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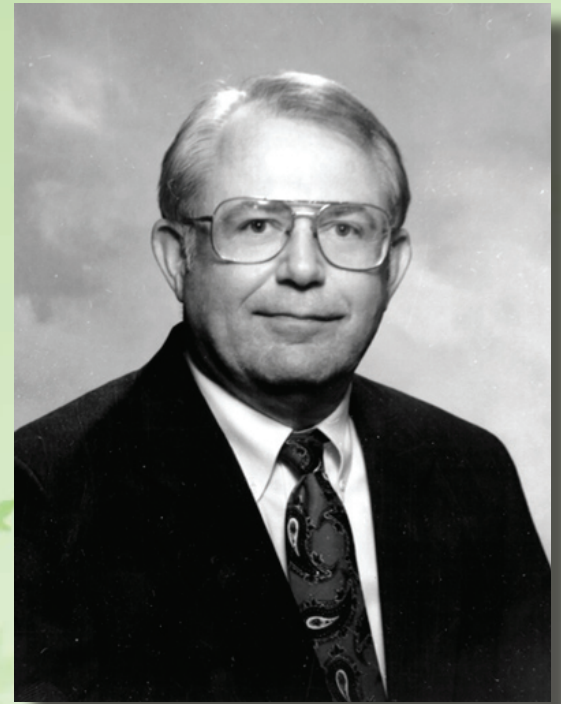
Beginning in 2007, major changes will occur in the timing and site of the Virginia Dental Association meetings. The largest change is the splitting of the traditional state meeting into a continuing education – social meeting to be held in June and governance-business meeting to be held in September.

The first continuing education and social meeting will be held at the Waterside Marriott in Norfolk, VA, June 14-17, 2007. A terrific CE program is being planned and social events will include something for the entire family. After this initial CE-social meeting, Williamsburg will be the annual site of this meeting. The 2008 meeting in Williamsburg will be June 19-22, 2008.

The first governance-business meeting will be held on September 7-9, 2007, at the Marriott Fairview Park in Falls Church, VA. It will include the House of Delegates and annual business meeting. A method will be set up so that every VDA member will have the opportunity to vote in the VDA elections which are a part of this meeting. The governance-business meeting will rotate around the state, with the 2008 governance meeting being in Newport News, VA, September 12-14 at the Newport News Marriott at City Center, in Newport News, VA.

Committee meetings and Day on the Hill will still be held in Richmond each January. In 2007, the meeting will take place January 18-21 at the Sheraton in Richmond, VA. Each committee will be responsible for scheduling other needed meetings during the year or have the option of conference call meetings.

I urge all members to become familiar with these VDA meeting changes and plan to actively participate in you VDA.



Guest Editorial - "I am quitting the police force."

Dr. Timothy Donley



Occasionally, I fool myself into thinking that what I do for a living is important. Of course, whenever that happens I can count on the general public to bring me back to reality. All I have to do is tell someone that I

am a dentist and my real role as the Captain of the Oral Hygiene Police is revealed.

I can be in an elevator, at a school event or even out at a restaurant. As soon as someone finds out what I do for a living they start confessing their oral hygiene sins to me. I am sure they think I walk around packing a 38-caliber toothbrush in my holster, just in case an unexpected plaque attack should occur. Why don't people realize that today's dentistry is no longer simply about saving teeth, it is about saving lives? Maybe it is because we have given them little reason to think otherwise.

For too long now, oral hygiene aids have defined our profession. Even today, many of our logos and yellow page ads feature toothbrushes or floss containers. Very prominent in our waiting rooms are decoupage signs with images of dentures in a glass of water under which are inscribed profound messages like "floss only the teeth you want to keep."

Unlike other healing arts, there has always been a humorous aspect to what we do. I often worry that reinforcing the frivolity of dentistry and continuing to make oral hygiene the cornerstone of our profession will compromise the foundation upon which dentistry stands in today's increasingly competitive health care arena.

If we want to be properly reimbursed

for the services that we provide, it will become increasingly important for the public to realize the sophistication of today's dentistry. Getting them to do so is going to take work. I have a well-educated, orthopedic surgeon brother. After learning that I was coming to his city to deliver an all-day CE course, he very genuinely asked me, "What could you possibly talk about for eight hours that has to do with teeth?" If he does not realize that vast expanse of today's dentistry, you can only imagine what the less educated general public thinks.

If we are, indeed, in the age of "serious dental medicine" (if we want people to realize that dentistry is important because oral health is linked with overall health), a more serious image of dentistry should carry through in all that we do. Our logos should feature images that reinforce the relationship between oral and overall health. Instead of cutesy messages like "floss 'em if you got 'em," our reception areas should be filled with messages that tell patients that tooth loss is not only (and not the most important) outcome of less-than-desired oral health.

Yes, we can still visit the schools and teach kids what it takes to keep the cavity creeps away. But, we should also teach them that good oral habits can help them lead a longer and healthier life.

It is time to take the cartoon-ish Mr. Molar off your letterhead. Take that gigantic toothbrush that has been sitting in the corner of your operatory since the days of G. V. Black and get rid of it on EBay. And the next time you are at a cocktail party and someone feels compelled to tell you that they did not floss the night before, ask them if they would like to lower their chance of having a heart attack. Then, tell them that you, a dentist, can help them do so. I would love to discuss this further but today is career day at my daughter's school. I have to go put on my Tooth Fairy costume.

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Message From the President

Dr. Anne Adams

I am here today to ask for your help in maintaining the VDA as a strong and viable organization that can advocate for our patients and our profession.

I don't have all the knowledge or information needed for this task. I consider you all as part of my "Brain Trust". You will be my eyes and ears. You will keep a vigilant eye on what is going on and inform our Board of Directors and our Officers of what is happening in the field of dentistry, education, regulation and insurance. We need your help. If you have a special interest in a specific issue or area, please let us know so we can get you involved in the place you will be most effective and interested.

Membership to me is our most important issue. If we are to remain strong and viable we must have the numbers to be able to speak as the voice of dentistry and advocate for our patients and our profession. We need to find more ways for people to become involved especially our new professionals.

We have a Leadership Conference in the spring, April 13, 14 2007. We as leaders have a responsibility to identify potential leaders. "The greatest good we can do for others is not to share our riches but to reveal theirs." The conference allows members to gain information to help them develop leadership skills that will allow them to be better leaders in their practice, communities, and hopefully in our VDA.

There are many stages of life. Not everyone was married to a previous VDA Officer, or had a spouse that was a dentist. I know what it has been like to live with a very involved individual. He has given a great deal to our profession. Not everyone has the drive or the inclination to commit the time and effort to our profession. That is okay. We need to find a way for you, who would like to contribute some time, loan your leadership skills, and then get on with your life. I believe we could use your expertise in such venues as Task Forces or to develop factual reports (White Papers) for the House of Delegates so that they can make informed decisions that will move our organization forward. One may find that they like the area that they have been a part of and will go on to further commitment. We can always hope.



I believe we need to identify members and their interest. These individuals could then become experts or spokespersons for the areas we need such as the legislature, government issues, insurance issues, and public information.

I have always hoped we could tap our retired dentists to help us with some activities to which most dentists have a hard time committing. The retired dentist would be available to go to the General Assembly or the State Board on short notice. They could help productive committees between meetings if something needed to be done. They could serve as annual session's volunteers, and have some camaraderie. You can stay involved if you want. I would challenge the membership committee to develop a program to keep our retired members involved.

Speaking of Committee Activities, I think we need to look at the attendance of committee meetings. In an ideal world, we should have every committee staffed with interested, passionate and enthusiastic individuals from all eight components. Since this is not a perfect world we need to devise a method of finding interested people to work on the committees that do the work of the association. In recent years we have not had enough committee members in June to have a quorum. No quorum means that we have no progress. I would recommend the formation of a task force to study the committee structure and activity with the charge of identifying interested, passionate and enthusiastic individuals to serve on committees. I would ask the task force to seek insight into nonparticipation of committee members, and the possibility

of the VDA appointing other interested individuals not necessarily from the designated component. I would never want to exclude any member if they had an interest in serving. I am all for equal representation from all components. I would also charge the task force to look at the committee structure to see if, in the changing world, are the present committees adequate to move the organization forward.

Managed Dental Care. Vol. 11, No. 9 May 2006 Headline: Direct Reimbursement Poses Growing Threat to DHMOs, PPOs. Is not that a great line? Could we possibly have an under used secret weapon against managed care? For the members that have been in practice less than 10 years, DR (Direct Reimbursement) is a simple self-funded method of providing a dental benefit for employees. Under a DR plan, employees and covered dependents visit the dentist of their choice, receive treatment, make payment, and later present proof of treatment for reimbursement. Employers then reimburse them for all or part of the expense, according to the plan design. Treatment decisions are between the dentist and the patient. Employees can choose any dentist. The benefits are simple to understand. Employees know the amount of reimbursement in advance. An estimated 93% of the dental benefit dollar is spent on actual dental care.

In Virginia there are 79 Direct Reimbursement plans. There are 7,835 covered employees and 18,365 employees and their dependents. Nationally there are 4,134 plans with 610,329 covered employees and 1,430,635 employees and their dependents.

Sunday the House of Delegates will be looking at Resolution # 9. The resolution is to make the Direct Reimbursement Budget, which is \$30 of dues per member, to be placed as a line item in the budget rather than have a separate budget. The DR Committee will have to function as any other Committee and present a budget to be able to utilize their monies. As presented in your HOD Manual DR Committee Report the committee is getting ready to have a major campaign to promote DR. Instead of changing the financial structure of the committee why don't we identify really interested people to man the committee and promote our secret weapon against managed care.

If you can't say no to insurance say yes to DR. Dental Benefits Done Right.

By the way the Direct Reimbursement Committee has nothing to do with the dues increase that will occur this year. Well the cat is out of the bag. I will not be able to say watch my lips, No New Taxes.

Speaking of third party intrusion, don't forget to apply for your National Provider Identifier. This is your 10 digit number that is issued by the federal government. All practices that use electronic transactions like electronic claims eligibility verification, claims status inquires and claims attachments will be required by federal law to start including NPI's on electronic transaction not later then May 23, 2007. The ADA is recommending all practitioners get a NPI number. You may find all the information at the ADA.org/goto/NPI or you may call the ADA phone number and ask for extension 4608.

We all have received a good education. We are in a wonderful profession that provides us with the ability to help others, as well as provide for our families and ourselves. We are in the golden times of dentistry. We have to protect and maintain our profession so that people that come after us will have a good profession. Our focus should be on the Dental School and future dentists. We need to make sure that we keep the standards of our education high and our dental schools progressive. Due to the new found realization that the mouth is connected to the rest of the body, we will need to be aware and interested in the interactions in all parts of the body known and unknown at this time. We need to give back to the school with dollars and time.

Just as the new patient is the life blood for our practice, so is the future dentist the life blood of our community. We need to support and help the future dentists during their travels through the educational process. We need to establish a job fair to let them know of communities that are in need of a dentist or practice opportunities that are available in areas of interest to them. Last, but not least, we need the

Message From the President- Continued

future dentists' fresh ideas and ability to take risk to move our profession forward. I would charge the Membership Committee and The Committee of the New Dentist to form a subcommittee to establish a mentor program to help get mentors and VCU dental students together for a symbiotic relationship.

I have enjoyed all of the things that I have done with my involvement in the community of dentistry. I think the most rewarding is my association with the Donated Dental Services and the Mission of Mercy programs. Nothing is worth having unless you can give to others. The smiles that have been changed over the years have been phenomenal. Give back to your profession. Even when you have no money, you do have some time. The rewards will outweigh the sacrifice. One great way to support these programs is to support your Virginia Health Foundation by making a donation today.

