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District 12 Regent's Letter – Dr. Mark S. Chaney

Embracing Excellence: Join Us at the International College of Dentists USA Section's Annual Meeting in Orlando!

Dear Fellows and esteemed members of the International College of Dentists,

I am delighted to present to you the District 12 Newsletter, marking our resurgence as a united community of dental professionals dedicated to the pursuit of excellence. Allow me to extend a warm welcome to all our new Fellows and express my deepest gratitude to our long-standing members who have been an invaluable part of our journey.

The International College of Dentists has always stood as a beacon of excellence, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and professional growth. It is with great pleasure that I invite you to our upcoming momentous event – the annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, taking place from October 3rd to 6th, 2023, at the prestigious Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace.

At this grand gathering, we have curated an extraordinary experience, offering both educational enrichment and an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our newest Fellows.

Education lies at the heart of our profession. This year's annual meeting promises an exceptional Continuing Education program, featuring distinguished speakers who will share their insights, experiences, and the latest advancements in the field of dentistry. Attendees can expect to delve into a wide array of topics, spanning from cutting-edge clinical techniques to the latest developments in dental technology, empowering us to deliver truly exceptional patient care.

Central to our annual meeting is the Convocation, a true symbol of recognition and achievement. We will celebrate and honor our newest Fellows who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, commitment, and excellence in their dental careers. This prestigious event epitomizes the core values of the International College of Dentists of Integrity – Leadership – Service and represents a profound milestone in the professional

lives of those being inducted.

Moreover, let us come together to rejoice and toast the accomplishments of our new Fellows at the Celebration Dinner. This joyous occasion will provide an opportunity for networking, fostering new friendships, and strengthening our bonds as members of this esteemed College. We are a community united by a shared passion for our profession and a collective commitment to improving oral health worldwide.

Having witnessed the incredible growth and achievements of our members throughout the years, I cannot stress enough the pride I feel when reflecting upon our collective accomplishments. Our dedication to ethical values, humanitarian service, and professional excellence sets us apart and establishes the International College of Dentists as a respected global force in oral healthcare.

I would like to emphasize that our annual meeting promises not only an exceptional educational experience but also a chance to cultivate lifelong relationships with like-minded colleagues. The networking opportunities during this event are unparalleled, affording you the chance to exchange ideas, collaborate on research, and create lasting connections with colleagues from around the world.

As proud members of the International College of Dentists, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that this annual meeting is a resounding success. I urge you to mark your calendars, spread the word, and join us in Orlando from October 3rd to 6th, 2023. Together, let us continue pushing the boundaries of excellence in dental practice and education.

Until then, keep serving your patients with compassion, expertise, and unwavering dedication.



ARKANSAS

The Arkansas Chapter of the International College of Dentists held its semi-annual "breakfast business meeting" in conjunction with the American College of Dentists at 7:00 am CST, Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Hilton Doubletree Downtown, Little Rock, Arkansas. These meetings coincide with sessions of the Arkansas State Dental Association twice a year.

Deputy Regent, Dr. R. Mark Bailey, Waldron, Arkansas, presided over the meeting with over 20 ICD Fellows and guests in attendance. We enjoyed a hearty breakfast, and after a brief welcome and introduction of our guests, Dr. Lee Hinson delivered a Treasurer's report and that was followed by a Secretary's report from Dr. Laurence Howe. Both old and new business items were then covered and central to both discussions was a recap of Operation Stand Down (OSD) 2022, held at 6 different private clinic sites across the state, on November 10, 2022. Approximately 128 patients were treated, and nearly \$95,000.00 worth of dental services were delivered to our nation's veterans that day! A total of 27 Dentists, many of them ICD Fellows, donated their time and services that day to provide free dental treatment, along with dozens of dental hygienists and registered dental assistants, and office personnel. We sincerely thank the Fellows that donated their office time and space for this event, they are listed below:

- Dr. Ned Alley, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Dr. Angela Broomfield, Fayetteville, Arkansas
- Dr. Charlie Liggett and Dr. Cole Johnson, Fort Smith, Arkansas
- Dr. David Bell, Arkadelphia, Arkansas
- Dr. Troy Bartels, Jonesboro, Arkansas
- Dr. Cara Jones (Fellowship pending), Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Funding for this project was provided through a \$5,000.00 donation from ArcBest Corporation, Fort Smith, Arkansas, surgical instruments for treatment were loaned to three sites, by the Arkansas Mission of Mercy (Fellow Dr. Terry Fiddler), and Patterson Dental gave us a significant discount on our disposables. Like most mission type events, OSD was a marvelous experience for all involved and we look forward to this year's edition.

