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## THE KEY TO DISTRICT 4

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### REGENT'S REPORT

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Greetings to 4<sup>th</sup> District Fellows,

The ICD is alive and well I can assure you after participating in a very successful, energetic, enthusiastic and fun Board of Regents meeting in Savannah, Georgia this past March. The meeting in Savannah was the first ever joint Continuation Education Meeting with the American College of Dentists. We shared six informative hours of continuing education along with two joint dinners. The fellowship between the two Colleges was wonderful and a good time was had by all.

The BOR is a very active group. Please watch for updates about initiatives and projects that are ongoing or are in the process of being started in our monthly publication of *The Key* that you receive electronically.

The Board has undertaken a huge project, an Applied Strategic Plan, for the College. The group is actively working on the vision and mission of the ICD for the future. A primary goal of the ASP is to help guide the ICD in attaining the highest potential of service to others. This is a very exciting time for the College.

As the Strategic Plan unfolds, there are other ongoing projects that the College participates in to continue to make this organization the leading International Dental Organization in the world. The International Collaborative Initiative continues to engage our Fellows and students in our dental schools, first, through the establishment of the Global Health Student Associations for students interested in volunteering overseas, and second, through the Student Exchange Program whereby the ICD helps fund exchanges between students in US Dental Schools and a participating school abroad. The Fourth District can be proud that both New Jersey and Maryland participate in these exchanges. The third component of the International Collaborative Initiative is the establishment of the Humanitarian Liaison Committee. This committee is actively researching how best our Fellows can volunteer with missions abroad by listing existing programs and educating our Fellows on the nuts and bolts of volunteering in other countries.

The Fisher House Project was launched in Hawaii this past February. Our District is in the process of contacting the Fisher Houses in Maryland and DC to set up the program which will offer and deliver emergency *pro bono* care to families living in these Houses as they await their military spouse or loved one's recovery from injury or other health problems.

These are just a few of the programs that we participate in and can be proud of. Please go on the website and really take a good look at all the things the College offers you. We are an outstanding, dynamic group of Dentists, and the College offers something for all.

This coming October, in San Francisco, the Fourth District once again leads the College in recruitment of Fellows to be inducted. Thank you all for taking the time to recognize and nominate such impressive candidates. I hope to see many of you at the Convocation! You are a wonderful group to work with, and I am honored to serve as your Regent.

Respectfully,

**Margaret Culotta-Norton, DDS** Regent, ICD District 4

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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



**George F. Gansler**

Our section Fellows were very well represented in the ADA's Give Kids a Smile Day in February, and on May 2, 2012 the DC Chapter and the Metropolitan section of the American College of Dentists had a combined dinner meeting. The speaker was Mr. George F. Gansler, the Attorney General of Maryland, who discussed the current controversies of DNA testing in violent criminals and the banning of arsenic in chicken feed. We invited the dental student from Howard University who received the ICD Award and acknowledged the accomplishments.

Submitted by George P. Thomas, DDS, Editor DC Chapter

## NAVY

The 2012 Naval Postgraduate Dental School (NPDS) Research Symposium was held on 22 May 2012.

19 Residents presented original research abstracts representing the culmination of research efforts during their residency training programs. The presentations were reviewed by 5 recognized research judges. The winner of this Symposium will receive an award and plaque which is sponsored by the International College of Dentists.

Submitted by Capt. Robert M. Taft

Leadership Coordinator/Counselor

**ARMY**

On behalf of the Army Section for District 4 of the ICD, greetings from Heidelberg, Germany. My current assignment offers some wonderful opportunities for travel, not the least of which are to historical sites. I recently had the good fortune to participate in a Staff Ride to the hedgerow country side in France. During this staff ride, military leaders examined the lessons in military history, tactics, and leadership. This is the area where significant battles took place in July of 1944, just after the Normandy Invasion. I also had the good fortune of attending a Memorial Day ceremony at the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery near Verdun, France, where over 14,000 Americans are buried. They were casualties of a significant battle in 1918 near the end of World War I.

The members of the US Army Dental Corps continue a long tradition of service to our country. We are proud to serve wherever our country needs us. Every Memorial Day, Americans pause to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for liberty and freedom. This year was particularly poignant for me as I visited both the battlefields and cemeteries that mark significant sites for our military and our country. I hope that many of you enjoyed the Memorial Day celebrations around the country, and took some time to reflect on the significance of the day.

This year, the Army section has submitted 11 names for Fellowship in the College. We also have two Fellows deferred from last year, so the class of 2012 promises to be perhaps the largest ever for the Army. I look forward to joining them and many of you at this year's induction ceremony.

Submitted by Col. William R. Blanchard

Deputy Regent

**AIR FORCE**

The Air Force Fellows of the ICD are quite excited about the number and quality of candidates that we've submitted for Fellowship in the College. MG Gerard Caron, our Dental Corps Chief, is a strong proponent of recognizing Air Force dentists that have served our corps and military dentistry throughout their careers by recommending them for Fellowship. He views Fellowship as a special way to honor our outstanding clinicians, educators and leaders. However, this recognition is not limited to just our dental officers. Recently, we successfully submitted two civilian non-dentists for Honorary Fellowship in the College. Both ladies, Ms. Jan Coughlin and Ms. Ann Rochat, had served to enrich and develop the careers of Air Force dentists with tireless dedication for several decades. Our 2012 Class of Air Force candidates is truly outstanding and I am looking forward to their induction this October. See you all in San Francisco!

Submitted by Col. Michael Wajdowicz

Deputy Regent

# MARYLAND

Following our fall General Membership Meeting in November activities have been relatively quiet. For those of you who attended the ACD/ICD Continuing Education Conference in Savannah I'm sure that you will agree that it was a most enjoyable experience. The CE program was stimulating and the dining and fellowship was top notch.

If you recall we changed the format of our fall General Membership Meeting to include a guest speaker. By all accounts this was well received and we intend to continue this at this year's meeting. The specifics for our upcoming General Membership Meeting have not been finalized. Please watch for a future mailing.

The annual Joint meeting of the Maryland Components of the ACD and ICD was recently concluded. A most enjoyable affair it was. The meeting was held in Annapolis and was hosted by ACD. Thanks to all those who put the meeting together.

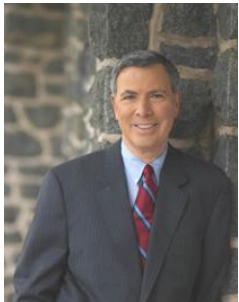
An announcement was made at the meeting that I felt was worthy of mention to Maryland Fellows. The first annual Southern Maryland Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic will be held on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 in Mechanicsville, MD. This is a big effort for a very worthy cause. A number of our Fellows are involved with this effort and they need your help. Considering that the guiding principles of the ICD are Leadership and Service this worthwhile undertaking deserves our consideration. You can get more information on line at [www.southernmdmom.org](http://www.southernmdmom.org). This may be the most worthwhile thing you do all summer.

May your summer be safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you at the General Membership meeting in the fall.

Submitted by Ed Morris

Deputy Regent

# FROM THE EDITOR



Dr. Mike Kenney

Many thanks to each Chapter that contributed to this issue of *The Key to District 4*. It is obvious that the leadership of the ICD has been hard at work and none more than our own District's Mike Kenney. He has represented us extraordinarily well in 2012 as the USA Section President. Many new initiatives (including this Newsletter) have resulted from Mike's dedication, first, as Deputy Regent of Maryland; then, as Regent of the 4<sup>th</sup> District; and now as USA Section President. Nothing would please Mike more than a large registration in October at the Convocation in San Francisco.

Pit Johnson, Editor