar our Legislative Reception is December 3, 2013 and Law Day is March 5, 2014. Do not miss the opportunity to speak with your legislators personally and let them know how much you appreciate their support in congress. The better represented we are at legislative events, the more influence we can have in the state capital on topics important to our profession.

While I am on the subject of the future of our profession, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage new doctors to get involved. If you are a veteran, please consider engaging in a conversation with someone who is new, teach them about your experiences and let them know how they can participate in CDDS functions and GDA events. Also, I would like to thank Dr. Katie Garvin for organizing our new dentist reception every year. We always have a great turnout and get the opportunity to meet new members, who become an integral part of our district. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Ched Smaha



### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday - November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
at the office of Dr. Amber Lawson**

**1495 Forsyth Street, Macon 31201**

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

*Any CDDS member is welcome to attend.*

### GOT ANY NEWS?.....

We want to know what our membership is up to...awards, children, marriages.....

Please email or call me, Amy Lee

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Ty Ivey

**If you pay your ADA/GDA dues  
in full by  
December 31st  
you will be registered for a  
\$500 prize drawing!!!**

## The Ty Report



### Is the Earth Shaking ?

Several years ago, I was awakened about three in the morning, the louver doors on the closets were gently trembling. As my head cleared, I thought, we are having an earthquake. Then, in less than 6-8 seconds, all was still again. I had been in slight tremors before in Okinawa and at the Grand Canyon. What made this special, was that I was in my bed in Macon, Georgia. Almost everyone including Cathy slept through it with no notice.

While that was a small event as earthquakes go, having been through one before helped me realize what was going on. Even with this, my thoughts were more of a question than a statement when I mused, are we having an earthquake.

I think the ground is shaking again. I recognize it because like the tremor in my bedroom, I have been here before. It was in the 1980's. There were too many dentists. Some of you, the older ones, remember this dental metaphorical earthquake. We have talked about it before in this column. We are experiencing too many dentists again, but like the earthquake that shook my house most people are sleeping through it.

You all recall that we closed seven dental schools and cut many dental school class sizes in half to return to a point where a new graduate could leave school with the dream of opening a practice and feeding his family.

Today, there is an under current of grumbling amongst our fellow dentists about not being busy. The net effect of not HAVING ENOUGH PATIENTS (AKA not being busy) is the same as having too many dentists. This time we don't have too many dentists. The survey conducted by the Georgia Dental Association proved this. This survey is the ONLY ONE IN THE COUNTRY to have been conducted. Everyone else is ringing their hands and trying to solve the woes in dentistry and in the access to care concerns of our patients by saying that we have a need for more dentists or mid-level providers. Note that a mid-level provider is a partial dentist. The fact that he/she performs some dental procedures means that they count as a part dentist. I don't know how many parts it takes to make a whole. However, we are about to start producing more dentists and more parts of dentists if we don't come to our senses.

In the 80's, about the time my young associate was born, we managed to weather the storm by sticking together as an association.

## Governmental Affairs Committee

### CENTRAL DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

will be held at the Brickyard at Riverside  
on Tuesday, December 3rd from 7 - 9 pm

It is critical

for all members and their spouses to be in attendance  
to show support for our legislators.

Mark your calendars and formal invitations will be  
arriving soon!

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*Also, please join us for*

**LAW DAY**

at our Capitol on March 5th of 2014  
to discuss the current legislative issues  
affecting dentistry.

Amber P. Lawson



### Calendar of Events

November 1-5	ADA Annual Meeting New Orleans
November 12	Executive Committee Meeting
November 14	CDDS meeting
November 15	Spokesperson Training
December 3	Central District Legislative Reception

#### 2014

January 11	BOT Meeting\
January 12	House of Delegates
February 27	CDDS meeting at WRAF Base
March 5	Law Day
May 8	CDDS Meeting
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	GDA Presidents Trip - Alaska





## Highlights from the Board of Trustees

by Dr Vin Bhasin

August 10, 2013

Present: Dr. Jay Harrington, Dr. Jim Hall , Dr Vin Bhasin, Dr Mike Loden, Dr Jimmy Cassidy, Dr Katie Garvin, Dr Ty Ivey

### President's Report

- Dr. Mann discussed referral of Resolutions 2013-15, 16, and 17 and appointed a workgroup to create a revised proposal for the Board of Trustees to consider regarding the President's legislative strategy committee: [13-8.01] Dr. Colley moved that the House of Delegates Resolutions 2013-15 and 16 be stricken and that Resolution 17 be substituted with the proposal submitted to the Board of Trustees by Drs. O'Donnell, Smith, Colley and Ivey to amend the GDA Policy Manual to include additional duties and responsibilities of the President including the creation of a legislative strategy advisory group. The motion passed and will be interim policy until ratification by the January House of Delegates.
- Correspond with the Hinman Dental Society thanking them for continuing to require membership in the GDA and for continuing to verify membership each year.
- Change GDA dues statement for the Foundation for Oral Health donation to read "Outreach/GMOM" and provide appropriate explanatory language on the statement.