OSD 2023 will be held Friday, November 3, 2023, at the same locations likely, and we encourage all Arkansas ICD Fellows to participate and any ICD Fellows that wish to observe and assist from neighboring chapters to attend as well. We will share our experiences with a view toward you hosting similar events within other chapters across the nation.

One other topic that received a lot of attention during our meeting was the matter of nonprofit status for our chapter. While the USA Section has that status with the IRS, our state chapter does not. Going forward it is our desire to obtain that status to allow us to give documentation for tax purposes to outside contributors. The Arkansas Chapter would appreciate input from national and state chapter resources concerning this subject. All in all, it was a superb meeting, with great participation.

Congratulations!



KANSAS

ICD Member Elected District 12 ADA Trustee

A desire to help others improve their health, serve his community and being self-sufficient led Dr. Reavis to Dentistry. He has been enjoying that mission for nearly 40 years in Atchison, Kansas. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry (1984). He has been active in the Kansas Dental Association (KDA) for his entire career. Politically active, he is a representative to the Washington Leadership Conference/ADA Lobby Day on behalf of Kansas Dentists and participates annually in KDA Dental Day. Dr. Reavis served as the President of the KDA in 2020, one of the most challenging years of our profession. As a member of the Kansas Dental Board, he helped with both the Scaling

Assistant and Sedation regulations. He was elected President of the Kansas Dental Board for two years.

To help serve the Medicaid and underserved patients, he spearheaded the effort to build an FQHC Dental Clinic in Atchison and led the drive to raise funds and complete the clinic. He volunteers to provide free dental care to the underserved by participating in Donated Dental Services, KMOM, charitable care in private practice and a recent mission trip to Kenya.

Currently Dr. Reavis serves on the ADA Council on Ethics, By-Laws and Judicial Affairs (CEBJA) until the 2023 Annual Session. At that time, he will become the ADA 12th District Trustee, and is excited to begin serving the dental community in that role.

His professional recognitions include being a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry and Kansas Dentist of the Year 2020.

He is now retired from Atchison Dental Associates after 37 years of ownership. One of his greatest pleasures was practicing with his associate dentists and the dental team in caring for their patients. He now works part time at the Atchison Community Health Clinic FQHC as the Dental Director, leading the dental team and providing care to the underserved.

He is very active in the local community and has volunteered for many boards and committees. Some of these include St. Benedict's Catholic Church Parish Council, Rotary, Boy Scouts, Community Foundation, and many others. He has been a City Commissioner for over 13 years and was elected Mayor five terms. He was recently elected to the Atchison County Commission. He was in the Leadership Kansas Class of 2020.

He also enjoys golf, flying, shooting sports, lake life, travel and yes...politics. He is a candidate for the Kansas State House for the 2024 election.

He and his wife, Sara, have two children Ben and Jenny. Ben is in the Air Force and Jenny is a nurse.

ICD Kansas Update

ICD Kansas, our dental community has actively participated in meaningful events throughout the year.

One notable event was the Kansas Mission of Mercy held in Topeka on March 24th and 25th. Dedicated dental professionals provided free dental care to underserved individuals, positively impacting many lives.

During the Midwestern Dental Conference in Kansas City, seven of our members joined professionals from other organizations and the UMKC dental school for a productive luncheon. This gathering facilitated knowledge-sharing, networking, and strengthened relationships within our dental community.

We commend our members for their involvement in these events, showcasing our commitment to improving oral health in Kansas. We will continue working towards our goals of compassionate care, interprofessional collaboration, and excellence in dental practice in our state.



LOUISIANA

The Louisiana Chapter of the International College of Dentists recently held its annual meeting and dinner at Arnaud's Restaurant in New Orleans, one of the oldest restaurants in the city. The event was made special by the presence of our leaders Dr. Dan Fridh, Dr. Terry Fiddler, and Dr. Antonio Marriotti. Dr. Kristi Soileau, the District Deputy Regent for Louisiana, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Under the guidance of Dr. Kristi Soileau, the proceedings flowed seamlessly, creating a dynamic and engaging atmosphere for all attendees. Her expertise in coordinating and hosting events proved invaluable in ensuring that the program ran smoothly. Dr. Soileau's presence added a touch of professionalism and organization, enhancing the overall experience and making the event truly memorable.

