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- Recognizes and promotes excellence in leadership with an emphasis on service.
- Provides support to our Fellows and respect for our peers.
- Addresses oral health needs and education throughout the world.
- Fosters an atmosphere of collaboration with those who share our values.

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## CONSULTATIVE STATUS GRANTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS

Submitted by Joseph R. Kenneally, DMD, ICD Secretary General

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Consultative status now entitles the International College of Dentists to designate official representatives to the United Nations Headquarters in New York and the United Nations Offices at Geneva and Vienna. Pictured above: United Nations General Assembly Building with world flags (NY).

n July 21, 2021, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to grant special consultative status to the International College of Dentists. Consultative status for an organization enables it to engage in significant ways with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, the Human Rights Council, and at some specific meetings of the General Assembly and other intergovernmental bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat.

This status now entitles the College to designate official representatives to the United Nations Headquarters in New York and the United Nations Offices at Geneva and Vienna. Our representatives will be able to register for and participate in sessions, events, conferences, and other activities of the United Nations.

Organizations with special consultative status may submit written statements relevant to the work of the Council on subjects in which these organizations have a special competence. These statements may then be circulated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the members of the Council for their consideration.

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations makes recommendations to the Council about which organizations in general and special consultative status should make an oral presentation to the Council, as well as the items on which they should be heard. Organizations such as the ICD are entitled to make one statement to the Council, subject to its approval. ECOSOC Consultative Status is recognition of the preeminent position and worldwide reputation of the ICD in advancing global oral health for underserved and vulnerable populations.

The College will also be able to attend international conferences and events and make written and oral statements when called upon, organize side events, enter United Nations premises, and network with influencers and decision-makers around the world. The most valuable effect of all of this is that, although the ICD is just one of approximately 5600 nongovernmental organizations which share this status, the opportunities for networking with those that share our Mission and Core Values

are the "sweet spot" of this new position in world organizations. The ICD can now find itself providing testimony on initiatives including such diverse issues as plastics pollution, food insecurity, clean water, access to dental care, status of women, human rights, addiction medicine, science and technology, antimicrobial resistance and proper prescribing practices, and many more.

Other non-governmental organizations that share our views can become partners and supporters of the College in significant ways. This could have wide effects upon how we fund, staff, and support our missions, events, and operations.



Dr. Joe Kenneally

We celebrate the recognition and the high regard in which the International College of Dentists is held by the United Nations. This is a notable achievement in ICD history, and one of which its Fellows can be justly proud.

WORLDWIDE COLLEGE

## EDITOR'S NOTE

by Richard F. Roadcap

#### THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED

illiam James (1842-1910), considered to be the father of American psychology, said "I don't sing because I am happy. I am happy because I sing." Not only was James a philosopher and psychologist, he also attended Harvard Medical School. Although he did not practice medicine, I'm sure he had a grasp of the healing arts and their impact on the patient and the practitioner. English novelist George Eliot, whose real name was Mary Anne Evans, said in 1860 "Life seems to go on without effort when I am filled with music." 1

Music has proven to be a source of inspiration and communication for thousands of years. We'd all be poor in spirit if we were embargoed from listening to music. And so it is with service to others: our productivity and sense of well-being is enhanced, when we see a need that is not being met and we seek to meet that need, even if it requires us to step outside our comfort zone. The previous twenty-four months have seen many service opportunities removed from our calendars, often never to be replaced, or perhaps rescheduled for another time.

Although there may never be a "new normal", a new reality has emerged. The era of large, multi-day, convention center service projects may be over. A new paradigm for dental outreach may be in the works. Many states, including my home state of Virginia, now offer adult dental benefits to Medicaid recipients, with a corresponding decline in emergency department visits for dental treatment.<sup>2</sup> One would deduce that fewer patients now lack access to care if their needs can be serviced by a local participating dentist. Missions of Mercy projects have relied, in large measure, on providing care to patients who have no third-party benefits, such as adult Medicaid recipients and the working uninsured. Combined with the fear of spreading the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the shrinkage of this patient population may lead us to rethink volunteer missions.

But no one, including me, believes there will a shortfall of volunteer opportunities. Perhaps future events will be focused on providing specific procedures to a well-defined patient population, in a controlled environment. An example of this approach was highlighted in the 2021 *KEY*<sup>3</sup>, where over 100 patients received oral surgery treatment over the course of two days in 2020. After screening and triage, patients were admitted by one door and discharged by another, never to encounter one another in a waiting room. Each one of us has been confronted by a patient who admits they "never wear the lower denture", even if it was created in our office with exquisite border molded impressions and jaw relation records. What if these patients went from being a dental cripple to functioning occlusion with the placement of two implants in the lower arch? Most third-party plans will not reimburse for implants regardless of circumstances.

As with music, volunteering can be a form of self-expression and fulfillment that serves to make us whole. For many, these benefits have been withheld from us during the last two years. As I write I'm looking forward to participating in a project, held annually in most circumstances, that last took place in 2019. It will be three years since the previous event, as the 2020 and 2021 events were cancelled. For reasons I don't understand, the event carries with it a vibe that draws volunteers back every year. Trust me it's not the venue (a college gym) or the food (donated by Hardee's) that brings me back. I guess it's the energy created by the patients and the many volunteers.

No, the music hasn't died, only the tune has changed. February 3, 1959 and March 17, 2020 were just dates on a calendar. A future Nobel laureate asked in 1965, "How does it feel?" How does it feel to forego something that confirms our identity as a professional and member of our community? For most ICD Fellows volunteering and service is the music that makes life go on, seemingly

without effort. A patient the other day asked me what part of dental practice was the same as the day I graduated, and I said "nothing". And so it is with volunteering: we'll learn a new song.



- 1 Eliot, George. The Mill on the Floss. New York; Harper & Brothers. 1860
- 2 Elani HW, Kawachi I, Sommers BD. Changes in emergency department dental visits after Medicaid expansion. Health Serv Research. 2020; 55(3): 367-374
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### District 1\*



UConn School of Dental Medicine launched its first post-Covid outreach program in Houlton and Ellsworth, Maine. ICD contributed PPE to the clinic. Fellows Tim Oh, David Fried and newest Fellow Ronald Albert mentored students who provided restorative, endodontic and surgical care to patients in need of services.

# ASU ON DISTRIC Congratulations Class of

Andrew C. Albee • Ronald J. Albert • Brooke Blicher • Claire Chang Leopoldo P. Correa • Carlos O. Davila Peixoto • Glen S. Davis Mimi DeLessio-Matta • Larry G. Dunham • James Preston Dunn Ellen Eisenberg • Martha L. Forero • Lakshmi Garladinne • Khara C. Gresham Michael B. Hersom • Justin Hurlburt • M. Marianne Jurasic • Kumiko Kamachi Yang Kang • Zachary U. Kano • Jeffrey R. Karen • James E. Lee Steven M. Lepowsky • Igor Lozada • Michael Monopoli • Theodore R. Nelson Mayumi Onoe-Miyamoto • Tom C. Pagonis • Hubert I. Park • Steven Perlman Elizabeth Shin Perry • Breno Reboucas • Samira Sheikh • Devaki Sundararajan lames William Theodore • Steven D. Ureles • Richard Weige Yen • Andre Zelikov



Eighteen D-1 Class of 2020 and 2021 Fellows were pleased to meet one another in person during the January 2022 Distinguished Service Award luncheon.



D-1 Fellows (L-R) Regent Eliot Paisner, Imm. Past Regent Francis Connor, Jr., Distinguished Service Award recipient Judith Fisch, ICD Secretary General Joseph Kenneally, and ADA First District Trustee Richard Rosato were among the 80 Fellows who attended our annual Distinguished Service Award Luncheon on 1/28/22.



D-1 Regent Eliot Paisner hosted ICD USA Section President Risé Martin for the 2022 Distinguished Service Award luncheon.

\*Representing Connecticut, Maine. Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island & Vermont

District 1 Regent → Eliot L. Paisner

#### **Executive Director Report - Elaine C. Wagner, DDS**



It's hard to believe that another year has gone by! Last year at this time we were hoping to have a live convocation in Las Vegas, but alas, that was not to be. Instead, we inducted 277 amazing New

Fellows in a virtual ceremony in November, each one of whom exemplified our core values of Integrity, Leadership, and Service!! Congratulations to the class of 2021!!

## Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

Those words of Martin Luther King's reflect how all of us feel about "Serving Others". It's been inspiring to see, hear, and read about the countless numbers of our ICD Fellows who found creative ways to "Serve Others" during the pandemic. So many of you are living out Michael Jordan's famous quote: "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." And you have! From veterans' projects to Missions of Mercy, to working with schools, churches, synagogues, and community groups, you haven't let the pandemic stop your charitable hearts and hands from giving back! We are proud to count each of you among our members.

But what if the pandemic has thrown you off your game? Are you unsure how to get started Serving Others again? If you have a caring heart and the knowledge, skills, and abilities to Serve Others, but don't have a current plan, the USA Section is here to help!

(1) We are actively looking for Fellows who would be willing to provide free dental exams and x-rays to Peace Corps applicants. You don't have to leave your office or travel far from home to serve others in this way. Please call the

office and speak to Kylie to learn more.

(2) Very few veterans are eligible to receive dental care through the VA and yet many veterans cannot afford necessary dental work. Almost every state in the country has at least one program (many have more than one) providing free or low-cost care for needy veterans. If you'd like to get involved, talk to your Regent or Deputy Regent to find out about the programs in your state.

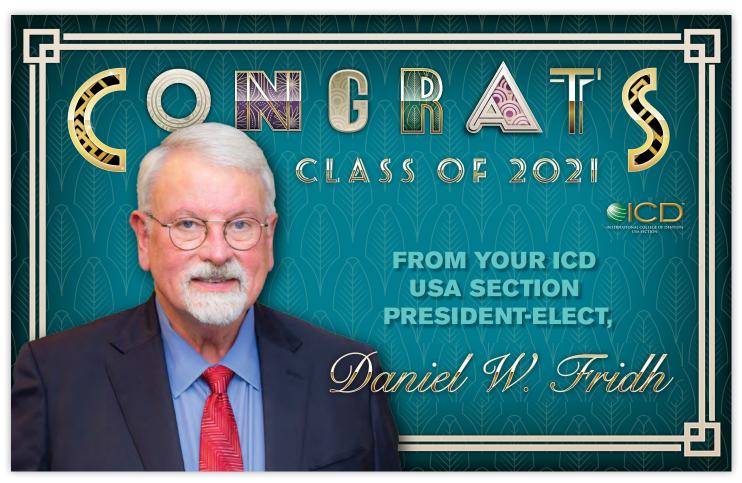
(3) Log onto our website to watch and listen to one or more of our "Live 45" interviews with dentists who have a long history of serving others. You will definitely be inspired, and their experiences may spark some ideas you could put into practice.

Thank you for all you do everyday to make this world a better and healthier place!!

In Fellowship,

#### Elaine C. Wagner, DDS

Executive Director, ICD USA Section



#### Immediate Past President Report - Gerald (Jerry) Karr, DDS



I must confess that I am delighted that the duties of the Immediate Past President of the USA Section are infinitely fewer than those of the President. My chief responsibilities this year are to assist the President

"as requested" and to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee as well as the Annual Meeting Review Task Force.

Another responsibility of my office is to maintain a low profile and let the President take center stage. Fortunately, this will be an easy task because our Section is blessed to have Dr. Martin in the driver's seat. Her energy is infectious, and all of us experienced first-hand her outstanding leadership at our recent Board meeting in Orlando.

I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say how wonderful it was to meet in person for our spring Board meeting. We were finally able to spend some time together socially, and that for me is the pleasure I enjoy most from serving in ICD Fellowship.

In Orlando, I was impressed by the participation at the committee meetings and the Applied Strategic Plan (ASP) sessions. Everyone was energetic and enthusiastic, and it is my hope that we can immediately begin to implement the action steps necessary to turn our "Letter from the Future" into reality as soon as possible.

We all owe our Executive Director a round of applause for the job she did in organizing our strategic planning meetings. The program was timely and really addressed the challenges we face going forward. Thanks, Elaine.

Although I am a "supporting cast member" this year, I want everyone to know that I am still very passionate about

the ICD and for what it stands. I look forward to seeing what our Section can accomplish this year. Anytime I can be of help... please do not hesitate to call on me. As always, I'm delighted to hear from my colleagues.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of the Officers, Regents, and staff members that supported me as your president last year. I will always be grateful.

In conclusion, my greatest hope for this year is that our live convocation will be the best ever, and that our Class of 2022 will be the largest in our history.

God bless and see "y'all" in Houston!!

In Fellowship,

Jerry

Gerald R. Karr, DDS, MS

Immediate Past President, ICD USA Section

#### District 2

## Congratulations!

ICD USA Section —— Class of 2021 —— District 2

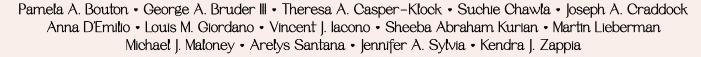


FIGURE 1: Fellow Theresa Casper-Klock and staff annually volunteer to provide pro bono dental care for Veterans. Pictured are Dr. Casper-Klock & Lyell Brown, a proud Korean War veteran during the 11/12/21 Vet Appreciation Day.

FIGURE 2: Lyell Brown's cap is covered with pins and medals he acquired from return trips to Korea & his dedicated involvement with the Korean War Veterans Association.









ICD DISTRICT 2 HOSTED A LUNCHEON AND PRESENTATION ABOUT VOLUNTEERING ABROAD (11/2021 GREATER NEW YORK DENTAL MEETING)

www.veteransoutreachministries.org/interest/the-pow-mia-table-a-setting-for-one-a-table-for-all/

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District 2 Regent — Lauro F. Medrano Saldaña

#### President Report - Risé L. Martin, DDS



When I
hear and see the
unrest occurring
in our world, I am
thankful that I live
in the United States
of America. I am a
proud American who
enjoys the freedom
that rings. Patriotism
refers to the passion

one has for their country and this virtue pushes citizens to work for their country selflessly and make it better. In other words, patriotism means putting the country's interests first and then thinking about oneself. Patriotism is especially apparent during times of war. During this most recent war against Ukraine, we've all seen countless instances of people coming together to aid and assist their friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens. We have several ICD dentists who are providing dental care in Ukraine while others of us are gathering supplies and organizing donations here in the US. I'm grateful that I have been able to continue to serve our refugee clinic in San Antonio and our Texas Mission of Mercy for Veterans in spite of disruptions by the pandemic. I am proud to be



**Refuge Clinic 2022** – (Front row, left) Fellow Moshtagh Farokhi is next to Dr. Risé Martin with several volunteer dental students.

part of an organization that unifies its members by providing humanitarian assistance in the US and around the globe. When all ICD Fellows are dedicated to our core values of Integrity, Leadership, and Service, our college thrives. If you participate in a humanitarian project or develop a service project, please contact our USA Section office, and ask them to post the information on our website. The International College of Dentists should be the first dental



Dr. Risé Martin and Dr. Dick Smith at TMOM for Vets

organization that comes to mind when people speak of "Serving Others".

I am honored to serve as your President this year and I'd like to tell you about a few recent changes. We implemented our New Fellow program by appointing three younger Fellows (under the age of 40) to our standing committees. We have asked them to provide recommendations to increase inclusivity and diversity, and to help us develop new ways to engage with Fellows of all ages. We take our finances seriously and so we created both an investment committee and an audit committee this year in addition to updating several of our financial policies. Our Fellows are our most important resource so please Share the Honor: Consider nominating a deserving colleague for Fellowship. The process is online and really simple. As most of you know, in the interest of being more inclusive, there are now 24 national dental organizations that fulfill the prerequisite for membership in the ICD.

After two years of isolation, quarantines, online church, zoom meetings, virtual family visits, and constantly wearing facemasks, I was excited to visit several Districts in person this year. On January 28th I arrived at the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston just in time for a winter storm that only occurs once in 100 years! BRRR. The ICD Awards Luncheon and Regent Appreciation Dinner was very impressive. On February 26th, I traveled to the Chicago Midwinter ICD/ACD/PFA luncheon

and celebrated the 88th anniversary for the ICD USA Section which was formed at that meeting in 1934. The Ragin' Cajuns welcomed me on April 8th to their Louisiana ICD/ACD/PFA Fantastic Dinner. May 13, I attended the ICD/ACD/PFA breakfast and the reception for the Dugoni School of Dentistry Alumni in Anaheim. Thank you all for the heartfelt



hospitality shown to my husband, Sam and me (pictured left).

Texas is wellrepresented in ICD leadership this year! Our Worldwide ICD College President is Dr. Richard Smith

from Amarillo, Texas, the ICD USA Section Foundation President is Dr. Robert Frazer from Austin, Texas, and I reside in Lakehills, Texas. Our Annual Meeting and Convocation in Houston promise to showcase our Texas pride and hospitality. I look forward to reuniting with colleagues and meeting new Fellows in Houston. The Fellowship Orientation Program and Convocation will be recorded for virtual participation by those who are unable to attend in person. So, mask up if you prefer, but please plan to join us. I hope to see y'all soon.

In Fellowship,

Risé L. Martin, DDS ICD USA Section President



Chicago Midwinter Luncheon (L-R): Dr. Armyl Banez (PFA President), Dr. Risé Martin, Dr. Richard Jones (ACD President) and Fellow Dr. Cesar Sabates (ADA President).

#### President-Elect Report - Daniel W. Fridh, DDS



It has been a busy and productive year for the USA Section ICD. I am so impressed with the energy, dedication, and amount of talent on our Board of Regents, Executive Committee, and Foundation Board

of Trustees. We are moving forward with membership, humanitarian service, and securing financial stability for the USA Section. All committee meetings that I attended were very positive and productive. We have multiple opportunities to serve others, both here and abroad. We have a great group of speakers that will travel anywhere to speak on humanitarian service.

We have made great strides with service to Veterans. I was invited to the ADA Summit: Give Veterans a Smile in May. I was also asked to lead a breakout group on the second day of the meeting. I feel like we can take a leadership role with veterans' care because we already have several successful programs in place. I will do my best to make ICD the

leadership model for veterans' care here in the USA.

I want to recognize our super dedicated staff for all they do to run the USA Section ICD. Without them, we would not be able to function.

I am very proud to serve as your ICD President-Elect. I am optimistic about our future growth and service to others.

In Fellowship,

**Daniel W. Fridh, DDS**President-Elect, ICD USA Section

# PINK BIKES FOR GIRLS IN TANZANIA



Deputy Regent Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis joined other UOP sorority sisters in an international Rotary project to provide new pink bicycles for East African girls. Without this transportation, most girls in Tabora, Tanzania, would have to walk two hours each way in order to attend school.

Some girls had been asking male friends for rides on their bikes to get to school faster, with unintended consequences. Dr. Demichelis explained that the girls often found



Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis

that what they thought was a gesture of friendship was instead met with the expectation of sexual favors by their male friends as they reached puberty in return for the bike rides. When a female student became pregnant, her education ceased, and she was never able to return to school.

By late 2020 the village took delivery of the first group of 53 bright pink bicycles and the girls are

able to ride them to school each day. Dr. Demichelis led development of the project.





(above) Students on Pink Bikes in Tanzania. (left) International Rotary project provides pink bicycles to East African girls.



Employees from the local ABC Bike Shop led a seminar on shifting gears and basic maintenance.

#### District 3



## Congratulations!

ICD USA Section ------ Class of 2021 ------ District 3

Normand Boucher • Marie D. Crocker • Nidhi Kotak • Michelle M. Lee • James Mancini Robert D. Marus • Adriana Mora • Anitha Potluri • Christine Wankiiri—Hale

FICURE 2: Fellows Bruce Terry and Gary Davis monitor patients waiting to enter Mission of Mercy in PA at Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry on September 24, 2021. Sixteen District 3 Fellows participated in the two-day event which provided care to over 900 patients.



MISSION OF MERCY IN PENNSYLVANIA (MOM-N-PA) WAS AWARDED THE HUMANITARIAN AWARD AT THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA VALLEY FORGE OENTAL CONFERENCE® (BPVFDC) BY THE SECOND DISTRICT DENTAL ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA.\*





HONORARY FELLOW JOHN MOLINARI (CENTER FRONT WITH MASK) WITH THE FELLOWS WHO ATTENDED HIS COURSE, "KEEPING YOU AND YOUR PATIENTS SAFE IN PANDEMIC TIMES", AT THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA VALLEY FORGE DENTAL CONFERENCE®.

\*Accepting the award are ICD Fellows (L-R) Ronald Heier, Nancy Rosenthal, Gary Davis, Bruce Terry, Bernie Dishler (past Fellow) and I. Jay Freedman.

District 3 — Pennsylvania

District 3 Regent — Ronald K. Heier

#### District 4



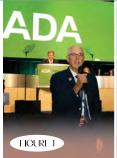
## Congratulations!

ICD USA Section ------ Class of 2021 ------ District 4

Byron Earl Capps • Caitlin D. Darcey • Louis G. DePaola • Vineet Dhar • Rena N. D'Souza • Adam Eisner Stephen J. Friedman • Gregory Gittleman • Robert Gary Holmes • Joseph C. Kelly, Jr. • Sean C. Meehan Keith R. Merchant • Angela M. Montellano • Thaddeus Hilliard Phillips III • Willie J. Richardson • Harlan J. Shiau Christopher J. Smith • Ahmed S. Sultan • Peter M. Tan, Jr. • Julie Tram Anh Van • Benjamin E. Wall • Robert R. Windsor

FIGURE 1: George R. Shepley, DDS, FICD, of Baltimore, addresses the ADA House of Delegates after he was voted president-elect in October 2021.