I would like to commend Mark Crabtree for a productive year. He has started the ball rolling with the Knowledge Based Governance. Enclosed in your House of Delegates Manual is a Task Force report that will provide you with the information to be able to formulate policy for voting for Virginia Dental Association officers. With the splitting of the business meeting and the continuing education/social meeting, one of the things we need to examine is the way we elect our officers. The Business Meeting will be held September 7-9 2007 in Fairfax, Virginia.

Thanks to our Communication and Technology Committee we have a listserv that can provide us with information quickly so that we can get information to our members on a timely basis. Our listserv will only be effective if we have the legible email addresses of our members. Please sign in on the web site to get your address to us and be a part of the information highway.

I would like to thank a few people for asking me to become involved in the community of dentistry. I guess I have to thank Charlie Cuttino for asking me to serve on the Bylaws Committee. He even encouraged me to stay involved after I asked him "if I was his token female". A few others that

encouraged me were Clark Brown, Bennett Malbon, Manny Michaels (who has always kept the heart in dentistry), Les Webb, Jim Lance, Dave Whiston and Bud Zimmer. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the women that helped and encouraged me as I made this journey, Carole Pratt who should have been the first woman president of the VDA, Joanie Gillespie, and Chris Hamlin. Maybe they were all smarter than I.

We are only as strong as the sum of our parts. If we could partner with some organizations (Old Dominion Dental Association and the VAGD that are not a member of our organization but are a member of our community of dentistry to help us with projects such as the CE/Social meeting, MOM projects, Give Kids a Smile Day, and Senior Smile Day, we could build a better community with the help of their new ideas and collaboration.

Everyone get out your planners, PDA or computers for the year 2007. The Virginia Meeting/also known as the Continuing Education / Social Meeting will take place in Norfolk, Virginia. The dates will be June 14th through the 17th 2007. Do you have that recorded? Now raise your right hand and say **I WILL BE THERE**. We have some great speakers, some great activities and even some time to enjoy meeting with classmates and friends. It might be a good time to have a mini-class reunion. Encourage you classmates to come. The meeting will also have CE targeted to the new dentist, specifically to meet their unique needs. You heard me, there will be no business taking place at this meeting. Let's make it a success. The meeting will be a start of a new era for the Virginia Dental Association. We will provide a good educational experience to our members and some fun activities for the families that come also.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you all as your President in the coming year. I will do my best to represent you and advocate for our patients and profession. I will need your help.

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RESCUE FROM LEBANON...THE JOURNEY HOME

By: Lisa Marie Samaha



My heart is warm with humility and overwhelming gratefulness. Although our region of the country enjoys a magnificent US Military presence, never had I imagined that my children and I would be in need of the rescue efforts of our Armed Services.

On July 9, we arrived in Beirut, Lebanon. On July 23, we made it safely home. We are overcome with a renewed sense of the value of freedom and peace that our country enjoys, as well as the sacrifice that so many have made and continue to make for freedom and peace to remain our precious reality.

From the earliest moments of this war, which began only two days after we arrived in the beautiful country of my ancestors, I reflected upon the belief that God had placed us in that place, at that time for a very important reason.

For nearly 32 years I had been making plans to go to Lebanon, but the threat and/or reality of war was always a deterrent. This past February, though, I was invited to present my dental research at the American University of Beirut's Medical Center and I made plans to take my college age children with me.

Up until the last moments before we left and despite warnings by so many, I was convinced this trip was going to be a "good thing". I was inspired that this was the right time for my children and me to experience the land of my parents, grandparents and many other relatives, both living and deceased. I also felt honored to be chosen to lecture to an astute group of medical colleagues and students.

The Middle East story is complex, for sure, and I for one, have grown weary of this drama. Over the years I have asked myself countless times, "Why can't 'these people' get their act together and stop the fighting and the killing?" Like you, I am **so weary** of it. I think it safe to say that those of us Americans who were born and bred in this country have very little patience for this sort of thing. Our ability to empathize with any lives endangered or lost is numbed because we just can't quite get our arms around the reality of it all. And, with the harried pace of American life, we just can't be bothered. The fact that the battles occur far from our shores seems to dull the veracity of war, as well.

The conflict in the Middle East certainly seems so senseless, making it easy for us to turn our minds and even our hearts away from its truth. For those who have immigrated to the United States from war-torn lands, or those who have served in our military to help others enjoy the freedoms we have, surely there is a greater empathy for the innocent lives traumatized and lost by such conflict. I know that although I am not acquainted with many, I have a more personal attachment to the civilians and military who have sacrificed in either pursuit.

While the military seem to be taking a lot of heat these days, I thought it important to tell a story of their heroic efforts in my time of need. Although the Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Lebanon created a tremendous amount of confusion, frustration and stress for all prior to and during the days of evacuation, the Department of Defense was redemptive. Once the Marines arrived at the Dbeyeh Port, order was manifest out of the chaotic screams and fears of thousands of tired and scared Lebanese Americans, many whom had previously lived thru years of war in Lebanon. They were desperate, frantic for their children to be protected from and relieved of the trauma of their own youth.

The U.S. Marines who greeted us were kind, gentle, reassuring and efficient – a breath of fresh air in a sky overcast by bombings. They were concerned for our comfort and offered assistance in any way necessary. Our Marines offered us strength, relief and a sense of security that we had not known during the previous 10 days. After processing us, they caringly transferred us into the arms of the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Trenton, based out of Norfolk, Virginia. To discover that these particular sailors were based in my home town area offered for my children and me an immediate and personal sense of attachment. After approximately 14 hours of carefully processing each one of us, the nearly 2,000 U.S. citizens aboard the ship, they fed us and literally offered us everything they had...blankets, pillows, cots and sheets. Amazingly, no one was hurt or lost aboard the crowded ship, a ship that holds 1300 at full capacity and was carrying an abundant 2400 that day. We were guarded and attended to by everyone assigned to that ship, round the clock, and anyone in need of medical and dental care received help.

The sailors paced the ship from front to back asking how they could help, and always kept warm smiles on their fatigued faces. By the time we boarded ship, all of the sailors' bunks had been taken up by others, and we were relegated



to the open decks of the large amphibious carrier. We took our rationed, scanty belongings and found a convoluted spot of floor to call our own for the 12+ hour voyage to Cyprus.

Something that is only realized through first hand experience is the absolute dark that comes over a ship such as this (no cruise ship lights to obscure the sky) when it is in the middle of the sea, in the middle of the night. After night fell, many people tried to get some long overdue rest. The lines all day had been long and hot; the wait to get aboard had been grueling. I tried to rest on my crisp white government-issue sheet, but the beauty of world about me was too good to let go. For the next few hours, while all was still and black, I lay awake, comforted by the peaceful embrace of the cool Mediterranean breezes and stunned by the extraordinary spray of stars in the heavens. *It was at this time that I was overcome by a feeling of utter security. I felt so safe, so cared for. Surely, I thought, this was the experience of an infant held snugly, protectively in its mother's arms. This was peace. And my Military created it for me.*

Upon arriving in Cyprus, we waited for our Air Force to complete the rescue. They did not let us down. After more processing, we were onboard a C-17 cargo jet and on our way to Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany. During the noisy flight, I was again overcome by the sheer number of bodies in contrived positions, struggling for much needed rest. The crew was again, watchful and kind. They provided us with food, water and blankets. Like the others, they were sensitive to the situation from which we had come. While my fellow "refugees" were asleep, I was sharing a bit of our appreciation with the airman on watch. He asked me a poignant question, "Where are all the husbands?" I hadn't even given it a second thought because this is an ongoing reality for so many Lebanese women. They come to summer in Lebanon with their children in order to give them the opportunity to experience the precious love of their grandparents, cousins and other relatives. Because of a family's ongoing commitment to its heritage, the children are able to master the language and learn the rich customs of the Lebanese culture. At some point when they can take time from their work, the husbands and fathers join the family. With the majority of the refugees being women with multiple small children, even infants, the moms were encumbered with strollers, formula, bags of diapers and all other paraphernalia necessary for their children's care. This is of special importance because these women and children often required exceptional physical and

emotional attention, which was freely given by our U.S. Military.

At Ramstein, we were warmly greeted by many and offered another warm meal, as well as toiletries. Phone cards with which we could call home were also distributed. More processing occurred and we were off again. At about 1:30 AM on July 23, our third day of travels, (or 8:30 PM Middle East time), we touched down at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. In spite of the hour, we were once again greeted by a myriad of smiling faces and a hot, nourishing meal. Along with the Air Force, the American Red Cross, travel agents and immigrations and customs officials, we were assisted through more processing, bringing us closer to our final destination. My children and I were fortunate in that family members were able to welcome us and escort us on the final leg of our journey home.

Because of our inherent and typically American detachment to the trauma of war, it becomes all the more important to "put a face" on the experiences of war. Because of our short yet intense time with them, each of the family members that my children and I came to know and love in Lebanon now have a face, a personality. And we have an intimate connection to each of them. We pray fervently for their protection and trust in our United States to help assist a swift cease-fire, relieving them of the horror they and their countrymen are living, moment to moment.

Perhaps part of my role in this journey is to begin to tell a story of the warmth of the people, the beauty of the land and the trauma of war. Perhaps, too, it is to remind each of us of the compassionate spirit of our Armed Services as they cared for the people of our country during the extraordinary rescue of nearly 15,000 American citizens from Lebanon this past week. Within the first moments of our engagement with the U.S. Military, I attached myself to them in an extraordinarily personal way. These were "my" Marines, "my" Sailors and "my" Airmen, and so they will forever remain. As for "my" Army, well, let's just say they are protecting me on the ground in Iraq.

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A Warm Thank You



Robb and Julie Hunter, (OLMC and Peninsula Catholic graduates) with their Mom, Lisa Marie Samaha... with grateful smiles on their weary faces. Taken upon their return to the U.S. after a 56 hour evacuation from Lebanon.

July 23, 2006

Dear Virginia Dental Association Members:

My heart is overwhelmed with gratefulness and humility that we were remembered by so many of you in your prayers while my children and I were in Beirut, Lebanon. As you can see, through your prayers and the grace of God, we made it safely home. We are overcome with a renewed sense of the value of freedom and peace that our country enjoys, as well as the sacrifice that so many have made and continue to make for freedom and peace to remain our precious reality.

From the earliest moments of this war, which began only two days after we arrived in the beautiful country of my ancestors, I reflected upon the belief that God had placed us in that place at that time for a very important reason.

For nearly 32 years I had been making plans to go to Lebanon, but the threat and/or reality of war was always a deterrent. This past February, though, I heard the Lord calling me to Lebanon in a way and with an assurance that I had not felt previously.

Unlike before, this time I felt no fear or distress in the pursuit of this long-awaited trip. To top it off, I was graciously invited to present my dental research to Physicians, Dentists and Residents at the American University of Beirut's Medical Center. Up until the last moments before we left and despite warnings by family members, I was convinced this trip was going to be a "good thing". I was inspired that this was the right time for my children and me to experience the land of my parents, grandparents and many other relatives, both living and deceased. I also felt honored to be chosen to lecture to a learned, eager group of medical colleagues and students.

After the war began, my faith that our loving Lord would see us through to safety never wavered for a moment. I believed that there was a purpose for our experience that was greater than anything we could imagine at the time. It may take some time for my children and me to realize exactly what that "purpose" is, but I am beginning to have an idea.

