

## OFFICERS 2013 - 2014

President ..... Ched Smaha  
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 Ty Ivey (at large)  
 GADPAC ..... Paul Frasure  
 Ty Ivey (at large)  
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 Recruitment and Retention ..... Katie Garvin  
 Kara Moore (at large)  
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#### CDDS Delegates:

Nancy O'Brien (Chair-2016)  
 Paul Frasure (2014)  
 Deena Smith (2015)  
 Mike Loden (2016)  
 Lindsay Holliday (2017)

#### CDDS Alternate Delegates:

Amy Loden (2018)  
 Don Spillers (2019)  
 Pinkney Gilchrist (2020)  
 Amber Lawson (2021)  
 Michael Wright (2022)

#### Board of Trustees:

Mike Loden  
 Vin Bhasin (Pres Elect)  
 Jim Hall (Sec/Treas)

#### ADA Delegates:

Kara Moore  
 Jay Harrington (Alt)  
 Jim Hall (Ex Officio)



## 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 8<sup>th</sup>**

## Healy Point Country Club

293 River North Boulevard, Macon, GA 31211

6 - 7 Social Hour/Check In

7 - 9 Dinner /Business Meeting/CE

### PROGRAM

**" Update on Pediatric Dentistry  
 with Emphasis on Dental Trauma"**

### SPEAKER

**Dr Roy Rockman, D.D.S.**

Assistant Professor, Georgia Regents University

Dr. Rockman is an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. He received his DDS from State University of New York at Buffalo and completed the pediatric residency at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Rockman is a Diplomate and Fellow American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

**Don't forget to make reservations!!!**

Thursday Dinner meeting - \$25.00

**Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by**

**Friday, May 2nd**

4128 Arkwright Rd. Ste. B Macon, GA 31210-1707

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## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a great honor to serve as the Central District president this year. I would like to thank everyone for helping to make this a wonderful experience. There are a few individuals I want to acknowledge who are very dedicated to our society and assist in making things happen. First, I'd like to thank all of our committee members and officers; specifically, Dr. Vin Bhasin, Dr. Cameron Garvin, Dr. Don Benton, and Dr. Amy Lee. Each of these doctors has committed countless hours accomplishing common goals and it has been a pleasure to work with all of them. I would also like to thank our ADA delegates, GDA delegates and alternate delegates. These individuals have certainly put their time in toward local, state, and national interests for all of us. Please let me thank Dr. Amber Lawson for organizing our legislative events which are a huge success every year. Lastly, I would like to thank our Board of Trustees (BOT) members, Dr. Mike Loden, Dr. Vin Bhasin, and Dr. Jim Hall. I mistakenly left Dr. Mike Loden off of the BOT list at our last meeting and want to take this opportunity to acknowledge how instrumental he has been over the last several years in this capacity. We certainly appreciate the time he has contributed and the great job he does!

As I step out of the presidential position, I hope to encourage younger dentists to get involved and to inspire the experienced dentists to let their voices be heard. The younger doctors are the future and the lifeblood of dentistry. It is vital to our profession for the younger doctors to not only get involved, but to seek a leadership position that is fitting for their personality. Our experienced dentists need to be heard. Your wisdom, character, and knowledge are very powerful and carry incredible political weight when speaking with legislators and educators. Please consider finding your niche and remaining actively involved with the GDA.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

Sincerely,  
Ched Smaha



### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday - May 6<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.*

In the recent Access Study done in Georgia by the GDA and the ADA, we found many things. Two of them are that one; we did not have an Access problem in Georgia and two; that the Public Health Departments and the FQHC's (Federally Qualified Health Centers) are not producing as much dental care as they could. Why, one might ask is the dental profession being sought to solve a problem when two levels of dental treatment facilities at the state and national level are failing to provide anywhere near a maximum amount of care that they are capable of producing?

It appears sometimes that those who point their fingers at the presumed culprits are merely doing so in order to shift the blame to someone else so they will not have to worry about the matter anymore - having entrusting some other unsuspecting group with their responsibility.

To me it appears that once the Public Health dental delivery system is studied and brought up to standards, then we can decide how much of the safety net we even need to accept. What I have seen through the years is that the dentists generally will deal with problems very efficiently. However, I can not understand why we need to cast the safety net when an entire treatment system is sitting idly by falling short of its own capabilities and it is being run by the very ones ( the government ) who are mandating care to the economically challenged members of the society in the first place.

Of course, this is purely my opinion.

Ty Ivey



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

We want to know what our membership is up to  
...awards, children, marriages....  
Please email or call me, Amy Lee  
152 Northcrest Blvd, Ste B Macon, GA 31210  
Cell (478) 951-5639 Office (478) 757-5826  
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E-mail: [DrAmyLee@bellsouth.net](mailto:DrAmyLee@bellsouth.net)

## The Ty Report WHAT ABOUT SAFETY NETS?



Most of the time I write about a topic that leads to why it is important to belong to the American Dental Association. Sometimes, I just rant a little. Today, I think that I will rant. Not a serious rant but a curious one that leaves me with “few” answers.

