

## Editor's Corner

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J. Kavın Kelp, DDS



Even with the disruptions resulting from the pandemic, the District 15 has been busy with service, meetings and the convocation. Our own Richard Smith became the President of the College globally while Dr. Rise' Martin became the President of the ICD-USA Section. We are extremely proud to have these leaders from our District. The service and dedication of these two leaders to the College and to our profession is unparalleled. You can see the passing of the President's Chain on YouTube.

Thanks to Dr. Joey Cazares for his leadership as President this year. His leadership has strengthened the District immensely! He is also a champion in identifying and sponsoring worthy candidates for Fellowship into the college.

We welcome Dr. Larry Herwig as President-Elect. Dr. Herwig has always been active in professional organizations as well as in his community. His Curriculum Vitae is extensive. Briefly, he has served in almost every capacity of the Dallas County Dental Society, at least a dozen positions for the Texas Dental Association including Vice-President, nine panels and

councils for the American Dental Association, various positions in the Academy of General Dentistry. Larry is present at many Texas Mission of Mercy events and has received numerous honors. Additionally, he has done



almost thirty professional presentations and has seven publications. He is also an Adjunct Clinical Professor at the Baylor College of Dentistry. Larry will be featured in a future newsletter!

The meeting in Dallas was a great success and well attended. It was nice to see familiar faces of our colleagues again. The convocation was held virtually on November 19th with Regent Adkins doing a great job recognizing the nineteen new Fellows. The new Fellows will be listed later in this newsletter and you can watch on YouTube. Congratulations to this special group!



The Annual ICD Breakfast Meeting was held in Dallas in conjunction with the Southwest Dental Conference on August 21, 2021. The meeting was well attended and featured Dr. Chris Brady from Colorado Springs presenting “The Fork in the Road”. The focus was about appreciating the skills dentists have developed and serving the patient rather than serving the insurance carrier. 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. He discussed the increasing ethical and financial challenges dentists face and how to preserve

freedom for the profession. On a side note, Dr. Brady was inducted into the College on November 13th in Colorado and was sponsored by our superstar sponsor, Dr. Joey Luis Cazares!

These meetings are very informative and we would like for all fellows to attend if possible. The next Breakfast Meeting will be in San Antonio at the Texas Meeting. The date and speaker are yet to be determined.

Also at the meeting, the new District 15 officers were installed. From left to right: Dr. Jay Adkins-Regent, Dr. Karen Walters-President, Dr. Joey Cazares-Immediate Past President, Dr. Audrey Stansbury- Secretary-Treasurer and Dr. Kavin Kelp, Editor.

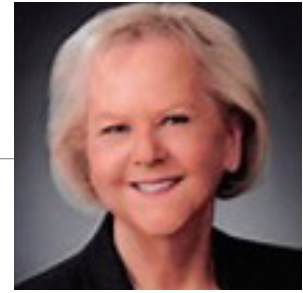


Thanks again for Lewis Health Profession Services for sponsoring the ICD Breakfast. They are a full service firm handling transitioning and partnership structuring needs. Since 1982, they have appraised more than 2,000 practices and involved in over 1,200 practice sales.

## President's Message

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Dr. Karen Walters



As 2022 begins who would have thought that after nearly 2 years have passed that the world would still be struggling with the Covid pandemic? It has been quite a journey, certainly not an easy one and apparently with new variants popping up we are not at the end yet. There have been many challenges but one thing about Texas and Texas dentists is that we are strong and we persevere. We didn't like or embrace the changes we had to make to keep our offices open. Some of us remember the 1980's when HIV/Aids were in the forefront of the news. There was a lot of uncertainty for dentists. Just like today some patients were afraid to go to the dentist. We had to make changes by wearing gloves and masks for every procedure and we began sterilizing everything that wasn't disposable. We did what it took to make our patients and team members feel safe in the dental office. The practice of dentistry returned to normal.

Today, we have had glimmers of the light at the end of the tunnel. Treatment for this virus has improved. Vaccines are readily available so we are feeling more and more comfortable being out and about. The many volunteer opportunities to provide free dental care to those less fortunate are happening again. There are more and more live, in person meetings which I am grateful for because I really missed the social interaction with my family, friends and colleagues.