My family and I wish to thank you for lifting us up in prayer and for all your kind calls and notes of concern. Please may I ask for your continued prayers for all our family members who remain in Lebanon at this time, as well as all victims on both sides of the conflict. We hope for a swift, final peace for all concerned.

Of all the freedoms we enjoy in this country, to me, like many of you, the freedom to engage openly in my faith is the most palpable and cherished of all.

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Lisa Marie Samaha and children, Robb and Julie Hunter

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- When you reach 65 and apply for Medicare you will automatically receive Part A – the hospital and surgical portion of the coverage. In order to receive Part B – the major medical portion, you must apply for it, and there is a separate monthly premium of \$88.50 along with a deductible of \$124 for 2006. This deductible and premium should increase in 2007 and each year thereafter.
- To pick up the healthcare costs that Medicare does not cover, you may also wish to purchase a Medicare Supplement policy; which you will have to apply for. The separate premium is based upon your age, state of residence and sex. You cannot have a Medicare Supplement policy until you have acquired Parts A & B of Medicare.
- Medicare Part D is available to help off-set the costs of prescription drugs. You may apply for this coverage via the internet at www.medicare.gov. After signing onto Medicare you will input your residence information, which will take you to the plans that are available in your state. You will then input your medications to see which plan covers the most expensive drug(s), and then which plan covers the majority of your prescriptions. ***This is the plan you will chose.*** Remember, each state has their own plans for their residents.
- At the end of each year the Social Security Administration sends a book called Social Security and You for the next year. The book will answer a lot of the questions you have and tell you more about the Medicare Part D drug plans available in Virginia.

The information above is simply an overview of the steps you may take upon turning 65. If you would like to discuss the specifics of your health policy and any other questions regarding Medicare coverage, please contact your insurance agent. B&B is pleased to help any members of the VDA and can become the agent of record for any members that would like to switch to the only recommended insurance agency for Members of the VDA.

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Dr. Bradley Purcell

It has been a long, hot summer and the Virginia section of the American College of Prosthodontists has spent it busily undergoing some personnel changes and donating time and funds to some very important community projects.

The annual meeting in June brought the election of two new officers to the Executive Board. We would like to congratulate our new president, Dr. Bradley Purcell, and our new vice president/secretary, Dr. Debora Haselton. We would also like to congratulate Dr. Jeff Sotack on his re-election to the office of treasurer. A very big thank you is in order to outgoing president Dr. Karen McAndrew for all of her hard work and leadership.

The Virginia section of the ACP is proud to sponsor the Wise County Project through which a team of doctors traveled to the southwestern Virginia community to provide treatment to edentulous patients. Over two and a half days, sixty-six patients were treated for a range of services, including twenty seven new complete dentures, one new partial denture, twenty five denture relines, ten denture adjustments, one new exam, and one case to add teeth to an existing denture. The team will return to deliver the new dentures to the patients this fall. We are extremely proud to have sponsored this program and extend an enormous thank you to Dr. Karen McAndrew, Dr. Debora Haselton, and Dr. Jim Mosey for donating their time and hard work to this terrific project.

In addition to the Wise County Project, Drs. McAndrew and Haselton will give an all-day, hands-on lecture at the annual VDA meeting in Roanoke. They have graciously offered to donate their honorarium for this event to the denture team MOM Project.

The Virginia section of the ACP hopes to continue to expand its community involvement and anticipates participating in many future projects to promote oral health in Virginia. We look forward to a busy and productive fall season!

Donated Dental Services (D.D.S.) hits \$100 Million in National Donations!

Dr. Gregory Zabek is a volunteer dentist who is helping the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped (NFDH) reach its milestone of \$100 million in donated care through the 20-year old Donated Dental Services (DDS) program. How does reaching a milestone like donating \$100 million dollars worth of comprehensive dental care to disabled, elderly and medically compromised individuals happen? By teaming up NFDH, the ADA and many other professional and business partners; creating a reproducible program—DDS—and rolling it out in 36 states; and assembling a Board of Directors to carry out the vision of dentists whose focus is providing dignity to disabled people every day.

Dr. Zabek became involved with DDS while on the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Dental Society in 1988, during the inception of the program. He's still a volunteer for DDS, believing in its purpose more than ever. "I hold DDS in very high regard. There is no other program where I can perform my highest level of work and in collaboration with premier specialists and laboratories to provide the highest standards of care."

"The rewards of volunteering for DDS are extremely awesome," Dr. Zabek said. "DDS takes care of everything with no paper headaches." In his opinion, the real reward is felt through the graciousness of the patients. "The smallest thank you can have the biggest impact. One of my first DDS patients was a little girl who was so happy to see the end result of her care she simply said thank you, wrapped her small arms around my knee and hugged my leg. That meant more to me than any amount of monetary payment could have."

As far as Dr. Zabek is concerned, "\$100 million is a stepping stone; proving we can do it and that we can easily do more. **If every ADA member sees one DDS patient a year, we won't have to wait 20 more years to reach the next milestone (\$100 billion?).**" What's more, he explains, is the incredible effect that volunteering for DDS has on staff and on the community. "DDS patients are so attentive and grateful that it is uplifting for the entire staff. The teambuilding that occurs by serving DDS patients is incredible. Its effect on the community is apparent as well, "When people come into my office and see the plaque I received as a DDS volunteer, it really helps form a bond between me and my patients. When my fee-for-service patients see that I'm giving back, it strengthens the sense of community service."

Dr. Zabek believes in DDS so much, he extends the invitation for anyone interested in knowing more to call his personal number, 415-531-8517 or e-mail him at greg@drzabek.com.

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20,000th MOM Patient Receives Dental Care at Wise

The Wise County Fairground parking lot was filled with cars belonging to patients and volunteers. All were anticipating the opening of the 7th Mission of Mercy project in Wise County. Southwest Virginia residents camped out in their cars, trucks, and small tents the night before to ensure a place in line early the next morning. Many patients drove several hours to Wise to receive dental treatment they would otherwise not be able to afford.

Over 350 volunteers arrived from all parts of Virginia, North, South, East, and West. As MOM has become a nationally recognized dental project, 35 volunteers traveled from as far away as Connecticut, Washington State, New York, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, and Missouri to lend their services. Several states are considering hosting projects of their own.

Serving the 20,000th MOM patient in Wise and another record breaking mission, free dental care was provided for 1,411 patients valued at \$989,110. Treatment included 3,449 extractions, 2,491 fillings, 328 cleanings, 22 sets of dentures, 44 root canals and pulpotomies, 217 fluoride

treatments, and 469 x-rays. Through the seven Wise MOM projects 8,000 Southwest Virginia residents have received over \$4.3 million in dental services.

MOM is a joint effort of the Virginia Dental Association, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry, and the Virginia Health Care Foundation. A special thanks to Sullivan-Schein for their support in sharing their Tomorrow's Dental Office Today (TDOT) and Kool Smiles for sponsoring the MOM volunteer dinner.

Why volunteer? "We are all looking for a purpose in life. I am really blessed that I found it. I'd like to encourage everyone to volunteer more, to be a part of something, so they will walk away feeling more blessed than when they came, feeling like they got more than they gave. I think that's what we all look for in life."

Dr. Terry Dickinson



24 Mission of Mercy projects have provided **20,194** patients with free dental care valued at **\$8.5 million!**

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Letters of Thanks

Dr. Ron Hunt, Dean & Eugene P Trani, President

I hope by now, you the members of the Virginia Dental Association, know about the exciting news regarding the 2006 Virginia General Assembly and its funding of \$9.15 million toward a new building to add to the two existing ones at the VCU/MCV School of Dentistry. On behalf of the dental school's faculty, staff, and students and the VCU and MCV Campus Administration, I offer a sincere thank you for your all-important help securing this funding.

A new building will increase the school's capacity to grow the enrollment in the dental and dental hygiene programs and accelerate our research in oral cancer and dental biomaterials. Though our much needed clinical and preclinical renovations are near completion, due to the generous support of alumni and friends, our current space limits growth in enrollment and research.

Securing funds for capital projects such as new buildings is a huge undertaking and challenges the financial strength and political acumen of even the most robust bank accounts and skilled advocacy groups. Gaining funding of this magnitude requires successful well-coordinated efforts. In our case, it could not have happened without the collaboration of many individuals. Dr. Jim Revere from the School of Dentistry led the efforts, and got lots of help from VDA Executive Director Terry Dickinson, lobbyist Chuck Duvall, and many highly-supportive VDA dentists who contacted their legislators at key times in the budget process.

We know successful funding would not have been possible without the help and support of all those individuals with the VDA. And for that we are grateful.

I look forward to keeping you apprised as we move forward on the planning of the new building and then its construction. Thank you and best wishes,

Dr. Ron Hunt, Dean
VCU/MCV School of Dentistry

Dear Dr. Dickinson/ VDA:

I was very pleased this past summer when the 2006 Virginia General Assembly approved funding of \$9.15 million for an addition to the VCU School of Dentistry. As the only dental school in Virginia, and a leading school nationally, we fill a unique and important niche by educating the majority of the Commonwealth's dentists. The school attracts outstanding faculty and students, and its graduates excel in their profession.

The VCU School of Dentistry owes a significant part of its success to its many partners in the community. Most prominent among these partners is the Virginia Dental Association (VDA). If The VDA worked with Dean Ron Hunt to change the Virginia statute so that students could participate in private practice preceptorships. Additionally, with the VDA's assistance, the school received \$2.1 million to pay for the clinical simulation renovations which are key to changing the curriculum and earlier patient care training.

This year's funding of the new dental building would not have been possible without the extensive help of the VDA and its member dentists, who contacted their legislators and presented the rationale for the addition. Now the school can increase enrollment in its dental program by 10 students per year with emphasis on recruiting students from Southside and Southwest Virginia. The school will be able to double the size of its dental hygiene class from 20 to 40 per year, and expand its research in oral cancer and biomaterials.

Please extend my thanks to the members of the Virginia Dental Association for their invaluable assistance. I am confident that Dean Hunt and his colleagues will make the most of this opportunity to maintain and enhance the school's reputation for excellence.

Sincerely,

Eugene P. Trani
President/VCU

Dental School NEWS



Many thanks go to Dr. Haselton for helping to arrange the VDA's New Dentist Committee sponsorship of this seminar lunch, held September 18, 2006. Packets with ADA applications as well as other useful information were distributed to all residents. Elise Woodling gave an informative presentation on Direct Reimbursement, and had many questions fired her way upon completion of her talk! Dennis Gallagher, VDA Lobbyist, covered his responsibilities in working with the VDA, from the collaboration with VCU to secure \$9.1 million in state dollars to expand the dental school, to establishing the new definition of Dentistry in VA. Mr. Gallagher's presentation left an impact on the role politics currently play in the dental profession. Sonja Loren then spoke regarding her experiences as a patient and the impact this has had on her life.

July 27, 2006, on behalf of the dentists of VA, the VDA welcomed the incoming dental class of 91 to the profession of dentistry. The VDA handed out meeting bags with the VA Meeting Registration Booklet, the VDA Travel Mugs, and with Dr. Bookers help, explained a little bit about organized dentistry.



The "VCU Welcome Back to Dentistry Picnic" was held Friday, August 18th. The VDA's New Dentist Committee helped to sponsor this event. Dr. Anne Adams addressed the students, explained a little about organized dentistry, giving back to the community and profession, and extended an invitation to the Annual Meeting.!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tidewater Dental Association

Dr. Gregory Engel graduated from University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 1996. He then attended the Naval Post Graduate Dental School in 2004 where he received his certificate in Endodontics/MS Oral Biology. Dr. Engel comes to us from Pennsylvania and is currently practicing at Beach Endodontics in Virginia Beach.

