



# International College of Dentists



## THE KEY TO DISTRICT 4

Margaret M. Culotta-Norton, Regent

### REGENT'S REPORT

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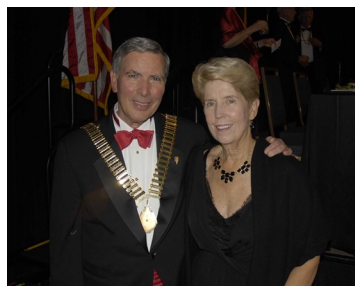
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Spring has finally arrived in District 4 and the Mid Atlantic states. Fresh spring green color and blossoming plants abound, as well as allergies I must say! Along with the re-birth that nature gives us at this time of year, I am happy to report that the ICD has undergone its own rebirth this past year. The Board of Regents met last month in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. There was an excitement and energy among the attendees as they worked on implementing the Strategic Plan, and I am sure this feeling will spread to all the Districts as the Regents spread the good news!

**INTEGRITY, LEADERSHIP and SERVICE** are our new core values. They unite all ICD Fellows and guide all of our many activities. It has become our "tag line" adopted by the Board of Regent's this past October as they approved the Strategic Plan they had been working on this past year. This plan, facilitated at cost only by Fellow and professional facilitator Robert Frazier, clarified the Section's priorities, goals and objectives for the next five years. The plan is very comprehensive, and is being implemented as I write this letter. In the next five years you will be made aware of how **proud** we are to be members of the preeminent honorary dental society in the world where we are known as leaders and role models for domestic and international dental service and collaboration worldwide.

I would like you to join me in congratulating Dr. W. Michael Kenney, USA Section Immediate Past President and former Regent District 4 for a job WELL DONE! Mike is from the great state of Maryland and a happy Raven fan I must add! Mike, as we all know is extremely ambitious. He led our 4<sup>th</sup> district with distinction and as you can imagine he did the same as the President of our Section in 2012. Under his leadership the ICD is moving to new heights with the implementation of the Strategic Plan that was his vision. I encourage you to log onto our new website, absorb all the ICD is doing and what you can do to be involved. The Section is alive and vibrant. You are part of this amazing organization, and Mike has contributed over and above. The 4<sup>th</sup> District is proud of Mike. Let's make Mike proud of us. Thank you Mike for all you do!



Mike and Peggy Kenney

Our Fellows in the 4<sup>th</sup> District continue to be generous with their time and efforts in carrying out and supporting the many projects that the ICD provides. I believe all of our constituents participate in the **Peace Corps Project** in which we provide free radiographs and screenings for those going abroad in the Peace Corps, and I am sure most do some sort of mentoring of students and or new dentists.

The ICD has developed a model mentoring program called **Great Expectations** for those who would like to begin a mentoring program at a dental school. There are four **Fisher Houses** in District 4. All are located in the DC/Maryland area. Many of our Fellows in these areas have volunteered to give free palliative emergency care to family members who live temporarily in these houses as they visit their loved ones being cared for in military hospitals and rehab facilities. Both Maryland and New Jersey's Dental Schools participate in the **International Student Exchange Project and the Global Health Student Association**. The students who are fortunate to have the ICD partially fund their exchange have been very grateful. This is a wonderful program and we hope to be able to have more schools participate. Many Fellows in District 4 support **humanitarian efforts**, participating in local MOM projects, GKAS events, as well as volunteering abroad.

The USA-ICD Section is currently sponsoring three **Volunteer Seminars** this year at the Chicago Midwinter, the Hinman and the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference in Washington State. These seminars will be presented by Dr. Frank Serio and will include information on what it takes to be a volunteer, what to expect as a volunteer, the types of volunteer opportunities available and how to find them. Feedback from the first two has been very positive. The ICD plans to put on three of these seminars at different meetings every year.

The USA Section and the Section Foundation are sponsoring an **Alaska Cruise and C.E. Program June 29-July 6, 2013**. If interested, please see more information on the website or call the Section Office. A good time promises to be had by all.