As life hopefully continues to move towards normal or as some say "the new normal" I want to encourage you to attend the annual breakfast meeting in August at the Southwest Dental Conference in Dallas. You also will not want to miss the 2022 ADA Smilecon meeting October 13-15 which will be in Houston. After 2 years of virtual convocations, the International College of Dentists is looking forward to having an in-person convocation for the incoming members during that meeting.

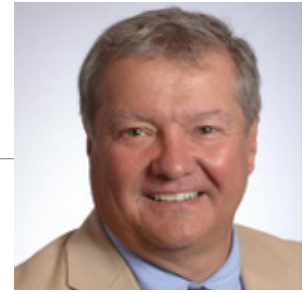
Another reason this meeting will be exceptional is because of ICD's amazing leadership by Texans. Dr. Rise' Martin of San Antonio is the president of the USA Section of ICD and Dr. Richard Smith of Amarillo is the president of the International College of Dentists. Does it get any better than that? While I am on this topic, I am sure each of us knows one or more dentists who are outstanding leaders and volunteers in dentistry and their community who would be honored to be nominated as a member to the International College of Dentists. The nomination process is easy to do. Just as you were once honored by a colleague, pay it forward a nominate someone deserving. The ICD website has all the information needed to help you with the process.

So, as I say good bye and good riddance to 2021 I am looking forward to 2022 and serving the president of the Texas division of ICD.

## From your Regent

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Dr. Jay Adkins



The 2021 Convocation for the USA-ICD was held virtually on November 13th. As was the case in 2020 the staff and Fellowship Orientation Committee organized a remarkable program. Nineteen of the forty candidates from District 15 choose to be inducted virtually. Conveniently for District 15 (Texas) the ADA meeting will be in Houston in 2022. This will allow the remaining candidates for 2021 to be inducted with our 2022 candidates in our first live convocation since 2019. We are looking forward to presenting a record setting class in 2022. Our own Dr. Rise' Martin is

President of USA-ICD and Amarillo's Dr. Richard Smith is the President of ICD at Large.

We were honored to have Dr. Jose Cazares serve as President of District 15 for 2020-2021. Welcome to Dr. Karen Walters our President for 2022 and to Dr. Larry Herwig our new President – elect. 2022 is my last year as Regent of District 15. What a rewarding experience it has been to see what the International College of Dentists does for those in need globally while recognizing dentists that exemplify our challenge to “Serve Others”

## From your Vice-Regent

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Roland S. Davies, DDS



Greetings to the start of a great New Year 2022! We ICD Fellows wear many “hats” as . . . LEADERS, SCIENTISTS, SOLUTION-SEEKERS, MENTORS, ENTREPRENEURS, CAREGIVERS, DATA-ANALYSTS, DIPLOMATS, COMEDIANS HEALERS, TRAIL-BLAZERS, and MANY MORE ATTRIBUTES. Daily, WE make our profession GO—and go forward.

Many thanks to all Fellows for what you accomplish! And superb thanks goes to Regent Jay Adkins and Deputy Regent Gus Gates for their efforts in guiding the Texas ICD New Fellow Class of 2021!

Now with our eyes to the future—the ADA and USA-ICD Convocations (hopefully in person, in October in Houston) will be our opportunity to put our “best boot forward” to celebrate all that is Texas!

We start this celebration by spotlighting our highly qualified, Texas District ICD Newsletter Editor, DR. JOHN KAVIN KELP. Known to us as KAVIN, he well represents our ICD core values of volunteerism, service, and integrity. After graduating from the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio, Kavin opened his general dentistry practice in Austin, Texas. He is a past president of Texas District ICD; the “long time” past editor of the Capitol Area Dental Society Star Newsletter; a founding member and past Chair of the Capital Area Dental Foundation; and his accolades GO on and on! Thanks to Kavin—he helps make our district shine as the extraordinary district we are! Looking forward to a Great New Year!

Roland S. Davies, DDS  
Vice-Regent, Texas District, USA-ICD

## From your Deputy Regent

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Dr. Gus Gates



In 1915, Elbert Hubbard said, “When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade.” Could he have foreseen the COVID crisis that caused cancellation of the USA-ICD Fellowship convocation for the past two years?

I am sure you remember the impressive Fellowship convocation when you walked across that stage with family and friends present to cheer you on. It was probably a highlight of your professional career. I know it was for me. I still remember that day and I especially remember Dr. William Frick, the member that nominated me.