When we were kids, we encountered the tern safety net. Generally it had to do with the circus and the high wire and trapeze artists. It was there for those times when they slipped and fell. It was better than crashing to the ground and leaving the circus short a staff member or maybe even worse on the personal level. Today, we hear the tern safety net in conjunction with people falling through the cracks of the health care delivery system. These are the poor and working poor who have no “coverage” from an outside source to help them pay for their health care. For the purpose of this article, health care = dental care.

I have often said that “I didn’t grow up on the wrong side of the tracks, but you could see them ( the tracks ) from my house. It is my way of saying that I didn’t grow up anywhere near that “silver spoon.” I remember going to the health department to get my shots. I don’t know if we paid for them, but the system was in place to provide a reasonable amount of health care to the general public. My former associate Rush Peace moved to Macon and worked at the Bibb County Health Department. It was like a private practice except that it provided care for the “poor and needy.”

Today we are having an ongoing debate on ACCESS TO CARE. It seems that we don’t have enough safety nets to provide the care that many feel that we need to have to give care to the economically challenged., Note, we have done away with poor people, but they have been substituted in today’s world by those who are “economically challenged.”

I have noticed that when the government or the major foundations (Pew, Kellogg, etc.) encounter a problem that they can not solve, many times they put the onus on the dental profession to take up the slack. In other words, we have a problem with the economically challenged portions of the society getting ACCESS TO CARE, so the dental profession needs to find a way to provide this care for something close to free. Please note again that when Roy Barnes was governor and the state decided to provide Medicaid reimbursement at the 75th percentile level. There was no ACCESS TO CARE problem, the state decided we were providing too much care.



The Central District  
is happy to present

## Mandatory OSHA Training for your Team Members

“Blood Borne Pathogen Training  
for the Dental Office”

Presented by : Ms Karen L Murphy

Friday - May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12  
2 CE Credits

Central Georgia Technical College  
Macon Campus, Auditorium, Building H  
3300 Macon Tech Drive, Macon, Georgia 31206

\$20 Per team member in advance  
and \$30 at the door.

**Space is limited to 225 attendees**  
so please reserve your spots as soon as possible.

Please contact:

Dr J Cameron Garvin [camerongarvin@gmail.com](mailto:camerongarvin@gmail.com)  
or Dr Vin Bhasin [bbhasindmd@yahoo.com](mailto:bbhasindmd@yahoo.com)  
for reservations

This seminar provides mandatory OSHA training for healthcare workers. We would like to thank Ms Murphy for making this seminar possible.

## Governmental Affairs Committee

Thank you to the 19 Central District Participants who attended Law Day this year! We had a good turnout. Due to the snow closures in Atlanta, the GDA canceled the district challenge. Rest assured, I know we would have won!



Mark your calendars,  
The Central District Legislative Reception  
will be held on Thursday, December 4th.

Amber Lawson



## TREASURER'S REPORT April 2014

Balance Brought Forward ..... 20,259.13

### Withdrawals

Macon Letter Service, Newsletter Mailout ..... 303.72  
WRAFB Heritage Club ..... 350.00  
Museum of Aviation Foundation ..... 200.00  
Base Restaurant ..... 2,343.95

### Deposits

February Meeting Receipts ..... 2,250.00

Balance Checking ..... 19,281.46

Balance Money Market ..... 4,545.00

Total CDDS assets ..... 23,826.46

Respectfully Submitted  
Don Benton

funds. Interested parties contact Katie Garvin or Kara Moore. Ched brought up at this time info from the GDA office's Pam Yungk regarding 5 applications for retired status, 2 applications for membership and one application for waiver of dues due to limited practice. All were approved.

• **Give Kids a Smile:** Next on the agenda was Amy Loden reviewing Give Kids a Smile activity in Warner Robins. Twenty two patients were seen by Amy Loden Carl Shaw, Margaret Moore, Amber Lawson, Nitsa Gilbert and Marilyn Murphy with an estimated value of donated services of \$21,775. Thanks to all that participated and helped make the effort a success!

• Don Spillers mentioned a program that many Orthodontists have been participating in for years that helps individuals get much needed ortho care pro bono. The patients are pre-screened for financial need and the requirements for appointments explained and treatment is begun by participating orthodontists.

• **Education Foundation:** Paul Fraysure gave us an update. A 1.2 million dollar corpus fund has been reached for scholarships. Paul did mention that some districts have been weak in participating. There are only three meeting a year two of which coincide with House of Delegate meetings in January and July. Please consider a gift to help needy students. Paul also noted the merger of the Technical Colleges and the resulting Hygiene programs designated North and South Campuses. Dr. Barbara Jansen is the director.