FIGURE 3: Melvin F. Kushner, DDS, FICD, University of Maryland School of Dentistry Board of Visitors chair; and clinical instructor, Department of Dental Public Health clinical instructor, is the recipient of the 2021 University of Maryland, Baltimore Catalyst for Excellence Award. ▼





ADA Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor the ADA bestows on a member. In 2018, Dr. Ricks assumed the role of chief dental officer for the U.S. Public Health Service.





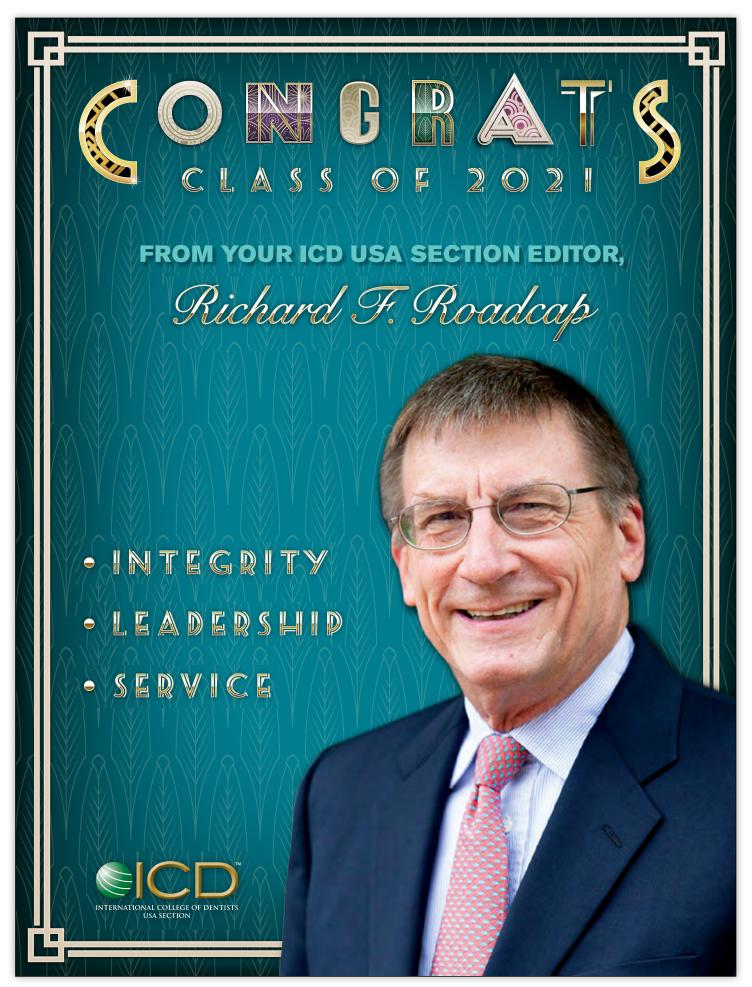
RUTGERS SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE STUDENT MARIA LUPE POUSSIN PASCUAL WITH HER 2021 ICD STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD.

FIGURE 1 & FIGURE 2 Photos by EZ Event Photography, courtesy ADA News. © 2021 American Dental Association

District 4 — Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey & Puerto Rico

Includes the Air Force, Army, Navy, Veterans Administration & Public Health Service

District 4 Regent -------- Michael Conte



#### Master Fellow (Posthumous) Bettie R. McKaig, DDS



Dr. Bettie R. McKaig of Raleigh, North Carolina

Dr. Bettie McKaig became an International College of Dentists Fellow in 1988, and her service to the ICD USA Section began in 2005 when she enthusiastically accepted appointments as the District 16 North Carolina Deputy Regent, Treasurer, and Leadership Coordinator. She continuously served in the three District 16 leadership positions through 2018, relinquishing only her role as Deputy Regent when she was elected as the District 16 Vice Regent 2013-2014, followed by a term as the District 16 Regent 2015-2018. During her tenure, she was instrumental in creating and growing the esteemed Bettie R. McKaig International Student Experience Program.

Concurrent to her ICD USA Section responsibilities, Dr. McKaig began serving as a Councilor for the worldwide ICD in 2011 and subsequently served in numerous important roles for the College, including Ad Hoc Strategic Planning co-chair, Membership Committee chair and Awards Committee chair. She eventually served as Strategic Plan Liaison to the Executive Committee, which was a new and vital role positioned to maintain the College Strategic Plan, implemented by Bettie one year prior. Her dedication and leadership skills were recognized at that level, culminating in her election as the first female President of the worldwide ICD in 2019. During Bettie's presidential year, she led a strong campaign to revitalize the ICD Strategic Plan into a framework of organizational directives. She diligently contributed hours of her time into creative thinking, strategic discussions and

committee meetings, all to produce goals and objectives that would lead the College into its next century of success.

Bettie was a lifelong leader in organized dentistry and her list of accolades in the ADA, North Carolina Dental Society, North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners, and many other professional organizations, is too long to list. Many times, Bettie's accomplishments are preceded by "the first woman", which indicates what a true leader she was and how she spent her life advocating for women in dentistry to move to the forefront and develop a voice in organized dentistry.

She was an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry, where her impact with students lasted long after they graduated. They felt her strong caring and would often reach out to her when important professional and life decisions came up.

With all of her professional accomplishments, Bettie's character was what made her special. She loved people and was genuinely interested in the lives of her friends and family. She had a special way of inspiring people with whom she came in contact to raise themselves to new levels. She was a strong advocate for pursuing excellence in all areas of life. She was a lifelong travel adventurer. She traveled with her husband, Dr. Ross Vaughan, mostly because she loved the interactions with the special people she would encounter. She managed to touch many lives in her travels as well, and kept friends throughout the world.

#### **Master Fellow Charles L. Smith, DDS**

Dr. Charles L. Smith has been a Fellow in the International College of Dentists since 1997. Prior to being elected to the ICD Board of Regents in 2011 and moving up the chairs to be the ICD USA Section President in 2017, Dr. Smith served District 6 as the Vice Regent 2007-2010 and Regent 2011-2014. While on the Board of Regents, he served on several committees, including three student support committees, and he served as vice chair of the successful Strategic Planning Committee in 2014 and 2015. He has been serving as an ICD USA Section Foundation Trustee since 2019. Dr. Smith has been serving the

worldwide International College of Dentists as a Councilor since 2018.

Dr. Smith is a 1983 graduate of the West Virginia University School of Dentistry, and in 1979 he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Morris Harvey College, The University of Charleston. Upon completion of his general practice residency at Charleston Area Medical Center in 1984, he became an associate dentist with Family Dental Associates in Hurricane, West Virginia. He opened a solo general dentistry practice in Charleston, West Virginia in 1985; he became the managing partner in Smith and Smith

Dental, PLLC from 1988-2014; and returned to solo practice in 2014.

Dr. Smith provides practice management advice for new dentists and merging dental practices. He is a member of the West Virginia Board of Dentistry, and is an examiner for CDCA, SRTA, CRDTS, and CITA testing agencies. Dr. Smith served as the Sixth District Trustee on the American Dental Association Board of Trustees 2004-2008 and on the ADA Foundation Board of Directors 2009-2013.

Dr. Smith's previous responsibilities with the ADA include serving as a delegate, alternate delegate, and a member of the



Dr. Charles L. Smith of Charleston, West Virginia

Reference Committee on Budget, Business and Administrative Matters. Dr. Smith has served as the ADA Board of Trustee's liaison to the Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs; Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs; and the Council on Annual Sessions; Dental Economics Advisory Group; Council on Access, Prevention, and Interprofessional Relations; and was a member of the ADA Audit Committee. Dr. Smith served on the 2007 ADA Amalgam Work Group and chaired the 2007 Future of Healthcare/Universal Coverage Task Force, and the 2008 ADA Executive Director Selection Committee.

He is a past president of the West Virginia Dental Association and the Kanawha Valley Dental Society and has served on key committees with both organizations relating to legislative affairs, finance, and the Committee on the New Dentist. Dr. Smith was appointed to serve on the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Medical Services Advisory Board and the West Virginia Oral Health Advisory Board. He has served on the Board of Advisors of the West Virginia University School of Dentistry, Southern Regional College Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee, and Carver Vocational Dental Assistant Advisory Committee.

Dr. Smith is a volunteer dentist for Donated Dental Services, West Virginia Health Right, and West Side Elementary Dental Clinic. Chuck has two sons, Alexander and Adam Smith.

The Section or Governing Body may nominate a Fellow of the College, who has rendered exatraordinarily conspicuous and outstanding service to the College, for Master Fellowship. The awarding of Master Fellowship is considered to be a rare distinction which is only awarded to Active or Life Fellows with the approval of the International Council or its Executive Committee.

#### Master Fellow Richard M. Smith, DDS

Dr. Richard M. Smith is a 1972 graduate of the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston. He has maintained a general practice in Amarillo, Texas, for 50 years.

Richard has been involved with organized dentistry for most of his career. On the local level, Dr. Smith served as President of the ICD Texas Chapter (District 15) in 2006, and as the Deputy Regent for the next two years. Richard stepped in for the last six months of 2014 to finish the term of the Texas Regent who was unable to complete his obligation. In October of 2007, Dr. Smith was elected Treasurer of the ICD USA Section for a two-year term and continued to serve in that capacity through 2019. During his tenure, he worked to balance the budget and build up reserves. Among other strategies, he implemented caps on hotel room reimbursements for Board meetings and a process for selecting meeting sites that were affordable. He was concurrently Treasurer of the worldwide ICD, headquartered in Flint, Michigan, from 2015 through 2018. In 2019, he was elected to serve as Vice President of the worldwide College followed by a term as President-Elect of the College, extended to two years due to the COVID pandemic. He currently serves as the worldwide ICD President.

Dr. Smith served as president of the Texas Dental Association from 2000-2001 and treasurer of the TDA for nine years. He was also chair of the Texas Dental Association

Smiles Foundation whose primary program is the Texas Missions of Mercy. He served on the ADA Council on Insurance and he chaired the Council in 2000-2001. He has served as a delegate to the ADA House of Delegates and chaired the Reference Committee on Budget and Financial Matters in 2000. He was appointed by the Governor of Texas to the Statewide Healthcare Coordinating Council in 2004, and served on the Planning Committee for the State Health Plan. He has served on several work groups and committees for the Texas Legislature.

Richard has received the TDA Distinguished Service Award, the TDA President's Award three times, the Outstanding Alumnus Award, and the Service to Dentistry Award from the University of Texas Dental Branch Alumni Association. In 2007 he was awarded the Texas Dental Association's Gold Medal of Distinguished Service. He has been nominated five times for the Texas Academy of General Dentistry Dentist of the Year Award, and was selected as Texas Dentist of the year in 2008.

Outside of dentistry, Richard has served as President of the Board of the Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center and the Amarillo Little Theater Board of Directors. He has also served on the Amarillo Symphony Board of Directors. He is an elder and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Canyon and has served as Presbytery Representative. He belongs to the

#### Master Fellow



Dr. Richard M. Smith of Amarillo, Texas

Experimental Aircraft Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots' Association, and the Replica Fighters Association.

Richard and his wife, Jimmie have two daughters, Lee Anne Ross and Leslie Richmond, and five grandchildren, Devon, Dakota, Josh, Brynlee, and Declan. Special interests are flying, cooking, golfing, hunting, traveling, and remodeling.

## 2021 DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIAN AWARD

#### Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Simons



Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Simons

Chuck and Alice Simons have been jointly recognized to receive the 2021 Distinguished Humanitarian Award and will accept their award in person during the ICD USA Section Annual Meeting in Houston in October 2022. These two individuals have been a major part of the USA ICD family for many years. Together, they have not only served in leadership positions but also nurtured and encouraged newer ICD leaders in their roles. While Chuck usually had the actual leadership title, Alice was always there providing guidance and counsel. They are a team!

Together they have provided substantial funding for a variety of entities, all to support humanitarian efforts for those less fortunate, as well as to promote education and the arts. Annually, they provide approximately \$100,000 to continue their philanthropic commitments. They made a major commitment to the ICD with a 10-year pledge for the USA Section's Fellowship Orientation

Program, the ICD European Section, and the ICD Global Visionary Fund. They are also major donors to several philanthropic, health, educational, and arts organizations, including: Rotary International, IU Dental School, ICD, Kokomo YMCA, Newton and Howard Counties' community foundations, and The Great American Songbook Initiative - Michael Feinstein, founder.

Chuck has been a Fellow of the ICD for 41 years, and was President of the ICD USA Section in 2002. Chuck's mantra with the ICD has been "Leadership" which he introduced in 2001 in Charleston, SC. It became such for the USA Section. He traveled to many of the Districts promoting Leadership during his presidency. His was a year of contemplation, investigation, and attention to good governance and organizational structure, with improved communication and rapport between the Board of Regents, the Foundation, the Officers, and International Council. Much attention was given to what the "Mission" of the Section actually was and to the image the Section should be projecting.

Chuck also served on the International Council of the College at Large for nine years, from 2005 through 2014. The Council named him "Ambassador at Large" for its Global Visionary Fund, a 501(c) (3) Foundation. The ICD European Section awarded him with Honorary Member Status (one of only two in its history) in 2011 at its annual session in Vienna, Austria.

Chuck Simons is a Renaissance Man with an ICD Spirit. He is a Fellow committed to the service of mankind and to the ideals of our College. Chuck thinks of the ICD as an organization of respect and recognition for others, for the profession, for humanity, and for the services of those recognized. It has inspired him to expand and enhance his commitment to any endeavor. He sees the ICD as "a guiding light for those who choose the opportunity to serve." He says that the one quality he admires in a dental leader is integrity. Commitment, honesty, sincerity, loyalty, and many other qualities of good character are essential to friendship and leadership. But integrity draws those together to develop a well-integrated and oriented leader of "good intention."

Dr. Simons has a long history of being active in organized dentistry. He has been president of the Indiana Dental Association, president of Great Lakes Association of Orthodontics, on many committees and councils of the ADA, AAO, and honorary dental organizations in addition to the ICD: American College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy, Federation Dentaire International, and Psi Omega.

Through the rigors of building a successful orthodontic practice and engaging in the battles of organized dentistry Chuck has always found time to help his community. He has served on the Development Drive of the Kokomo Rescue Mission and on the United Way Budget Committee. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite. He has served as a trustee of his church, the Kokomo Arts Commission, Creative Arts Council, Community Concerts, and the Civic Theatre. He was president of the Rotary Club of Kokomo and on the Rotary District Foundation committee as well as district governor for Rotary International District 6560. Dr. Simons served two Indiana governors as Indiana Arts Commissioner for a total of 10 years.

Chuck met his lovely and devoted wife, Alice, through a friend in dental school. It is not surprising that she is also committed to the service of mankind. Alice has been president of the PEO, PTO, Symposium, Delphian, Cheer Guild, and Auxiliary of the Indiana Dental Association. Alice has her master's degree in special education and has taught in the Kokomo Elementary Schools. While Chuck and Alice claim Florida as their domicile, they maintain a Kokomo, Indiana secondary residence from where they monitor their agricultural and professional office buildings. They wish all ICD members as inspired and charmed a life as they have enjoyed.

Chuck and Alice were married in 1968. They have a son, Chad (a retired patent attorney and currently has the commercial avocation of cricket farmer) and a daughter, Heather (a real estate agent and developer), both of whom are married, with children, for a total of six grandchildren. Both families live in Edina, Minnesota.

## 2021 OUTSTANDING DENTAL LEADER AWARD

#### John Norton Williams, DMD, MBA



Dr. John Norton Williams

Dr. John N. Williams is professor and dean emeritus of Indiana University School of Dentistry. He served as the president of Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky, for 2019-2020 and served as the dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry from 2010-2019. Prior to that time, he served as dean at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry 2005–2010 and the University of Louisville School of Dentistry 1999-2005. Before his deanships he served as associate dean for Educational Programs at Louisville for over seven years. He has also completed a three-year term as vice president of the American Dental **Education Association Council of Deans** 2009-2012 focusing on national educational policy. Most recently, he has served as a commissioner for the Commission of Dental Accreditation 2010-2014, and chair 2013-14, which has oversight for all dental education and allied dental education program accreditation in the United States.

Prior to his academic pursuits, he was in private dental practice in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Williams received his bachelor's degree in biology from Transylvania University in Lexington in 1974. He earned a DMD degree in 1980, and an MBA degree in 1987, both from the University of Louisville. He maintains scholarly interests in dental practice management, oral health workforce, dental curriculum assessment, and digital dentistry/instructional technologies. He is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists, and of the

Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is currently a member of two private higher education boards of trustees.

He and his wife, Lucy, were the 2009 recipients of individual Morrison Medallions from Transylvania University for their commitment to advancing liberal arts education. In 2010, Dr. Williams was named an Alumni Fellow by the University of Louisville in recognition of his many professional achievements. In 2019 he received the IU President's Medal for Excellence in recognition of his years of leadership and philanthropic efforts on behalf of Indiana University. In 2021, Dr. Williams received an honorary degree from Transylvania University for outstanding leadership as 2019-2020 president.

In addition to these major roles in leadership, Dr. Williams has also had positions as consultant to several foreign countries, Commission on Dental Accreditation, served on Proctor and Gamble Advisory Committee (dentalcare.com), a board member of Dental Delta Plans of Kentucky, various committees for the American Dental Education Association, and many others.

Dr. Williams is an avid boater and outdoor enthusiast. He and his wife are completing the Great Loop, which is a circumnavigation of approximately 5,400 miles around the eastern United States on board their Mainship 390 trawler--Calucy Too.

## SAVE THE DATES



#### Details to be posted on www.usa-icd.org as available for each meeting.

#### October 12-14, 2022

(Wednesday-Friday) Annual Meeting, Convocation, and Fiesta Welcome Celebration

Hyatt Regency Houston
Reservations through ADA SmileCon
Houston, Texas



#### May 16-18, 2023

(Tuesday-Thursday)
Spring Board of Regents
Foundation Board of Trustees,
and ASP Meetings

The McCormick Scottsdale

Scottsdale, Arizona



#### October 4-6, 2023

(Wednesday-Friday)
Annual Meeting,
Convocation, and
Welcome Celebration

Hotel TBA

Orlando, Florida

#### Meet Our New Regents...



## **SERVING 2022-2025**



#### Mark S. Chaney, DMD

Mandeville, Louisiana District 12 Regent

Dr. Mark Chaney, an ICD

Fellow since 2006, is excited to promote the mission of the International College of Dentists and further serve his colleagues as the newly elected Regent of District 12. He follows Dr. Niki Carter from Arkansas.

Dr. Chaney graduated from the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry in 1989. He had previously received a Bachelor of Science degree from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. He entered private practice in New Orleans in 1989, and has continued to practice in the same location to this day. He proudly welcomed his son, Dr. Nicholas Chaney, into the practice last year.

For more than thirty years, Dr. Chaney has been committed to serving organized dentistry at the local, state, and national levels. In recognition of his work, he has received the New Orleans Dental Association's Honor Dentist Award and the Louisiana Dental Association's Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Chaney joined the New Orleans
Dental Association (NODA) in 1989, He
has served as its president, vice president,
secretary, and as chair of multiple committees.
In recent years, he has served on the New
Orleans Dental Conference Core Committee,
having previously chaired the Conference in
2011. Today, he continues to work with the
Conference as treasurer.

At the state level, Dr. Chaney has been a member of the Louisiana Dental Association (LDA) since 1989. Dr. Chaney served the LDA in a variety of different roles including as president from 2003 to 2004, member of the LDA House of Delegates, chairman of the Council on Insurance, and, recently, as chairman of the Distinguished Service Award Committee. He also represented the LDA and served as chairman of the Allied Dental Association Trust, a collaboration of multiple states to form an insurance trust for dentists. One of his singular honors was to serve as a volunteer with the Louisiana Mission of Mercy project, providing needed dental care to the community at no cost.

At the national level, Dr. Chaney joined the America Dental Association (ADA) in

1989. Since 2004, Dr. Chaney has served as a member of the ADA House of Delegates and served on a number of committees, including the Reference Committee for Business and Financial Affairs, the Rules and Credentialing Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Council of Membership and Insurance and Retirement Plans.

Dr. Chaney is a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy (2003), the American College of Dentists (2014), the Academy of General Dentistry, and the International Congress of Oral Implantology (2018).

Dr. Chaney has volunteered actively in both the New Orleans and Mandeville communities through past volunteer work with the Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival, the United Way Agency, Volunteer and Information Agency (VIA Link), Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, and the Krewe of Carrollton Carnival Organization.

Dr. Chaney enjoys spending leisure time fishing, golfing, restoring vintage cars, and enjoying life with the children of his and his late wife, Daria. Right up there with his love of his dental profession is his passion for all things Mardi Gras and auto racing.



Michael Conte, DMD, MPH

Brick, New Jersey

District 4 Regent

Dr. Michael Conte was elected to be the

new ICD District 4 Regent at the virtual fall 2022 Board of Regents meeting. He previously served as a New Jersey Deputy Regent in 2019, and as the District 4 Vice Regent from 2020-2021 during Dr. Edwin Morris' four-year term as Regent. He is currently an associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and the Senior Associate Dean for the Office of Clinical Affairs at the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, where he also serves as the Medical Director and the Director of

Infection Control and Environmental Safety for the dental school. Additionally, Dr. Conte serves and chairs many committees and is responsible for the oversight of the dental school's extramural programs and facilities administration.

In addition to his academic work, Dr. Conte has been a consultant to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry and the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. He is also on the advisory board for Newark Public Schools and has served as a Commission on Dental Accreditation site visitor.

Dr. Conte is active in numerous associations, including the ADA and the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and

Prevention. He is a Fellow of The International College of Dentists, The Academy of General Dentistry, and The American College of Dentists. He is a graduate of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (now known as the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine) and has completed years of additional post-graduate training, including an advanced education in the General Dentistry Program, and the American Dental Education Association's Leadership Institute.

