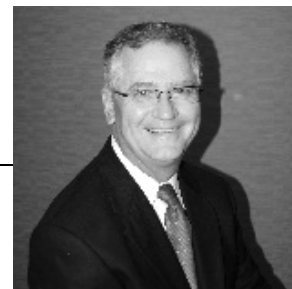


Editors Comment

J. Kavin Kelp, DDS



Last year, it was my honor to serve as President of the 15th District of the International College of Dentists USA Section. And what a year! Plans to have a great Breakfast Program in San Antonio in May of 2020 with the Pierre Fauchard Society and the American College of Dentists were cancelled due to the pandemic. We all closed and reopened our offices with numerous changes and restrictions. Regent Dr. Jay Adkins inducted the new class of 23 Fellows virtually and our current president Dr. Joey Cazares was sworn in virtually as he stopped in Georgetown Denny’s for Wi-Fi service on his way to Dallas last October. I’ll bet he never expected to become President being all by himself in a back room at Denny’s! The bottom line is that dentists are very resilient and hardly missed a beat caring for patients during this unsettling time. ICD leadership has continued to work for the members.

Kudos to Dr. Claude “Rick” Stephens for his fine work as Editor for many years. Rick is an orthodontist in Midlothian and

Duncanville and is a great asset to ICD and the profession. Captain Rick served 35 years in the United States Navy.



Congratulations to Dr. Karen Walters of Houston. She is President-Elect of the 15th District (Texas) ICD. Karen joins the board with much experience in organized dentistry in Houston and with the

Texas Dental Association.

Being your new Editor, I now get to brag about the many accomplishments of Texas dentists in the College. ICD-USA has 17 Districts and our District 15 includes all of Texas.

Please consider contacting me so I can tell your story or recognize the accomplishments of other Fellows in a future newsletter. Is there a Fellow out there wishing to serve? I am looking for a person to serve as an Associate Editor.



ICD Fellow, Dr. T. Bob Davis from Dallas was awarded the ICD USA Section Distinguished Humanitarian Award 2020. Click here to see his interview!
<https://www.facebook.com/ICD.USA.Section/videos/1786157784885189>

T Bob, as he is known by everyone has planned and gone on dental mission trips to Central America since 1977. He is also a pianist extraordinaire. He was recognized by the Texas Academy of General Dentistry as Dentist of the Year in 2014.

Additionally, he received the American Dental Association Humanitarian Award in 2018. Click here to see the ADA story.
<https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2018-archive/january/2018-ada->

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Dr. Richard Smith of Amarillo will become International President at the next International Meeting. The 100 year old ICD encompasses 122 countries. Our fall newsletter will highlight the amazing long-time leadership of Dr. Smith and his dedication and service to the profession and those that we serve.

Past Texas ICD President Honored

Dr. Donna Miller of Waco was honored at the May meeting of the Central Texas Dental Society with the Distinguished Service Award for her part in arranging vaccinations for dental office staffs. Donna is always serving others and the award is most fitting.



Gustav E. (Gus) Gates, DDS Named Distinguished Deputy Regent

Dr. Gustav E. Gates of Temple, Texas, was named the Distinguished Deputy Regent of the Year during the 2020 virtual ICD Annual Meeting, and received his award in person during the Texas Southwest Dental Conference in Dallas, Texas.

He has done exemplary work after only two years on the job. When Dr. Gates started his role as Deputy Regent, he and Vice Regent Dr. Roland Davies, who won this award in 2016, spent many mornings meeting halfway between Austin and Temple for coffee and orientation. Dr. Jay Adkins, District Regent 15, said, “Dr. Gates hit the ground running like his hair was on fire. Thirty new Fellows from District 15 were inducted into the College in 2019, and with Dr. Gates’ leadership and perseverance we have cleaned up our membership roster, communicating with Fellows who we had not heard from in recent years.”

Dr. Gates was instrumental in the development of a leadership plan to inform and educate new state officers about their duties and responsibilities. An annual retreat with the ICD TX board was organized by the Regent Jay Adkins, Vice Regent Roland Davies, and Deputy Regent Gustav Gates. The inaugural 2019 meeting was held in Austin, Texas. The meeting was educational and brought great energy and team fellowship to their local board meeting. Dr. Gates has also made sure that our newest District 15 (Texas) President, Dr.

Joey Cazares was educated and informed about duties and responsibilities.

Dr. Gates earned his DDS degree from the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston, 1975, and did a one-year general practice residency at Olin Teague Veteran’s Center in Temple. He opened his dental practice in Temple in 1976, which he owned and operated for forty years.