Dr. Hiren Patel graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2006. Dr. Patel is currently practicing in Norfolk, VA.

Dr. Jason Hoyner graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School in May 2006. He is currently practicing dentistry in Portsmouth, VA with Drs Kail & Cox, Inc.

Dr. Clay Weisberg graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2005. He then attended the University of Florida St. Petersburg Clinic where he completed his AEGD. Dr. Weisberg is now practicing dentistry in Eastern VA Family and Cosmetic Dentistry in Chesapeake, VA.

Dr. D. Barry Barger graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 2006. Dr. Barger is currently practicing dentistry in Norfolk, VA.

Dr. Mason Morris graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2006. Dr. Morris is currently working with Wernick Family Dentistry in VA Beach, VA.

Dr. Angela Lanier graduated from Meharry Medical College in December 1999. Dr. Lanier is currently practicing dentistry in Portsmouth, VA, with Rice Dentistry.

Peninsula Dental Society

Dr. Daniel Stockburger graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2005. He is currently practicing in Hampton, VA, with Dr. Robert Dreelin.

Dr. Alan Cash, III, graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in May 2005. He is currently practicing dentistry in Yorktown, VA, with Dr. Robert George.

Dr. Michael Schroer graduated from UMKC School of Dentistry in 1983. He then completed his Certificate in Periodontics from UNC School of Dentistry in 1988. Dr. Schroer is now practicing periodontics in Newport News, VA.

Southside Dental Society

Dr. Jonathan Ellis graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2005. Dr. Ellis completed his GPR in 2006 from the Veterans

Affair Medical Center. Dr. Ellis is currently practicing with his father, Dr. David Ellis, in Hopewell, VA.

Richmond Dental Society:

Dr. Nrupur Patel graduated from N.Y.U. Dental College in 2000. He recently moved from New York and is now practicing in Richmond, VA, with Dr. Sam English and Associates.

Dr. Robert Quilez graduated from MCV School of Dentistry in May of 2005. Dr. Quilez is currently practicing dentistry in Richmond, VA with Dr. George Oley.

Dr. Kim Phuong graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1997. She then completed her GPR in 1999. Dr. Phuong is currently practicing with Dr. Sam English.

Dr. Shaman A-Anezi graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2001 where he also completed his AEGD in 2005. Dr. Al-Anezi is currently practicing in Richmond, VA, and teaching part time at VCU School of Dentistry.

Dr. Brent Rusnak graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in May of 2004. He is currently practicing in Richmond, VA.

Dr. Campbell Delk graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2005. He then completed his AEGD from Baylor College of Dentistry in June 2006. Dr. Delk is currently practicing with Dr. Richard Wood in Glen Allen, VA.

Dr. Pamela Donohue graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 1981. She then completed her Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry through the Army Pediatric Dental Residency program. Dr. Donohue had served in the U.S. Army from 1981-1993 and is currently practicing dentistry at Children's Dentistry in Richmond, VA.

Dr. Harini Reddy graduated from Boston University Goldman School in 1997. Dr. Reddy is currently practicing dentistry in Richmond, VA.

Dr. Paul Da Cunha graduated from Tufts School of Dental Medicine in May 2005. Dr. Da Cunha is currently practicing dentistry in Richmond, VA.

Dr. Kathryn Benner graduated from MCV School of Dentistry in May 2005. Dr. Benner is currently practicing dentistry with Dr. Sam English in Mechanicsville, VA.

Piedmont Dental Society:

Dr. Charles Ramsberger graduated from Temple University in 1972. He then completed his Dental Internship in at Wilmington Medical Center in 1973. Dr. Ramsberger has retired from dentistry and moved to Moneta, VA. He has transferred his

membership from Maine to Virginia.

Dr. Kalpita Patel graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2004. She then completed her GPR from the University of Virginia in June of 2005. Dr. Patel is currently practicing dentistry in Salem, Virginia with Dr. S. Alouf.

Dr. Sandra Catchings graduated from LSU School of Dentistry in 1990. Having her practice destroyed during Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Catchings and her husband are building a new practice in Fishersville, VA, where they will soon be practicing dentistry.

Dr. H. Brad Bradford, III graduated from LSU School of Dentistry in 1991. Dr. Bradford along with his wife are building a new dental office in Fishersville, VA, where he will be practicing dentistry.

Dr. Misty Lenk graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2002. Dr. Lenk has since completed her Certificate in Orthodontics from The Ohio State University in 2006. Dr. Lenk will be practicing orthodontistry in the Roanoke, Virginia area.

Dr. Carrington Crawford graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2005. He then completed his AEGD from VCU School of Dentistry in 2006. Dr. Crawford is currently practicing with Brady and Crist Dentsits, Inc, in Lynchburg, VA.

Southwest Virginia

Dr. Larry Mc Coy graduated from Baylor Dental School in 1983. Dr. Mc Coy is currently practicing dentistry in Blacksburg, VA.

Dr. Laura Mallinak graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 2006. Dr. Mallinak will be practicing dentistry in Martinsville, VA, with RF Mallinak General Practice Dentistry.

Dr. Sunny Thacker graduated from University of Louisville School of Dentistry in May 2006. Dr. Thacker is currently practicing with Dr. Lee Lykins in Bristol, VA.

Shenandoah Valley Dental Association

Dr. Edward (Ed) Amrhein graduated from the University of Richmond in 1974 and then VCU School of Dentistry in 1978. He was a member of the US Navy, Active and Reserves, for 31 years before retiring in August 2005. Dr. Amrhein was the Department Head and Director of the OMFS Surgery Program at Portsmouth Naval Hospital from 1995-1999. He was then the Commanding Officer of the Naval Center in Yokosuka, Japan from 2001-2004. Dr. Amrhein is currently practicing in Charlottesville, VA, with Central VA Oral and Facial Surgeons.

Dr. Mary Martinez Lovell graduated from VCU School of

Dentistry in May 2006. She is currently practicing with Jackie Carney/Children's Dentistry of Charlottesville, VA.

Dr. Joel Evans graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 1986. He is currently practicing in Berryville and Chantilly, VA.

Dr. Christine Owuor graduated from Meharry Medical College in 2002. She then completed her GPR program at UVA health Systems Dept of Dentistry in June 2004. Dr. Owuor is currently practicing dentistry in Charlottesville, VA, with Dr. Mark Friedlander and Assoc.

Dr. Eric Lovell graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in May 2006. He is currently practicing in with Dr. Jay Knight in Charlottesville, VA.

Dr. Jon Aronson graduated from Louisiana State University School of Dentistry in 1977. Dr. Aronson and family were victims of Katrina and have made the difficult decision to move to Virginia and start up a practice in Nelson County, VA, sometime in November.

Northern Virginia Dental Society

Dr. Alireza Palizi graduated from New York University College of Dentistry in May 2006. Dr. Palizi is currently looking for an associateship leading to a buy in, in the Northern Virginia area.

Dr. Rubina Ahmad graduated from de'Montmorency College of Dentistry in 1980 and currently resides in Reston. Dr. Ahmad completed her Pediatric specialty training at Tufts in 1986.

Dr. Roxanne Azmoudeh graduated from Univ. of Maryland College of Dentistry in 2003 and currently practices General Dentistry in Ashburn.

Dr. David Babington graduated from VCU College of Dentistry in 2006 and currently practices General Dentistry with his father Dr. William Babington in Chantilly.

Dr. Maya Bachour graduated from Loma Linda Univ. College of Dentistry in 2005 and currently practices General Dentistry in Leesburg.

Dr. Ben Baghai graduated from Univ of Tenn College of Dentistry in 2002 and currently practices Pediatric Dentistry in Potomac Falls. Dr. Baghai completed specialty training at Luthern Medical Ctr, NY in 2005.

Dr. Willie K. Beasley graduated from UNC in 1984 and completed his Prosthodontic training at the Naval Dental Center in 1990. He currently practices in Centreville.

Dr. Virginia Bocage graduated from Uruguayan Dental School of Dentistry in 1999 and currently resides in Arlington. Dr. Bocage completed specialty training at Harvard in 2005 and practices as an Orthodontist.

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

Dr. Edward Chun graduated from Ohio State Univ. College of Dentistry in 1994 and currently practices as an Endodontist in McLean. Dr. Chun completed specialty training at Temple University 1996.

Dr. Sandra Daniels graduated from MCV College of Dentistry in 1995 and currently practices General Dentistry in Arlington.

Dr. Garret Djeu graduated from Harvard School of Dental Medicine in 2001 and completed his Orthodontic training at Montefiore/Albert Einstein in NY in 2004. He currently practices in Fairfax.

Dr. Kristen Donohue graduated from Univ of Pittsburg College of Dentistry in 2000 and currently resides in Great Falls and practices General Dentistry.

Dr. Isam Estwani graduated from VCU College of Dentistry in 1998 and currently practices General Dentistry in Herndon. Dr. Estwani completed a two year GPR at VCU/MCU Hospital Va. 2000.

Dr. Steven Fallon graduated from Univ. of PA College of Dentistry in 2001 and currently practices as an Oral Surgeon in Fairfax. Dr. Fallon completed specialty training at MCV in 2005.

Dr. Steven Fisher graduated from UNC Chapel Hill College of Dentistry in 1982 and currently resides in Virginia Beach. Dr. Fisher completed specialty training at National. Naval Dental School in Bethesda, MD in 1999 and practices as a Periodontist in Springfield.

Dr. Medhat Ghannam graduated from Univ. of Maryland College of Dentistry in 2002 and currently practices General Dentistry with Artisan Dental Institute in Burke. Dr. Ghannam completed a two year residency at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital in Maryland.

Dr. Mary Gharagozloo graduated from Univ. of Maryland College of Dentistry in 2000 and currently practices General Dentistry with Dr. Alan Hinkle in McLean.

Dr. RoseMarie Gonzales graduated from Univ. of Maryland College of Dentistry in 2005 and currently practices General Dentistry in Arlington.

Dr. Steven Hatcher graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill College of Dentistry in 2002 and currently practices General Dentistry in Manassas Park. Dr. Hatcher completed a residency program in the U.S. Army in Maryland in 2003.

Dr. Jessica Hill graduated from Univ. of Kentucky College of Dentistry in 2006 and currently practices General Dentistry in Alexandria.

Dr. Claudio Iwamoto graduated from Cayetano Heredia - Peru College of Dentistry in 1996. Dr. Iwamoto completed specialty training at Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in Maryland in 2005. He currently practices as a Periodontist with Dr. Jeffrey Ackerman and Associates in Fairfax.

Dr. Annie John graduated from NYU College of Dentistry in 2005 and currently resides in Ashburn. Dr. John completed an AEGD program at the V.A. Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV and practices General Dentistry.

Dr. Isabel Kelly graduated from Creighton University Medical Center College of Dentistry in 2003 and currently resides in Vienna. Dr. Kelly practices General Dentistry.

Dr. Michael King graduated from Univ. of Maryland College of Dentistry in 1994 and currently practices General Dentistry in Woodbridge.

Dr. Bitu Taylor Kokabi graduated from University of Pittsburg College of Dentistry in 2002 and currently practices General Dentistry in Leesburg. Dr. Kokabi completed an AEGD program at Univ. of CA.