Michael Conte, DMD, MPH, was elected to the Dental Assisting National Board, Board of Directors in August 2016, and has served as chairman of that board for the past three years.



Karen D. Foster, DDS

Greenwood Village, Colorado **District 14 Regent** 

Dr. Karen Foster from Greenwood

Village, Colorado, has been elected to a four-year term as Regent for the 14th District. She follows Dr. David Okano of Arizona, and previously served as Deputy Regent for Colorado. Born in Alaska, raised in Colorado and educated in Texas, she graduated from Texas Tech University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology. She received her dental degree from Baylor College of Dentistry in 2002, then completed residency in pediatric dentistry at the University of Texas-Houston Dental Branch in 2004.

Dr. Foster moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, in 2004 where she practiced as an associate in a private practice and at Marillac Clinic. In 2008, she opened Saddle Rock Pediatric Dentistry (SRPD) in Aurora, Colorado. Over the next ten years, SRPD became known for offering laser dentistry and outstanding customer service. She sold the practice in May 2019. Licensed in both Colorado and Texas, she currently practices part time at Texas Pediatric Dentistry in McKinney, Texas, owned by one of her dental school classmates. She holds a clinical associate professor position at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine in the Special Care Clinic.

A Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry since 2007, she is also a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the American College of Dentists. Chosen multiple times by peers as a 5280 Top Dentist, she has attended annual American Dental Association (ADA) meetings as a delegate or alternate since 2005. In January 2022, she joined the ADA Council of Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs.

Dr. Foster served on the Metropolitan Denver Dental Society (MDDS) Board of Directors and was awarded with the MDDS Volunteer of the Year award in 2012. She currently serves as their treasurer and will be president in July 2023 for the year. In 2013, the Colorado Dental Association (CDA) awarded her its Exceptional Leadership Award. Serving on the executive committee of CDA since 2014, she was the first pediatric dentist elected as president of CDA in 2018-2019. In 2017, Dental Products Report recognized her as one of the Top 25 Women in Dentistry in the nation. She previously chaired the Colorado Dental Political Action Committee (CODPAC), advocating for improvements benefitting patients and the profession. She is an advocate for wellbeing and mental health, especially suicide prevention.

She loves Colorado and enjoys time with her black lab, McKinley. Traveling is a passion, as well as spoiling her three nieces who live in Louisiana.



#### Lauro F. Medrano-Saldaña, DDS

Brooklyn, New York District 2 Regent

Dr. Lauro Medrano-Saldaña

follows Dr. Ira Titunik as ICD Regent of District 2. Originally from Puerto Rico, he completed most of his education on the island. He obtained a bachelor's degree in biology from the InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico. Later, he attended Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana in Mexico City and went on to receive a degree in stomatology. In 1991, he was accepted at New York University where he obtained a DDS degree, and was later accepted into the AEGD program at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn. After his first year of residency there, he became part of the Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry Program where he was granted a Pediatric Dentistry Certificate and served as Chief Resident.

In 1997, Lauro was invited to join the staff at Metropolitan Hospital in New York City. There, he got the opportunity to teach residents and perform treatment under general

anesthesia. Later that year, he opened his private pediatric dentistry practice in Sunset Park, Brooklyn.

A year later, Lauro was invited to return to Lutheran Medical Center as a Clinical Attending in the Pediatric Dentistry Program, and was quickly under the wing of the Chief of the Dental Department, the late Dr. Anthony Di Mango. Dr. Di Mango introduced Lauro to organized dentistry at a local component of the ADA, the Second District Dental Society. It didn't take long for Lauro to fall in love with everything organized dentistry and since then has been very active in several organizations.

At the local level, Lauro has served on oral health, publications, governmental affairs, EDPAC, Medicaid and GNYDM committees. He also held the positions of librarian, treasurer, secretary, vice president and president.

At the state level, he served as a delegate, was a governmental affairs council member, and served two terms as chair. He was a committee grassroots leader and on the reference committee to the House of Delegates.

At the national level, he served as a team action leader for ADPAC, a delegate,

and on the Council on Governmental Affairs. Lauro graduated from the prestigious leadership institute of ADA, was on the Board of Trustees of the Hispanic Dental Association, and is a past president of the Puerto Rico Dental Association, USA. He is a Fellow of the ICD, ACD, and Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Lauro has an array of accomplishments in the GNYDM, the largest dental meeting in the nation. He travels worldwide to promote the GNYDM. He served as a committee chair member, an outreach chair, on the entertainment committee, and has been part of workshops and seminars. He was the general chairman of the GNYDM and is now advisory chair.

Lauro's family includes his wife, Carmen, who is an active member of the Hospitality Committee of the GNYDM; his daughter, Valerie, a physician in Chicago; and his son, Douglas, who graduated from Pennsylvania State University and recently started working with Major League Baseball. Dr. Medrano-Saldaña and Carmen are in their 35th year of marriage and have one grandchild, Mateo Lorenzo.

#### HONORARY FELLOW

#### Carol J. Dingeldey, CAE

West Hartford, Connecticut

s. Carol J. Dingeldey served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA) from 2006-2021, overseeing all aspects of the Association including administration, finances, programs and services, personnel, and property. She provided leadership and vision to the Board of Governors in developing the Association's strategic plan and executed programs and services to achieve organizational success. As a registered lobbyist for the Association, she educated state legislators and agencies and successfully advocated for issues impacting the practice of dentistry in Connecticut.

Her role in training and developing leaders of the Connecticut State Dental Association has had a major impact on the organization. Training leaders to be effective communicators is a daunting responsibility. Carol has helped many dental leaders understand all the facets of each responsibility, whether budgetary, strategic, or



Carol J. Dingeldey

visionary. She is extremely innovative in her ability to develop programs and resources to help dentists succeed and has built a superb team of professionals to help member dentists to be better dentists and members of society.

From 2007-2018, Ms. Dingeldey also served as the founding Executive Director of the Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach (CFDO), assisting in the development and formation of the

governance and operating structures of this 501c(3) charitable not-for-profit organization. The CFDO was founded as a consortium of individuals from the oral health care sector who sought to collaborate to improve the oral health of the underserved and working poor in the state of Connecticut. The CFDO sponsors the Connecticut Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic, which provides charitable dental care to the underserved, uninsured and working poor, and building awareness of the importance of oral healthcare to create a healthier community. It also sponsors other community outreach activities.

Carol worked with the CFDO Board of Trustees to develop a strategic plan, as well as a fundraising plan. She was responsible for hiring and coaching program staff, served as a spokesperson for the Foundation, and assisted with logistics for dental clinic events as well as volunteer coordination.

Ms. Dingeldey is also highly regarded by the ADA and is a past officer in her peer group, the American Society of Association Executives. Carol is a Certified Association Executive, from the American Society of Association of Executives and holds a master's degree in public health from Michigan State University.

#### District 5

Scores of ICD Fellows, UAB dental faculty, students, and over 100 volunteers provided dental and medical services to hundreds of low-income patients through the Alabama Dental Association's charitable project with RAM (Remote Area Medical) in Gadsden on April 23-24, 2022. (See pics 1-4).







3 - D-5 Vice Regent Bruce Cunningham treating a patient in one of the sterile cubicles.

# Congratulations beside a banner with a photo of the RAM founder, Stan Brock. 2 - (L-R) Mr. Cf the COO of RAM Deputy Regent , Deputy Regent ,

USA SECTION



**GEORGIA &** 

1 - AL Deputy Regent A. Conan Davis (right), with State Representative Gill Isbell

> 2 - (L-R) Mr. Chris Hall, the COO of RAM; AL Deputy Regent A. Conan Davis; and Lew Mitchell, DDS, FICD, a former ADA Vice President and the organizer for this project.



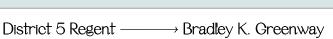
Vice Regent Bruce Cunningham works on a patient in Nigeria as villagers peer through the window.

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E. David Anderson • Daren J. Becker • Kenneth W. Berger • Martha Goel Brackett Robert D. Gamotis • Maria L. Geisinger • Slade W. Lail • Michael L. Leingang III Glenn Maron • David Reznik • Mark Summerford • Kenneth J. Zouhary







#### **HONORARY FELLOW**

#### Ms. Kylie M. Evans

Gaithersburg, Maryland

ylie Evans is the youngest candidate to be inducted into the International College of Dentists USA Section as an Honorary Fellow. She was born in Bethesda, Maryland, and grew up in Gaithersburg, Maryland, not far from the Section Office. Prior to joining the International College of Dentists USA Section team in 2015, she held the managerial position at Curves, a women's health and fitness company.

Over the past seven years with ICD, Kylie has been instrumental in implementing and updating our iMIS website as well as assisting the ICD USA Section Foundation. Kylie is multi-talented as demonstrated by the many hats she wears at ICD. She oversees all graphic design projects, website development, meeting and administrative assistance; she also oversees the Foundation's administrative duties and more. She is passionate and committed to her work with ICD, always going above and beyond to keep everything in line with ICD's high standards. Kylie enjoys interacting with Fellows and learning about their experiences and humanitarian involvement.

In high school Kylie was selected to participate in the Superintendent's Leadership Program, based on leadership qualities, communication, and problemsolving skills. She secured a professional internship in the Montgomery County [Maryland] Executive Office and the Montgomery County Police Department.



Kylie M. Evans

Kylie holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Media and Website Technology from the University of Maryland University College. She graduated with honors and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and the Tau Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda – all accomplished while working full time for ICD.

Kylie supports many nonprofits by volunteering her time and skills. She has volunteered with Dogs on Deployment, the Officer Down Memorial Page, National Police Week, and Nourish Now. She currently volunteers her graphic skills to the STXBP1 Foundation, a nonprofit that is dedicated to raising awareness and finding a cure for STXBP1 Encephalopathy.

Kylie enjoys spending time with her family, especially her animated five-year-old niece. She is very artistic and loves drawing and painting.



Orchard Park, New York

r. Chris Klimecko is currently the Executive Director of the Eighth District Dental Society in Buffalo, New York, and serves as pastor of the Gowanda United Methodist Church. He left the Eighth District in the spring of 2017 to assume the position of Executive Director of the Rhode Island Dental Association. While there, Chris used his talent, skills and leadership to bring RIDA into the respect it currently holds. This work included a skilled restructure and vision. He returned to the Eighth District in April of 2020. Mr. Klimecko has also served as the Executive Director of Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky.

Chris was instrumental in assisting the worldwide International College of Dentists to receive CERP approval for the Antibiotics Awareness Program online video, which gives Fellows and viewers throughout the world an opportunity to learn about the critical importance of antibiotic stewardship.

Chris is a United States Air Force and Air National Guard veteran. His active-duty assignments included Griffiss AFB in Rome, New York; Kadena AB in Okinawa, Japan; Altus AFB, Oklahoma; Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, Andrews AFB, Maryland; and Gabreski Air National Guard Base in New York. During his time



Chris R. Klimecko

at Andrews AFB, he served as a functional manager at the Air National Guard Readiness Center. In 2000, he retired from the New York Air National Guard.

Chris has an associate's degree in personnel management from the Community College of the Air Force, a bachelor's degree in business, management, and economics from SUNY Empire State College, and a master's degree in ministry from United Theological Seminary.

Mr. Klimecko retired at the end of December 2021. Chris resides in Western New York with his wife, Karen. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

#### **HONORARY FELLOW**

#### Michael T. Osterholm, PhD, MPH

Minneapolis, Minnesota

r. Michael Osterholm,
an epidemiologist from
Minneapolis, is the director
and founder of the Center
for Infectious Disease Research and
Policy (CIDRAP), a regent's professor, a
distinguished teaching professor in the
Division of Environmental Health Sciences
School of Public Health, a professor in the
Technological Leadership Institute College
of Science and Engineering, and an adjunct
professor in the medical school, all at the
University of Minnesota.

Dr. Osterholm is a scientist who truly understands that public health and public policy are critical for the common good. In the (Continued on page 22)

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Michael T. Osterholm, PhD

early 1980's when not much was known about HIV/AIDS, Mike was a much in demand CE speaker for Minnesota local dental societies to help health care practitioners understand what was known, what was unknown, and what best practices were for treating HIV positive patients. Using science to educate, he helped all to understand that universal precautions would keep dentists and patients safe if everyone was treated equally when it came to wearing gloves and masks.

He is currently the United States
Department of State Science Envoy and the
World Health Organization has made him its
current principal investigator and task force
chair for Zika, influenza, Ebola, Lassa fever
and NIPAH. Dr. Osterholm has served on
the Committee on Biomedical Research of the
Public and Scientific Affairs Board, the Task
Force on Biological Weapons, and the
Task Force on Antibiotic Resistance.

His most recent book in 2017, *Deadliest Enemy: Our War Against Killer Germs*, details the most pressing infectious disease threats and lays out a nine-point strategy on how to address them. In weekly podcasts, he clearly states what we know, what we don't know, what his worries are, and his recommendations for getting us through the Coronavirus pandemic.

Mike has produced 25 educational webinars on the COVID-19 pandemic, and counting. Mike is the author or co-author of over 300 scientific studies that have been published in refereed journals. He sits on the editorial Boards of 11 journals of science and medicine, and he is a reviewer or guest editor of 29 others. He is a frequent consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Department of Defense, and the CDC.

## The District Notes Wins Best 2021 ICD Newsletter Award



James J. Williamson Norwich, Connecticut

James J. Williamson is the editor of the District Notes, which is the newsletter of District 1, ICD USA Section. He is a native of Norwich, Connecticut, a graduate of St. Bonaventure University in Olean, New York, and has a Master in Divinity degree from Christ the King Seminary. Jim was appointed Executive Director of the Children's Dental Network (CDN) in Derry, New Hampshire, in November of 2015, and currently serves the CDN in a part-time capacity. He has spent his career in the not-for-profit arena. Jim served as Executive Director

of the Eighth District Dental Society in Buffalo for many years and in April 2015 he retired from the position of Executive Director of the New Hampshire Dental Society after serving in that capacity since 2002.

Mr. Williamson stated his appreciation of this award in a recent newsletter column: "A little more than five years ago, our Regent Eliot Paisner asked me if I would consider being the Editor of The District Notes, our District One ICD USA annual newsletter. I agreed to do it, and while it does take some time it has been an enjoyable task. In 2012 I





Cover page of winning newsletter, District 1's The District Notes.

was honored to become an Honorary Fellow in the ICD and I am pleased to give back to this wonderful profession by telling you about our new ICD Fellows while also recounting stories of interest about other members. You are part of a powerful and impactful group - I hope you appreciate the honor that has been bestowed upon you.

"I am grateful for this recognition, but I do not do this alone. Thank you to Regent Eliot Paisner for his invaluable advice and newsletter input; thank you to our Deputy Regents in each state for their reports and a special thank you to Rosanne Breault who puts the Newsletter together once she receives all our information. She is an artist and a graphical wiz – we are fortunate to have her working with us."

Jim lives in Newbury, Massachusetts, with his wife, Kathie. They are parents of Jason, Kristen, and Andy; and grandparents of eight.



While special COVID-19 precautions slowed down Remote Area Medical, headquartered in Rockford, TN (ramusa.org), in 2021 they were still able to provide \$7.52 million worth of care to 24,814 individuals, with the help of 9,241 volunteers, including students and faculty from several dental programs, and dental professionals from across the country,

## District 6\*







Late in 2021, RAM put into service their first mobile panoramic X-ray vehicle. In its first outing 62 patients received digital X-rays at the Knoxville clinic.

# N DISTRIC. Congratulations Class of 2

Jake R. Bateman • John E. Bogers II • Brianna Crumpton • Emily Hahn John P. Kinard • Elizabeth H. Lee • Megan E. Lenahan • Jon Mather • Dwight E. McLeod Valerie N. Perrine • Jon L. Reagan, Jr. • Zindell Richardson • Mark A. Scantlan Jonathan W. Silva • Ronald Singer • John Alan Smith • Bradley W. White



(L-R) Stephen Blackstock, RAM Disaster and Telehealth Mgr; Laurel Osborn RN, Volunteer; John Osborn, FICD (Tenn.), RAM Dental Director were available to answer questions and recruit RAM volunteers at AirVenture air show in Oshkosh in July 2021.

At AirVenture in Oshkosh in July 2021, RAM was honored to display one of its cargo planes (donated by FedEx) on Boeing Square next to aircraft from Samaritan's Purse, ORBIS and other humanitarian organizations.



\*Representing Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia

District 6 Regent -> Arnold S. Jacobson



The 2021 RAM volunteers included ADA Executive Director Raymond Cohlmia, FICD, shown here flanked by (left) RAM CEO Jeff Eastman and (right) Ram Dental Director John Osborn, FICD, in Elgin, II.

This award recognizes a Fourth Year Dental Student selected by the dental school faculty who demonstrated Leadership in the following activities:

- Dental school student government.
- Dental school class.
- American Student
   Dental Association.
- Student National Dental Association.
- Research activities.
- School committees/ activities.
- Has demonstrated the potential to continue leadership roles after graduation.
- Ranked in the upper third of their class.

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#### **Student Leadership Awards**

50th Year of Presentation

#### **UAB School of Dentistry**

Gail M. Hoffman

#### Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health

Alyssa D. Holmes

#### **Midwestern University**

Christiana Redmond

#### **Loma Linda University**

Krista Min

#### **UCLA School of Dentistry**

Tarek Kassem

#### Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC

Meredith Messerle

#### **University of the Pacific**

Juned Ali Khan Mohammed

#### **Western University of Health Sciences**

Zainab Abdulhusen Bhagat

#### **University of Colorado**

Sheaffer Skadsen

#### **University of Connecticut**

Taleen Kalajian

#### **Howard University**

Lee Goodloe

#### **LECOM**

William Austin Askey

#### **Nova Southeastern University**

Richard Escobar

#### **University of Florida**

Blake A. Crosby

#### The Dental College of Georgia

Vanessa Villalobos

#### The University of Iowa

Caroline E. L. LaRoy

#### **Midwestern University**

Michael C. Reynolds

#### **Southern Illinois University**

Michele Brown

#### The University of Illinois at Chicago

Ellie Park

#### **Indiana University**

Mitchell E. Westberg

#### **University of Kentucky**

Varun Nigam

#### **University of Louisville**

Danea N. Graves

#### **LSUHSC School of Dentistry**

Abby Alynn Earles

#### **University of New England**

Daniela Vargas

#### **Boston University**

Hind M. Aljashaami

#### **Harvard School of Dental Medicine**

Nicholas DeMeo

#### **Tufts University**

Konstance C. Joseph

**Naval Postgraduate Dental School** 

LCDR William H. Gallagher, DC, USN

**University of Maryland** 

Jonathan M. Jackson

**University of Detroit Mercy** 

Michaela Rae Wiseman

**University of Michigan** 

Alex Bageris

Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health

Ishwpriya Singh

**UMKC School of Dentistry** 

Jaime Masunaga

**University of Mississippi** 

Hayden L. Coffey

**East Carolina University** 

Isaac Joseph Boota

**UNC Adams School of Dentistry** 

Ben Lowe

**Creighton University** 

George S. Noesen

**University of Nebraska Medical Center** 

Maddison A. McConnaughhay

**Rutgers School of Dental Medicine** 

Maria Lupe Poussin Pascual

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas** 

Jacob R. Ozuna

**Columbia University** 

Kriti Sood

**NYU College of Dentistry** 

Ian Michael Wall

**Stony Brook** 

Noelle Fischer

**Touro College of Dental Medicine** 

Jesse T. Halpern

**University at Buffalo** 

Mary Njie

**CWRU School of Dental Medicine** 

Wing Yau Kwok

**The Ohio State University** 

Mia Jacobs

**University of Oklahoma** 

Nancy Ha

**Oregon Health & Science University** 

Elizabeth Burgstahler

**Temple University** 

Kushal A. Parikh

**Penn Dental Medicine** 

Joanna Marie Ferguson

**University of Pittsburgh** 

Catherine Roberts

**University of Puerto Rico** 

Francisco J. Morán-Rivera

**MUSC** 

Henry Allston Lumpkin

**Meharry Medical College** 

Shane Simpson

**University of Tennessee Health Science Center** 

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Mustafa Alwan

**Texas A&M College of Dentistry** 

Paris Ivell Webb

The University of Texas

Laura J. Binder

**UT Health San Antonio** 

Anna Katharina Tosti

**Roseman University** 

Robert Crawford

**University of Utah** 

James Grundy

**Virginia Commonwealth University** 

Sunna Bashir

**University of Washington** 

Jaymar Golveo

**Marquette University** 

Samuel David Miller

**West Virginia University** 

Joshua Thorne

# LEASTUBENT AWARDS

This award recognizes a **Fourth Year Dental Student** selected by the dental school faculty who:

- Exhibits an altruistic attitude to assist the underserved or less fortunate.
- Motivates others to serve and provide for the common good.
- Shows humility and generosity with time and talents.
- · Has a history of significant participation in various school, local, state, and international projects.
- Has a leadership role in activities.
- Is involved in public health issues.
- Is involved in political issues that encourage humanitarian support.
- Shows responsibility, commitment, persistence, dedication, and is inspirational to others.
- Demonstrates the potential to continue to be a leader and a participant in humanitarian outreach programs after graduation.