Please take the time to look at our new and improved website <http://www.usa-icd.org/>. Our technology committee has worked hard to make our website more interesting and easier to navigate. There is a brand new Fellowship Process section which should make the nomination and application process easier for all. **The section has produced a video which all should watch**. I think you will agree that we are all **PROUD** to be a Fellow after you look at this. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fZOPvOq-gl>. Share it with others. Let all know we are the preeminent honorary dental society!

I would like to remind all District 4 Fellows (any Fellow can nominate a worthy candidate) and Deputy Regents that the **applications for New Fellows are due in the Section Office by June 15<sup>th</sup>**. The deadline is approaching very quickly. Each packet should include a Sponsor Form, the Application filled out by the candidate and at least two supporting letters from Fellows. All can be either filled out online and or scanned and send by email to the Deputy Regent who will then send it on to the Vice Regent and Regent for approval. The Convocation Ceremony this year will be in New Orleans on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Let's make District 4 shine again this year!

I would like to congratulate our New Fellows that were inducted into the College this past October in San Francisco. District 4, once again had the largest group of inductees. We brought in 31 new Fellows. I would like to personally thank all you who took the time to Sponsor and write letters for these extremely qualified candidates. Our new Fellows are:

**Air Force:** Sharon R. Bannister, Timothy L. Bray, Douglas B. Curry, Paul M. Fortunato, Ray Scottleter, Timothy C. Kirkpatrick, Alan J. Moritz, Donald C. Sedberry, Jr.

**Army:** Derrick R. Carter, Peter H. Guevara, Thomas M. Johnson, Karen M. Keith, Nancy A. Kuhl-Erickson, Kimberley L. Perkins, Dennis Reed, James W. Turonis, Eric John Wagner, Richard Leroy Williams

**Navy:** Thu P. Getka

**District of Columbia:** Robert D. Argentieri, Robert W. Emery, III, Patrick M. Grogan, Stanley O. Mayer

**Maryland:** Diana M. Copabianco, Charles Norman Morris, Judith A. Porter, Diane Damratoski Romaine. George R. Shepley

**New Jersey:** Yasmi O. Crystal, Yatin Khanna, Elena Stavisky

As I take the time to reflect on what the ICD and the 4<sup>th</sup> District have done over the past year, and what will be done in the future I am grateful for all the outstanding Fellows that I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with. The core values of the International College of Dentists: Integrity, Leadership and Service are definitely present in our District. Congratulations to all that make this organization the premiere honorary dental organization in the world.

Wishing all a very relaxing and enjoyable summer. In Fellowship,

## MARYLAND

### Edwin Morris, Deputy Regent

The Annual Business Meeting of the Maryland Chapter was held on November 13, 2012 at the Sheraton Columbia Hotel with 30 people on attendance. **Deputy Regent Ed Morris** opened the evening by offering a Champaign toast to **Mike Kenney** for not only representing his home constituent as USA Section President but also for doing such a good job in that capacity.

#### AWARDS:

15 year pins **Sam Blum, Fred Magaziner, Bill Martin, Fred Preis, and John Davliakos**, who was unable to attend due to a family obligation.



#### THE CLENDENIN AWARD ...

was presented to Devon Allison for her outstanding academic achievements in her freshman year at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Quite a bright young lady, Devon is, in fact, a DDS/PhD student !

**Presidential Citation**, originally planned to be given during the ICD Meeting in San Francisco, was presented to **Michael Belenky** for his accomplishments to facilitate the ICD's Student International Health Initiative. Dr. Belenky was responsible for writing much of the protocol and the handbook for this endeavor. USA Section President **Mike Kenney** was delighted to make this surprise award to a very pleased recipient.



Following the Business Meeting, a program presentation by guest speaker, an ICD Fellow and Dental School Dean, **Christian Stohler**, discussed the emergence of independent, for-profit dental schools and the potential deleterious effects that such an educational/business model may have on the profession.



