

# THE TEXAS SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS

A REGULAR RECORD OF ICD ACTIVITIES IN TEXAS

SUMMER  
2017

## ON THE DESIRE TO SERVE

**Robert K. Greenleaf** wrote a book titled "Servant Leadership" after completing 40 years of employment at AT&T. He took the philosophy in his text and developed the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership. He became a consultant for several notable businesses, universities and institutions. In his essay Essentials of Servant Leadership he said, "Becoming a servant-leader begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead." I cannot help but think that so many in our organization are leaders in our profession because of their initial desire to serve. Congratulations to our student award winners and to our newest inductees. Welcome to your new home of likeminded servants.



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY DR. GUS GATES

Repurposing everything from old window frames to wine corks seems to be the current trend. It gives new meaning and value to something that has lost its original purpose by using it in a creative new way. This concept works for people, too. When I retired from active practice after forty years, I lost my sense of purpose. Perhaps like many of you, I didn't have a life outside my office. Every waking moment was spent thinking about the bridge that wouldn't seat, the root tip that I removed, or some other patient case. Fortunately, when one door closes, another opens. Just as I was retiring, the Body of Christ Dental Clinic was opening their new facility in Belton. I found a new purpose in life. This opportunity has allowed me to continue to practice my profession and help with the management of the clinic. The patients and staff have been great and I can practice when I want to. While it's true that the dentistry I produce at the free clinic is not the same I did in my private practice, my knowledge and skills are being used in creative new ways. Changing someone's smile or relieving their pain makes that patient incredibly happy.



**Dr. Gus Gates with volunteers from the Body of Christ Dental Clinic**

Our motto in the International College of Dentist is "Recognizing Service and the Opportunity to Serve." As Fellows in the ICD, we serve in various ways -- in our communities, traveling abroad, and through various service projects like the Texas Dental Association's Texas Mission of Mercy. There are opportunities available everywhere.

All the knowledge and expertise we have gained over the years should be repurposed, not wasted. If we look for the "opportunity to serve," we can make a tremendous impact on the unmet needs of the poor by volunteering our time and skills. If you need help finding an opportunity, let me know. My email is [gatestemple@aol.com](mailto:gatestemple@aol.com). I want to make sure you join us at the ICD breakfast on September 16 at 7 am at the Southwest Dental Conference. Our speaker will be Mac McDonald. Many of you know Mac from his connection with Pankey and Spear courses. He has written a book, "Unchanging Points of Light." Knowing Mac, it will be a first class presentation. We will also recognize our twenty-five year members. Be sure to mark your calendars.

# REGENT'S REPORT BY DR. RISE MARTIN

The ICD Board met in San Juan, Puerto Rico on May 2-5. It was a very productive meeting. The main point for everyone to know is:

## **2017 ICD Atlanta Convocation Changed from Friday to Thursday!**

Due to conflicts with the ADA House of Delegates Session, we have moved our 2017 Atlanta Annual Meeting schedule back a day. The **Fellowship Orientation Program** is **Wednesday, 10/18/17** (instead of Thursday) and the **Convocation and Dinner Program** are **Thursday, 10/19/17** (instead of Friday) at **the Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center**.

We have approximately 30 new fellows being inducted in Atlanta and we hope you will all plan to join us at the Convocation to honor them. Many thanks to Dr. Roland Davies, your Deputy Regent, for working tirelessly to get all their information in to headquarters in such a timely manner. I am looking forward to our annual ICD breakfast at the SWDC on Saturday, September 16 at the Omni Hotel. Our ICD USA Section President, Dr. Charles Smith, will be our guest of honor. Please make your plans now to join us these dates above.



**Dr. Rise' Martin**



**Dr. Rise' Martin, Texas Regent, presents a check from ICD USA Foundation to Dr. Juanita Pineda, UTHSC Dental School Associate Dean, and Mr. Scott Phillips, Director of CMDA for the International Student Experience Program through the International College of Dentists.**

**The mission team will travel to the Dominican Republic the end of May.**

# STUDENT AWARDS

Each year the ICD USA Section grants a Student Leadership and Humanitarian Award to students from each dental school. The following recipients have received a USA Section plaque and a check from the Texas ICD Chapter:



Texas A&M College of Dentistry

Humanitarian - **Theresa Marie Halle** (with **Dr. Wolinsky**)

Leadership - **Jonathan Parker Hawley** (with **Drs. Wolinsky** and **Gannaway**)



The University of Texas School of Dentistry in Houston

Humanitarian - **David A. Richburg** (with **Dr. Stephen Laman**)

Leadership - **Glennis M. Katzmark** (with **Dr. Kathy Gibson**)