• **New Business:** It was announced by Ched that Frank Capaldo has been selected to be the new Executive Director of the Georgia Dental Association.

Also Lindsay Holliday noted that those offices using Windows XP as an operating system will be in jeopardy of not being HIPPA compliant as service Pack updates will be discontinued as of April 8, 2014. Discussion continued noting that upgrading to Windows 7 is most likely the needed upgrade vs Windows 8. Consult your IT guru for your individual situation.

The following are our New Elected Officials:

Vice President - Jamie Mitchell

Alternate Delegate - Vince Carey

No other business, Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Benton



Yoo Hoo! We want to see YOU at the meeting!  
Don't delay  
Send in your reservation card TODAY!



## CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

February 25, 2014 - Office of Amber Lawson 7PM.

Attending: Ched Smaha, Kendrick Mathews, Pinkney Gilchrist, Cameron Garvin, Paul Fraysure, Don Spillers, Michael Wright, Jamie Mitchell, Amy Lee, Vin Bhasin, Kara Moore, Nancy O'Brien, Deena Holliman-Smith, Tommy Peterson, Amy Loden, Lindsay Holliday, Amber Lawson, Don Benton.

- **Minutes** of last EC meeting approved.
- **Treasury Report** reviewed and approved.
- **CE Course:** Ched opened the discussion regarding the CE Course for May 9, The day after the CDDS Meeting. Vin has the speaker lined up, Ms Karen Murphy. Topic will be OSHA Training. Don Benton will confirm the venue for CGTC Macon campus auditorium. Vin mentioned that there will be a \$500 honorarium for the speaker. Sponsorships were mentioned that will reduce the cost to the district and Ched and Vin will pursue those to the extent they can. Ched then noted that the speaker for our May 8, membership meeting will be Roy Rockman from GRU. His topic will be Dental Trauma in pediatric patients. The question of venue came up and the group felt that a return to Healy point was in order if possible. Ched/Vin will get it lined up. Some members present felt that since our Thursday meeting is at the Museum of Aviation it would be a good idea to do a blast fax to the membership to confirm both Thursday and Friday events are at the Museum of Aviation. Lindsay said he would email the info. Amber confirmed that Law Day for the District is March 5 and we need more Dr. participation. Macon group will depart 6:30 at the Tom Hill Sr. Kroger Parking lot. Warner Robins group will be coordinated by Paul Fraysure. Nominating Cmt. consisting of Ched Smaha, Michael Wright, Kara Moore, Nancy O'Brien, and Paul Fraysure have their list of candidates for election on Thursday evening by the membership. They are Jamie Mitchell for Vice President and Vincent Carey for the alternate Delegate position. All present thanked the committee for their time and consideration for the district.
- **Dues:** Kara Moore reminded all present to pay membership dues by February 28 as this is very important to determine the delegate counts. It will also minimize the calls necessary to delinquents!
- **BOT Report:** See Vin/Mike's Report
- **ADA Delegation Report** See Kara Moore report.
- **Recruitment and Retention:** Ched and Cameron Garvin then brought up the Recruitment and Retention Conference email they received from the GDA office requesting participation April 4-6 for the Annual Conference on Membership at the ADA Office in Chicago.. Kara Moore is paid to go by GDA funds and the district should fund some more participation with our

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

### "What is the ADA doing for YOU?"

I just spent two days in Chicago at the ADA headquarters to hear more about what the ADA is doing for you. Although it was technically a conference on membership recruitment and retention the huge take home message was that most members do not "value" their membership. Why is that? I think it is because most members do not have any idea what all the ADA is doing on their behalf. In the coming year you will start seeing a bigger push for advertising and publicity that encourages patients to seek out an ADA member dentist. I would like to hear why you are a member! What do you see as the biggest member benefit? Is it the camaraderie that you get at all of the central district and state events? Is it that by being a member you have access to JADA and other relevant topics involving the practice and science of dentistry? Maybe it's the discounts you receive on things such as insurance, credit cards, whirlpool products and Mercedes Benz purchases. For me it's the legislative involvement that it offers me at both the state and national level. You can't put a tangible price on advocacy but it is truly THE most expensive gift that we are given.

Some member values are from the ADA directly and others come from the state level. Did you know that you have access to legal counsel for advice and support just for being a member? Sure you can't ask her to draw up a corporation for you but you can ask her very pertinent information about employees issues, workman's comp problems, disgruntled patient advice etc.... Please do not ever hesitate to call me, the GDA office or even the ADA to ask what we are doing for you.

*Take advantage of your ADA membership. It is too valuable to waste!*

### Calendar of Events

May 6th	Executive Council Meeting
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	CDDS Meeting
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	OSHA Meeting
May 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Washington Leadership Conference
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	GDA Presidents Trip – Alaska
July 17 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	GDA Annual Meeting – Amelia Island
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	CDDS Meeting - Tentative Date