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#### **Student Humanitarian Awards**

7th Year of Presentation

**UAB School of Dentistry** 

Abena A. Lamptey

**Arizona School of Dentistry** & Oral Health

Ashton Dahms

**Midwestern University** 

Micah Putnam

**Loma Linda University** 

Amanda Jacovani

**UCLA School of Dentistry** 

Shelly Hua Pu

**Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry** of USC

Edward Baum

**University of the Pacific** 

Nishanth Dwayekathva Sadhak

**Western University of Health Sciences** 

Jihae Cho

**University of Colorado** 

Alexa T. Friedrich

**University of Connecticut** 

Elena S. Carrington

**Howard University** 

Ariel Banks

**LECOM** 

Brittany Atlas

**Nova Southeastern University** 

Nagabis Gonzalez

University of Florida

Dhara D. Patel

The Dental College of Georgia

Kamarin Moon

The University of Iowa

Kayla E. Erps

**Midwestern University** 

Marisa Chanin

**Southern Illinois University** 

Adriana Reppell

The University of Illinois at Chicago

Ayman Zaki

**Indiana University** 

Sydney R. Caskey

**University of Kentucky** 

Lauren Little

**University of Louisville** 

Adrienne M. Michael

**LSUHSC School of Dentistry** 

Quang Duy Vu

**University of New England** 

Drew Anna Sigman

**Boston University** 

Gibran Said Mangui

**Harvard School of Dental Medicine** 

Laura Chun-Chia Lin

**Tufts University** 

Sophia E. Heitmiller

**University of Maryland** 

Quang H. Bui

**University of Michigan** 

Michael Havel

**University of Minnesota** 

JoAnna Bourain

**Missouri School of Dentistry** 

& Oral Health

Audrey Frenz

**UMKC School of Dentistry** 

Micayla Shrimpton

**University of Mississippi** 

Katelyn E. Allen

**East Carolina University** 

Malik Lamar Johnson

**UNC Adams School of Dentistry** 

Austin Harbison

**Creighton University** 

Mohammad Mohammad

**University of Nebraska Medical Center** 

Olivia L. Straka

**Rutgers School of Dental Medicine** 

Yasser Gheriani

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas** 

Wendy Mejia-Munoz

**Columbia University** 

Irene Hwang

**NYU College of Dentistry** 

Zaineb Aslam

**Stony Brook** 

Joseph Manzella

**Touro College of Dental Medicine** 

Simona Girgis

**University at Buffalo** 

Zeehan Azad

Christine F. Breindel

Jennifer L. Helfer

Elizabeth A. Ike

Emily K. Waldman

Christian S. Westermeier

**CWRU School of Dental Medicine** 

Christiane Paul Chammas

The Ohio State University

Sami Mubarak

**University of Oklahoma** 

Edith Q. Lu

**Oregon Health & Science University** 

Madeline Harris

**Temple University** 

James C. Castellino

**Penn Dental Medicine** 

Shirley Zhang

**University of Pittsburgh** 

Jacqueline Boran

**University of Puerto Rico** 

Pedro A. Berríos-Reyes

**Meharry Medical College** 

Raven Douglas

Texas A&M College of Dentistry

Washington A. Akharamen

The University of Texas

Sarah E. Tribble

**UT Health San Antonio** 

Aziz Sagr

**Roseman University** 

Ashly Rothrock

**University of Utah** 

Aman Manji

Megan Modersitzki

Virginia Commonwealth University

Asha Mahmoud Tuli

**University of Washington** 

Estela Gomez Licea

**Marquette University** 

Sahar Edalatpour

**West Virginia University** 

Parvati Gopalan



INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS USA SECTION

## DENTAL JOURNALISM AWARDS 2021

49th Year of Presentation

#### SILVER SCROLL

Most improved publication

**Virginia Dental Journal**, 2019-2020, Richard F. Roadcap, DDS, Editor.

#### **PLATINUM PENCIL**

Best use of graphics

#### **Division I**

Contact Point, Spring 2020, Kara A. Sanchez, Editor.

#### **Division II**

**Wisconsin Dental Association Journal**, May 2020, Ryan Dulde, DDS, Editor.

#### **Honorable Mention**

**The Nugget**, January 2020, Ash Vasanthan, DDS, Editor.

#### **SPECIAL CITATION**

Unusual concept and/or presentation

Journal of the California Dental Association,

October 2020, Series of Articles on COVID, Kerry K. Carney, DDS, Editor.

#### Pennsylvania Dental Journal,

March / April 2020, Caring for the Oral Health of Individuals with Special Needs,
Stephen T. Radack III, DMD, Editor.

#### West Michigan District Dental Society Bulletin,

Fall 2020, Looking to Leadership: Personal Experiences During the Pandemic, Rachel S. Sinacola, DDS, Editor.

**The Nugget**, October 2020, *Surviving Office Disasters*, Ash Vasanthan, DDS, Editor.

#### **GOLDEN PEN**

Article or series of articles of current interest to the profession

#### Division I

Journal of the California Dental Association,

January 2020, Ensuring a vibrant future for dentistry through research and discovery, Kerry K. Carney, DDS, Editor.

#### Golden Pen (Continued)

#### Honorable Mention

**Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society**, Fall 2020, *COVID-19 Teledentistry: A Game Changer*, David Becker, DMD, Editor.

#### **Honorable Mention**

**Texas Dental Journal**, October 2020, 2021 *Legislative Landscape*, Daniel Jones, DDS, Editor.

#### **Division II**

Northwest Dentistry, January-February 2020, The Personal Cost of Addiction: How Can Dentists Help?, Brent L. Florine, DDS, Author and John E. Lueth, DDS, Editor.

#### **Honorable Mention**

**Tri-County Dental Society Connection**, 2020 Vol 4 • No 2, *Spanish Flu H1N1 Pandemic* 1918-1920, Dan Jenkins, DDS, Editor.

#### **NEWSLETTER**

#### Division

TDA Today, 2020, Daniel Jones, DDS, Editor.

#### **Honorable Mention**

**Word of Mouth**, Winter - Spring 2020, Melissa Carman, Editor.

#### **Division II**

**Second District Dental Society Bulletin**, May 2020, Stuart Segelnick, DDS, Editor.

#### LEADERSHIP EDITORIAL/ARTICLE

#### Division

**Journal of the California Dental Association**, November 2020, *The Dis Ease of Microaggressions*, Brian Shue, DDS, Author.

#### **Division II**

#### Macomb Dental Society Journal,

Winter 2020, *Get Yourself Checked Today!*, Michelle Dziurgot, DDS, Author.

#### **Leadership Editorial/Article** (Continued)

#### **Honorable Mention**

**Tri-County Dental Society Connection**, 2020 Vol 4 • No 1, *On Your Marks*, Katherine J. Cooke, DDS, Author.

#### **OUTSTANDING COVER**

#### Division

Oral Health, June 2020, Bruce R. Pynn, DDS, Editor.

#### **Honorable Mention**

Contact Point, Autumn 2020, Kara A. Sanchez, Editor.

#### **Division II**

The Journal American Academy of Clear Aligners, Summer 2020, Jeffrey Galler, DDS, Editor.

#### **Honorable Mention**

Northwest Dentistry, July-August 2020, Carmelo Cinqueonce, MDA, Sue Miller, Managing Editor and John E. Lueth, DDS, Editor.

#### HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

Article or series of articles that exemplifies 'Serving Others'

#### **Division I**

Ontario Dentist, July / August 2020, Shining a Light on Noma: A Cruel and Disfiguring Disease of Poverty, Carlos Quinonez, DMD, Editor.

#### Division II

#### Second District Dental Society Bulletin,

August/September 2020, SDDS Dental Resident Embarks on Humanitarian Mission to Uganda, Shalom Benzaquen, DMD, Author and Stuart Segelnick, DDS, Editor.

## OUTSTANDING ICD PUBLICATION

The District One Notes, 2021, James J. Williamson, Editor.

#### THE DIS EASE OF MICROAGGRESSIONS

by Brian Shue, DDS, CDE

#### 2021 Journalism Award Leadership Article

Permission to reprint: Journal of the California Dental Association, November 2020 (Vol 48 • No 11)

person of color walks down a quiet street in a suburb. A passing car slows down to a crawl. The driver glares, shouts something unintelligible, then drives off. Was it a racial slur?

Or how about this? A person reads an article about COVID-19 in a professional journal, which begins with the words: "The Chinese Coronavirus COVID-19." Was that appropriate?

Those are true stories. Unfortunately, examples like those are becoming more common in the U.S. because of heightened racial tensions. After a white police officer killed a Black man named George Floyd, our country's beliefs and actions have been challenged. Yet some types of racism are subtle. As the impact of the coronavirus is felt by our country, there are increased incidences of anger blaming Americans of Asian descent for causing COVID-19.1

The World Health Organization created best practices on naming new diseases to avoid stigma and any possible negative impact to any groups or areas of society. Disease names such as Swine Flu or even Legionnaires Disease would not be permitted today.

So, it is inexcusable when a news commentator or even a leader of a country refers to the COVID-19 disease as "Kung Flu." Additionally, COVID-19 is caused by the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, not "China virus" or "Chinese coronavirus." That is racially insensitive. And it personally insults me.

The use of racially insensitive words is a form of "racial microaggression." Microaggressions have been defined as commonplace verbal indignities. They are intentional or unintentional, hostile, derogatory insults that target a person.2

Microaggressions reduce inclusion. They increase divisiveness. They reinforce bias and prejudices. They decrease empathy. And they are deceptive and insidious. Microaggressions

are more than just feeling slighted. It has been shown to lead to exhaustion and decreased mental, emotional and physical well-being. Microaggression can be directed at any marginalized group, based on color, sex, religion or other characteristics. It's not just about race. It's about all of us.

Microaggressions are detrimental to providing health care. And they are pervasive. One study found microaggressions were seen or experienced by a majority of first-year medical and dental students. Picture this scenario: A female dentist walks into an operatory. The patient declares, "You're too young to be a doctor. I want a real doctor who knows what they're doing. I want a doctor — who can speak English." That is an example of an intentional microaggression.



Brian Shue, DDS, CDE

#### "Microaggressions of a dentist can basically undermine the trust inherent in the doctor-patient relationship."

Microaggressions can affect our dental practices. A study showed that patients who experienced microaggressions from their medical provider had poorer compliance, more missed appointments and poorer health outcomes.

In treatment planning, microaggressions of a dentist could lead to different diagnoses for two patients with identical clinical presentation. It could influence treatment plan options provided and even the type of prescriptions written. It can basically undermine the trust inherent in the doctor-patient relationship. The patient may believe the dentist did not treat them like they would have treated someone else. As a result of a perceived microaggression, the patient may even seek care elsewhere. It could lead to negative reviews in social media. One's reputation in the community could be damaged. Untoward consequences could

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spring from a simple remark or action that was an unintentional microaggression. Not only is that patient gone, but their future referrals are gone as well.

Back on June 2, ADA President Chad P. Gehani, DDS, addressed racial violence. He courageously said this:

"This is the moment to unravel from whatever personal biases we may harbor. To become allies. To have the hard conversations. To listen to voices that have long gone unheard. To speak up for those who have been disenfranchised. To commit to empathy and understanding. To be forces for change. To be agents of harmony. To call out wrong when we see it. And to do what's right when we can."

We most likely won't see or be exposed to racial violence in our profession. But microaggressions are more likely to happen. And we can do something about it.

We must do our best to send the right messages in our practices and in our professional lives to our patients. And to our peers. It is our responsibility to treat all our patients respectfully. We must communicate with our patients without judgment or our own negative personal bias.

Sue et al. states it is important to first understand one's own racial identity in our

society, then look at one's opinions about other racial groups.

That can lead to recognizing one's own prejudices and bias. One needs to recognize microaggressions exist, then look at how these can impact patients. And then do what is possible to correct one's own actions.<sub>2</sub>

Full disclosure: I am Chinese American. And the true stories mentioned above? Those involved me. I was that person walking in my neighborhood. Did I confront that driver? No. And the person that read the offensive editorial? That was also me. I contacted the writer who used the racially insensitive wording. We had an open and honest discussion. The writer said there was no intention to offend and would have removed it if the writer knew it was hurtful. That is a signature characteristic of a microaggression. The organization immediately retracted the article from the publication. Writing about this subject even made me recall events that I have not thought about for decades.

Microaggressions, especially noticeable during this pandemic, can have negative effects. We need to be self-aware of our personal biases. They should not be allowed to affect our ability to provide the best dental care possible to vulnerable populations.

This can greatly affect our standing in our communities and the success of our practices. Understanding microaggressions and recognizing they exist in our everyday interactions is a first step.

Brian K. Shue, DDS, CDE, is the dental director of a federally qualified health center and is a certified dental editor. He was President of the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists in 2020-2021, and a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Dr. Shue has served as the editor of the San Diego County Dental Society for the past 15 years.

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District 7

## Congratulations!

ICD USA Section  $\longrightarrow$  Class of 2021  $\longrightarrow$  District 7



Thomas R. Hughes • Lamont Bregg Jacobs • Sally Z. Lauterjung Jennifer L. Satterfield-Siegel • Valerie Martinsen Seifert Dimitris N. Tatakis • Kevin D. Ward



FIGURES 1 & 2: Operation Stand Down Program – A day of free dental screening for vets (includes exam & X-ray). If follow-up treatment is needed, the veteran is referred to a dentist in the local area at no cost.

FICURE 3: 7th District Vice Regent Dr. Rebecca De La Rosa presented the check from the ICD USA Section & ICD USA Section Foundation to Dr. Jeff Steele for the Indiana University School of Dentistry Student Experience Program.







DR. MARK E. BRONSON, FICD (CINCINNATI, OHIO) IS SERVING AS AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

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District 7 — Indiana & Ohio

District 7 Regent — Denise L. Hering

#### District 8

Chicago Dental Society President Dr. Thomas Schneider, FICD, addresses the joint luncheon, after being introduced by ICD District 8 Regent and Midwinter Program Chair, Dr. Mary Starsiak.







ADA President Cesar R. Sabates, FICD, was the Keynote speaker at the ICD/ACD/PFA luncheon on Feb. 26 in Chicago.

## Congratulations



ICD USA President Dr. Risé Martin addressed the group at the ICD/ACD/PFA luncheon and presented the Weclew Awartz (not shown)



Class of 2021!

(L-R) PFA President Dr. Armyl Banez, ICD President Dr. Risé Martin, ACD President Dr. Richard E. Jones and ADA President Dr. Cesar Sabates, FICD, attended the 2022 joint ICD/ACD/PFA luncheon.

ISTRICT 8

Marsha A. Babka • Sara E. Carroll • Irbad Chowdhury • Gaurav Vijay Joshi • Katie Kosten

— Flavia Lamberghini • Marilia Montero—Fayad • Anne Bronwen Richards • Susan A. Rowan

William Simon • Kelly Skerrett • Lawrence P. Smith



Francis (Frank) Serio, DMD, FICD, gave a well-received presentation about planning for volunteer dental missions projects during the 2022 Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting.

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## Universal Smiles

**FELLOW IN ACTION** — Dr. Michael C. Farmer

by Michael C. Farmer, DDS, FICD

t was late afternoon in July, and we were 15 miles into the bush from the paved road. A group of six dental students and two faculty members had been busy doing oral health education, dental screenings, and providing fluoride treatments. The line for those waiting did not seem to get shorter despite our efforts. So when I called the next patient into the makeshift clinic, a girl of around 12 years old, and she paused to say something to the translator rather than follow me to the clinic, I was impatient to have her follow me. I noticed then the two limes in her hand. She was insisting that before she entered the clinic, I take the two limes as payment for the work that we were doing that day. She refused to go any further until I accepted them.

This is the spirit of the Ugandan people. They are resilient and forever giving of what they have to you and their fellow citizens. I have been fortunate over the last 11 years to experience their generosity and develop relationships with some great dental professionals, as well as other individuals who are doing great work in the impoverished East African country.

In 2011 a collaboration between Makerere University College of Health Sciences (MU-CHS) in Kampala, Uganda and the UNC Adams School of Dentistry (UNC-SOD) began with the mission of providing preventative care to the residents of the rural Nakasongola District in Uganda. Starting in 2012, students and faculty from UNC-SOD have traveled



A grateful mother's pride shows through her eyes for her son being a brave patient.

annually to the MU-CHS campus to develop a collaboration between the schools and the Ugandan Dental Association. Each year, students of these schools spend a week at MU-CHS, building a relationship between the two universities. The students are educated by faculty members of MU-CHS, rotating through various clinics throughout the week. The



The dental team doing oral health education and giving out toothbrushes at a school in rural Uganda.

students and faculty of both schools, as well as local dental professionals, have also worked together in remote clinics in Nakasongola providing preventative oral health care as well as extractions, restorations, fluoride treatments, sealants, and oral health instructions.

Each year the number of patients treated grows incrementally. We provide care to over 600 patients in an area where transportation to a dental facility is not an option. We also give oral health education to many more than this annually, including to over 1,300 local students. At the same time, we educate teachers in the local schools on oral health to provide education throughout the year and for following generations. We have provided over 75,000 toothbrushes during our eight years in Uganda, replacing the traditional chewing stick that many use because of a lack of availability of toothbrushes.

The mission of our project has evolved over time to allow for improved access to care through educational reform. MU-CHS was the only dental school in Uganda until recently and was only able to produce around 12 dentists each year. This has resulted in a dentist to patient ratio of approximately 1:165,000. Through extensive research and exploration of options, we elected to move forward with a pilot program to build a clinic in Nakasongola that will provide access to care. The clinic would employ a full-time dentist (a member of the MU-CHS faculty) to supervise dental students and residents, allowing MU-CHS to increase their output of dentists from 12 students annually to 15, an increase of 25%.

If this clinic is successful, further clinics will be developed in other regions of Uganda, increasing access to care while simultaneously increasing the number of dentists. The clinic will be a multi-disciplinary clinic that could host groups of oral health care providers as well as other groups such as doctors, mental health therapists, or engineers. There is an adjacent health center that currently has a state-of-the-art operating room that can be used for surgical cases.

We are currently interested in establishing a teleconference between UNC-SOD and MU-CHS Pathology and Oral Surgery departments to discuss specific cases, treatment, and recommendations on techniques. We also provided MU-CHS with donated dental equipment to build a new clinic at MU-CHS that the dental students would staff as well as a screening clinic. With these developments, we hope to increase the collaboration between the schools and provide educational opportunities to each school's students, residents, and faculty. We are also working with the Ministry of Health to determine the best path forward and to establish goals that would best benefit the Ugandan people.

In 2019 Universal Smiles, a non-profit organization started by the founders of the project and myself, received 501(c)(3) approval. Their tax identification number is 84-2538674. I can be reached at **mfarmer@pmdent.com** and further information is available about our project at **www.universal-smiles.org**. The next trip to Uganda is being planned for July 2023.



Dr. Farmer enjoying some recreation time with a group of students in Kakooge.



A student, Jolam, demonstrating appropriate brushing technique to his classmates with his new toothbrush.



Dr. Farmer demonstrating brushing techniques to Ugandan school children.

## **GREAT** EXPECTATIONS



## Mentoring Professionalism March 2022 Kickoff Event UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry

by Tommy Harrison, DDS, MBA, FICD



Back row L-R: Group Practice Director (GPD) Dr. Elham "Ellie" Abassi; Dr. Elizabeth Hamilton (GPD); Dr. Stephen Laman, FICD (GPD); Dr. Doug Bogan (ICD Mentor); Dr. Dath Collins (GHDS President, ICD Fellow-Elect); Dr. John Valenza, FICD (Dean, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry); Randal Glenn (First Attending, UTSD); Dr. Kathy Gibson (ICD Mentor, UTSD faculty); Dr. Karen Wuertz (GPD); Bonita Wynkoop (First Attending, UTSD); Dr. Craig Armstrong (ADA Trustee 15th District and ICD Mentor); Dr. David Fray, FICD (UTSD Alumni Association President and UTSD Faculty); Dr. Duc Ho (TDA President and ICD Mentor)

Front row L-R: Fellows Dr. Tommy Harrison (ICD Mentor, UTSD faculty); Dr. Karen Walters (ICD Texas Chapter President and ICD Mentor); Dr. Dan Bentley, FICD (GPD Red Practice); Dr. S. Jerry Long, FICD (UTSD PACE Center Co-Chair, UTSD Faculty), and Dr. Ron Rhea (ICD Mentor).



Dr. John Valenza, FICD (Dean, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry) welcomed the students assembled for the Great Expectations Mentoring Professionalism program.



The event began with delicious food from Maggiano's Italian Restaurant.



The Great Expectations program was presented in one classroom and sent to the other four classrooms (live) via WebEx. The Great Expectations Kickoff Event began on time at 5:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, at the UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry. The food was upgraded this year to a buffet from Maggiano's Italian Restaurant, served at the dental school. On the menu were lasagna, Italian salad, green beans, and a dessert with iced tea or water.

The 105 DS2s (second year dental students) were the focus. Most of them were there because ICD Fellow Tommy Harrison worked with the administration to find a day that would fit best with their test schedules. The students broke into five groups that corresponded with the Group Practices to which they were already assigned. There are two Faculty Mentors for each Group Practice; one if the Faculty Mentor in a group is the Group Practice Director from whom the DS2s are already used to receiving mentoring and coaching. All five GPDs attended this year. The second Faculty Mentor is either the First Attending or Second. There are also Student Mentors (one DS3 and one DS4) for each group practice.

Once everyone went through the buffet line, Dean John Valenza, DDS, FICD, welcomed those assembled. To comply with distancing requirements related to COVID-19, each group practice with mentors met in a separate room (five rooms total). The program was presented in one classroom and sent to the other classrooms (live) via WebEx.

Dean Valenza talked about the origins of Great Expectations going back many years to a meeting between [ICD Fellows] Dr. Art Dugoni and Dr. Moody Alexander. He was followed by Dr. Karen Walters, the current president of the Texas Section of ICD. Karen sent greetings from the ICD. Next, Dr. David Fray spoke on behalf of the UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry Alumni Association (UTSD). Dr. Fray is a tenured Professor at UTSD and is well respected by all who know him.