### Report of the Executive Director

Ms. Nelda Greene reported on the following topics:

- Meeting with Georgia Division of Public Health Commissioner Brenda Fitzgerald regarding Teledentistry.
- Sarrell Dental, a non-profit organization based in Alabama, is expanding its program to include telemedicine and teledentistry in order to expand access to care
- An AJC article indicated that approximately 40% of physicians work for someone else and not for themselves which indicates a trend toward corporate medicine.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Head and Neck Cancer Screening is occurring at the Atlanta Motor Speedway on Labor Day weekend. Dentist volunteers are encouraged to participate.

Ms. Meg Robinson provided a Georgia Politics report:

- 2014 Elections Sen. Saxby Chambliss has announced that he will not run again in 2014.
- The current State Superintendent of Schools, John Barge, has indicated that he may run against incumbent Governor Nathan Deal in the 2014 election
- As of July 1, Clyde Reece is the new Commissioner of the Department of Community Health.

•**Recruitment and Retention:** New Dentist Reception Event is on for Oct.17 at most likely Wild Wings Cafe. Please thank your Patterson Dental representative for assisting in supporting this event. Invites for the New Dentist Reception will go out soon. All Dentists in the District practicing 10 years or less are invited with their spouses!

•**Give Kids a Smile Event** on Feb.7,2014: Amy Loden will coordinate with Margaret Moore and others for this day.

It was agreed that we need to build on last years' successes and involve more people for the greater good !

•**New Business:** The Central Georgia Technical College south Campus will host a CE course Oct.4 sponsored by Patterson and Premier. More details will be available at a later date.

•**February Meeting** details are being worked out already and the Thursday and Friday session may be held at the Museum of Aviation to bypass need for advance lists for security approval. The date is not firm yet as the Dental Command is working out details with a Speaker for this event.

•Ched reminded all to submit proof of citizenship to the Board of dentistry prior to accessing the online site for your renewal this year. Also the renewal fee has increased this cycle.

•Jay Harrington mentioned a webinar opportunity for contact dentists to be more effective. Contact Nelda Greene at the GDA office for more details.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Benton



## TREASURER'S REPORT October, 2013

Balance Brought Forward .....	28,322.93
Withdrawals	
GDA July Caucus Breakfast .....	681.55
Sept. Newsletter, Macon Letter Service .....	596.55
Brickyard, Sept Meeting Meal.....	2,812.43
Deposits	
September Meeting receipts .....	2,930.00
Balance Checking .....	27,162.40
Money Market Balance .....	4,640.87
Total CDDS Assets .....	31,803.27

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Benton



## CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Attending: Ched Smaha, Paul Fraysure, Jay Harrington, Deena Holliman-Smith, Don Spillers, Vin Bhasin, Amber Lawson, Mike Loden, Amy Loden, Nancy O'Brien, Pinkney Gildchrist, Cameron Garvin, Lindsay Holliday, Jim Hall, Amy Lee, Don Benton.

- Meeting called to order by Ched Smaha
- **Minutes and Treasury Report** approved as printed in Newsletter.
- **New GDA Executive Director:** Jim Hall then brought us up to date regarding the transition at the GDA Offices during the search for a new Executive Director. Nelda Greene is the Interim Executive Director until such time that the search committee chooses a new Exec. Dir. and approval by the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates. Jim Explained the make-up of the search committee and the process they will take in this difficult process. Jim also noted that Nelda is not seeking the position. Ched noted that we must get and approve two members to serve on the nominating committee with Kara Moore (ADA Delegate), Michael Wright (Past Pres.) and Nancy O'Brien (Chair of CDDS Delegation).
- Ched also noted that we need to be sure to recognize the new Dentists attending this meeting. Noted sign-ups are Jack Alex Bell III, Jimmy Cassidy III, Samer Othman, Jose Navarro!
- Lindsay noted that he is making a list of contact info for this years' Officers and Delegates.
- **Award Committee:** Deena Holliman-Smith of Award Cmt. requested all present to review criteria for all awards and give her suggestions as the deadline is October 1.
- **Legislative Reception :** Amber Lawson noted that the Legislative Reception this year is on Dec.3rd, Tuesday night, Brickyard Be there with your spouse or somebody so we will have maximum attendance. Discussion arose regarding open bar vs. selling tickets for drinks and after some discussion it was voted on to have open bar, wine and beer CDDS LAW day will be March 5, 2014 get a plan to bring a colleague ! We must continue to interact at the Capitol.
- **Dental Education:** Paul Fraysure noted that the Emile T. Fisher Dental Education Scholarship Foundation is in need of support as the economy has affected donations. Please make a contribution to help this worthy cause for Dental Education in GA.
- **GADPAC:** Paul also noted that the GADPAC conference call held on August 10 resulted in a PAC dues increase to \$160.00.
- **BOT Report:** See Vin Bhasin and Mike Loden Report
- **ADA Delegation:** See Mike Loden and Jay Harrington Report. ADA Meeting is Oct.31-Nov.5 New Orleans.

## GDIS

- Mr. Denis Mucha encouraged anyone with individual policies to call GDIS and consider the GDA group plan.

### GDA Foundation for Oral Health

- Passed a motion supporting and affirming the protocol developed by the Task Force to Develop Community Partnerships for Future GMOM events.