Dr. Natalie Lam graduated from Harvard College of Dentistry in 2003 and currently practices Orthodontics in Arlington. Dr. Lam completed specialty training at Harvard 2006.

Dr. Kelley A. Lee graduated from Univ. of MD College of Dentistry in 2005 and currently resides in Fairfax. Dr. Lee completed a GPR program at York Hospital in Pa. in 2006 and practices General Dentistry with Dr. Jeffrey Ackerman & Associates in Fairfax.

Dr. Leonardo E. Lee graduated from Temple University College of Dentistry in 2001 and currently practices General Dentistry in Reston.

Dr. William Lee graduated from Columbia University College of Dentistry in 1994 and currently resides in Great Falls. Dr. Lee completed specialty training at Columbia Univ. NY 1998 and practices Orthodontics.

Dr. Bernard Lynch graduated from Tufts University College of Dentistry in 1996 and currently practices General Dentistry with Artisan Dental Institute in Burke. Dr. Lynch completed a one-year residency program at the Veteran's Affairs Hosp. Md. 1997.

Dr. Malinda A. Maynard graduated from West Virginia University in 2002 and resides in Fairfax. Dr. Maynard is currently practicing General Dentistry with Dr. James Snyder in Alexandria.

Dr. Maria Martinez graduated from Univ of Nicaragua College of Dentistry in 1986 and completed an AEGD at Oklahoma Univ. in 2004. Dr. Martinez is currently practicing General Dentistry in

Alexandria and Centreville.

Dr. Lisa Marvil graduated from Harvard School of Dental Medicine in 2002 and completed her Certificate in Periodontics and the Medical University of South Carolina in 2005. She currently practices in South Riding.

Dr. Kelly Morgan graduated from Harvard College of Dentistry in 2004 and currently practices as an Orthodontist with Dr. Lina Johnson in Burke. Dr. Morgan completed specialty training at Univ. of Louisville 2006.

Dr. Hanh M. Nguyen graduated from Univ. of Maryland College of Dentistry in 2005 and currently resides in Arlington. Dr. Nguyen practices General Dentistry.

Dr. Khoi Nguyen graduated from MCV College of Dentistry in 2006 and resides in Arlington. Dr. Nguyen currently practices General Dentistry.

Dr. Pouran Nikkhah graduated from Temple University College of Dentistry in 2000 and currently practices General Dentistry in Ashburn.

Dr. Serdar Ozturk graduated from Howard University in 2005 and completed an AEGD Program at Temple University in PA in June 2006. Dr. Ozturk currently resides in Arlington and practices General Dentistry.

Dr. Jennifer Pacella graduated from Univ. of Pittsburgh College of Dentistry in 2003 and currently practices as a Pediatric Dentist with Dr. Linda Dean in Ashburn. Dr. Pacella completed specialty training at Childrens Natl Med Ctr 2005.

Dr. Alireza Palizi graduated from Tehran Univ. College of Dentistry in 1995 and currently resides in Alexandria. Dr. Palizi completed specialty training at New York University 2006 and practices General Dentistry.

Dr. Mojgan Shaafi graduated from Univ. of Maryland College of Dentistry in 1992 and currently practices General Dentistry in Fairfax.

Dr. Arshiya Sharafi graduated from University MD College of Dentistry in 2002 and currently practices as an Oral Surgeon in Burke with Dr. Stuart Graves. Dr. Sharafi completed specialty training at Univ.of MD Med.Center in Baltimore.

Dr. Sadaf Sianati graduated from the Univ. of Maryland in 2005. She resides and practices General Dentistry in Centreville.

Dr. Ryan Taylor graduated from Oregon Health & Science Univ College of Dentistry in 2005. Dr. Taylor currently practices General Dentistry in Springfield.

Dr. Julie Tran graduated from MCV College of Dentistry in 2005 and currently practices General Dentistry in Falls Church with Dr. William V. Dougherty.

Dr. Natalie Anne Vlasek graduated from Medical College of Georgia in 2006. She practices General Dentistry and resides in Falls Church.

Dr. Mary Vasquez graduated from Tufts University College of Dentistry in 1991 and currently practices General Dentistry in Woodbridge with Drs. Polifko and Dvorak.

Dr. Craig Vigliante graduated from Univ of Pittsburgh College of Dentistry in 1997 and currently practices as an Oral Surgeon in Lansdowne. Dr. Vigliante completed specialty training at Univ of PA at Phila. 2003.

Dr. Rukhsana Waqar graduated from NYU College of Dentistry in 2004 and currently practices General Dentistry in Ashburn with Dr. Maqsood H. Chaudhry.

Dr. Jason Woodside graduated from MCV College of Dentistry in 2001 and currently practices General Dentistry in Warrenton with Drs. Sentz,Griffen & Tuder.

IN MEMORY...

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| Dr. John Kniska | Component 3 | Petersburg | June 11, 2006 |
| Dr. Willie T Elmore | Component 4 | Emporia | June 6, 2006 |
| Dr. John S Mason | Component 4 | London, TN | August 21, 2006 |
| Dr. Raymond T Bond | Component 8 | Alexandria, VA | January 6, 2006 |
| Dr. Lucien B Yarbrough | Component 8 | Woodbridge, VA | July 12, 2006 |
| Dr. F.D. Morse | Component 6 | Pearisburg, VA | |



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Hundreds lined Fayette Street in downtown Martinsville, VA to be screened at the area's new dental clinic!

The need for a dental clinic became clear about 3 years ago, when more than 1,000 area residents were treated during the Martinsville M.O.M. Project. After seeing this Dr. Mark Crabtree (VDA President 2005-2006) and Dr. Edward "Chooper" Snyder made it their goal to help open a clinic that could provide continual care for the city's residents.

The Harvest Foundation; Martinsville Uptown Revitalization Association; the Fayette Area Historical Initiative; Fifth District U.S. Rep. Virgil Goode; ADA; VDA; Bruce Dallas; The Sportsmen's Club; Martinsville Sheriff, Steve Draper and jail inmates; Embarq employees; Patterson Dental Supply; Delta Dental; Bassett Furniture; Hooker Furniture; American of Martinsville and Stanley Furniture were instrumental in this endeavor as well.

Pre-Screening of patients was done on

August 25, 2006 and the clinic officially opened on September 19, 2006 and from that point on will function like a normal dental office.

Treatment will be on a first come first serve basis. This is not a free clinic, however, residents will pay only a sliding scale fee based on their income. The clinic will offer services normally provided by a general dentist such as fillings, extractions, cleanings and X-rays.

One side of the floor features a reception area, rest rooms, business/administration office, break area for staff and a lab/sterilization room. The operatories are located on the other side of the building. There will



be six dental chairs with moveable walls of mahogany cabinets topped with cream colored counters that will separate the work areas and house three intr-oral X-ray machines. Additional equipment will include a panorex and laptop computers at every operatory. All equipment is state-of-the-art.

The clinic will be staffed full-time by one paid person called a “lead dental assistant” with experience in both the front and back treatment areas. Local dentists will sign up to volunteer their time in the clinic. Dental students from VCU’s School of Dentistry will work rotating weeks, with four students arriving at the clinic on Sunday nights and working through the following Thursday.

Accommodations for the students will be located in the upstairs portion of the building. The four bedrooms will be furnished much like a hotel room, with two beds, a desk/work area, chair, armoire, and credenza. Two bathrooms

with multiple facilities also are included in the layout of the top floor. Other common areas include a utility room with a washer and dryer; a break room furnished with kitchen supplies, a TV, couch/chair for a small sitting area and a small kitchen table. There is also a large conference room that can also serve as a classroom. The Piedmont Dental Health Foundation’s office is also upstairs. Dental assistants and dentists from the Henry-Martinsville Health Department also will work at the clinic.

The clinic has also established a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club to provide transportation to and from the clinic for children. Dr. Crabtree hopes to work out similar arrangements with area schools.

The clinic will continue to seek support for other grantees in addition to in-kind contributions to help support their budget of nearly \$821,000.



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VDA Services 2006 Raffle Winners

Thank you to all of the VDA Members who participated in the 2006 VDA Services Raffle in the Exhibit Hall of the Virginia Meeting at the Hotel Roanoke! VDA Services Endorsed Vendors contributed prizes for the annual raffle and all members were eligible to enter. The 2006 winners are listed below:

- 2007 VDA Dues – Dr. Brooks Crumpton, Oakwood
- *Donated by B&B Insurance*
- \$200 Visa Gift Card – Dr. Barney Selph, Cape Charles
- *Donated by Banc of America Practice Solutions*
- iPod Nano and \$25 iTunes Gift Card – Dr. David Ellis, Hopewell
- *Donated by BI Investment Services*
- iPod Shuffle – Dr. Bruce Hutchison, Centreville
- *Donated by Medical Protective*
- \$100 Outback Steakhouse Gift Card – Dr. Kitt Finley-Parker, Richmond
- *Donated by Transworld Systems*
- Movie Gift Basket – Dr. Richard Barnes, Hampton
- *Donated by LifeServers*
- Putter and Golf Package – Dr. Richard Foster, Virginia Beach
- *Donated by RBS Lynk*
- Desk Apprentice – Dr. John Jobe, Newport News
- *Donated by Staples Business Advantage*

All winners have been notified via mail.



Virginia Dental Association Hosts 2007 Big Sky Ski 'n Learn Seminar

The Virginia Dental Association will join eleven other states in hosting a Ski 'n Learn Seminar at Big Sky Resort in Big Sky, Montana, March 17-24, 2007. Other state dental associations co-sponsoring the trip include Alabama, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and West Virginia.

This will be our third consecutive trip to Big Sky, as the 2005 and 2006 Ski 'n Learn Seminars were also held at Big Sky Resort. Over fifty dentists from ten states participated in the 2006 trip.

Montana is known for its vast, beautiful landscapes and at Big Sky, there's no exception. Big Sky Resort is Montana's largest destination resort, featuring uncrowded skiing on 3,600 acres with a vertical rise of 4,350 feet. World-class skiing and riding is spread across three interconnected mountains with 150 trails and 400 inches of annual snowfall. With two terrain parks, a half-pipe, and the Lone Peak Tram whisking skiers and riders to 11,150 feet, Big Sky is the choice of many winter enthusiasts from around the globe.

Continuing Education

The Ski 'n Learn Seminar offers 16 hours of continuing education held Monday, March 19 through Thursday, March 22. A morning session will be held from 7:30-9:30 a.m., with an afternoon session from 4:30-6:30 p.m. A full breakfast will be served to seminar attendees at the morning sessions and snacks and beverages are offered during the afternoon sessions.

Lodging

Huntley Lodge - This three-story hotel was part of the late NBC news broadcaster Chet Huntley's original vision. With recent remodeling, it is as tasteful as it is convenient. The Huntley complex includes a fine dining room, lounge, coffee cart, concierge, shops, ski storage, meeting rooms and Solace Spa.

Shoshone - Shoshone combines the service of a hotel with the comforts of a condominium. This recently remodeled seven-story landmark is attached to the Yellowstone Conference Center and Huntley Lodge. Solace Spa, shops, espresso cart, and Kids Club are located in the lobby.

The Summit - This 10-story luxury complex combines

2007 BIG SKY Ski'N Learn Seminar



the convenience of a hotel with the amenities of a condominium. Flexible lock-offs allow for many sleeping configurations. The Summit melds European sophistication with Western style with three high-capacity lifts within 100 yards of the entry.

Big Horn - Big Horn Condominiums are truly a home away from home. These units are spacious, well-planned and especially comfortable for groups. Enjoy views of Lake Levinsky and Lone Mountain.