Although he retired from full-time dental practice in 2016, he continues, zealously, his lifelong tradition of learning and service to his profession. His numerous honors and awards attest to his dedication. In addition to Fellowship in the ICD, his awards include: Mastership in AGD, the AGD Lifelong Learning and Service Award, three nominations for Texas Dentist of the Year award from TAGD, Texas Monthly Super Dentist awards, and many more.

Dr. Gates and his wife, Cathy, enjoy spending time with their dog, Sammy, and traveling world-wide. Gus also enjoys classic cars, history, and attending The University of Texas football games.



Meet your 2021 ICD USA Section President Elect, Dr. Rise' Martin

She will become ICD-USA President in Las Vegas in October.

Dr. Rise' Martin earned her doctorate from the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School in San Antonio, Texas in 1985. She completed her M.B.A. in 1997 at Our Lady of the Lake in San Antonio. Dr. Martin, a general dentist, was in private practice for 35 years and retired in 2020. Dr. Martin also taught part-time at the UTHSCDS in the General Dentistry Department from 1993-2001. Since that time, she maintains adjunct faculty status to continue dental mission trips with dental students several times per year.

Being committed to serving in organized dentistry, Dr. Martin was inducted into the International College of Dentistry in 2002. In 2008, she organized and directed the Great Expectations Mentoring Program for the San Antonio area and continued to lead until 2017. This wonderful program continues at the dental schools in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. In the meantime, Rise' served the board of the Texas ICD chapter in all capacities including President. From 2012-2015, Rise' served as the ICD Deputy Regent and then from 2015-2018 ICD Regent representing the Texas District. She has also served as the Texas Dental Association as Director, Senior Director and Vice President and on all committees and officer positions including President of the San Antonio District Dental Society. She is a Past President of the American Association of Women Dentists and Smiles for Success Foundation. Dr. Martin also served the ADA on several committees, yet the highlight was as local chair of the ADA 2014 meeting in San



Antonio with a Mission of Mercy event included.

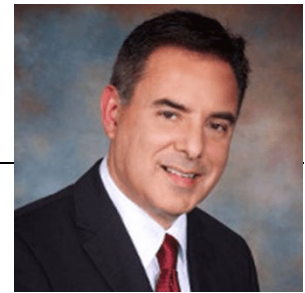
Her dedication to dentistry did not go unrecognized as in 2012, Dr. Martin was named the Texas AGD Dentist of the Year. In 2011, the ADA recognized her leadership and awarded her the prestigious Golden Apple Award. The American Association of Women Dentists proudly presented the Lucy Hobbs Taylor award to Rise' in 2014 for outstanding leadership and service. She has also been the recipient of four distinguished Presidential Awards from the San Antonio District Dental Society.

Dr. Martin has been actively involved in her community for the past 20 years not only by providing dental health care but community compassion. She and her husband, Sam, fundraised and started a local Girls and Boys Club in 2011. Rise' has been a member of the Christian Medical Dental Association for 27 years taking dental students on mission trips around the world.

Rise' and Sam have 4 children, 16 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and love being active in their church where they lead the Missions team steering fundraising events and serving the community as Lay servants.

President's Message

Dr. Joey Cazares



Texas ICD and Texas Dentistry “The Best is yet to Come”

During the pandemic of 2020, adjustments were necessary to live through the ordeal. Now that we start to retake our lives back, we have all learned something. I learned that life is precious. The family and friends we have cherished over the years were utmost in my thoughts. Let's not forget them as we return to our more normal lives. Brighter days are ahead of us.

What a thrill it is to be part of the greatest profession on earth. Even through difficult times, COVID-19 Infection rates of dentists remained lower than other health professionals, as reported by a recent ADA report. Special thanks to those leaders of all the organizations who were “at the table” representing us and ensuring that our interests and the patients we serve were priority one.

Although 2020 will always be remembered as the year of the pandemic, 2020 was an important year for the International College of Dentists. It was the 100 Year Anniversary of ICD. An idea that started between a Japanese dentist and an American dentist led to the world's largest international dental organization that honors the world's leading dentists. The inaugural class that started with 250 Fellows in 1920 has now grown to over 12,000 one hundred years later. Now, we start the next 100 years of the International College of Dentists.

I cannot think of a better way to start ICD's next century than with Texas

leadership. What are the chances that Texas-ICD would be in the unique position of having two of its members taking over the helm of ICD-USA and ICD-International the same year? This year, Dr. Rise' Martin will become ICD-USA President and Dr. Richard Smith will become ICD-International President.

I have had the opportunity to learn from these two great leaders through the years. They have been excellent role models for our profession. Unselfish in giving of their time and leadership skills, we are in excellent hands as we move forward. Warren Buffet once said, “Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.” Thank you to all past leaders who have had a part in “planting that tree.”