The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio

Humanitarian – **Eduardo Vela**

Leadership – **Vincent Hsu**

# ICD GUA BY DR. T. BOB DAVIS

As a fellow of ICD since October 7, 1988 I have enjoyed the associations within the International College of Dentists who stimulate the best of our desires to serve others and lead. My journey in dental missions started in 1977 when my wife Janis volunteered me for a dental mission trip to Matamoros, Mexico to a Children's Home. By 1988 we were having increasingly large groups go with me. After 34 years the Drug Cartel influence was too hazardous to continue and we went to Nicaragua for one year and then chose Guatemala to settle in and build credibility. These young people and our mentors made an unforgettable lifelong dental and caring memory for 820 kids and some few adults this year. Student work is all about bringing a group of students from two schools who do not know each other, introduce them in a working situation, mix them as partners to accomplish the chairside duties, mingle them together around meals and travel together on buses to a day of rest and recovery mid week, having them play soccer one night against each other and then turn to join in competing against the local town soccer team. It is a time of sharing your lives with others who will one day be your colleagues and likely Fellows in organizations together.



**Dr. T. Bob Davis**

Due to the age of dental students there is ample time for mentoring as a mentor and a mentee, all happening at the same time to each person. The seasoned doctors and staff become good friends and due to their honed skills make the patients feel so comfortable even in a unique unknown environment of portable dentistry. Our dental



**Spring Break 2017  
Dental Student Mission Trip to Guatemala**

students are away from the stresses of school and real life influences with just enough time to breathe a breath of fresh air during the spring break week, see people from a whole different perspective, consider how fortunate they are to be doing what they have been allowed to do as professional students, and talk/think about things maybe they have not considered. It is a time for sharing your own life story, hearing others tell theirs, reflecting on those influences and listening to that small quiet voice of wisdom that comes through in those moments.

# ICD GUA BY DR. T. BOB DAVIS (CONT)

Many lifestyle changes are decided, many less than ideal directions are reversed, some enlightenment of how to handle issues back home are grasped, and many deep probing questions are answered in the process. However, do not for once think it is an easy trip! No! Far from it! The students have to plan ahead for supplies and what to bring, what to leave at home, get passport arrangements, go thru airports as a group and take supplies on and off the plane, meet unrelenting schedules, ride in old worn out bouncy buses, work hard and play hard, sleep less than ideal hours, learn protocol quickly and efficiently for portable and make shift dentistry, sit in backbreaking, neck aching positions that make you need physical therapy or massages that never show up, and once in a while sleep while your dorm mate next bunk over is snoring!!! How bad does it get? In countries where the EPA has not arrived, you breathe the dust and smoke unmanaged, the bad roads and winding bumpy hours of holding onto your seat. No doubt this is not for wimps or the spoiled who demand physical comforts. It IS for the adventuresome, the givers, the mature who see life as an opportunity to excel while outside one's comfort zone. It IS for the likes of heroes of the past who paved the way for our world to be better, for our lives to enjoy the product of the sweat of their brow, the challenge to their minds/hearts/bodies, the joys of seeing others smile after a visit to the dentist, their first visit to a dentist, their first encounter with such pristine young people whose selflessness and joy are contagious, whose eyes and smiles warm the hearts and minds of young growing children who otherwise see little hope for their future. It IS life changing for everyone involved!!!!!! Have you been there, done that? Hope so!



**Spring Break 2017 Dental Student Mission Trip to Guatemala**

# ICD MOSAIC PROJECT BY DR. BEN WARNER

The ICD Mosaic Project represents the diversity within our dental profession, addressing the need for outreach and inclusion in the healthcare system of vulnerable patients (homeless, veterans and people with disabilities).

Thanks to all the ICD Fellows and UTSD Dental Students who spent Saturday, June 10th distributing kits (toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss), providing hygiene instructions,

offering oral screenings, and visiting with the clients at Loaves and Fishes (2009 Congress Ave, Houston, TX 77002) in the morning and in the afternoon at Camp Hope (9724 Derrington Rd, Houston, TX 77064). It was a great success.

Thank you to **Dr. Gary Frey, Dr. Joe Mike Piazza** and **Dr. David Fray**, who were instrumental in organizing these events. Thank you to **Dr. Victor Rodriguez, Dr. Kathy Gibson** and **Dr. Tommy Harrison** for overseeing the patient screenings. Thanks to our fantastic students, **Selina Garces, Raven Grant, Christine Nguyen, Alexandra McCallum, Chelsea Wehr, Mathew O'Neil, Andrew Martinez, Amy La, Jade Blair, Amanda Adams, and Rana Shammas**. A very special thanks to **Katie Richardson** for her leadership in coordinating our students. Of course we are very

appreciative of all who donated toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss, and to all who assembled these donations into oral hygiene kits that made this outreach possible.