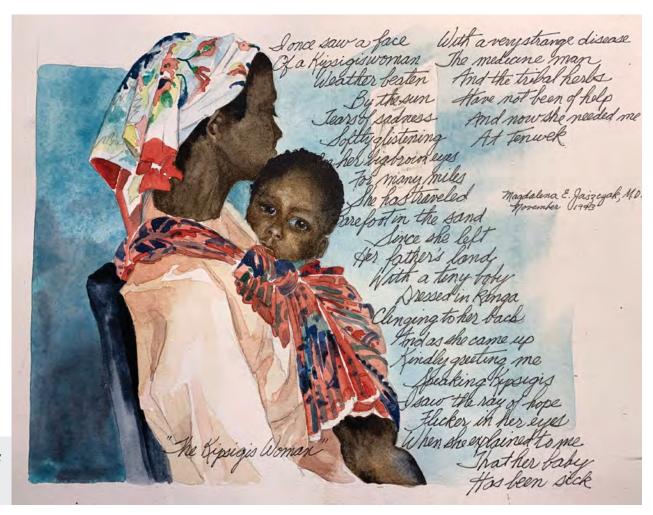
Fellow-Elect Dr. Dath Collins spoke next as President of the Greater Houston Dental Society (GHDS). His words of wisdom were well received and he was followed on the program by his father, Dr. Ron Collins, FICD. Both Drs. Collins have served as President of the GHDS and the senior Collins gave his annual speech on the Native American Talking Stick. Whoever holds the stick has the floor to tell their story of why they chose dentistry as their profession. By observing the rules of the "Talking Stick," the individual meetings are more ordered and productive as we get to know each other better and establish a community of trust within the five group practices.

All were invited to a follow-up meeting to discuss ethics dilemmas which took place at the dental school on Thursday, March 31.

### AN UNCERTAIN DESTINY

by Richard J. Schilling, DDS, FICD

ICD FELLOW IN ACTION



Pastel painting by Richard Schilling

n 1993 and 1994 I was the volunteer dentist at Tenwek Hospital in the highlands of Western Kenya. In those days there were few specialists at the hospital. I was the only trained dentist for a local population of a quarter million people. The hospital was small and the dental clinic shared space with the eye clinic.

One day while working in my clinic I saw a young mother seated behind me waiting to have her eyes examined. I grabbed my camera and quickly took her picture. She did not react to my camera flash. Later, I painted her portrait in watercolor. I titled the painting "An Uncertain Destiny", for what does the future hold for this young, blind mother and her infant in a land where life is so difficult even for the sighted? I often think of this infant who might be a teenager today if he survived. Or, did he roll over into the mud hut's central fire pit and die as many infants did.

In my mind, artistry and dentistry are almost synonymous. In fact, dentistry may be the highest art form, because when done skillfully, the natural is restored and any human intervention is hidden. I believe that every good dentist is, or can be with some instruction, a very good painter or sculptor. I have juggled careers in dentistry and watercolor painting for 50 years. Both have been a source of joy and satisfaction.

After practicing clinical dentistry for 50 years, my passion now is to create innovative approaches to sustainable dental care for needy children abroad. Smiles Without Borders Foundation was created to install dental clinics in government elementary schools in Mexico. They are staffed by national graduate dentists who serve their one year of community service before licensing.

I cannot imagine a world without art. I agree with Winston Churchill who said, "If it

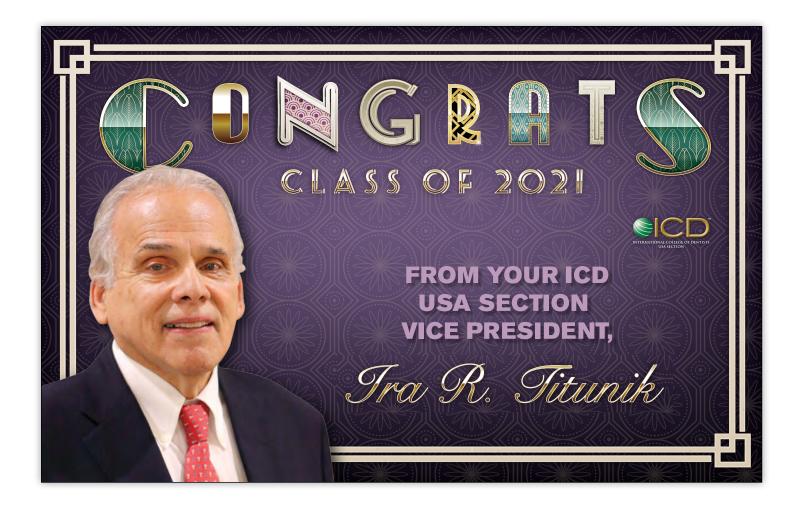
weren't for painting, I couldn't live; I couldn't bear the strain of things." Painting has taught me to see things in a different way. I guess that is why we dentists in dental school drew all those pictures from the microscope of normal and abnormal tissue cells.

### **ABOUT THE POEM:**

Dr. Magda Jaszcgak was a young anesthesiologist. Soon after marriage her husband suddenly died. After his death Magda traveled alone to Tenwek Hospital in remote Kenya to find peace and joy again by serving others in need. She was a poet, and I found her poem appropriate to add to the painting; two young women, worlds apart, dealing with life's sorrows.

Richard Schilling

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FICURE 1: WI Treas/Sec'y Karen A. Johnson, DDS, and two assistants, Mindy Norder and Lynette Schulke, volunteering on Special Olympics Gives Athletes a Smile Day, July 22, 2021.

FICURE 2: Jim, a US Army vet who served three years in Korea, stopped dental care a decade ago due to cost. He had one lower tooth, and his dentures were in poor condition when UMich dental students and faculty donated time and services to Jim through the Victors for Veterans program.







DR. RONALD PALER, FICD, UMICH ADJUNCT PROF.,
PRESENTS DONATION FROM THE ICD MI CHAPTER TO
THE VICTORS FOR VETERANS PROGRAM AT VINA DENTAL.\*

\*(L-R) Dr. Howard Hamerink, FICD, UMich Victors for Vets Director; Dr. Ron Paler, Victors for Vets volunteer; Jim Gilmore, VINA Executive Director.

District 9 — Michigan & Wisconsin

# PRACTICE ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP TO COMBAT ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

by M. Christine Benoit, DMD, FICD and Samuel R. Zwetchkenbaum, DDS, FICD (April 1, 2022)

CD's Understanding Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) program provides dentists resources to appreciate the significance of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and to practice antibiotic stewardship in their daily work. The program held an informative panel discussion on December 9, 2021, featuring international experts Drs. Gary Brillo [Philippines], Andres Pinto [USA], Wendy Thompson [UK], Mahesh Verma [India], and moderator Sam Zwetchkenbaum [USA] – all ICD Fellows.

AMR is a looming threat to humanity resulting in more deaths annually than malaria and HIV/AIDS and ranks just behind ischemic heart disease and stroke. International researchers used data and statistical modeling from 204 countries to estimate more than 1.27 million people died from drug resistant infections, and 4.95 million deaths were associated with antimicrobial resistance in 2019. The greatest mortality rate from antimicrobial resistance was in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, where paradoxically the use of antibiotics is less than in wealthier countries. Antibiotic resistance is a worldwide threat particularly for multi-drug resistant organisms.

In the US, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) supports prevention of *Clostridioides difficile* (*C. diff*) infection. The US toll is almost half a million infections and 29,300 deaths per year. Apart from loss of life, *C. diff* requires costly management which can have negative impact on the quality of life of patients and their families.

### Dentists play a role:

In the outpatient setting, dentists' prescribing of antibiotics ranks third, just after family medicine and internal medicine.<sup>2</sup> Dentists may also be prescribing clindamycin with continued frequency, which contributes to the global burden of C. diff infection.<sup>3</sup>

Best practices for dentists prescribing antibiotics is an evolving science. Antibiotic prescribing, whether appropriate or inappropriate, contributes to antimicrobial resistance. Antibiotics clearly save lives and are an essential component of modern medicine and dentistry for surgical patients, cancer care, dialysis, organ transplant recipients, patients with sepsis, and oral infections. But bacteria



Photo credit: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

Produced by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), this digitally colorized scanning electron microscopic (SEM) image, depicts numerous mustard-colored, spheroid shaped, methicillin-resistant, Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) bacteria, enmeshed within the pseudopodia of a red-colored human white blood cell (WBC), known more specifically as a neutrophil.

and fungi may develop resistance mechanisms, evolve, or mutate to avoid the antibiotic designed to kill them. These drug resistant pathogens then spread amongst humans, animals, plants, or the environment.

During the early phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an uptick in antibiotic prescribing in England related to increases in telehealth utilization and inability to definitively manage infection.<sup>4</sup> Conversely, in the United States, where pre-procedural prophylaxis is common for orthopedic or cardiovascular prostheses, prescribing decreased. Inappropriate prescribing practices persist in dentistry, particularly with misprescribing for antibiotic prophylaxis or overprescribing even when unnecessary. Improving access to acute oral health care and preventive care for symptomatic patients reduced prescribing antibiotics for dental complaints in emergency departments for nontraumatic dental conditions.<sup>5</sup> Prompt management of infection through endodontics or surgery will avoid extended antibiotic use. Benefits of antibiotics for pulpal pain may be negligible and can contribute to harms; follow guidelines from the American Dental Association and reserve antibiotics for systemic involvement.

The CDC recommends dentists act against antibiotic resistance in seven ways: 1. Make

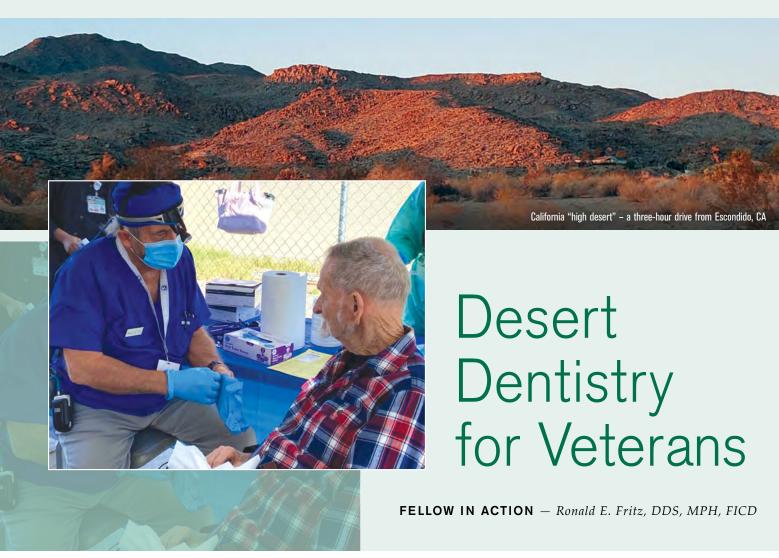
an accurate diagnosis. 2. When prescribing an antibiotic, choose the right drug for the right dose and duration. 3. Use narrow-spectrum antibiotics for simple infections and preserve broad-spectrum drugs for more complex infections. 4. Avoid prescribing antibiotics for viral infections. 5. For empiric treatment, revise treatment regimen based on patient progress and/or test results. 6. Know the side effects and drug interactions of an antibiotic before prescribing. 7. Teach your patients about appropriate antibiotic use and emphasize the importance of taking antibiotics exactly as prescribed.

### **Next Steps:**

- 1. Download the Oral Health Antibiotic Toolkit from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- 2. Track your use of antibiotics using a chart audit tool, an example form is included in the Antibiotic Stewardship Toolkit For Oral Health Clinicians from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- **3.** Take the ICD Courses: Antibiotic Resistance: what you don't know can hurt you, and Panel Discussion from December 9, 2021. You'll get CE credit. Post your certificate to let patients know your commitment to antibiotic stewardship!

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(above) Fellow Ronald Fritz asks patient questions, then listens.

ften in our world today, a frequently neglected segment of our society is the veteran population. Areas of neglect are health care, dental care in particular, and vision. ICD has been at the forefront of establishing programs for Fellows to honor our veterans for what they have done for all of us in the USA and the free world. One example of ICD programs is Operation Stand Down, where veterans are screened then treated in Fellows' private offices. Many Fellows take one patient every month to treat all dental needs at no charge.

A few months ago, planning was set in motion for a mission project to help veterans in the Morongo Basin area of the high desert in Southern California, near Joshua Tree National Park. Flying Doctors (Los Médicos Voladores [LMV]) - SoCal Chapter, www.flyingdocs.org), Healing California (www.healingca.org), and ICD Fellows (www.usa-icd.org), joined forces at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7264 in Joshua Tree, California, not far from the Twentynine Palms Marine Base. Perfect weather

with blue skies, amazing colleagues, many of whom flew in from Northern California, and beautiful veterans, made for a spectacular day full of blessings in both directions. The "flying" part of the Flying Doctors consists in unselfish, service-oriented, volunteer private pilots flying passenger participants in their own small private Cessnas, Cherokees, and other planes, to our event. Our pilots served us well:



Stephen Los, DDS; Stacy Gradman, Executive Secretary for Flying Doctors; pilot Rick Utermoehlen; and Dennis Freidig, Flying Doctors attorney

Rick Utermoehlen, a retired Navy pilot; and retired pilot, LMV corporate attorney and former president of LMV, Denny Freidig, who served as an Air Force pilot.

I drove over to the California "high desert" (as opposed to the "lower desert," like Palm Springs and Coachella Valley), a three-hour trip from home in Escondido, California, on Friday afternoon, and checked into the hotel. We began bright and early Saturday morning, 7 AM, in the yard of the VFW Post 7264. After the team of about 25, including dental assisting students from the San Bernardino County ROP Dental Assisting Program, formed a circle for orientation and assignments in the chilly morning air, we took our positions and began. Four dentists, three wonderful RDH hygienists, and vision specialists provided treatments. I did the triage and gave anesthetic. Healing California provided chairs, units, instruments, and all the vision equipment needed - such a blessing of them to cover this major consideration and task in carrying out a mission project.











(L-R) Ronald E. Fritz, DDS, FICD; Stephen Los, DDS; San Bernardino County Registered Dental Assistant Program students Michael Henry and Rachel Critchfield.



Dr. Fritz finishes work on a patient.

As I spoke with each veteran patient, I asked them questions, then listened.

Listening is an important part of an exam as we learn so much about the patient's history, chief complaint, needs, wants, and fears. All patients thanked me, several saying they had never before experienced a dentist who listened, only experienced those who talk and mandate treatment. We all know how important it is that patients feel in charge of their health and empowered to be part of the decision-making process for their treatment. Several as they talked with me, had tears in their eyes as they explained history and what they wanted. We also made sure to perform soft tissue inspection, looking for any signs of oral cancer, realizing a higher incidence in this population.

All team members performed their tasks like a well-oiled machine, everyone being important to achieving a successful day. The gratitude of these patients was overwhelming. Every single one expressed their appreciation, with thank yous for our

being there to help them, and for giving up our weekend to serve. One outstanding veteran told me what a joy the warm vibes were to him:

"There is so much selfishness, ugliness, slothfulness, bad talk and evil in our country and the world, it is so wonderful to see people making a difference, and instead of just talking about the need for goodness and unselfishness, actually doing something to better our world by helping others."

I was stopped in my tracks for an instant, being impacted by his opening up to me. I went to help and bless people, but as I drove back to the hotel for dinner that evening, I realized once again, that these people who fought for my freedom, blessed me more than I could ever do for them. It is a paradox difficult to understand until you have been there and done that, and you feel the reward.

My thanks to my fantastic colleagues in Los Médicos Voladores, for their neverending thirst for service to others. They are the most giving group of colleagues I have been privileged to work with in my 50-year dental career. And a special thanks to Jeff and Laura Grabow, and Luz Moreno, for their skill in organizing and carrying out such an extraordinary event to help veterans. Without their hard work, these events would not take place in Southern California. And sincere thanks to Stacy Loeffler Gradman, Managing Director of LMV Flying Doctors, for her never-ending work to give us opportunities. We count it an honor to inspire others to get involved through this report.

In the words of my hero, Dr. Albert Schweitzer (MD, PhD), who knew by the life he lived, what service is:

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be really happy, are those who have sought and found how to serve."

The reward is in the action, and we admonish all reading this to get involved, you will never regret it; rather, you will want more of the same!

# ICD FELLOWS SERVE AT THE GREATER SAN ANTONIO AREA TMOM

by Dr. Richard Potter, FICD

### FELLOWS IN ACTION



L-R: Fellow Rich Potter delivering a Lower RPD to a TMOM patient in his office. Dr. Potter is the current SADDS President and TDA Director SW Division.

everal 15th District ICD Fellows participated in a Texas Mission of Mercy (TMOM) in San Antonio that served 246 patients who were treated over November 5th and 6th, for a grand total of 1507 treatments worth \$229,584.41, averaging \$933.27 of dental treatment per patient. While there have been larger TMOM events in the past, this was a huge success where COVID challenges were faced and overcome to provide dental care to well-deserving patients.

TMOM is a charitable mobile dental clinic that serves patients in different regions of Texas regardless of income or dental insurance. It is the flagship charitable event organized by the Texas Dental Association (TDA) and The TDA Smiles Foundation in conjunction with the local TDA component dental society.

A total of four (4) clinics are held every year at different cities across the state of Texas. These clinics consist of approximately 20 mobile dental units that are set up to provide basic dental care including cleanings, fillings, extractions and occasionally root canal therapy and removable prostheses. Since 2001, TMOM has treated over 37,000 patients with over \$21,000,000 worth of donated care.



L-R: ICD Fellows Dr. Akshay Thusu, Dr. Risé Martin, and Dr. Rich Potter provided dental care at the 2021 TMOM.

At the event held in San Antonio, a number of ICD Fellows were involved in the planning for over two years as part of the San Antonio District Dental Society's (SADDS) TMOM Committee. In addition to the team of planners, at least 25 ICD Fellows donated their time and services at the event, including prominent Fellows Dr. Richard Smith, ICD International President; Dr. Risé Martin, ICD USA Section President and Dr. Akshay Thusu, ICD USA Social Media Outreach Fellow.

The ICD 15th District, the San Antonio District Dental Society, the TDA, and the TDA Smiles Foundation extend their sincerest thanks to all those who played a part in helping this event become a true success while fulfilling the core values of the International College of Dentists USA Section: Integrity, Leadership, Service.



L-R: Dr. Penny Wong, with Fellows Dr. Akshay Thusu and Dr. Christina Meiners at the San Antonio 2021 TMOM.

## **100** YEARS



### **ICD Fellow Publishes Book on the Last Century**

**FELLOW IN ACTION** — John H. Manhold

Author John H. Manhold's new book, "The End of an Era: Diverse Thoughts From 100+ Years of Living" is a look at the last century through the eyes of a man that lived it. Dr. Manhold portrays a potent and compelling look back at the past century of American history. Offered here is a comparison of the customs, practices, moral code, and attitudes of 1900s individuals as they gradually morphed into those of today as observed by the 101-year-old author who is an internationally recognized scientist and lecturer/consultant as well as a sculptor with pieces similarly positioned in museums and private collections; an author of textbooks and award-winning fiction; a professor; USCG Captain with Masters papers; winner of international sports awards; a veteran of WWII and the Korean War.

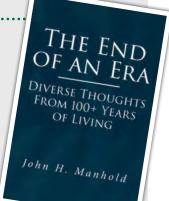
As Manhold describes, "Regrettably, there is a paucity of interest in the past. Few read history with the lessons that it teaches, and even historical novels are passé. The following material sets forth a contrasting picture between the 1900s and the present century. It is one man's story set forth in my words as the events are remembered and written, set with obvious and/or referenced substantiation."

Published by Newman Springs Publishing, John H. Manhold's dynamic tale will reveal a stark contrast between how the American people once lived versus how our culture functions. Touching on the great milestones of the 19th century,





Dr. John H. Manhold was inducted into ICD Fellowship during the November 1964 Convocation ceremony at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in San Francisco.



readers will be able to draw their own conclusions on whether or not the country either progressed or regressed as a collective nation.

Readers who wish to experience this irreverent work can purchase "The End of an Era: Diverse Thoughts from 100+ Years of Living" at bookstores everywhere. or online at the Apple iBooks Store, Amazon, or Barnes and Noble.

For additional information or media inquiries, contact Newman Springs Publishing at 732-243-8512.

Information courtesy of Apple Books.

### District 10

## Congratulations!

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FIGURE 2: Iowa Deputy Regent Sara E. Stuefen, DDS talked about dental health with first graders at Tilford Elementary. Sophia the super tooth came too! Dr. Stuefen received the Iowa Dental Association 2022 Outstanding Service Award.

FIGURE 3: Vice Regent Teresa Fong, DDS, of Minnesota, received the 2021 MDA President's Award.

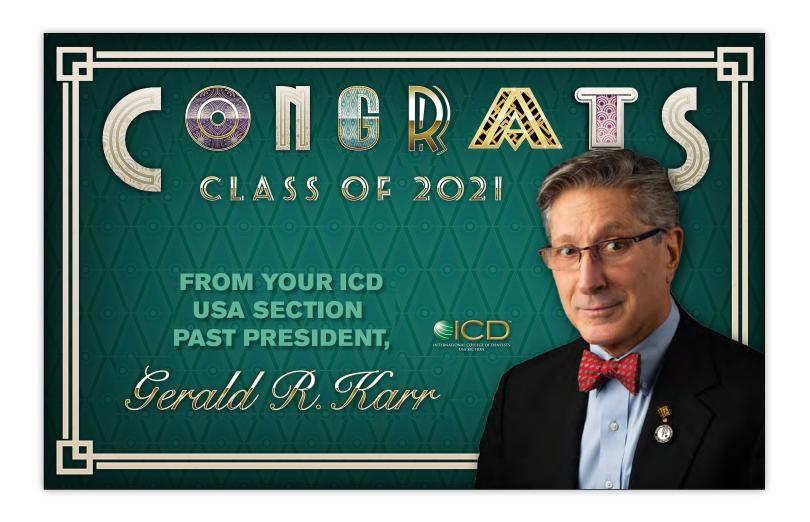






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## SAVE THE DATE!