The evening began with an invocation by Dr. Frank Martello, setting a solemn and reflective tone. Dinner was then served, allowing attendees to enjoy the culinary delights offered by Arnaud's Restaurant.

Afterward, Dr. Dan Fridh, the President of the International College of Dentists USA Section, took the stage to provide an update on the organization and Operation Standdown, a charitable initiative. His update shed light on the important work being done by the International College of Dentists and their commitment to serving the community.

A highlight of the evening came from the keynote speaker, Dr. Antonio Marriotti, the Dean of LSU School of Dentistry. Introduced by Dr. Vincent DiLeo, the President of the Louisiana Dental Association (LDA), Dr. Marriotti delivered an inspiring address on leadership, the significance of LSU, and the current happenings at the Dental School.

Dr. Mark Chaney, the District 12 Regent, also delivered a speech stressing the importance of being a Fellow in the International College of Dentists. He reiterated the organization's core values of "Integrity, Leadership, and Service" and encouraged attendees to embody these values in their professional lives. Dr. Chaney then proudly introduced the new Fellows of the International College of Dentists for the year 2022, recognizing their exceptional achievements and contributions to the field of dentistry.

Following Dr. Chaney's remarks, Dr. Terry Fiddler, the 12th District ADA Trustee, addressed the gathering and spoke about the American Dental Association (ADA) and the critical dental issues they are currently addressing. Dr. Fiddler's insightful presentation shed light on the significant challenges and advancements within the dental industry.

During this time, Dr. Kristi Soileau took the opportunity to present Dr. Fiddler with a dental themed Mardi Gras Shoe. This unique gift represented a token of appreciation and served as a reminder of the festive New Orleans spirit that characterized the event.

The annual meeting and dinner of the Louisiana Chapter of the International College of Dentists was undoubtedly a success, thanks in part to the expert guidance of Dr. Kristi Soileau as the Master of Ceremonies. Her adeptness in managing the event added to the atmosphere of professionalism, ensuring that the evening was both informative and enjoyable for all in attendance.



LOUISIANA Continued ...

2023 Louisiana Mission of Mercy – Lafayette, LA



The 2023 Louisiana Mission of Mercy (LaMOM) two-day free clinic held on August 11th and 12th in Lafayette, LA was a great success! Volunteers began to set up and prepare for this two-day free clinic on August 10th. ICD Fellow Dr. Maria Burmaster is the LaMOM chair. This is also her fifth year leading the LaMOM! We

would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication. We had many ICD Fellows volunteers for this event to include ICD USA Section District 12 Regent Dr. Mark S. Chaney and Dr. Kristi Marsue Soileau, Louisiana Deputy Regent. In addition, we had many dental students from various Louisiana Universities volunteer among others. A special thank you to all our wonderful volunteers! This could not have been made possible without you.

The LaMOM two-day free clinic was able to serve over 900 patients providing over 1 million dollars in dental care and completing over 6,000 dental procedures.

The next LaMOM will be posted on the Louisiana Mission of Mercy Facebook page, LDA social media, and [www. Lamissionofmercy.org](http://www.Lamissionofmercy.org).



OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma chapter of the International College of Dentists held its annual meeting on April 29, 2023. This meeting was conducted during the annual session of the Oklahoma Dental Association. For the first time, this meeting was held along with the business meeting of the Oklahoma chapters of the American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. During the meeting the new members were introduced. The following are the names of the new members inducted:

- Dr. Susan Davis
- Dr. Jeffrey Hermen
- Dr. Scott Hubbard
- Dr. Onur Kadioglu
- Dr. Jandra Korb
- Dr. Stephen McCullough
- Dr. Nicole Nellis
- Dr. Kyle Shannon
- Dr. Jeanne Sutton

Two awards were given to University of Oklahoma students. The Student Humanitarian Award was given to Chandler Kate Roof and the Student Leadership Award was given to Carley Jo Abbott.

Several members of the ICD participated in the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy held at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center in Shawnee Oklahoma on February 3-4, 2023.



Dr. Jandra Korb, Dr. Susan Davis, Nicole Nellis, and Dr. Jeanne Sutton



President Dr. Shannon Griffin addressing the attendees at the 2023 annual meeting

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