Special thanks to the Texas Dental Association leadership for allowing me to address the TDA House of Delegates during the Texas Meeting. To announce the special news about the upcoming Texas leadership of ICD was a proud moment for me. As I looked around at the dentists present that day, in attendance were many leaders who were instrumental in making Texas dentistry what it is today. In addition, it was refreshing to see the younger faces of emerging leaders who will lead us into the future.

As the International College of Dentists seeks to honor dentists for “outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service, and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind”, with excitement, I look forward to the next century of ICD, because “THE BEST IS YET TO COME.

ICD members participate in the History Walk for Smile

At the Texas Meeting, the 151st Annual Meeting of the Texas Dental Association, International College of Dentists members joined in the fun and learning experience of a tour through historic downtown San Antonio.

The walk was a fundraiser for the Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation which has treated more than 41,000 patients throughout the state for a value of over \$30 million. ICD leadership participating were Dr. Roland and Jenefred Davies, Dr. Rise' and Sam Martin, Dr. Joey and Karen Cazares, Dr. Donna Miller, Dr. Jay Adkins, Dr. Tommy Harrison and Dr. Karen Walters.



Dr. Patrick Tepe, District 15 President Dr. Joey Cazares, District 15 Regent, Dr. Jay Adkins and ADA President-Elect Candidate Dr. Julio H. Rodriguez participate in the History Walk. Note the ICD Shirt!



Third from left, Past President Donna Miller, District 15 Regent Jay Adkins holding banner, ICD-USA President-elect Dr. Rise' Martin in green hat and Deputy Regent, Gus Gates in the plaid shirt.



HISTORY WALK FOR SMILES

Join in person in San Antonio (May 6th at 6:30 PM) OR Virtually from your home!
Suggested donations start at \$25

Sponsored by the Alliance of the Texas Dental Association

From your Regent

Dr. Jay Adkins



Mac Davis would say happiness is 2020 in the rearview mirror. From the hardships of 2020 rose the very best of the USA Section of the International College of Dentists. Leadership and staff of the organization worked remotely and supported the ICD through the epidemic. The ICD in Dec. 2020 thumbed its nose at Covid and held a successful virtual convocation. Our District 15 inducted 23 quality Fellows.

The Board of Regents of the USA Section, on June 22nd, approved unanimously a motion to hold the 2021 Convocation live at the annual meeting in Las Vegas October the 11th and 12th. 2021 inductees have the option of participating in person or being inducted remotely by livestreaming the ceremony. Dr. Elaine Wagner and Paula Rinaudo negotiated for months with the

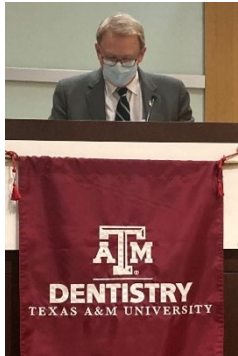
MGM and the ADA to make this possible. Registration is open for the ADA Convention and room reservations for the MGM Grand, where all ICD activities will be held, can be made online.

Registration and the Fellowship Orientation Program with a reception following are on October 11th. The robe pick-up, Convocation, and “Welcome To ICD” party are the 12th. We do not know what the “new normal” will be but a return to meeting with colleagues and friends in person is moving in the right direction. I hope to see you in Vegas.

Jay Adkins
Regent District 15

From your Vice-Regent

Roland S. Davies, DDS



Participating in and hearing about our ICD programs is remarkable! As always, ICD's supportive and altruistic efforts are valued by the public and dental communities!

I was fortunate to present the student awards to graduating seniors at the Texas A&M (formerly Baylor) College of Dentistry in Dallas on May 20, 2021. It was impressive to me how such a common task was so uncommonly appreciated by graduates and faculty. These impressions, I'm sure, are shared by the ICD Fellows who also presented awards at the Houston and San Antonio dental schools.

This year's recipients at the Texas A&M College of Dentistry are exemplary:

Dr. Paris Ivell Webb received the ICD Leadership Award. Not only did she graduate first in the class but also was asked to address the class at graduation. She plans to pursue her Pediatric Residency in Cincinnati, Ohio and then, return to Texas.

Dean Lawrence Wolinsky and Vice-Regent Roland Davies present the awards at Texas A & M Dental School

Dr. Washington A. Akharamen, the ICD Humanitarian Award recipient, has well demonstrated, and definitely plans to continue, his humanitarian outreach. Wow! No doubt ICD will see these two recipients "down the road!"

Drawing from this experience, I strongly recommend our ICD Texas District expand these awards. They are a superb opportunity to support students' successes while showcasing what the International College is all about ... A time to exemplify our ICD values ... A time ripe for graduates to craft their future professional and personal goals.