October 4-6, 2023

The ICD USA Section Meets in Orlando!

The Annual Convocation returns to Orlando in 2023. The Section welcomes new and current Fellows – experience Disney, Epcot Center, Sea World, Universal, the new Brightline, and more! Mark your calendars and check the Section website, <a href="https://www.usa-icd.org">www.usa-icd.org</a> for more details after the first of the year.



(top right) Downtown skyline at Eola Lake, Orlando

(bottom right) Entrance of Walt Disney World in Orlando.

(left) People are always impressed by the gigantic colorful sphere located at the entrance to Epcot amusement park in the evening. They often stop beside it to watch the spectular visual effect.



### LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES AT HOME

by Robert M. Maguire, DDS, FICD

### As Fellows of the International College of Dentists...

We've been recognized for our leadership and contributions to dentistry often at state and global levels. Perhaps some of us have served as officers in our state dental societies. Perhaps, we were selected for membership and noted for serving the underprivileged in our communities or for "giving back" by serving with dental missions outside of the US.

## Serving others is a common attribute of ICD Fellows.

Presently, in our post-COVID society, and with all the disturbing news in the world, our family members, our patients, and our team members, are experiencing a lot of worry and stress. More than ever, we have opportunities to lead and to serve at the local level.

# On February 1, 2022, the ADA updated its 2021 Dentist Well-Being Survey Report.

This study reported that in 2021, 15% of dentists scored "High" on the depression assessment compared to only 1% in 2003. In addition, the study showed that dentists younger than 40 years old were more likely to score higher on the depression risk assessment questions than older dentists.

Considering this information and as leaders not only in our practices, in our dental profession, and in our communities, here are a few suggestions to serve and to help others.

## Take care of yourself by managing your own stress & anxiety.

One of the attributes of a leader is knowing when to ask for help. By taking care of ourselves, we equip ourselves to help others. If you, yourself, are feeling depressed and discouraged, reach out and get the help you need. As a leader, know that you, too, are human and that it is OK to ask for help.

## With your dental teams, don't pretend that everything is OK.

Acknowledge the chaos and confusion that is going on in the world and carve out time for your team to share their feelings and concerns. If you are feeling a bit stressed, be real and authentically share your heart with them. I call this "the power of going first." You, honestly sharing your feelings, will open the door for them to do the same. When I coach other dentists, one of the things I advocate is to have "B & B" at every weekly team meeting. "B & B" stands for "Bonding and Business." If you have an hour meeting each week, carve out fifteen minutes for team sharing and forty-five minutes to

review your practice stats. In today's stress-filled world, showing empathy and compassion by taking the time to listen will provide encouragement, hope, and peace for your team members.

## Reach out to the younger dentists in your area.

They need you, your friendship, and your wisdom, and may feel embarrassed or too proud to call you. Often, a simple phone call is all that it takes to make a connection. When you call, simply ask them, "How are you doing, or would you like to grab a cup of coffee? Years ago, I had a "more senior dentist" do that for me. One Friday morning, we met for coffee and from that moment, we became life-long friends. He was my mentor for over thirty years, someone I could call anytime, for any reason, someone who was always willing to share the truth and his experience with me.

## Engage your dental team in a community service project.

We demonstrate our leadership, and our own burdens become easier when we take the focus off ourselves and actively help the less fortunate in our communities. For example, a few years ago, in my office, we had a food drive for our local food pantry. Simply, whenever patients brought food items to the office, we entered their name into a monthly raffle for a \$150 dental gift basket, one that included a rotary toothbrush, tooth whitening products, and various other dental items. This activity was fun for the team as they participated together in an activity outside of the office. With high inflation and the rising cost of food, having a food drive would be a great service opportunity for your town or your city.

I think we'd all agree that it is an honor to be a Fellow in the International College of Dentists. I love the words of Ruth Stafford Peale, wife of Rev. Norman Vincent Peale, who said that, as leaders, we need to "Find a need and fill it." To me, that simple phrase sums up the service-mindedness of our Fellows.

The world is hurting and desperately needs our leadership. As you continue to serve at the state, national, and world levels, remember to also look for opportunities at home.



Robert M. Maguire, DDS, has been an ICD Fellow since 2012. He retired from his private practice in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire in 2018. He is a past president of the New Hampshire Dental Society. Presently, he is a speaker, author, coach, and consultant teaching a patient-centered approach to practicing dentists, helping them to improve their leadership and communication skills.

# ICD USA SECTION VIRTUAL CONVOCATION ADDRESS

by Secretary General Joseph R. Kenneally, DMD (November 13, 2021)

### **GOOD AFTERNOON.**

would like to take this opportunity to welcome the New Fellows of Section One, the United States of America, to the International College of Dentists. Your activities in leadership, education, research and dental humanitarian and community service have been noticed by your peers, and today you will receive the great and singular honor of ICD Fellowship.

It wasn't long ago that I was one of the USA Section Regents in charge of the identification of deserving Fellows such as you. Occasionally, during the New Fellow process, a promising candidate would ask me, "What do I get for the induction fee that you are asking me to pay to be honored? Why do I have to pay to be honored?" It's a fair question, and not an easy one to answer. The truth is that the induction fee almost covers the costs of the Keys and plaques, the convocation and all the events surrounding it, but not quite. For a while, I said "over 12,000 other dentists like you around the world found it to be worthwhile." For others I said that you get a very nice plaque, a gold pin and a gold Key, a very high-end ceremony and some wonderful events celebrating you as one of the top 1% of the world's dentists in terms of leadership, humanitarian service, research, or dental education. But aside from that, Fellowship in the ICD is not about what you get, it's about what you give. It's also about what you can become.

The Greek philosopher Aristotle said that "well begun is half done." This virtual convocation is a great start to something larger and more profound, but it is only half done if you do not embrace what really makes it significant.

Today I invite you to become an international person. Be aware of and understand the existence of the many cultures around the globe, the great and sometimes ancient civilizations and religions, the incredibly diverse array of traditions. By all means, have pride in your own cultural heritage, but respect the cultural background of others. Understand



Secretary General Joseph R. Kenneally, DMD

that everything that we do has an effect upon everything else.

Global citizenship is the idea that your identity transcends geography or political borders, and that your responsibilities or rights are derived from membership in a broader class: "humanity". This does not mean that you must denounce or waive your own nationality or your regional identities, but that those identities are secondary to your place in the global community. Extended, the idea leads to questions about the state of global society in the age of globalization. You can be a Tar Heel or a Texan or a Yankee or a Midwesterner or a Californian but keep that identity as a citizen of the greater world.

Each one of us has the capacity to become a global citizen. If you volunteer at the dental free clinic in your community, you're a global citizen. If you complete a ten-minute beach clean-up, you're a global citizen. If you can walk or ride a bike sometimes instead of driving, you're a global citizen. If you volunteer at your county vaccination site, you're a global citizen. Remember, it's about acting locally while thinking globally. Being a global citizen does not mean abandoning a national identity. Rather, it is enriching it with the joys and responsibilities of being part of a globalized world.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the College was forced to find other ways to fulfill its Motto "Recognizing Service and the Opportunity to Serve." Like many organizations, we held virtual meetings of our governing body, the International Council, but not many organizations were able to do what the ICD did twice: conduct a real-time meeting whose participants spanned 19 different time zones. We

saw Fellows in Mexico and Guatemala conducting humanitarian missions locally while thinking globally. We saw a group of USA Section Fellow dentists traveling to the Philippines to serve those with little access to dental care. We saw the first-ever "sisterhood agreement" for cooperative efforts between Sections which involves the cooperation of our Fellows in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. We watch the incredibly cooperative unity of our own Section XV, which includes 12 different countries and municipalities from Pakistan to Indonesia. We marvel at the long-term success of our European Section, with 32 countries and nearly that many spoken languages.

Too often, we focus on what divides us, rather than what unites us. But now more than ever, we need to work together and stand up for what we believe in. We must critically reflect on our unequal world to find ways to take responsible action. The International College of Dentists is singularly positioned to help take those much-needed actions and raise the standards of dental health and dental care in the places that need its assistance. But for this to work, it needs the help of its Fellows.

The ICD provides, supports, creates, and promotes hundreds of educational and humanitarian service projects around the world, and it does it on a budget that is perhaps ½-¼ the budget of the dental practices of many of its Fellows. That is because although it is not rich in the financial sense, it has a worldwide wealth of talent, intellect, and dedication that few other dental organizations can claim. As past President Akira Senda of Nagoya, Japan frequently said, "We are One Team." That vision encompasses all the Sections of the ICD and all of its Fellows worldwide.

For the last century, the ICD has been honoring the world's leading dentists, recognizing the outstanding professionals in dentistry that have passed a rigorous peer-review process that is necessary for each Fellow to receive this honor. Each of you entering this USA Section Class

of 2021 has had his or her Candidate Information Form reviewed and voted upon by every Officer and Regent of the Section. Fewer than one percent of the world's dentists have earned the title of Fellow of the International College of Dentists, but those who made it include some of the greatest of all time. L.D. Pankey, Peter Dawson, Clifford Sturdevant, Harald Löe, Per-Ingvar Brånemark, Jeanne Sinkford, Arthur Dugoni, Esther Wilkins, Harold Hillenbrand, Herbert Yee, Michael Buonocore, and many more were all Fellows of the ICD. But that was the past, and now the future of the College is going to be passed into your hands. What will you choose to do moving forward from this landmark point in your dental career?

the International College of Dentists is a wonderful place to find those things.

I know that all of you are just beginning to realize what it is that you have been chosen to join. I will not go into my best John F. Kennedy impression, "Ask not what the ICD can do for you, ask what you can do for the ICD." I was tempted, I will admit. I will say that after spending nearly 40 years working to improve the health of each individual sitting in my dental chair, as rewarding as that was, the chance to spend the twilight of that dental career improving the health of the world is extremely compelling.

Author and motivational speaker, Brian Tracy wrote: "Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others.

"Global citizenship is the idea that your identity transcends geography or political borders, and that your responsibilities or rights are derived from membership in a broader class: 'humanity'."

How will you choose to make an impact on your community and more importantly, the world? Are you willing to look around your communities to find other deserving dentists to join the ICD as global citizens in service to the greater good?

In many ways, Fellowship is what you make of it. The ICD is not going to come to you and steer you to new places and projects and give meaning to your life. You need to do that for yourself, but Unsuccessful people are always asking, 'What's in it for me?'"

Enjoy today's celebration of all of you and your achievements. You are a very special group of dentists, and you should be justly proud. But next week, next month, next year, I ask you to think about all of this and your place in it.

Ask not what the ICD can do for you. Ask what you can do for the world. It is highly possible that the ICD can help you with that.



The late Dr. Michael Veseth, FICD, was a favorite, long-time volunteer at the elementary school in Malta, Idaho, making dental health fun and memorable.



# Congratulations



Jill Shelton Wagers, DMD, FICD, displays her 2021 Idaho ICD Fellow of the Year Award, flanked by (L-R) ID Counselor John Kriz, DMD; Fellow John Matunas, DDS; Deputy Regent Snencer Lloyd DMD

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FICEURE 1: ICD Fellows from top left: Dr. Troy Bartels, Dr. Kenton Ross, Dr. April Buffington Masengale, Treasurer R. Lee Hinson, Past Deputy Regent Steve Kilpatrick, Dr. Tom Spivey, District 12 Past Regent Niki Carter, and Deputy Regent R. Mark Bailey attended the Arkansas Chapter business meeting at the ASDA Annual Session in Little Rock, April 9, 2022.





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District 12 Regent — Mark S. Chaney



## **Black History Month** SPOTLIGHT

## Dr. Cheryl Watson-Lowry Honored by Illinois State Dental Society

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(2nd from left) Dr. Cheryl Watson-Lowry with (L-R) son Evan Lowry (attending law school in the Fall), husband Bill Lowry (President of Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie and Lowry law firm and Cook County Commissioner), daughter Clarke Lowry (recent USC grad and media planner), son Bill Lowry, Jr. (practicing law with his father).

In observance of Black History Month (February 2022), Illinois State Dental Society spotlighted one of their esteemed members, Dr. Cheryl Watson-Lowry, who has been a member of ISDS since 1987 and a Fellow of the ICD since 2000.

Dr. Watson-Lowry graduated from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry in 1987. A second-generation dentist, she joined her father, Dr. Charles E. Watson, in private practice on the south side of Chicago. The practice, Watson and Watson Dental, is celebrating its 60th year.

After serving on the Board of Directors for the Chicago Dental Society and as an officer, Dr. Watson-Lowry became the 154th president of CDS. She was the third female and fourth African American to hold the position. Besides her prestigious role at CDS, she has also served as President of the Lincoln Dental Society, the Kenwood-Hyde Park Dental Society, Trustee on the Illinois State Dental Society Board, Delegate to the ADA House of Delegates, Fellow in the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists and the Academy of Dentistry International, Council for Access and Prevention for the ADA and currently serves on the ADA Council of Government Affairs.

In May 2017, Dr. Watson-Lowry testified before Congress in support of the Action for Dental Health Bill, signed into law in 2019. She received

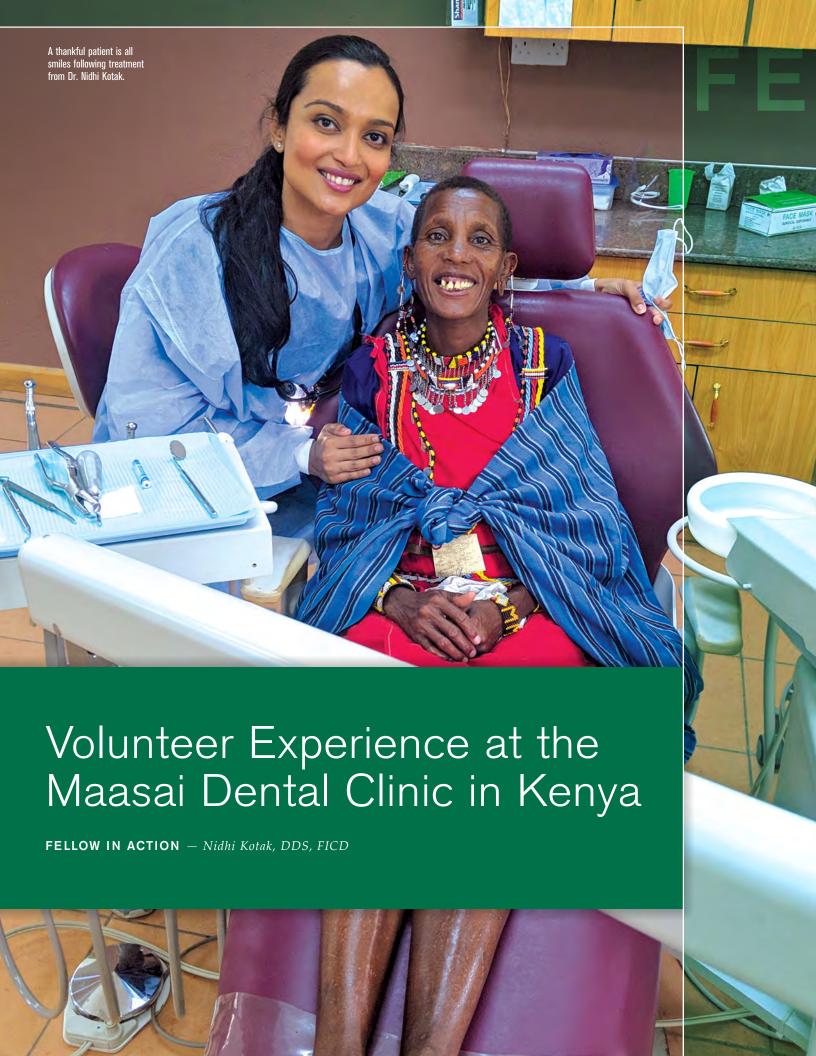
the ADA President's Citation for her work with the ADH Bill, increasing access to dental care for many underserved throughout the United States.

Dr. Watson-Lowry has a strong commitment to her local community. In 2013, 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot just steps from Dr. Watson-Lowry's home. This tragic murder gained national attention, including the nation's President at the time, Barack Obama. Dr. Watson-Lowry and her husband knew there was something needed to stop this type of violence from happening in their community. Together, they founded the anti-violence group, The It's Time Organization. "TITO's" focus has been to provide at-risk young people opportunities that will change their lives for the better.

Besides her active role in her profession and involvement within her community, she has been married over thirty years to Commissioner Bill Lowry, Sr., and is the mother to three children.

Dr. Watson-Lowry's dedication to her family, community, and the patients she serves every day is an outstanding example to past, present, and future members of ISDS. We are truly honored to have her in our corner of organized dentistry.

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# LLOW IN ACTION

"The Maasai Dental clinic has provided free dentistry in the Mara since 2008 to a population of about 50,000 local Maasai people. It has been served by licensed dentists and hygienists from all over the world, driven by passion to 'give back' ...



Nidhi Kotak, DDS, FICD

by Nidhi Kotak, DDS, FICD

n April 2019, I traveled from Dubai to volunteer at the Maasai Dental Clinic in Kenya. Although the purpose of the trip was to serve the incredible Maasai people, this opportunity also helped me reconnect with myself and my love of dentistry.

One of the first people I met was the clinic manager, William, who wears many different hats at the clinic. He is a manager, a safari tour guide, and above all, a friend you can count on when you are halfway across the world in the African Savannah and have A LOT of questions.

During our drive from Nairobi to the clinic, which took about four hours, we stopped at a local market to pick up fresh fruits and vegetables. William mentioned that 2019 had been such a dry year and the drought affected the farmers and the animals. I told him about cloud seeding in Dubai, which is a man-made way of making it rain. He was shocked, and with his big old smile he replied, "Wow, in Dubai people compete with God?"

Prior to 2019, I had practiced dentistry in three countries - India, UAE, and the United States. The moment I entered the Maasai Dental clinic, I knew this place was magical. I checked into the apartment, which is on the second floor directly above the clinic, and immediately felt at home. I had feared that I may feel unsafe given the high crime rate in Nairobi, but the compound in Maasai Mara is probably the safest place out there. The compound in which the clinic sits is



Agnes assists a volunteer dentist during a procedure. The clinic's equipment is adequate to safely treat patients.

surrounded by an electric fence that prevents any wild animals, like elephants or lions, from getting anywhere close to you. The Maasai people are very friendly and caring, and I always felt protected around them.

This clinic is like most dental clinics in terms of the equipment and set up, with the exception that occasionally you might see deer and baboons through the window while treating your patients. It had all the instruments and materials I needed. I mean rubber dam endo in the Maasai Mara?! Who would have thought? Day One of clinic started with a bang: fourteen extractions and three root canal treatments. I worked with Agnes and Grace, a wonderful team of dental assistants in Younis, who were excellent at their job and in helping me get accustomed to the Maasai ways. We

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played music as we worked, and it slowly became a well-oiled system.

Fifteen days flew by. We worked hard during the day and met such incredible patients. Language was a barrier but patients showed their gratitude through their body language. I felt so full in my heart and so much pride for being able to get them out of pain. We provided routine dental care as well in the form of exams, cleanings, and fillings; however, a majority of the work was emergency based, with a lot of extractions.

When we weren't working, William introduced us to the local Maasai culture and took us for safari game drives. He was relentless and drove around till we saw so many different wild animals: dik-diks, giraffes, gazelles, deer, elephants, mongooses, topi, zebras, impalas, wildebeests, Thomson's gazelles, lions, secretary birds, ostriches, buffalos, leopards, hippos, hyenas, cheetahs. I was living the dream.

On my last day, I felt mixed emotions. I realized how fortunate I was to have had this experience so early in my career, but I was saddened by the fact that I had to leave. As I got into the car to head back to Nairobi, I thought to myself, "Goodbye Maasai Mara, the beautiful clear skies, incredible Maasai tribe, and the animals. I hope I come back one day."



Fellow Nidhi Kotak with children in a local village, or Manyata.

... I was fortunate to have been one of the serving dentists. I treated over 160 patients, and performed a variety of treatments including consults, simple and surgical extractions, fillings and root canals. This mission was close to my heart and I hope to share awareness about it through ICD."



Nidhi Kotak, DDS, FICD with grateful patient and dental assistant, Grace. Note the patient's suit coat that he wore on this special day.



Massai Mara man wearing a smile as one of his many accessories.



Dr. Kotak shows the handmade sign placed at a fork in the road that points the way to the Maasai Dental Clinic in Kenya.

### **2021 OUTSTANDING** SPONSOR AWARD

### Celeste V. Kong, DMD



Celeste V. Kong, DMD of Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. Celeste V. Kong, of Boston, is the 2021 ICD USA Outstanding Sponsor Award recipient. This award is presented annually to the ICD non-board Fellow who sponsors the greatest number of candidates inducted in the USA Section in a given year. Dr. Kong sponsored six candidates who were inducted to Fellowship during the virtual ICD Convocation Ceremony in November 2021. Her award presentation will take place this fall during the 2022 ICD Annual Meeting

Dr. Kong considers it an honor to be a Fellow of the International College of Dentists for the last fifteen years. Since becoming a Fellow, she has sponsored and co-sponsored over 30 other wonderful colleagues who embody the ideals of the ICD. She believes in promoting diversity and equity in the workplace and in education, and strives to make a difference at her institution, mentoring junior faculty and

students. She is humbled and appreciative of receiving recognition for sponsoring new Fellows to the ICD and wants to thank her District One Regent, Dr. Eliot Paisner and the former Massachusetts Deputy Regent, Dr. Lisa Vouras, and all involved.