Unfortunately, the physical convocation ceremony has been postponed because of COVID. In order to still provide a meaningful experience for the candidates, the USA-ICD Board of Regents decided to have a virtual ceremony. Rather than just reading the candidate’s name, the Regents decided to highlight a couple of major achievements of each new Fellow. Jay Adkins, our District 15 Regent, did a tremendous job in organizing and reading this.

And now comes the lemonade! Hearing the achievements of each candidate added a lot to the virtual ceremony. I am so proud of the new District 15 Fellows! If you want to hear the incredible achievements of the Fellows, here is a link to the convocation.

[www.usa-icd.org](http://www.usa-icd.org)

Although we all know what is required to be nominated for Fellowship, we usually do not hear the achievements. Hopefully next year in Houston, this new tradition will be continued with the in-person convocation. This leads me to my last point. All of us know worthy candidates for Fellowship in ICD. Just like Dr. Frick did for me in 1991, you can do for another dentist. The process is simple. It is outlined on the USA-ICD website. If you need help, just send me an email, at [gatestemple@aol.com](mailto:gatestemple@aol.com).

Gus Gates, D.D.S.

Deputy Regent  
District 15

## From your Secretary-Treasurer

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Dr. Audrey Stansbury



ICD-TX is financially sound! As of January 1, 2021, we began this year with a starting balance of \$21,338.24. Our ending balance as of November 30, 2021 is \$27,582.31

Of significance: This year scholarships totaling \$1200 were presented to senior students at three dental schools- Texas A&M, UTSA and UTH. We also contributed financially

to the dental schools resuming their Great Expectations programs in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey L. Stansbury, DDS, FAGD, FICD  
ICD-TX Secretary/Treasurer



## Dr. Richard M. Smith recently accepted the International College of Dentists Presidential Medal as the new President of the International College.

The virtual presentation can be seen at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRIBpK-spD90&ab\\_channel=InternationalCollegeofDentistsICD](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRIBpK-spD90&ab_channel=InternationalCollegeofDentistsICD)

The College is in its 101st year of existence and has Fellows in 122 countries. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only. A nominated dentist must pass a rigorous, peer-reviewed process leading to the recognition of the individual's "outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service, and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind."

The leadership of a global organization certainly has unique challenges such as conducting virtual meetings across many time zones and numerous languages. Dick is extremely qualified for such a task. His curriculum Vitae is extensive and impressive. When a man has served as extensively as Dr. Smith, you are hesitant to leave anything out but the voluminous list of achievements and service is too much to print. Dr. Smith earned a B.S. in 1968 from West Texas State University and his D.D.S. at the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston in 1972.

He has served as President or Chairman of at least sixteen different entities. Some highlights are:

- President-Texas Dental Association 2000-2001
- Chairman-Texas Dentists for Healthy Smiles Texas Mission of Mercy Committee 2001-2007
- Statewide Coordinator-Texas Dentists for Healthy Smiles Mission of Mercy Events 2004-2006



- President- Texas Dental Association Holding Co. 2002-2003
- President-Panhandle District Dental Society 1988-1989
- Delegate to the American Dental Association 1999-2002
- Chairman-ADA Council on Insurance
- Chairman ADA Reference Committee on Budget and Finance 2000
- Chair-numerous TDA Task Forces and Committees
- TDA Delegate-numerous years
- Chairman-Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation 2006-2009
- Chair- Texas Dental Association, Access Committee 2006-2019
- Chair, Texas Mission of Mercy 2005-2020
- Board Member and Treasurer-America's Dentists Care Foundation 2007-2010
- President-International College of Dentists, Texas (15) District
- Regent- International College of Dentists, District 15, USA Section 2015

Dr. Smith has served in most offices of the above organizations including Treasurer of most. In addition, He was appointed by the Governor of Texas to the Statewide Healthcare Coordinating Council-2004-2011 and the Planning Committee for State Health Plan, Statewide Healthcare Coordinating Council, 2006-2011.