Transportation

Located just 45 miles south of Bozeman, Montana, and only 18 miles north of the Yellowstone National Park border, the resort is easily accessible via jet service into Bozeman on Northwest, Delta, United, Horizon, and Skywest Airlines. Ground Transportation is available by way of rental car or shuttle.

Resort Amenities

Located at the base of Lone Mountain, the complex includes meeting rooms, an amphitheater, a scenic Main Dining Room, Chet's Bar, two outdoor heated pools, jacuzzis, saunas, a health facility, tennis and volleyball courts, a massage studio, and retail shops all in the

same area. Next door is the Mountain Mall, providing additional restaurants/bars, shops, and services.

Skiing and Recreation

The skiing at Big Sky is truly legendary. The experience is based on huge vertical, tremendous elbow room and breathtaking scenery. The facts tell the story -- two mountains, 3,600 skiable acres, seventeen lifts, 400 inches of light, dry snow annually, no lift lines and the nation's 2nd largest vertical drop of 4,350 feet. Group ski rates will be available for registered attendees.

And when you're not skiing, the Big Sky area offers plenty of winter activities like snowmobiling and wildlife viewing in Yellowstone National Park, snowshoeing, sleigh ride dinners, ice skating, free children's après ski activities, or relaxing with a spa treatment from the Solace Spa.

How To Register

For registration information, contact the Alabama Dental Association via phone (800) 489-2532, fax (334) 262-6218, or email greger@aldaonline.org.

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Like the pearly whites of the good old days, regular dental care may be only a memory for some senior citizens living on limited incomes. It's time to revisit that assumption. Lynchburg, the Alliance of the American Dental Association is teaming up with Meals on Wheels, and the Free Clinic of Central Virginia to give "Senior Smiles" kits to about 100 Meals on Wheels clients.

The Aug. 15 distribution in Lynchburg is part of a national oral health awareness

a problem for them," said Dr. Gus Petticolas, a Lynchburg dentist and longtime Free Clinic volunteer. Many do not seek dental care unless they are in pain or severe discomfort with a tooth gone bad. The goal of Senior Smiles is "to provide some hope to those seniors"- the dental program of the Free Clinic of Central Virginia.

Senior Smiles in Lynchburg was launched by Dottie Hendrickson, a member of the Alliance of the American Dental Association (member



campaign under way that will ultimately provide 10,000 kits nationwide, underwritten by GlaxoSmithKline and Sullivan-Schien Dental. The kits-which contain everything from toothpaste and dental floss to mouthwash and denture adhesive-include an information booklet that carries the message that dental care for older people is an important part of health care.

"Senior citizens, when they reach Medicare age, find out they are having difficulty accessing care, dental disease can become

spouses).. The nation organization has also been involved in "Give Kids a Smile."

Since the Lynchburg area has no Alliance chapter, Hendrickson put the plan into motion. She contacted Meal on Wheels and The Free Clinic. Both rely on volunteers.

Through a network of volunteer drivers, Meals on Wheels delivers mid-day meals to home-bound adults. Through its roster of area physicians and health providers, the Free Clinic, at 1016 main St., provides free medical care to

people who meet clinic criteria.

Meals on Wheels has about 250 clients, said executive director Lisa Schafer, so the 100 kits will have to go first to those who meet Free Clinic income criteria. Some of the clients are on special diets because they have no teeth, or few, or ill-fitting dentures that make chewing difficult.

The Senior Smiles kits contain information about the Free Clinic. "My hope is" said Schafer, "once they know about the Free Clinic they won't wait until they're in pain." "What they really need is to go before it gets to that point," she said. "I'm hoping by having the flyers in the packets they'll schedule an appointment."

Bob Barlow, Free Clinic executive director, said the clinic's expansion of its dental facilities, now under way should be complete by October. Currently, although booked about two months ahead, they "triage" patients and serve those in most need-such as seniors in pain.

By generating awareness through Senior Smiles, "We want to encourage seniors to be proactive in preventive care and in understanding there is a place to go and get that care," said Petticolas.

Having groups reach out to Meals on Wheels clients with a Senior Smiles kit is a little out of the ordinary. "It is unusual, we welcome it," said Schager. Usually the outreach comes from children's groups, youth groups and Scout Troops who often make tray favors for the seniors. "That makes them smile," she said. "With this, they'll at least have a pretty smile."

THE ALLIANCE OF THE VIRGINIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION has provided 300 kits to various Meals on Wheels type agencies for distribution to homebound seniors across VIRGINIA "This event is a great opportunity to reach homebound



seniors across Virginia and call attention to the oral health care need of our elderly citizens," said BARBARA YANDLE, President of the Alliance of the Virginia Dental Association. "We are grateful to the Senior Smiles program and the various distributing agencies for helping us in this endeavor."

During the ADA Annual Session in Las Vegas, Senior Smiles will expand to become the ADA/AADA Community Outreach Program. On October 19, 2006 the Alliance will partner with the ADA and the Ohio Dental Association (ODA) to provide a "No Fee" CE program (code 8344). This program addresses the importance of good oral health for seniors, starting with the daily oral hygiene routine. It will also review trends and strategies and examine the role providers and consumers can use to prolong good oral health for seniors and examine the role that oral health plays in general health. Participants will also learn how easily the "Smiles for Seniors" program can be implemented in their local nursing home facilities, agencies that provide home health care, and programs that educate healthcare professionals and paraprofessionals.

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Virginia Dental Association
Board of Directors
Actions in Brief
September 13 and 17, 2006

September 13, 2006

The following action is reported as information only:

1. Referred to the Legislative and Dental Practice Regulations Committees – consider a restricted license fee that is higher to compensate for need for a higher license fee across the board

September 17, 2006

The following actions are reported as information only:

1. The following appointments for 2006-2007 were approved:
 - A. Parliamentarian – Dr. Monroe E. Harris, Jr.
 - B. Journal Editor: - Dr. Leslie S. Webb, Jr.
 - C. Executive Director – Dr. Terry D. Dickinson
 - D. Legal Counsel – David Lionberger, ESQ. and Scott Johnson, Esq.
2. The Board approved the appointment of the following to the VDSC Board of Directors for 2006-2007- Fred Coots, Jr., Frank C. Crist, Jr., Roger Wood, Wallace Huff, Bruce Hutchison, Lanny Levenson, Jeffrey Levin, Kirk Norbo, Harvey Shiflet, III, Les Webb, Jr., Edward Weisberg, Andrew J. Zimmer and Rodney Klima.
3. The following were appointed to serve as the 2007 Awards Subcommittee:
Monroe Harris, Gus Vlahos, Mark Crabtree, Craig Dietrich and Darwin King.
4. Mike Abbott was appointed chair of a Task Force on Committee Structure.

Virginia Dental Association
Minutes of the 137th Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, September 17, 2006

The 137th Annual Membership Meeting of the Virginia Dental Association was held at The Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center Sunday, September 17, 2006.

President Mark A. Crabtree called the meeting to order.

The flag pledge was recited.

The following deceased members were remembered: Component 1 – Paul E. Nolan, Dean A. Brainerd. Component 3 – John Kniska. Component 4 – Willie T. Elmore, John S. Mason. Component 5 – Slaydon Myers. Component 6 – F. D. Morse, Jr. Component 8 – Raymond T. Bond, Lucien B. Yarbrough.

The 2006 Fellows were announced: Component 1 – Gary E. Taylor. Component 2 – Elizabeth A. Bernhard, Jon E. Piche'. Component 4 – Carol N. Brooks, Harry A. Dunlevy, Gregory M. Zoghby. Component 7 – Edward L. Amos.

The following received Life Member Certificates in 2006: Component 1: William F. Bussey, Jr., Michael P. Folck, David K. Foster, Frederic R. Levitin, Thomas W. Mostiler, Holman C. Rawls, III, Michael E. Starling. Component 2: Harry S. Conn, George C. Dailey. Component 3: Larry D. Hensley. Component 4: Raymond S. Black, Jr., Elmo J. Bowen, Jr., Charles R. Counts, James L. Cumbey, Jr., William B. Kemp, Harvey F. Selden, Jack F. Thompson, Jr. Component 5: Fred T. Renick, Jr., Sherrill W. Stockton, Jr., Willard W. Wentz, Jr. Component 6: Richard D. Gardner. Component 7: Kenneth D. Bowman, John J. Lacy, Jr., Larry L. Tolley, George A. Wolters. Component 8: Ilie Chioariu, Jr., James J. Donahue, Robert J. Evans, Michael V. Farr, James W. Hjelm, John P. Kannar, Michael A. McCombs, Jack J. Rosenberg, Leo J. Rosenthal, Neil J. Small, John J. Sweeney, Richard M. Waxler.

The following received 50 Year Certificates in 2006: Component 1 – Jack C. Dilaura, Avalon L. Fansler, Charles P. Fletcher, Richard D. Foster, John C. Henry, Jr., John B. Lapetina, Sr., Robert M. Rubin, Jeremy Shulman. Component 4 – William C. Day, Gilbert F. DeBiasi, James S. Duff, Jr. Component 5 – Floyd O. Bice, John E. Higgins. Component 6 – John M. Prince. Component 7 - William E. Armstrong, Jr. Component 8 – Matthew A. Campbell, Patrick B. Colvar, Herbert D. Davidson, John W. Goering, Thomas F. Kern, Irene M. Ozolins, John W. Pash, Jr., James O. Wiley.

The following received 60 Year Certificates in 2006: Component 2 – Harold J. McGrane. Component 3 – Martin Sheintoch. Component 4 – Watson O. Powell, Morris Robinson, Julian P. Todd, Jr. Component 5 – Thomas T. Upshur. Component 7 – Robert L. Simons, Sr. Component 8 – Albert G. Paulsen, Douglas C. Wendt.

The following were recipients of VDA awards:

Emanuel W. Michaels Distinguished Dentist Award - Dr. Richard D. Barnes

Dental Team Member Award – The late Carol Gardner

Special Service Award – Robbie Schuerman

Community Service Award – Dr. Timothy Russell

New Dentist Award – Dr. Anthony R. Peluso

Presidential Award – Dr. Cleveland H. Porter, Jr., Dr. Carol Brooks, Dr. James Revere, Barbara Rollins, Hazel Luton, Ann Huffman.

Recognition of Outgoing Board of Directors' Member: Dr. Ronnie Brown.

Honorary Membership: Larry G. Bedsole, Sr., B&B Insurance and Susann Hamilton, retired Component 8 Executive Director.

Staff Awards: 15 Year Pin – Linda Gilliam; 10 Year Pin – Bonnie Anderson

Dr. Scott Berman, VADPAC Chair, announced the following VADPAC awards:

Category A – Small Component Membership
Percentage of members who contributed to VADPAC Component 2
Percentage of Commonwealth Club Members Component 2

Category B – Large Component Membership
Percentage of members who contributed to VADPAC Component 1
Percentage of Commonwealth Club Members Component 1

Dr. David Black, 2006 Local Arrangements Chair, gave the report on the meeting attendance and recognized his committee members for their help. (Meeting attendance 1,284)

Peggy Lawson was the winner of the 2007 Virginia Meeting promotion – one night stay at the Norfolk Marriott Hotel.

Dr. Crabtree announced the following election results:

President-Elect - Dr. Gus C. Vlahos

ADA Delegates - Drs. Mark A. Crabtree, Rodney J. Klima, Gus C. Vlahos. (All will serve three year terms.)