Dr. Kong is a Professor and Chair of the Department of General Dentistry at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM). She trained as a prosthodontist at GSDM and also earned her second DMD degree from the same school. She started teaching straight out of the program. In 1981, Dr. Kong completed her first DMD degree at the University of the Philippines College of Dentistry in Manila.

Dr. Kong practiced dentistry with her husband, Dr. William Maness, FICD, who is also a prosthodontist and recently retired. They have one son, William, who recently completed his MBA at the Tuck School at Dartmouth College.

### Prerequisite for ICD Fellowship

The Board of Regents accepts dentists into Fellowship who meet our high standards of Integrity, Leadership and Service AND who belong to one or more of the following 21 organizations:

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### How to Nominate an ICD **Candidate**

- 1. Go to our website www.usa-icd.org.
- 2. Click Sign in in the upper right corner. (If first time, skip Sign In blank fields and select "Forgot username?" before proceeding.)
- 3. Click on your **NAME** in the upper right corner to access profile page.
- 4. Click the Nominate New Fellow button on the left to complete the Sponsor form and click Submit.
- 5. Add your letter of support and click **Submit**.

For assistance with the New Fellow Process, please contact Jennifer Greenville in the USA Section Office

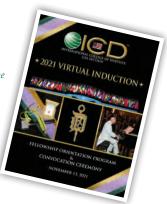
(jennifer@usa-icd.org or 301-251-8861).

Please Note: The Class of 2022 is now closed. New candidate nominations will automatically be considered for the Class of 2023.



Fellowship Orientation Programs (right) were delivered prior to the virtual Convocation Ceremony.

For a written transcript of the keynote address by Secretary General Joseph R. Kenneally, turn to page 44.



## The ICD Welcomes Our 2021 New Fellows

The identification and nomination of worthy candidates for Fellowship in the International College of Dentists give vitality and strength to this organization. Thank you to the many sponsors who took the time and interest to propose someone for this distinction.

Due to COVID concerns, for the second year in a row, our face-to-face ICD Fellowship Orientation and Convocation Programs were canceled. Instead, virtual events were live streamed for our Class of 2021 Fellows. Go to www.usa-icd.org and click on 2021 Virtual Induction to view the impressive events. For a behind-the-scenes explanation of the virtual production process, see p. 26 of the 2021 KEY, found in the Publications dropdown menu on our website.



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## A Message from the ICD USA Section Foundation President Robert L. Frazer, Jr., DDS

It is an honor to serve as President of your ICD USA Section Foundation. *The Mission of the ICD USA Section Foundation is "to support and promote educational, scientific, literary and humanitarian efforts of the ICD USA Section and other collaborating organizations and individuals"*. Every ICD publication you receive from the Section includes links to interesting articles, events, charitable projects around our country and the world, plus there will be a link to donate to the Foundation. Some of you may ask - Why should I donate? Where is my donation directed? Is my donation tax deductible?

The Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) corporation which means that every dollar you donate is fully tax deductible. The motto of the ICD USA Section is "Serving Others". Last year we reviewed more than 30 applications for grants to worthy causes throughout the US and abroad. They ranged from repairing cleft lips and palates in countries like Mexico and Costa Rica to the support of low-income veterans' dental health, to MOM's in underserved America, to dental health missions led by ICD Fellows in countries as poor as Haiti and as far away as Armenia and Kenya. Virtually all are led by one or more ICD Fellows.

Other significant ongoing projects that your donations support are the Bettie R. McKaig International Student Experience Program, Global Health Student Associations, the International Humanitarian Outreach Program, ICD sponsored Humanitarian Volunteer Seminars at major US dental meetings, and the Kikuyu and Chogoria Hospital Dental Clinics in Kenya, Africa, to name just a few. Special thanks to all Century Club donors and a special note of gratitude to Bettie's husband, Dr. Ross Vaughan who made a very substantial contribution in her memory. To see more projects that your Foundation supports, go to www.usa-icd.org/ Foundation and click on the Projects tab.

We also partnered with The Henry Schein Cares Humanitarian Stimulus Grant Program to foster and support ICD USA Fellows' projects in their state and local communities. Fourteen Stimulus grants of \$500 each were awarded in 2021. Although the Henry Schein Cares funding ended in 2021, we are working actively with the worldwide College to submit a major appeal to Schein who has indicated a willingness to continue to support ICD worldwide. If any of you have a close connection with Schein, let me know.



Robert L. Frazer, Jr., DDS

"We need your contributions now more than ever as our world continues to struggle with what seems to be a neverending pandemic, the tragic war in Ukraine and its collateral damage."

One of my largest concerns is the recent decline in Foundation donations. The COVID pandemic and its collateral effects have us trending in the wrong direction. We experienced a 57% decline in the number of Fellows donating to the Foundation from 2019 to 2021. On a positive note, we are most grateful to Dr. Ross Vaughan. Please join in reversing this trend in 2022! We have budgeted just over \$134,000 for 2022 charitable grants. We need your contributions now more than ever as our world continues to struggle with what seems to be a never-ending pandemic, the tragic war in Ukraine and its collateral damage. Our Grants Committee Chair Dr. Bill Hunter has reached out to Dr. Andrew Browar, FICD, HealthySmile@msn.com, who has worked with the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America that collected over \$10,000 in donations and gifts in kind to support Oral Surgeons treating craniofacial trauma in Ukraine.

Please go to **www.usa-icd.org/ Foundation** and click on the Donations tab right now and help us double our humanitarian efforts at home and abroad by the end of 2022. We cannot do it without you!

A tremendously exciting Signature Project is before the Board of Regents. We who have worked diligently with Chair Dr. Ted Roberson are more than excited. If our proposal is accepted by the Board of Regents, it will make the ICD motto of "Serving Others" through humanitarian outreach the hallmark of USA ICD.

Special thanks to our outstanding Board of Trustees who met April 12-14, 2022, in Orlando; our Section office team of Kylie Evans, Paula Rinaudo, Jennifer Greenville, Mary Jo Webster, and of course our Executive Director, Dr. Elaine C. Wagner, for their continued guidance and support during these challenging times.

All of us who are privileged to have received the designation as Fellows of the International College of Dentists can lead the way - through our influence, service, talents, and sharing of our treasure. Thank you for being an active part of your ICD and your Foundation!

We hope to hear from you and see you at the Convocation in Houston, October 13, 2022!

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### ICD-WUDAA Scholarship Program - 2022 Recipients

The ICD and Washington University Dental Alumni Association (WUDDA) Scholarship Program offers annual scholarships to dental students, demonstrating concern about the high cost of dental education and its negative impact on the career choices of graduating dentists by doing as much as possible for individual students and raising awareness of the serious issue of dental school student debt.

The program is a collaborative effort between the College, WUDAA, the ICD Global Visionary Fund, the ICD USA Section Foundation and the Leon Aronson Endowment. New this year to the program is the sixth scholarship, which was provided by the USA Section Foundation in memory of USA Master Fellow Thomas L. Emmering. All participating groups provide administrative, financial and promotional support to see that each year deserving students receive aid towards their dental education.

This year, for the six available scholarships the review committee evaluated 44 applications from 33 dental schools, up from 29 applications last year. The quality of the applicants was very high, making it a difficult decision in the end. Factors taken into consideration were the applicants' and sponsors' letters, grades, leadership, humanitarian service, mentorship, financial need, and extra-curricular activities. (See below for a list of the 2022 ICD-WUDAA Scholarship Recipients.)

Future nominations and letters of endorsement on behalf of student applicants may be submitted to the College Office in Flint, Michigan (shown below). Candidates shall demonstrate financial need and be in good standing at a USA dental school approved by ADA/CODA. International students are eligible.

The following is a statement on Dr. Emmering's legacy by USA Past President Dexter Barnes:



Dr. Thomas L. Emmering, MICD

"I have had the privilege to have been acquainted with many leaders in dentistry over my dental career. Some are great technicians, some are great educators, some have natural leadership qualities, some are wonderful parents and family people, some have a strong religious faith that is clearly evident in everything they do, and some are very humble and treat everyone as their equal and encourage and advance those around them. Most of them have many of these qualities. Tom Emmering

was one of those rare individuals who had them all. I have seen many resumes of very accomplished people but there are a few that stand out and demonstrate the depth of character and breadth of service and love for their family, community, profession and the world. Tom Emmering was one of those people. His service as an educator, practicing dentist, leader in his community and church, as well as his years of service to the ICD, is breathtaking. He served in virtually every leadership role possible in the USA Section, including Past President, Master Fellow and for years he served the Foundation. He and his wife, Vernie were part of every USA Section meeting I attended from 1998 until age and health finally made that impossible in 2018. I consider being able to call them friends as one of the great honors of my life, and I can't think of anyone more deserving of having this scholarship in their honor."

### **2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**





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## **2021 DISTINGUISHED DEPUTY REGENT AWARD**

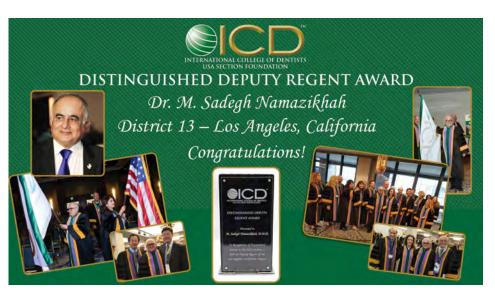
#### M. Sadegh Namazikhah, DMD



2021 Distinguished Deputy Regent Award recipient, Dr. M. Sadegh Namazikhah, of Encino, California

Dr. M. Sadegh Namazikhah was presented with the 2021 Distinguished Deputy Regent Award (DDRA) during the ICD Vice Regent/ Deputy Regent Virtual Meeting on November 13, 2021. This award is sponsored and presented annually by the ICD USA Section Foundation to recognize and reward a Deputy Regent for outstanding service to their Chapter/State and the ICD USA Section. Dr. Namazikhah has served District 13 reliably and consistently for the past five years as the Deputy Regent representing Los Angeles, California.

Sadegh lives and breathes the ICD core values: Integrity, Leadership, Service. He has been a regular attendee of the ICD Annual Meetings and Annual Deputy Regents Breakfast Meeting, as well as the annual state ACD-ICD Recognition Breakfasts during the CDA Presents Anaheim meeting. Additionally, he consistently participates in business ZOOM meetings for ICD District 13. He has been personally responsible for successfully nominating several candidates



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for Fellowship, keeps current with promoting others' ICD nominations, works well with his five Counselors, and serves as a mentor for other California Deputy Regents as they come onboard.

Academically, Dr. Namazikhah served as acting chair of the Post-Doctoral Endodontic Residency Program at the University of Southern California Ostrow School of Dentistry. He combined Leadership and Service while chairing the CDA Foundation, promoting dental philanthropy under the biannual two-day CDA Cares Events held throughout the state - California's version of Missions of Mercy.

For more than two decades, Dr. Namazikhah has served in various leadership positions with the California Dental Association and the American Dental Association. He served as chairman of the Ethics Committee for his component, the Los Angeles Dental Society (LADS). His leadership is legendary in California, serving as president of the LADS, then as a trustee for the California Dental Association and nationally as a delegate to the American Dental Association House.

Sadegh exemplifies the very best of a Fellow and a Deputy Regent of the International College of Dentists, even while serving in so many other leadership positions.

# FOUNDATION GRANT



# **Dental Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic** and More During COVID-19, September 1-13, 2021

by Diane Meyer, EdD, and Robert Meyer, DMD, FICD, MAGD, ABGD, FADI Executive Director of the Christian Dental Society

Held on September 1-13, 2021, our dental trip to the Dominican Republic (DR) included three US dentists, an eyeglass team, and numerous support staff, totaling 19 participants from Colorado Springs, Colorado. The trip was coordinated by Fellowship of the Rockies church which has worked with One Child, a child sponsorship ministry to the DR. The ICD USA Section Foundation provided a \$500 grant which covered much of the costs of dental supplies, including toothbrushes, restorative materials, and disposable items used by the three dentists during the two-week trip.

A few glitches that occurred, as this was one of the first overseas dental humanitarian trips attempted during the COVID-19 pandemic. After we booked our flights to Puerto Plata, the US carrier canceled the flights. This caused additional expense and time delays, but worked out. The team booked new, last-minute flights to Santiago and arranged ground transportation to Puerto Plata, located about two hours away.

The US team had planned to volunteer in a local government dental clinic during the first week. Due to what we believe were primarily COVID-19 concerns, the clinic administration decided two days before our arrival to cancel the US team, much to the disappointment of the local and US dentists. We connected with local dentists and provided supplies and instruments to establish good will. We moved to a local church building with our portable equipment, instruments, and supplies, transported as a complete, three-chair, portable clinic in nine, 50-pound bags on the plane. This portability allows the capability to provide quality dentistry safely and comfortably anywhere. For information on doing a short-term dental trip, see Dental Mission Manual for Portable Short-Term Dental Trips, available on Amazon books or Kindle, written by Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

Immunizations and COVID-19 testing restrictions for travel overseas continually change and mandates must be followed. All team members were required to have two COVID-19 immunizations to fly to and from the DR. There was no requirement for a negative COVID-19 test result before leaving the US, but there was a mandate for a negative antigen (rapid) COVID-19 test to reenter the US. Fortunately, all team members tested negative. On a dental trip to Mexico in August 2021, there were no restrictions other than a passport check when driving into Matamoros or back into the US. For a mission trip to Guatemala in March 2022, we needed a negative COVID test to fly in and out of the US. There are presently no consistent standards within countries or states.

Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer and our DR interpreter using portable equipment.

In the DR, our interpreter was a senior, local dental student who wore orthodontic braces. He shared that COVID-19 restrictions in the DR were much stricter than in the US. The DR dental school had been shut down for the year with only online

classes. He had to stay in his room for eight months since someone in his family had tested positive for COVID-19. The family

could only go out to get food with permission. If caught outside their homes, they were thrown into crowded jails, which did not make sense to us. Many had to sneak out to find food because they could not get permission. This was easier to do in the country than in the cities. In the DR, curfews were in place for 18 months.

The team did not fear COVID-19 and adhered to the usual precautions of infection control including masks, gloves, and eye protection for patient treatment, pressure pot sterilization of instruments, and disinfection of surfaces. The team treated all patients who came as long as they did not have COVID symptoms. We did not ask about immunization status or conduct rapid COVID-19 tests due to costs and impracticalities.



Patients congregate, waiting to be seen outside the church the day after the clinic closed.

The dental team first worked in the city of Puerto Plata with a local underserved population. The team focused on prevention with group and individual oral hygiene instruction and nutrition counseling, restorations, and oral surgery. Eyeglasses were given for nearsightedness and accommodation problems. About 160 dental patients were seen by the team at the first site. After blessing people for three days

without any problems, the crowd outside the church became too large. Due to COVID-19 concerns, someone reported the situation to local authorities. They required closure of the clinic at the end of the day, which was one day early (although discos, sports stadiums, and airports were crowded).

#### Dental Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic and More During COVID-19



#### (Continued)

The team then arrived one day early to the second site of Dajabon, about four hours away on the northern Haitian border. We worked with five churches that cared for about 700 sponsored children through One Child. Dr. Bob and Diane had done dental work in Dajabon three times before; the Fellowship of the Rockies Church actively supported One Child ministries there. We set up the dental/eyeglass clinic in the child development center attached to one of the churches. Each day, different child care centers would screen and bring the children most needing dental care and on the last day, we treated the caretakers. Dental prevention primarily focused on group oral hygiene and nutrition instruction as we did not have a hygienist and emergency care was a priority.

that his wife had been murdered in his presence years before. He's had a tough road. God used me for many people just like Julien, but if he was the only person I treated, then he alone was worth the trip." It reminds us of the "Starfish Story" and how it matters to each patient. (Google the story if you have never heard it.) In a world of overwhelming need, we can make a difference!



Dr. Chris Bowen, the Army dentist, treats patients on his first trip.





Before and after restorative treatment. It is so rewarding to save teeth and give hope with a half-hour of dentistry.

Since the dental/eyeglass team accompanied a church outreach ministry that worked with numerous local churches and the child sponsorship organization, we observed and assisted with events that included children, teens, women, and marriage encounters. Several of the team members sponsor children in the Dominican Republic and there was an opportunity for them to meet their sponsored children.

Mission trips are not only about doing dentistry. Dental care, which is so lacking in most parts of the world, is a great door opener to share love, compassion, and

dental skills with those in need. Dental teams can restore hope to a hurting world. There are always a few challenges to any well-planned mission trip. This reminds us to hold on to our faith and to remain flexible, as conflicts frequently open opportunities for more blessings and accomplishments. We rejoice in this rewarding trip!

If interested in reading doctoral-level research about enjoying the holistic benefits of humanitarian volunteerism and overcoming detractors of short-term trips, Google the Journal of the American Dental Association

> article from December 2020 titled, "Recruitment considerations for dental short-term missions relating to the holistic development of dentists."



The young child in the picture was terrified of dentists and would not sit in the dental chair. After allowing him to "help" this adult patient and observe the care given, he jumped into the dental chair, easily tolerating an injection so we could place a filling in a permanent first molar. He became the team's best friend.

A dental house call for a patient unable to go to the clinic.

The dentists focused on restorative treatment and extractions. Around 300 patients were seen in the dental and eyeglass clinic in Dajabon. We focus on doing the greatest good for the greatest number of patients, and avoid statistics. The

Dominican people are appreciative, loving, and a joy to treat and work with. Unlike the city, there were fewer mask and distance restrictions in the countryside.

One of the dentists, a periodontist, was on his second trip to the DR. He brought his son as his assistant and his daughter-in-law who significantly helped in various ways throughout the trip. Family members are always encouraged to participate together to share the blessings of service.

An Army dentist friend, Dr. Chris Bowen, a first-time dental mission volunteer, shared this: "I'd like to tell you about my first patient, Julien. He was about 75 years old and didn't like his front two teeth. After about 30 minutes, I significantly improved his big smile and we hugged. I later learned

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### 2021 ICD USA Section Foundation General Grants



The following is a list of general grants approved by the ICD USA Section Foundation for use in 2022.

ADA Give Veterans a Smile Summit Support  Armenian International Dental Association, Inc Hand in Hand	\$1,500
Sealant Project	\$5,000
Christian Dental Society - Fellowship of the Rockies and One Child Dental Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic	\$500
Colorado Mission of Mercy - Pueblo, Colorado	\$5,000
Everyone for Veterans No-Cost Comprehensive Dental Program	\$5,000
Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg, Inc Healthy Smiles Pediatric Oral Health Program	\$5,000
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Minnesota Mission of Mercy, A Project of the Minnesota Dental Foundation	\$500
Mission Haiti Medical - Missionaries to Haiti	\$10,000
North Charleston Dental Outreach Smiles Program	\$5,000
Piedmont Benevolence Center, Inc Dental Hygiene Supplies Relief	\$2,700
Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society Community Dental Health Program, Inc Wake Smiles Endodontic Initiative	\$5,000
Smiles International Foundation - Smiles for Baja Mexico	\$2,500
Smiles International Foundation - Smiles for Costa Rica	\$2,500
Rhode Island Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic, A Project of the Rhode Island Oral Health Foundation	\$3,000





Long-time dental volunteer and donor, Dr. Kenton Ross (right) explains procedure to pre-dental student, Annalee Guilford during patient exam at WelcomeHealth: Northwest Arkansas' Free Clinic. WelcomeHealth received \$500 from the Humanitarian Stimulus grant sponsored by Henry Schein and the ICD Foundation.

Photos by Dr. Brittney Gulley

### 2021 ICD/HSC Humanitarian Stimulus Grant for ICD Fellows



Canon City Colorado Mission of Mercy	\$500
Health Care Network, Inc Access to Dental Services for Racine Country's Low-Income, Uninsured Population	\$500
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula's Smart Smiles Program - Smart Smiles Oral Health	\$500
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Dallas County Dental Society Foundation - Tooth Talk and Senior Smiles Programs	\$500
Florida Mission of Mercy	\$500
Manos Dental Center - Dental Care for Underserved Central Texas Adults and Seniors	\$500
Piedmont Benevolence Center, Inc Dental Hygiene Project	\$500
San Antonio District Dental Society Sponsored Texas Mission of Mercy	\$500
St. Raphael's Dental Clinic at St. Mary's Dining Room - Nightguard Splint Fabrication	\$500
Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation's SMART Smiles Program and Texas Mission of Mercy	\$500
Trinity Dental Clinic	\$500
Victors for Veterans at VINA Community Dental Center	\$500
WelcomeHealth - Free from Pain: A Project to Relieve Toothaches in Low-Income Patients	\$500
Total:	\$7,000

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FIGURE 1: Many gathered for the annual ICD luncheon with ACD and Pierre-Fauchard Academy during Western Regional Dental Experience on April 8, 2022 in Glendale, Arizona.

FIGURE 2: Fellows Dr. Carol Morrow and Dr. Jeff Kahl during COMOM 2021 in Canon City. •







L-R: ICD FELLOWS, DR. KAREN FOSTER, DR. CATHY FLAITZ, and dr. Carrie Mauterer attended the U of CO School of Dental Medicine white coat ceremony on 5/20/22.