The ICD Mosaic Project assisted our veterans, the homeless, and people with disabilities, helping to make their lives a little better. I know that they greatly appreciated the screenings, the advice and most of all, the caring that you provided.



**Volunteers offering oral screenings and passing out supplies for the ICD Mosaic Project**

# SPRING FOR A TEDDY BEAR OF LOVE

## BY DR. KEITH BEICHTMAN

I am pleased to report that this year's Spring For A Teddy Bear of Love Project was an overwhelming success. You may recall from my article in the last District 15 Newsletter that I began this project in April of 2014 because I wanted to cheer up kids in the hospital. The need

is something my wife and I experienced firsthand. When our son, Joshua, was born prematurely in 1992, he was held in an intensive care



**Volunteers preparing to deliver teddy bears**

incubator for a month, and even had to undergo surgery at just 5 days old. I remember what a difficult time it was for my wife and I, and how a small teddy bear by the side of the incubator reminded us to be hopeful. 22 years later, Joshua, now a strong college student, declared he was going to apply to medical school to become a doctor himself. This made me recall how far my son had come from those first few scary weeks of his life. I told my wife that I wanted to give something back to Methodist Children's Hospital, where our son was cared for years ago, and their patients.



**Bears ready for delivery**

So I got together with my staff and organized other dentists in the area to make custom bears for children at Methodist Children's Hospital. My staff and I then handed out the finished bears to kids in the cancer ward, intensive care unit (ICU), and emergency ward. On one day in April 2014 we personally handed out 58 bears.



**All smiles as a teddy bear is delivered**



## SPRING FOR A TEDDY BEAR OF LOVE (CONT.)



**Dr. Beitchman with the young recipient of a Minions bear**

In 2015, the program's second year, my office worked with 45 classes in 3 local elementary schools, engaging their students to build bears for the project, and energized even more dentists to sponsor and participate. More than 50 dentists and their staff helped the event succeed. In April 2015, we built 120 bears, and every single child at Methodist Children's Hospital received a custom-made, hand-delivered teddy bear.

The "Spring For a Teddy Bear Of Love" program continued to grow, in April of 2016 we delivered 155 custom made bears to every child in the hospital as well as in the hospital's outpatient cancer clinic. This year, on May 3rd, we returned again to Methodist Children's Hospital and, with the generosity of more than 50 dentists, 3 elementary and early care schools, and numerous patients and friends, Beitchman Orthodontics distributed 190 custom made bears to every child in the hospital and cancer clinic, as

well as bears to greet new patients over the coming week as they checked into the Children's Hospital. Caitlin, a Child Life Specialist who works at the hospital and has helped us organize and distribute the bears each year, told me that our visit to Methodist Children's Hospital is "the best day of the year!" It is almost impossible to put into words the happiness we all derive when handing out these teddy bears, seeing children in their hospital beds all of a sudden break out in the biggest grins when we present them with these bears and ask if they can take care of them! Even more rewarding is seeing their distraught parents take comfort in seeing their child momentarily forget all the tubes and medicines and experience a little bit of joy in their life.

On an additional note, our son, Joshua, was accepted to and will begin medical school this fall, at the University of Texas Long School of Medicine in San Antonio, Texas, right across the street from Methodist Hospital where he was born!

# NEW 25 YEAR MEMBERS

**Dr. Gary Badger** of Houston, TX  
**Dr. Joe Christina** of Chorpus Christie, TX  
**Dr. James Helms** of Schulenberg  
**Dr. Ken Kalkwarf** of San Antonio, TX  
**Dr. Elgene Mainous** of Galveston, TX  
**Dr. Jeffrey Rossman** of Carrollton, TX  
**Dr. Michele Saunders** of San Antonio, TX  
**Dr. John Stovall, Jr.** of Crockett, TX  
**Dr. Doug Willingham** of Salado, TX

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## 2017 ICD USA SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADA ANNUAL SESSION

**OCTOBER 18 AND 19, 2017**



**GROUP CODE: ICDATL**

### **ICD HOTEL**

Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center  
100 CNN Center, Atlanta, GA 30303

### **Preliminary Schedule**

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM Pre-FOP Special Presentaton  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017 4:30 PM Fellowship Orientation Registration  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017 5:00 PM Fellowship Orientation Program  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017 6:00 PM Fellowship Orientation Reception  
Thursday, October 19, 2017 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Robe Pick-up  
Thursday, October 19, 2017 12:00 PM New Fellows to Staging Room  
Thursday, October 19, 2017 1:00 PM Convocation  
Thursday, October 19, 2017 6:30 PM Reception  
Thursday, October 19, 2017 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM Dinner Dance