He served on three State Legislative Committees and Workgroups:

- Texas Department of Health Advisory Committee on Retention and Recruitment of Medicaid Providers, Member, 1997
- Texas House of Representatives Committee on Public Health Workgroup to Study Medicaid Reform, Member, 2000
- State Board of Dental Examiners Advisory Committee on Alternative Training for Dental Hygienists, 2001

Dr. Smith has received numerous prestigious honors including:

- Texas Dental Association Distinguished Service Award, 1992
- Fellow in the American College of Dentists, 1992
- Fellow in the International College of Dentists, 1995
- Texas Dentists of the Year, 2008 and nominated five times.
- President's Award, Texas Dental Association, 1997, 1999 and 2002
- Service to Dentistry Award, University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston Alumni Association, 1999
- University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston Alumni Association Outstanding Alumni Award, 2002
- Commencement Speaker – University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston, 2002
- Service Recognition Award-Texas Dental Association 2006
- Gold Metal of Distinguished Service, Texas dental Association 2007
- Treasurer Emiratis, USA Section International College of Dentists, 2021
- Meritorious Award for Service as Treasurer, International College of Dentists, 2018

Dr. Smith has also been very active in his community for many years having served as President (2006-2007) and many other positions with the Amarillo Little Theater for more than six years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Amarillo Symphony in 1998. He was

President of the Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center in 1995 and served on the Board for three years.

I promise that this is just a summary of the high points of Dr. Smiths' extraordinary service to the profession and community!

He is married to Jimmie Ruth Smith and they have two children, Lee Ann Ross and Leslie Diann Richmond. He and Jimmie have five grandchildren.

Dick enjoys Golf, Flying, Reading, Wine collecting and remodeling homes.

Aviation is in his blood. His father joined the service the day after Pearl Harbor and flew bombers in WWII. He then flew in other conflicts including reconnaissance flights over Cuba during the Missile Crisis. Dick earned his pilot's license while in dental school.



What he didn't include in his CV is that he has been building an airplane and according to colleague and friend, Dr. David Woodburn, he was working on it in dental school. It's no wonder that it is not finished yet considering his professional and civic activities!

According to Jimmie Ruth, there was a twenty year period where he didn't have time to touch it.

The airplane is a P 51 D Mustang and one of the key planes in the WWII. Dick's is a ¾ scale and built from scratch as the parts are manufactured to specifications. The plane is named THE OTHER WOMAN.

We in Texas all know the tireless work that Dick does in the service of the profession and to the patients everywhere. We are all

extremely proud of Dick and also know that he is a natural leader that shuns publicity and recognition. Dr. Richard Smith is the epitome of the International College of Dentists, always demonstrating Integrity, Leadership and Service.



Congratulations to these new Fellows!

**Zohaib Ahmed** of Coppell

Sponsored by Christine Marie Meiners

**Jessica H. Brigati** of Ft. Worth

Sponsored by Partha Mukherji

**Christian “CC” Cabello** of Laredo

Sponsored by Jose Luis Cazares

**Siddardha Chandrupatla** of Houston

Sponsored by Christine Marie Meiners

**Emily S. Conley** of Austin

Sponsored by Matthew James Heck

**William J. Cruse** of San Antonio

Sponsored by Richard Michael Potter

**Sohini Dhar** of Houston

Sponsored by Jose Ignacio Alamo, Jr.

**Michael W. Ford** of Harker Heights

Sponsored by Gustav E. Gates

**Corbin Gatlin** of Waco

Sponsored by Jon W. Williamson

**Cynthia Lynne Graves** of Austin

Sponsored by Donna G. Miller

**Cameron Brian Herring** of Lubbock

Sponsored by Thomas B. Randers, Jr.

**Christopher S. Hoffpauir** of Alvin

Sponsored by Karen Alyse Walters

**Amit Merchant** of Allen

Sponsored by Ana Keohane

**Jill E. Michaels** of Waco

Sponsored by Donna G. Miller

**Jeffrey A. Nelson** of Greenville

Sponsored by Partha Mukherji

**Zeeshan J. Raja** of Houston

Sponsored by Jose Ignacio Alamo, Jr.

**Shelley Seidel** of Houston

Sponsored by Karen Alyse Walters

**Reginald W. Taylor** of Garland

Sponsored by Clause Robert Stephens

In addition, three very special awards were conferred.

**Dr. Carol I. Tucker** was presented with the rare Registrar Emeritus award. She is from Spring Branch and was a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy. She served as Chief of the Naval Corps. Thanks to Dr. Tucker for her service to our profession and the country.