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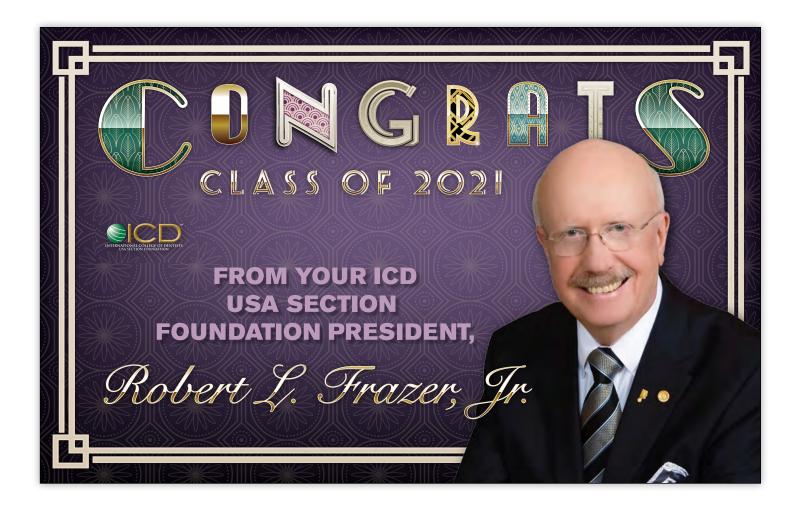
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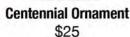


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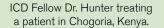
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Dr. Hawa, Dental Officer in charge at Chogoria Hospital, treating a patient.



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L-R: Fellow Dr. Moshtagh Farokhi and current ICD USA President Dr. Risé Martin work at the San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic to provide dental care to refugees in the area.

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Dentists gathered in Brady, Texas, on July 10-11, 2021 for a Mission of Mercy. Dr. Richard Smith, 2022 ICD President, Dr. Risé Martin, 2022 ICD USA Section President, and Dr. Jay Adkins, ICD Texas Regent were among the volunteers. With only 18 dental chairs, volunteers treated 268 patients to the tune of \$336,566 of free dentistry.



2022 ICD USA President Dr. Risé Martin and ICD President Dr. Richard Smith take a quick break during the November 2021 TMOM. See article on p. 40.

District 15 Regent -> Jay C. Adkins



# **STUDENT** EXPERIENCE



# Prevention and Early Intervention Oral Health Program - Meru, Kenya

by Kloanna Fetolli (UMich third year dental student)

Over more than 10 years, students and faculty from the University of Michigan have traveled to Kenya as a part of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry Global Initiatives in Oral and Craniofacial Health Program for a duration of two weeks per year. In close collaboration with local leaders, several schools within Meru County that have populations with oral healthcare needs and a lack of access to care are selected, and school-based dental caries preventive services provided.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Global Initiatives Program was postponed in 2021. In March of 2022, two faculty members and ICD Fellows, Dr. Carlos Gonzalez and Dr. Robert Eber led a team of eight third-year dental students back to Meru. The team was able to safely visit four of the five usual school locations, and was able to provide much-needed oral care to approximately 300 children. The ICD USA Section Foundation provided partial funding for the trip through the Bettie R. McKaig Student Experience Program.

#### **Clinic Workflow**

The clinic days at the sites begin at approximately 8:30 a.m., when initial introductions are made and the best location for the temporary clinic is identified. The clinical area



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

is then arranged in workstations using benches and chairs. This year, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, care was provided in open-air spaces. Following the clinic area set up, the school headmaster (i.e., principal) identifies a group of older students that are tasked with organizing the vounger students for the educational component of the clinic day. Facilitated by University of Michigan students, the educational component includes discussion of oral health, oral hygiene, importance of fluoride, and healthy diet. Local dentists and midlevel providers usually join the team allowing for cross-training in dental techniques and cultural aspects.

Figure 1

**Figure 1:** Student Anna Fetolli, asking the teachers about the diet of the children.

Figure 2: Dental students (L-R) Rachel McGue and Anna Fetolli teaching the children how to brush their teeth. The teacher is translating for the younger children who only speak Kimeru at this age.

Figure 3: The Team! Up Front: Dr. Carlos Gonzalez, FICD. Front Row: Dr. Robert Eber, FICD, Rachel McGue, Hend Massarani, Anna Fetolli. Back Row: Parker Johnson, Brea Fleming, Dr. Peter Ndege (local Internal Medicine Physician), Ben Bouchard.

Figure 4: Dental Therapist Reuben Magiz, working with students Brea Fleming and Hend Massarani.

#### Prevention and Early Intervention Oral Health Program - Meru, Kenya



#### (Continued)

Frequently, the clinic day begins with the youngest class. Children arrive at the "clinic area" to brush with fluoride toothpaste under the supervision and teaching of the older students that were previously selected and trained. Following the oral hygiene exercise, children are brought to the examination/treatment areas.

Forming Relationships

When the team is not running a clinic. they engage in activities to learn more about the healthcare system of Kenya through visiting numerous hospitals and health care centers, including the two main local hospitals in Meru - Meru General Hospital and Consolata Hospital. In addition, the University of Michigan team fosters collaborations with local healthcare providers and dentists, as mentioned above. These collaborations seek to improve oral health of children in Meru, as well as forge professional relationships that will benefit all providers involved in the program. Michigan Students also engage with Kenyan students from diverse healthcare disciplines, such as physician assistants, discussing and sharing information about oral health and preventive measures that can be provided in interdisciplinary settings to improve health.

#### **Conclusions**

The Global Initiatives Program has been able to directly impact the oral health of the children, reducing their oral pain and frequency of infections, improving their overall health. Additionally, children leave the clinic with a higher level of education on oral health, with knowledge of specific steps that they can take each day to improve their oral health. They can

easily spread this information to their families and friends, expanding the impact of the program. The relationships formed with local dentists in the community have allowed for a continued collaboration and expansion of knowledge and services provided to children in Kenya, even when the



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7

Michigan team is not there. Along with the communities directly served by the clinics, the students and faculty that participate in the program are forever changed by the impact of the experience in Kenya. Not only do they learn and gain experience in providing dental services to children, they learn about global health, cultural sensitivity, health equity, and diverse healthcare systems with diverse opportunities and challenges. Anna Fetolli, one of the students participating this year stated: "My experience in Kenya was indescribable. I learned more than I ever thought possible not only about how to treat children, but also about an amazing community that welcomed us with open arms. I will always remember what I learned and hope to continue volunteering as a future health care professional."

**Figure 5:** Brea Fleming and Parker Johnson working on one of the children.

Figure 6: Representative image of a clinic open air set up area. Oral examination and treatment provided by students included application of topical fluoride varnish, silver diamine fluoride (SDF), glass-ionomer sealants, and Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART) when indicated. Due to the limited advanced treatment that can be provided in the field without adequate follow up, referrals to the local hospital are provided to children with advanced dental need, where the dentist(s) and mid-level providers work on a regular basis.

**Figure 7:** Student Hend Massarani, teaching Physician Assistant students about oral health.



#### District 16

The UNC-Mexico Project, a collaboration of ICD Section III Mexico Fellows, the University of North Carolina, the Mexico Ministry of Health and the Sister Cities Program, is supported by countless teachers, students and volunteers providing dental services to underserved communities of Mexico.





(L-R) Dr. Michael Healy, FICD, VCU Associate Dean for Student Services; Ms. Cash; Ms. Phan; and Dr. Richard Roadcap, FICD, USA Section Editor. On October 11, 2021, the ICD Virginia Chapter presented scholarships to Virginia Commonwealth (VCU) dental students Clairise Cash (D-4) and Quinnie Phan (D-3), recognized for their academic achievements and leadership.



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Fellow Dr. Frank Serio with Sister Teofila Santos during Dominican Republican mission trip. Class of 2021!

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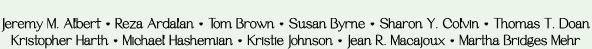
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FICURE 1: Leaders and Co-leaders at the 2022 Florida Mission of Mercy (FLA-MOM) held in Tallahassee on March 11-12 at the Donald L. Tucker Center. Most are ICD Fellows or nominated for Fellowship. More than 1,300 people received treatment, totaling more than \$1.7 million of donated care.

FIGURE 2: This patient had tears of joy after receiving her dental treatment at the Tallahassee MOM.







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Burnette, Edwin R. (2019)	GA	Larsen, Jerrold L. (2020)	OR	Smith, Robert M. (2016)	CA
Byrne, John R.	FL	Lavely, Donald P.	PA	Sprout, Gilbert L.	CO
Carbery, John B.	WA	Lippard, George A. (2020)	SC	Steinberg, Arnold D. (2019)	IL
Chase, Donald C. (2003)	NE	Lubar, Larry B. (2020)	NM	Stiefel, Carl M.	TN
Clark, Byron L.	PA	McClain, J. Howard	TN	Stout, Frank P.	NC
Clegg, Milton C. (2019)	FL	McLeod, Carlton J.	FL	Sweet, Thomas O'Dowd (2017)	NY
++ Clinton, Jack W.	OR	Mellonig, James T.	TX	Tylicki, John F. (2019)	CA
Cochran, V. Lynne	PA	Mink, John R. (2018)	KY	Ulrey, Richard D.	CO
Comeau, Roger L.	WI	Moberly, Jacob H. (2020)	NM	Vaclav, Michael D.	TX
Crockett III, John R.	TN	Moylan, Jr., George P.	PA	Wade, Herbert L.	TX
Cuttino III, Charles L.	<i>VA</i>	Murray, Jerome D.	FL	Waltz, Mark E. (2020)	PA
Davies, Thomas Ray	CA	Myers, Stephen Carlton	FL	Westcott, Robert C.	NY
Deitch, Stanton	NJ	Neff, Peter A.	<i>VA</i>	Wilkinson, Sr., Robert M.	NC
Demby, Neal A.	NY	Nelson, Ralph T.	IL	* Williams, Jr., R. Victor	NY
Depew, Jr., Theodore E. (2020)	OR	O'Connor, Richard R.	FL	Wingard, Charles E.	OR
Discipio, Joseph V. (2020)	IL	Osborne, Harry A.	ОН	Yamada, Richard H. (2020)	IL
Edington, Jr., Ernest M.	TN	Persons, Jeffry E.	CA	+++ Yee, Herbert K.	CA
Eggleston, Franklin K.	TX	Pipko, Donald J.	PA	Zobl, Robert J.	MI
Elliott, James C.	NC				
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Feldman, Mark J.

Gartner, Reg L.

Fihn, David J. (2020)

Fifield, Jr., Charles A. (2020)

Forte, Robert Paul (2020)

Gage, Stephen M. (2020)

Gershen, Jay A. (2020)

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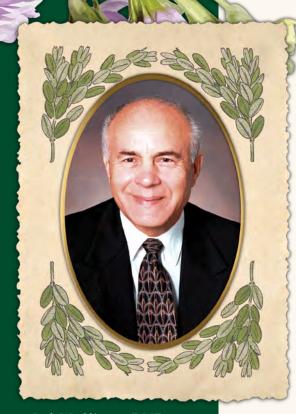
++ Past ICD USA Section Past President and Foundation Trustee, Oregon State Counselor, Master Fellow

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#### **Past President**

#### Jack W. Clinton, DMD, MICD

1939 - 2022



Jack W. Clinton, DMD

On January 3, 2022, the ICD and the world lost a wonderful human being, Dr. Jack Clinton. Jack was a significant leader for the ICD, serving in numerous roles in the USA Section and Foundation. These contributions were made over a period of many years, serving in almost every USA ICD leadership role. He was innovative in his approach to making the ICD better. He strongly supported the expectation of service provision by ICD Fellows. He was a great listener, but also decisive in decision making.

These qualities, and many more, were derived from his lifelong devotion to helping and serving others. These qualities were developed as a result of his parents' influence as well as an early commitment to pursue a career as a dentist. He had a long and distinguished career at the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry.

He excelled in his academic roles serving in many leadership positions, including Dean and Vice President at OHSU. His various roles in academia prepared him for enhanced leadership abilities, especially fundraising success to construct a new dental school.

Jack and his wife, Mary were instrumental in promoting the "family" atmosphere for the USA Section activities. They always reached out to new inductees or leaders and quickly made them feel part of the "ICD Family". Jack was articulate and insightful in promoting issues that enhanced the ICD, but also maintained an ability to be humorous.

I did not realize until later that Jack and I shared so many career similarities: influenced at a young age by a dentist, delivered newspapers as a boy, entered dental school after only three years of undergraduate education, faculty position in an Operative Department, role in Student Affairs, served as a department chairman, served as an Assistant Dean, served as an ICD Regent/Section President/Foundation Trustee, and received our ICD Mastership together. Obviously, he took the faculty position to a much higher level, serving as Dean and Vice President at Oregon. I often thought how great a dean he must have been: if a student put forth the effort, he supported, assisted, and counseled that student in every way he could. If you were lax and not committed, he would let you know in no uncertain terms that you had better "shape up" or you were going to "ship out".

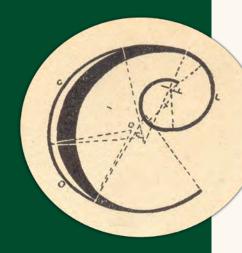
I was honored to be Jack's friend and cohort for many years in many ICD activities. Mary and Brenda were best friends and always were glad to be with each other, but at the same time, made sure that new spouses were befriended and made part of the group activity. While I was located in North Carolina and he was in Oregon, we would have long phone conversations about ICD issues and plans. But almost always, after I hung up the phone, I would have tears streaming down my cheeks because I had been laughing so hard. We had a great time together in the USA Section and Foundation activities and enjoyed many similar thoughts about issues. I will miss him greatly, and his encouragement to walk 10,000 steps

Jack Clinton was a great man!

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#### Ted Roberson

Theodore M. Roberson, DDS Past President, ICD USA Section and ICD USA Section Foundation



#### **Past Vice President**

#### Gerrit C. Hagman, DDS, MSD

1936 - 2021

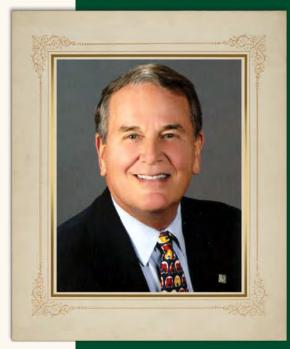
Dr. Gerrit C. "Gar" Hagman, of Atlanta, was born in Gary, Indiana, on February 27, 1936, and passed away on December 12, 2021. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 47 years, Ann Lancaster Hagman.

Dr. Hagman graduated from DePauw University with his BS degree. He then went to Indiana University for his DDS degree, followed by a Master's degree and fellowship. After getting married, and tired of the cold, Ann and he moved to Atlanta to open his dental practice.

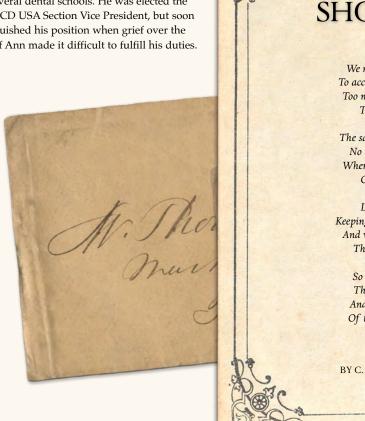
He taught classes at Emory Dental School for over ten years. He was a proud member of the Northern District Dental Society, the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society (served as president and general chairman), the American Academy of Dentists, the Southern Academy of Periodontists, and the International College of Dentists. He served the ICD USA Section as a Regent for District 5, lecturing and speaking on behalf of ICD at White Coat ceremonies for several dental schools. He was elected the 2008 ICD USA Section Vice President, but soon relinquished his position when grief over the loss of Ann made it difficult to fulfill his duties.

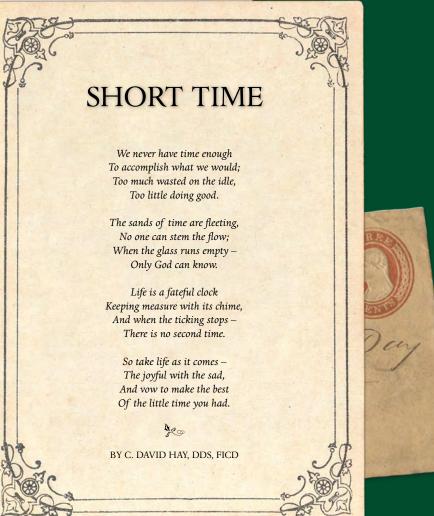
Gerrit was a loyal friend dedicated to his family, profession and faith. He will be remembered as one who gave more than he sought and never wavered in his friendship even during times of personal grief. He made the world a better place and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

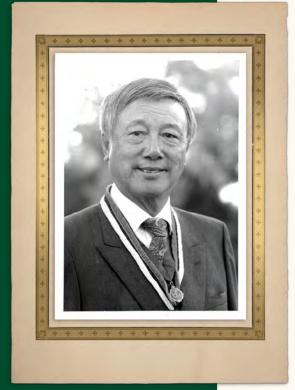
Dr. Hagman leaves behind his daughter, Melissa; his son-inlaw, Charlie; and three beloved grandchildren, Chad, Bailey and Anna.



Gerrit C. Hagman, DDS, MSD







#### Herbert K. Yee, DDS, MICD

# Past International & USA Section President Herbert K. Yee, DDS, MICD

1924 - 2021

We are deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of Past International President and ICD USA Section President Dr. Herbert K. Yee, of Sacramento, California.

Dr. Yee passed away on June 26, 2021 at the age of 96. He was preceded in death by his son, Dr. Douglas H. Yee, FICD, and his wife of 66 years, Inez Fong Yee. He is survived by three sons (including Dr. Wesley Yee, FICD), nine grandchildren, and twelve

great grandchildren. All four of Dr. Yee's children followed in his footsteps by pursuing careers in the dental or medical professions.

Dr. Yee was extremely passionate about the College, as evidenced by his involvement in almost every ICD leadership role since being inducted in 1966. He served the USA Section in 1972 as Deputy Regent of California

and eventually became President of the USA Section in 1985. He also served the USA Section Foundation as a Trustee from 1989-1990 and Foundation Vice President from 1991-2000.

Dr. Yee displayed his internationalism by representing the USA Section as International Councilor from 1988-1993, working his way through various committee chairs before eventually serving as International President of the worldwide College in 1996. His enthusiastic participation and vision for how to accomplish the various tasks at hand left a significant impact on the direction of the College.

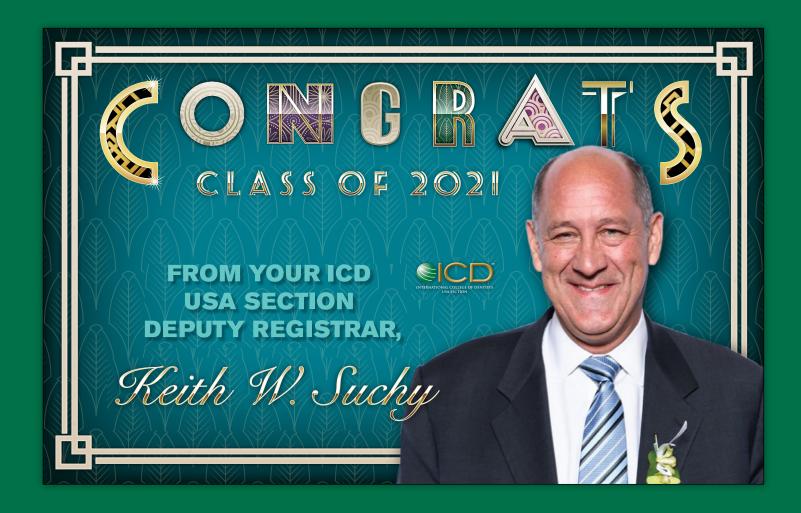
In 2000, he was awarded with the prestigious title of Master Fellowship. He was then honored in 2019 with his most momentous distinction yet, the esteemed Ottofy-Okumura Award. This is the highest honor bestowed by the College to any Fellow. Dr. Yee was only the 14th person to receive the Ottofy-Okumura Award since its inception in 1988. Dr. Henrik Hansen, a former ICD California

Regent, commented, "Dr. Yee has not only been a Fellow of College for a very long time, but he has also been President of the USA Section, and he has also been International President of the [worldwide College]. In that position, he was instrumental in getting the International College of Dentists into China and also into Vietnam after the end of the Vietnam War – two really great achievements."

In addition to being an active and inspiring ICD leader, Dr. Yee was also a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1945, and a lifelong activist and leader in civic and dental organizations. Examples of Dr. Yee's service include 11 years on the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry Alumni Association Board of Directors (1961-72) and 12 years on the California State Board of Dental Examiners (1966–78), having served as president of both boards. Dr. Yee also served his local community as a board member of the Sacramento County American Cancer Society and the California State Railroad Museum, and as District Governor of the Lions Club. He was recognized for funding major projects in both China and the United States. He and his wife maintained an eponymous philanthropic foundation as well as a School of Dentistry endowed scholarship, which funds a dozen students each year. He served on the Dugoni School Foundation Board of Directors for many years and led others by example of his philanthropy.

In 2020, Dr. Yee received the President's Volunteer Service Award, a certificate and a gold medal indicating receipt of the highest level of this award given to individuals whose service has made an impact on communities throughout the nation and for inspiring others. Six months before his death, at age 96 and in uniform, Dr. Yee received a Congressional Gold Medal for his service as a Chinese American in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Dr. Yee's impressive legacy and many contributions to his community and the ICD have left a significant impact on so many of us. He will never be forgotten.





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## Integrity Leadership Service

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In April, the ICD USA Section held their first in-person meetings since COVID-19 began. The week kicked off with productive Executive Committee Meetings for both the USA Section and Foundation, followed by both Board Meetings and Applied Strategic Planning meetings, with many successful discussions and decisions about ICD USA Section operations. Camaraderie was at an all-time high. We look forward to seeing many of you in Houston at our next in-person meeting!