ADA Alternate Delegates – Drs. Alonzo M. Bell, Ralph L. Howell, Jr., Michael J. Link, Kirk Norbo, Elizabeth C. Reynolds. (All will serve two year terms.)

The out-going component presidents were recognized.

The VDA officers, directors, ADA delegation members and component presidents were installed.

Dr. Crabtree thanked his family and staff for the support he received during his term as president.

Dr. Crabtree presented in-coming VDA President, Dr. Anne C. Adams, with the president's pin.

Dr. Adams presented Dr. Crabtree with the past president's pin, the VDA Torch Bearer Award and the ADA Constituent President's plaque.

**VIRGINIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION
35th HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ACTIONS IN BRIEF
SEPTEMBER 17, 2006**

Upon submission to the House of Delegates by VDA Reference Committees, the following actions were taken:

1. Adopted: A recommendation that the Virginia Dental Association seek statutory change to mandate that necessary dental treatment which is considered an integral part of the treatment of a diagnosed medical disease be afforded coverage under the third party medical payer's contract. (VDA Policy)
2. Adopted: The VDA strongly urges that the Board of Dentistry participate in the examination process for dental licensure and that the Board of Dentistry annually vote to maintain membership in a regional testing agency. (Policy)
3. Adopted: A recommendation that the VDA support the legislative initiative of the Board of Dentistry to create two levels of Dental Assistants:
 - A. "Dental Assistant I is a person who is employed to assist a licensed dentist or dental hygienist by performing such duties as may be prescribed by regulations of the Board."
 - B. "Dental Assistant II is a person who holds a certificate recognized by the Board of Dentistry and has met such additional educational and training requirement as prescribed by regulations of the Board. A Dental Assistant II may perform such intraoral procedures under the direction of a licensed dentist as may be prescribed by regulations of the Board."
(Policy)
4. Adopted: A recommendation that the VDA strongly urges the development and expansion of dental assisting training programs in high schools, trade and technical schools, and community colleges and encourages the VDA Board of Directors to develop an action plan for implementation. (Policy)
5. Adopted: A recommendation that the VDA advocates an increase in the number of matriculating dental hygiene students in two year programs, including expansion of existing programs and the creation of new community college programs.

If unable to significantly increase the number of dental hygienists licensed and practicing in the Commonwealth, the VDA will support additional methods to increase the number of alternative providers of hygiene services including scaling technicians.
(Policy)
6. Adopted: A recommendation that the Board of Directors submit a report and specific recommendation to the 2007 House of Delegates proposing the method/means in which to double the number of hygiene graduates from 140 by the year 2010.
7. Adopted: The following Bylaw change:
Article I, Section I.E will be amended by adding the following:

- E. **Fellows:** Designation to this class of membership is limited to Active, Life or Retired Members of the Virginia Dental Association who have been members of the Association for at least ten years. Military and or federal service personnel having served a minimum of 5 years active duty and maintaining active membership in the ADA may be considered for VDA Fellowship after 5 years of VDA Service. This class of membership is reserved as an honor for those who by special devotion to the Virginia Dental Association and to the profession of dentistry have given freely of their time and energies to the end that the welfare of all has been promoted. Election to Fellowship does not affect the Fellow's preexisting classification of membership.
8. **Adopted:** A recommendation to add the following to VDA Policy:

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2006**

Upon submission to the House of Delegates by VDA Reference Committees, the following actions were taken:

1. **Adopted:** A recommendation that the Virginia Dental Association seek statutory change to mandate that necessary dental treatment which is considered an integral part of the treatment of a diagnosed medical disease be afforded coverage under the third party medical payer's contract. (VDA Policy)
2. **Adopted:** The VDA strongly urges that the Board of Dentistry participate in the examination process for dental licensure and that the Board of Dentistry annually vote to maintain membership in a regional testing agency. (Policy)
3. **Adopted:** A recommendation that the VDA support the legislative initiative of the Board of Dentistry to create two levels of Dental Assistants:
 - A. "Dental Assistant I is a person who is employed to assist a licensed dentist or dental hygienist by performing such duties as may be prescribed by regulations of the Board."
 - B. "Dental Assistant II is a person who holds a certificate recognized by the Board of Dentistry and has met such additional educational and training requirement as prescribed by regulations of the Board. A Dental Assistant II may perform such intraoral procedures under the direction of a licensed dentist as may be prescribed by regulations of the Board." (Policy)
4. **Adopted:** A recommendation that the VDA strongly urges the development and expansion of dental assisting training programs in high schools, trade and technical schools, and community colleges and encourages the VDA Board of Directors to develop an action plan for implementation. (Policy)
5. **Adopted:** A recommendation that the VDA advocates an increase in the number of matriculating dental hygiene students in two year programs, including expansion of existing programs and the creation of new community college programs.

If unable to significantly increase the number of dental hygienists licensed and practicing in the Commonwealth, the VDA will support additional methods to increase the number of alternative providers of hygiene services including scaling technicians. (Policy)
6. **Adopted:** A recommendation that the Board of Directors submit a report and specific recommendation to the 2007 House of Delegates proposing the method/means in which to double the number of hygiene graduates from 140 by the year 2010.
7. **Adopted:** The following Bylaw change:
Article I, Section I.E will be amended by adding the following:
E. **Fellows:** Designation to this class of membership is limited to Active, Life or Retired Members of the Virginia Dental Association who have been members of the Association for at least ten years. Military and or federal service personnel having served a minimum of 5 years active duty and maintaining active membership in the ADA may be considered for VDA Fellowship after 5 years of VDA Service. This class of membership is reserved as an honor for those who by special devotion to the Virginia Dental Association and to the profession of dentistry have given freely of their time and energies to the end that the welfare of all has been promoted. Election to Fellowship does not affect the Fellow's preexisting classification of membership.
8. **Adopted:** A recommendation to add the following to VDA Policy:
Selection of student members to serve on VDA committees, councils or in the House of Delegates shall be by the American Student Dental Association chapter of the VCU School of Dentistry. (Replaces House of Delegates #3 (pg 9) in VDA Policy.)
9. **Adopted:** A recommendation that a liquid Reserve Fund will be established with a goal of 40% of the annual operating expenses. (Replaces Administrative #8 (pg.1) in VDA Policy.)
10. **Adopted:** A recommendation that VDA mailing labels will be available to members for a fee of \$175 and nonmembers for \$300. Upon receipt and use of these labels there can be no representation of endorsement of the VDA, its subsidiaries or its members. (Policy)
11. **Adopted:** Committee Policy #10.4 should be changed to read: Motions are made, voted upon and outcomes are recorded by roll call vote.
12. **Defeated:** A recommendation that DR shall be placed in the VDA budget as a line item committee expenditure. (Previous VDA Policy numbers 5 (pg 1) and 11 (pg 2) will be rescinded). (Policy)

13. Adopted: A recommendation that the 2007 VDA Budget "B" be approved as presented by the Council of Finance without decreasing the Direct Reimbursement Reserve Fund and with any forthcoming accounting adjustments.
14. Adopted: A recommendation that the Board of Directors is directed to take the action necessary to move the VDA election of officers to a total membership format; and that they formulate a mechanism whereby online, mail, and general membership meeting voting is allowed.
15. Referred to the Board of Directors: Background: Since the new patient is the life blood to the dental practice, the new dentist is the life blood of our organization. It is important to establish a relationship with our dental students to help them through their educational experience and transition into private practice. Therefore: Be it resolved that: the Membership Committee and the New Dentist Committee form a joint subcommittee with representation from both to implement mentoring relationships with VCU/MCV dental students.
16. Referred to the Board of Directors: Background: We have many activities in the VDA to which most working dentists have a hard time committing. A retired dentist would be available to go to the General Assembly or the State Board on short notice. The retired member could help to carry out tasks that productive committees need to have done between committee meetings. The retired members could serve as annual session volunteers. Be it resolved that the Membership Committee develop a program to keep our retired members informed and involved.
17. The following actions of the Board of Directors were ratified by the House:

- A. A motion to support legislation amending § 54.1-3408 with the Board's recommended changes. The following language was proposed by the VDHA:

§ 54.1-3408. Professional use by practitioners.

J. A dentist may cause Schedule VI topical drugs to be administered under his direction and supervision by either a dental hygienist or by an authorized agent of the dentist.

A dentist may authorize a dental hygienist under direction **direct supervision** to administer Schedule VI local anesthesia **to patients over the age of 18**, and nitrous oxide and oxygen inhalation analgesia. The Board of Dentistry shall establish by regulations the education and training requirements under which a dental hygienist may administer such drugs.

Further, pursuant to a written order and in accordance with a standing protocol issued by the dentist in the course of his professional practice, a dentist may authorize a dental hygienist under his general supervision, as defined in § 54.1-2722, to possess and administer topical oral fluorides, topical oral anesthetics, topical and directly applied antimicrobial agents for treatment of periodontal pocket lesions, as well as any other Schedule VI topical drug approved by the Board of Dentistry. (The above language with changes was sent back to the Virginia Dental Hygiene Association for their consideration.)

- B. An editorial change in Article I, Section 2.F (changed to conform with the language in Article I, Section 1.F.)

F. Students: Undergraduate dental students, either studying or residing in the state of Virginia, **who are members of the American Student Dental Association**, may become student members. Student committee members shall be entitled to vote on committees but not to hold office. Student members shall be entitled to participate in the Association's insurance programs, shall receive the *Virginia Dental Journal*, and shall receive notice of and be entitled to participate in other Association activities,

The following is reported as information only:

1. The following were elected to serve on the Board of Directors:

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| Component 2 | McKinley L. Price | Three year term |
| Component 4 | Benita A. Miller | Three year term |
| Component 6 | Michael A. Abbott | Three year term |

2. Dr. Ralph Howell was re-elected Speaker of the House.

3. The following were approved for Life Membership in 2006: Component 1: William F. Bussey, Jr., Michael P. Folck, David K. Foster, Frederic R. Levitin, Thomas W. Mostiler, Holman C. Rawls, III, Michael E. Starling. Component 2: Harry S. Conn, George C. Dailey. Component 3: Larry D. Hensley. Component 4: Raymond S. Black, Jr., Elmo J. Bowen, Jr., Charles R. Counts, James L. Cumbey, Jr., William B. Kemp, Harvey F. Selden, Jack F. Thompson, Jr. Component 5: Fred T. Renick, Jr., Sherrill W. Stockton, Jr., Willard W. Wentz, Jr. Component 6: Richard D. Gardner. Component 7: Kenneth D. Bowman, John J. Lacy, Jr., Larry L. Tolley, George A. Wolters. Component 8: Ilie Chioariu, Jr., James J. Donahue, Robert J. Evans, Michael V. Farr, James W. Hjelm, John P. Kannar, Michael A. McCombs, Jack J. Rosenberg, Leo J. Rosenthal, Neil J. Small, John J. Sweeney, Richard M. Waxler.

4. Larry G. Bedsole, Sr. and Susann Hamilton were approved for honorary membership in the Virginia Dental Association.

I would like to thank the members of the 35th Annual House of Delegates for your commitment to the improvement of the Virginia Dental Association. Each of you were very well prepared and participated in the legislative process. I was very pleased with the ease of which you accomplished the "Mega-Issue" task set before you. As a group, you determined the policies that will guide the Board and the Association for the coming years. As the Association continues on the path of knowledge based governance, the House will be using this process to a greater extent in the future.