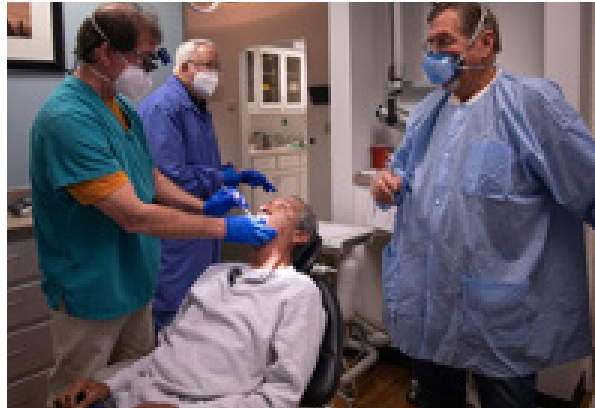
**Dr. Richard Smith** was awarded the title of Treasurer Emeritus for his years of service as Treasurer at several levels of the College.

**Leeanna H. Bartlett** of Dallas was awarded an Honorary Fellowship. She is an Assistant Professor and Director of Social Services at Texas A&M Health Science Center.



## ICD Fellows Screen Patients - Season for Caring Program

Each family in the 23rd annual Statesman Season for Caring program has been nominated by a respected Central Texas community service organization. These are families identified in greatest need in the community. The Capital Area Dental Foundation has provided free dental services to those of these families in need of dental care for more than 6 years. Eighteen patients were screened and treatment plans were developed including a panoramic x-rays. The treatment is completed by volunteers of the Capital Area Dental Foundation in their offices.



ICD Fellows Drs. Kent Macaulay, Dr. Kelly Keith, Dr. Stan LaCroix along with Dr. Kavin Kelp (not pictured) screening patients on November 13, 2021



*Austin American-Statesman*

## Great Expectations

One program that enriches the experience of a dental student and helps to make the transition from academia-to-practice is the Great Expectations program of District 15 ICD. The program is active at all three dental schools in Texas. In Houston, according to Dr. Tommy Harrison, the program began in 2007. The focus in Houston is on second year dental students. There are 105 students in each class and they are divided into five groups. Each group is led by a Group Practice Director (GPD) and a First Attendee along with two or three ICD Mentors, one third year dental student and one fourth year student mentor.

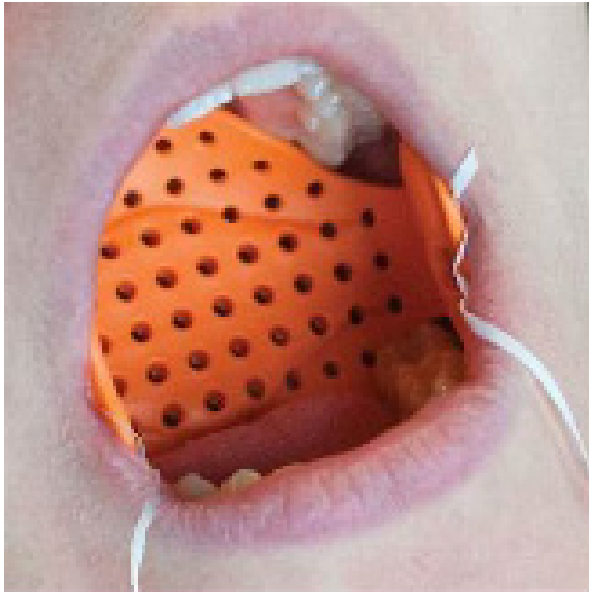
Each year typically begins with a Kick-Off Event at the dental school with key administrators from the school, the president of the Greater Houston Dental Society, the president

of the Alumni Association (both sponsors of the program) and the Great Expectations group team. Everyone is provided lunch and the objectives of the program are introduced. A second meeting is typically held with at one or two ICD Mentors private dental offices. A third meeting is also held in ICD Mentors offices so that the students can get a feel of actual practice. There are discussions about ethical dilemmas and the challenges for balancing practice, family and leadership opportunities.

A Wrap-Up Meeting is hosted by the Central Offices of the Greater Houston Dental Society (GHDS). There, food is served and a keynote speaker discusses the Five Ethical Principles of Dentistry.

This is a wonderful support program for the developing professional and encourages the participants to be leaders in the profession as well as in their communities in the near future.

Two of our District 15 Fellows have invented an exciting new safety device for dentistry. It is called the **Airway Armor**. Drs. Gargi Mukherji and Ralph A. Cooley presented the idea to dental manufacturer ZIRC and were very hands-on with the development stages.