My hope is to again present awards next year and will greatly welcome ICD colleagues who wish to do the same. Now ... looking forward to the post pandemic era with a loud "On to Houston".



Dean Lawrence Wolinsky and Vice-Regent Roland Davies present the awards at Texas A & M Dental School

Deputy Regent

Dr. Gus Gates



Last year was a crazy time for all of us. When the American Dental Association meeting was cancelled, the International College of Dentists adapted by having an all virtual convocation ceremony. Twenty-three candidates received their Fellowship. Our regent, Jay Adkins, presented the honors, including the name of the nominating Fellow and three important facts about each candidate. As Jay said, “it was a humbling experience to hear the accomplishments of these new Fellows.”

This convocation ceremony is on the USA-ICD Facebook page. If you have not had a chance to watch it, I highly recommend you do.

The 2021 list of candidates for Fellowship has ten people who have deferred from last year and are qualified to attend this year’s convocation at the ADA meeting in Las Vegas. We should know within the next couple of weeks if the ICD will hold the meeting this year. I don’t know about you but I am ready to party!

Last year we had a superstar who nominated nine candidates, Joey Cazares, our Texas ICD president. He has set the bar really high. If he can do nine, why can’t each of us do at least one or two? We all know a worthy dentist who exhibits the core values of tradition, integrity, and service that ICD is famous for. Let’s recognize these dentists.

ICD Sponsors Texas TMOM

Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation has been able to resume the Texas Mission of Mercy events after hundreds of hours of planning to ensure that all patients and providers are safe. On June 5th and 6th, volunteers, including ICD Fellows and leadership, the charity care event saw 259 patients for a value of \$322,000. We are proud of ICD sponsorship and participation!

TDASF has been serving patients throughout Texas to the tune of \$34 million, changing lives since 2001 seeing more than 48,000 patients. Incredible by any measure!



Dr. Moshtagh Farokhi and Rise Martin work at the San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic to provide dental care to refugees in area.



Southwest Dental Conference

August 20-21

Omni Hotel, Dallas.

The ICD breakfast is always a hit. Join us in Dallas for breakfast, catching up with colleagues and enjoying an informative program. This is a great way to keep up with ICD activities!

Dr. Chris Brady presents *The Fork in the Road*

Dr. Brady graduated from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1984. He practices in Colorado Springs and enjoys zirconia implants, sleep and restorative dentistry along with total body health. In 1994, Dr. Brady began sharing his dental practice management coaching skills with dentists in the US and internationally. His passion is to help dentists be happy and preserve fee for service dentistry. All dentists should enjoy going to work and take 6-12 weeks of vacation. Dr. Brady and his wife, Charlotte are the proud parents of 4 boys, 4 girls and have 15 grandchildren. Chris loves the outdoors, singing, cooking and four-wheeling with his family.

An increasing number of dentists feel somewhat powerless in the midst of all that's swirling around in our profession today. Which road are you going to take? In order to stay on the right road, you have to change how you think and implement the right systems. For example:

- Are insurance companies taking more and more money out of your pocket?
- Is your overhead continuing to climb?
- Do you feel like you're having to work harder and harder for every dollar you take home?
- Are you nervous about the competition that PPO's and Corporations have on your practice?
- Do you wish you had more control over your income and schedule?
- Is your practice providing you the kind of lifestyle you want?

If you answered negatively to even one of the above questions, you have a real opportunity to hear answers to help you in the fight to preserve fee-for-service dentistry. Dr. Brady will address the financial and ethical challenges dentistry faces with facts, truth and humor. You will learn how to avoid caving in to insurance, big business and corporations and stay on your path toward freedom. Be ready to dig deep and answer critical questions. "Where is my practice headed?" "Am I going to end up where I want to go?" "How do I avoid the high overhead, busy road?" "How do I avoid burnout?"

Our profession and your livelihood is at stake!

(Speaker/ topic)

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<https://swdentalconf.org/specialevents/>

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ICD-USA Annual Meeting and Convocation

Las Vegas October 9-12

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Nominate a Deserving Dentist!

We all know and work with colleagues that deserve recognition for their professional achievements and service to the profession and their community. Nominate them for an ICD Fellowship. It's as easy as clicking a button! https://www.usa-icd.org/ICDUSA/Candidate/New_Fellow_Process.aspx

ICD on YouTube

Did you know that ICD has the convocations, lectures and interviews on YouTube? Check it out!



**For nuts to crack there
are hammers
For threads to cut there
are shears
But your teeth
you will need to eat
for years and years**

Compliments of Connie Anderson