### Oral Health in Institutional Settings

- Committee will be purchasing DVD training modules from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry to start up a pilot program in several nursing homes across the state.

### ADA Delegation

- The delegation is preparing a resolution regarding the validity of the HEDIS scoring system which is being presented to the ADA Council on Governmental Affairs for its consideration.

### Governmental Affairs Committee

[13-08.02] Dr. Bickford moved that due to new information being provided to the GDA, that the GDA consider introducing legislation that would allow dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia by infiltration only under direct supervision of a dentist. The motion failed.

### Recruitment and Retention Committee

- Dr. Katie Garvin, encourages each district to host a New Dentist Reception or Social Hour.

### Patient Protection Task Force

- Dr. Ty Ivey presented an oral report. The Board discussed the potential merits and drawbacks of conducting this survey. [13-8.03] Dr. Ivey moved that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of the Patient Protection Task Force and proceed with the proposed demand study to determine why there may be a lack of demand for oral health care services at a cost to the Georgia Dental Association of not more than \$68,000.00.

### Action Items

- Draft a SPA grant application to seek funding toward a study to determine why individuals do not 'demand' care. **Greene**
- Review position papers that were in BOT packet; email suggested changes or additions to Nelda ([greeneg@gadental.org](mailto:greeneg@gadental.org)) **by October 1, 2013.** Position papers will be reviewed and voted on at the November 16<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting.

### Board of Trustees/District officers

- Recruit dentists for the 2014 Leadership GDA program. Applications must be submitted to the GDA Executive Office by December 1, 2013. **District officers**
- All CVs of candidates for the Nominating Committee slate of offices are due to the GDA Executive Office by December 21, 2013 Send to Patrice ([Williams@gadental.org](mailto:Williams@gadental.org)). **Board of Trustees/District officers**

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### **BOT Action Items con't.**

- Districts are encouraged to have members call GDIS to discuss their individual policies and inquire about participating in the GDA group health plan.

#### **Board of Trustees/District Officers**

- Recruit dentists to volunteer at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Head and Neck Cancer Screening at the Atlanta Motor Speedway on Labor Day weekend. **Board of Trustees/District officers**

#### **Board of Trustees/District officers**

- Recruit dentists to participate in the Nursing Home Initiative pilot program. Dentists wishing to volunteer can contact Dr. Jonathan Dubin or Courtney Layfield (layfield@gadental.org). **Board of Trustees/District officers**

## **ADA REPORT** Kara G. Moore drkaramoore@yahoo.com

It's that time of year again...time for the ADA annual session. Your Georgia delegation met just recently to decide which issues would be coming forward that could affect the way we practice. Some of the issues that we feel will be of utmost importance involve the sale of dental equipment to illegal practitioners, changing the HEDIS scoring (the score that our government uses for determination of dental services provided) and also there will be CODA hearing this year that will determine whether or not the midlevel provider schools will get a certification process through CODA and the ADA.

I would urge all of you who have an interest in finding out what will be discussed to go to the ADA website and look at all of the 2013 resolutions for the house of delegates. If there is ever a resolution that you would interested in finding more about, please do not hesitate to call me. So to summarize...What is your Georgia delegation to the ADA doing for you....-fighting to prevent dental equipment from following in the hands to those not licensed to actually practice dentistry -testifying to CODA about the million and one reasons why midlevel provider programs should not get the CODA accreditation and therefore be seen as having the ADA seal of approval ...networking with other states to make sure our next ADA president is one who is not afraid to stand up for what is right for our profession and our patients.

*Wish us luck!*

*We have a big fight ahead of us!*



## **GADPAC AND YOU.....**Paul W. Fraysure, Jr.

This article is taken from the September, 2013 GDA Action. In this article Dr. Richard Weinman, GDA GADPAC chairman, stated that the PAC needs every member dentist's support.

The 2014 Georgia primary election is slated for May 20, 2014, and will be the earliest primary election in our state's history. With every statewide and legislative office on the ballot, the Georgia Dental Association Political Action Committee (GADPAC) is already hard at work preparing for what we know will be a busy election season.

To maximize our impact in the 2014 election, the GADPAC Board voted this summer to make a slight increase of \$11 in the recommended GADPAC contribution on your 2014 dues statement. The total suggested contribution will now be \$160, of which \$49 goes to ADPAC (the American Dental Association PAC). Because the contribution to GADPAC will now be more than \$100, state ethics law requires that we disclose your name, employer, and occupation. This disclosure will only detail your contribution to GADPAC, and not any specific contribution to a candidate.

It is a critical time for our profession to make its voice heard. Your involvement is the only way we can ensure our success. We are counting on you to be involved with GADPAC, and we appreciate your support. If you have questions regarding GADPAC, contact the GDA office at (800) 432-4357 or (404) 636-7553 and speak with Meg.

Paul Fraysure  
CDDS GADPAC Chairman

***Don't be a turkey!!!!***

***Fall on in to being involved  
in OUR organization.....***

***It is a benefit to YOU!!!***

***Don't delay,  
send in your reservation card today!***