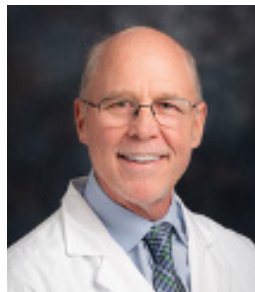
There is always the risk of aspiration and ingestion during various dental procedures. Many procedures present a risk that could lead to morbidity and even mortality. The rubber dam has long been the gold standard for isolation but it is not always compatible with certain procedures. Tooth extractions, implant component placement, crown cementations are just a few instances where there is a risk to the patient for aspiration.



**Airway Armor** is a quick and easy perforated latex-free and disposable device that is easily placed and retrieved that is comfortable to the patient. Since it is flexible, it is even possible to swallow with the device in place. It is made in three sizes.



Dr Gargi Mukherji is a graduate of Texas A&M University College of Dentistry. She worked in private practice for ten years before pursuing her passion for teaching as an associate professor at UTHealth School of Dentistry in Houston.



Dr. Cooley is a full-time associate professor at UTHealth School of Dentistry in Houston. His focus is on admissions and patient care.



**Dr. Michael "Mickey" Don Vaclav** of Amarillo died on Friday, July 23, 2021. Mickey was born in Pueblo, CO in 1947. He graduated from Amarillo High in 1965 and attended West Texas State University (A&M). He received his D.D.S from Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas and served in the U. S.

Navy for two years at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in Irvine, CA. He practiced in Amarillo since 1975.

Mickey married Marilyn Bansund in Amarillo in 1968 and they raised three children, Leigh Ann, Michael, and Jonathan.

Mickey especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, traveling the world with his wife, golfing, fishing, cooking, playing cards in Vegas, listening to music on the porch, planning family get-togethers, coaching kids' basketball and teaching Sunday school.

Dr. Vaclav had a big heart and was passionate about dentistry. He was Past President of the Panhandle District Dental Society as well as the Texas Dental Association. He was a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and also the International College of Dentistry. He was past chair of the Council on Dental Benefits Programs for the American Dental Association. He was President of Financial Services Incorporated (FSI) for the Texas Dental Association. He was Chair of the Medical Care Advisory Committee for the Department of Health and Human Services for the State of Texas. He volunteered with Heal the City.

Dr. Vaclav was very active in organized dentistry and was awarded the Gold Medal for Distinguished Service by the Texas Dental Association.

**Dr. Franklin King Eggleston** passed away on July 25, 2021 at age 78. Frank was born in Houston December 4, 1942. He attended Texas Christian University receiving degrees in Biology and Chemistry and earned his D.D.S. from Baylor College of Dentistry. He served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy as a

medical officer. He is survived by his wife, Sara Offutt Eggleston and daughter Camille Eggleston Hailey. They had three grandchildren.

After three years in the Navy, serving on the USS Sierra, he returned to Houston to practice dentistry with his childhood dentist and mentor, Dr. Ralph Boelsche, in the Niels Esperson Building where his parents first met in 1940. Frank continued practicing for more than 35 years in downtown Houston. After retiring from Dentistry, he was able to return to his love for the sea and had many grand adventures with Sara sailing to various ports around the world.

Frank was a member of numerous dental organizations including the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the Gold Foil Academy, and the Academy of Operative Dentistry. He was a true leader and served as President of numerous organizations including the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, The Texas Dental Association, The Greater Houston Dental Society, The Academy of Operative Dentistry, The International College of Dentistry-Texas District and the Baylor College of Dentistry Alumni Association.

He served on the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association from 1999-2003.

Dr. Eggleston was selected by the Texas Academy of General Dentistry as Texas Dentist of the Year as well as earning the Distinguished Service Award by the Texas Dental Association.

Beyond dentistry, Frank was an international speaker on nutrition with Juice Plus and served as their national marketing director.

He served on the board of several charitable organizations including Chair of the Retina Research Foundation from 2007 until his passing. He served as a Deacon in his church and was a member of the Houston West Emmaus Community, Walk 91. He will be deeply missed.



## EVENTS

### Star of the South

#### Greater Houston Dental Society

March 4-5, 2022

Westin Galleria Hotel

#### American Dental Association Smilecon

October 13-17, 2022

Houston, Texas

#### ICD-USA Annual Meeting and Convocation

Houston Friday, October 15, 2022\*  
(Tentative date)

### 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](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! Hyperlinks to this platform do not always work. It is my experience that the best way to see ICD on YouTube is to add ICD as a channel and it will show up on your header.