Finally, two of the five newly inducted Fellows were introduced by Deputy Regent **Ed Morris**:

**Diane Romaine and Diana Capobianco**

**NEXT MARYLAND CHAPTER EVENT:**

**Joint ACD/ICD DINNER for Fellows and guests**

**6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at Towson Golf and Country Club**

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

George P. Thomas, Editor

2012 was another productive year for the District of Columbia Chapter of the International College of Dentists. Our section Fellows were very well represented in the ADA's Give Kids a Smile Day in February and we continue to participate in the Peace Corps initiative as well as the Fisher House Project. The ICD sponsored a "Leadership Summit" at the Howard University College of Dentistry on February 13, 2013. This program was a great success and the speaker was Dr. **Dennis Stiles** our Deputy Regent. The purpose of this summit was to encourage the students to become active and involved in both their community and in their profession. Students were presented with the Stephen Covey Book, "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" and lunch was provided.

On May 1, 2013 the D.C. Chapter and the Metropolitan Section of the American College of Dentists had a combined dinner meeting. The speaker was The Honorable James Robertson (Ret), US District Judge for the District of Columbia. He gave a very informative talk on "America the Litigious". We invited Mr. Damion A. Myers, the ICD Dental Student Award winner from Howard University to this dinner where we acknowledged his accomplishments and awarded him a check for \$250.00. He will receive his plaque at the Howard University College of Dentistry Awards Ceremony May 10<sup>th</sup>.



**The DC ICD Chapter met on May 1, 2013.**

**Deputy Regent Dennis Stiles and Regent Margo Culotta- Norton presented the Student Award to Damion A. Myers from Howard Dental School.**

The ICD DC chapter was honored to be a participant at the White Coat Ceremony held in September 2012 at the Howard University College of Dentistry. Dr. Margaret Culotta-Norton, our District 4 Regent, spoke at the ceremony.

**Photo: Dr. Alan Singer, Student Peter Tan, and Margo Culotta-Norton**





## 2012 Convocation in San Francisco

4 New Fellows inducted:

Stanley Mayer, Robert Argenteri (front row) with Robert Emery, and Patrick Grogan (in back row).

Editor George Thomas far left and Regent Margo Culotta-Norton standing on right in photo.

A joint ICD/ACD meeting was held November 14, 2012. We had a stimulating presentation from Mr. Tom Spangler, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs of the ADA regarding the potential effects of the Affordable Care Act on Dentistry. During the meeting some of our members were recognized for their membership milestones. They were presented with fifteen and twenty five year pins.

### Milestones Photo:

**Carol Turner, Registrar USA Section**  
**Margaret Culotta-Norton, Regent D-4**  
**George P. Thomas, Editor**  
**Marcel Carmi**  
**Clarence C. Lindquist**  
**Thomas Williams**



**The DC Chapter will proudly induct 10 new Fellows in New Orleans this coming October.**

## NEW JERSEY

Louis DiPede. Deputy Regent (N)

The New Jersey Chapter reports that it will have one candidate for Fellowship this year. Also, we are sponsoring two international exchange students from New Jersey Dental School to Trinity in Dublin, Ireland

A scientific meeting is in the planning stages for Fall.

## NAVY

Capt. Philip J. Rinaudo, Deputy Regent

### Naval Hospital Naples, Italy Welcomes New Commander

Captain Matthew W. Pommer Jr., Dental Corps, United States Navy, took command of the United States Naval Hospital Naples, Italy from Captain Craig L. Bonnema, Medical Corps, United States Navy. CAPT Pommer became the 20<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer of U.S. Naval Hospital Naples.

There have been many dental specific accomplishments at USNH Naples. USNH Naples sends many of their dental specialists to their sister commands to provide care to those patient populations. The orthodontist and pediatric dentist are considered “circuit riders” as they quarterly travel to Rota, Spain and Sigonella, Italy (on the island of Sicily). Additionally, several of the dentists assigned to USNH Naples have stepped forward and answered our country’s call to service, above and beyond, having deployed to combat zones in the Global War On Terrorism.

The “Dazzling Dozen”, as Pommer refers to them, are a diverse group including two comprehensive dentists, four general dentists, an orthodontist, endodontist, prosthodontist, pediatric dentist, periodontist and an oral maxillofacial surgeon. They care for 12,000 patients of record including active duty, family members, retirees and a wide assortment of other beneficiaries in their two Neapolitan clinics located 20 miles apart. One of CAPT Pommer’s highlights was participating in Children’s Dental Health Month at the local Department of Defense schools.