I would like to make a special thank you to the members who served on one of the Reference Committees and the Credentials Committee. They are Karen Cole Dameron, Chairman, Todd Bivins, Elizabeth Reynolds, Mike Abbott, and Neal Small for the Credentials Committee. The Reference Committee 1000 members include Sharone Ward, Chairman, William Davenport, Mike Fernandez, Garland G. Gentry, Bruce W. Overton and the Reference Committee 2000 members include Timothy Collins, chairman, Richard Brigleb, David Ellis, John H. Knight, Jr., Paul T. Olenyn. Each of these individuals efforts helped to make the House operate smoothly.

Finally, I am honored to be re-elected as Speaker for another year. It has been a joy and an honor to work with such a dedicated group of professionals and I will continue to do my best to make the transaction of business in the House to run as efficiently as possible.

Thanks again,
Ralph L. Howell, Jr., DDS
Speaker, VDA House of Delegates

Oral surgeon is Virginia's Unsung Hero

By: Bill Lohmann - Richmond Times Dispatch - January 24, 2006

As a doctor and a devout Christian, Jim Priest thought for sure he was dead. Lying in a hospital bed almost eight years ago, paralyzed from his eyes down and unable even to breathe on his own, Priest found himself in the middle of a dream - blinded by a brilliant light, face to face with a golden-haired, bearded man, and having the distinct feeling he might have just passed to the other side. He was at once petrified and comforted.

"Lord, if this is heaven," Priest recalls saying, "I'm ready to go."

The reply came in the form of a thundering, disembodied voice:

"It's not your time!"

And so it wasn't. Priest, now 56, largely recovered from his bout with the rare neurological disorder that had stricken him in 1998; he's still paralyzed from the knees down, a condition he likens to walking on stilts. He returned to his oral surgery practice in South Boston, took his faith public and, always a devoted community servant, started going way out of his way to help others.

"He's not only a good doctor because of his superb skills but because he genuinely cares."

For the way he lives his life, he was honored yesterday with the Unsung Virginian Award by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives. The award is presented each year to someone who gives freely to Virginia and its residents without thought of personal gain or recognition.

Priest seems to fit that description. When he is asked about all he has done, the first words out of his mouth are, "I'm nothing special."

He came to Richmond yesterday thinking he was going to see a friend be presented with an award at the luncheon at the Omni Richmond Hotel.

"That shows you how humble he is," laughed the Rev. Melvin Bradshaw, a Baptist minister who lives across the street from Priest's practice. "He thought he was coming to present me with an award."

Bradshaw, who has been a patient of Priest's in the past, said, "He's not only a good doctor because of his superb skills but because he genuinely cares."

Priest is, at heart, a country doctor. He grew up in Halifax County,

went away to school at Virginia Tech and the Medical College of Virginia (now Virginia Commonwealth University) and then went home to Southside Virginia to set up shop in a log-sided office. His staff is like family, and because he's the only oral surgeon in town, many of his patients are friends and neighbors. Most can pay, some can't. Everyone who needs it gets treatment.

"The people in this community are the best people in the world," he said.

He married his high school sweetheart, Mary Eleanor, a teacher, and they've raised three successful sons, the youngest of whom, Mike, is a preseason All-America baseball player at Campbell University. That makes Jim Priest mighty proud because he coached all three of his boys in baseball. He's still coaching, even though he has trouble with his legs. He uses a bat as a crutch to get around the ballfield, but he can pitch batting practice for hours - from a folding chair.

"You learn to modify," he said with a shrug.

His world changed in 1998 when he suddenly took ill and was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a neurological disorder in which the body's immune system attacks the nervous system. Paralysis moved up his legs and trunk and finally stopped just short of his eyes. Or eye. For three months, his range of movement was restricted to the blinking of one eye, which is how he communicated after a nephew with cerebral palsy taught him how. He breathed with the help of a ventilator.

Although symptoms from the syndrome can be life-threatening, partial recovery is possible from even the most severe cases. Once the paralysis began receding, the retraining of his muscles began. It was slow, torturous work. It took Priest more than two years, graduating from wheelchair to leg braces and crutches, but he finally returned to his practice. He also resumed his monthly teaching job at VCU Medical Center. He travels around the state making motivational speeches - not about medicine but about his faith.

He also has become involved with Mission of Mercy, providing free dental care in underserved areas. Last summer, he traveled to Wise County, in the far southwestern corner of Virginia, and spent an entire weekend pulling teeth and performing other dental operations for needy patients, some of whom he is certain had never set foot in a dentist's office.

"People will stand up out of the chair and hug you with tears in their eyes," said Priest, who's already made reservations in Wise for next summer and plans to take a bunch of friends and colleagues with him. "It's contagious."

Another mission trip is planned soon for the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast, but as much as Priest would like to go, he really can't afford to take a week off. "I haven't taken a vacation for six years," he said. "I used up most of my savings when I was out."

That's not a complaint. "I am," he said, "just happy to be here."

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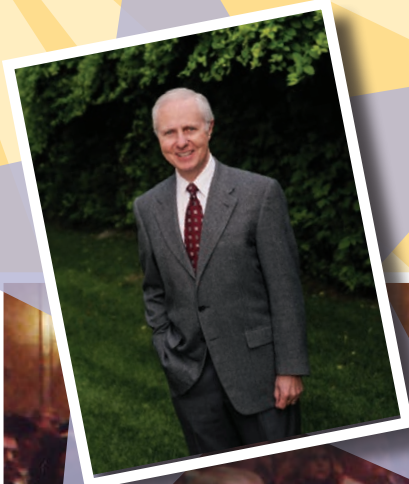
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Thank You, Dr. David Black!

The 2006 Virginia Meeting was deemed another success! Nearly 1300 dental professionals were in attendance! Thank You to Dr. David Black for hosting us in Roanoke. The winner of the VDHF Raffle was Dr. Tom Cooke of Sandston, VA and the winner of the 2007 Annual Meeting Promotion was Ms. Peggy Lawson of Charlottesville, VA. Congratulations to them both! If you missed this year's event you missed a great time. Don't forget that our meeting has moved to June 14-17 in Norfolk, VA next year.



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Pamela Smith's Session!





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Dr. Mark Crabtree (VDA President 2005-2006) and family enjoy the President's Party!



Thanks for a great President's Party Dr. Alouf!

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Dr. Mark Crabtree (VDA President 2005-2006) presents the new "presidential pin" to Dr. Anne Adams (VDA President 2006-2007). This pin will be handed down to each new VDA President for years to come.



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Acknowledgments



Linda Gilliam, VDA Director of Finance has been with the VDA for 15 years. She was honored at the Virginia Meeting for her commitment to the VDA.



Bonnie Anderson, VDA Administrative Assistant has been with the VDA for 10 years. She was also honored at the Virginia Meeting for her commitment to the VDA.



Robert A. Nebiker, director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, will retire on October 1, 2006. Mr. Nebiker has more than 30 years of state service, and has served as head of the agency since February 2002.



Sandra Whitley Ryals, chief deputy director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Nebiker as director of the agency.



Dr. Jeffrey Levin of Richmond will serve as a member on the board of Dentistry. Levin is a general practitioner with Grove Avenue Family and Cosmetic Dentistry and an adjunct clinical professor in the Department of General Practice and the advisory board at the VCU Medical School of Dentistry.



Dr. Charles K. Johnson of Richmond has been appointed to the Virginia Board of Health.



Dr. Terry Dickinson (Virginia Dental Association Executive Director) was recently appointed to the Virginia Health Reform Commission.



Barbara Rollins was awarded a Presidential award at the Virginia Meeting for her work on the M.O.M. Projects.



Susann W. Hamilton receives an award from the ADA for her many years as the Northern Virginia Dental Society Executive Director. She was also awarded honorary membership in the Virginia Dental Association.

Here is an opportunity to enjoy dental practice in Virginia, contribute to the community, be a part of a healthcare team and grow professionally. Duties typically include comprehensive general dentistry for school children and limited services for adults. VDH offers a competitive compensation package to the best-qualified applicants, including negotiable base salary and potential recruitment incentives. An array of valuable benefits for classified employees include: employer-paid retirement, employer-paid life insurance, employer-paid malpractice protection, employer-subsidized health insurance, tax-free 457/401A deferred compensation plan with child care reimbursement plans, employer-paid short term & long term disability plan, annual leave, sick leave, and paid holidays. Although an unrestricted VA license is preferred, a restricted temporary licensure is available as a VDH employee. National criminal records and background check required. Location of specific positions can be found at http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/qjhr/jobs/vdh_employment.asp. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply by submitting a state Application for Employment (form #10-012) indicating the location preference and position # to: Division of Dental Health, 109 Governor Street, 9th Floor, Richmond, VA 23219 or email application to Lynn.Browder@vdh.Virginia.gov. Download an application at www.dhrm.state.va.us/statefrm.htm. The Virginia Dept. of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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Passage of the June 29, 2005 Sedation Regulations by the Board of Dentistry resulted in an unintended consequence that affected the use of Nitrous Oxide Analgesia in the dental office. Nitrous Oxide was placed under the 'Anxiolysis' section of the current sedation regulations. Automatically all regulations pertaining to the use of nitrous oxide came under that existing section. As a consequence, the dentist would have to be in the treatment room with the hygienist if nitrous was to be administered by the hygienist. In other words, a second person (an assistant, a hygienist or another dentist) would have to be present in the treatment room for assisting, monitoring and observing the patient while they were 'under' nitrous oxide. These changes clearly had profound implications on the practice of dentistry for those dentists using nitrous oxide analgesia. Unfortunately these changes remained under the radar for many practices. Many dentists using nitrous oxide analgesia were violating the new regulations and not even aware of it.

At the March 2006 Board of Dentistry meeting, a patient from Roanoke petitioned the Board asking that the sedation law mandating a second person in the room at all times be changed. This would allow his dentist to continue to use nitrous for his periodontal scaling as he had for the past 25 years. Representing the VDA Dental Practice Regulations Committee, I was present at this meeting and voiced my support for this petition. However, the Board chose to deny the petition and let the regulation stand as it was written.

After alerting the Richmond Component Board of Directors and the VDA leadership, the Board of Dentistry received numerous letters and additional public testimony before the Board's Regulatory and Legislative committee at its May '06 meeting. Thanks to the input of these dentists and others who spoke at the June 9th Board meeting, the committee and the full Board voted to support the idea to carve out nitrous oxide analgesia when used without other sedative medications from the anxiolysis requirement to have a second person with the dentist. Inhalation analgesia will remain under the anxiolysis regulations and other sections will still apply to nitrous oxide. There is a proposed regulatory change entitled, "Fast Track Proposal on Inhalation Analgesia (Nitrous Oxide)" which, if unopposed, would become effective within 90 days. I would encourage you to become familiar with these regulations if you are using anxiolysis or inhalation analgesia.

Unfortunately, the requirement to have the dentist present while the hygienist treats a patient under nitrous oxide

is not resolved by the above regulatory change. The sedation regulations still prohibit a dental hygienist from administering nitrous oxide analgesia. At the September 15, 2006 Board of Dentistry meeting, Board member Dr. Glenn Young asked for a clarification of this issue. After discussion, it was determined that "the dentist must start the nitrous and must make or direct all adjustments (increase and decrease) and must stop the nitrous. As long as there is no need to adjust the nitrous, the hygienist can work under direction." The VDA Task Force on Dental Hygiene was charged with investigating allowing dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia. Thanks to the foresight of this task force, chaired by Dr. Reed Boyd, its final recommendation included the administration of both local anesthesia and nitrous oxide analgesia by dental hygienists.

Many dentists...were violating the new regulations and not even aware of it.

Because of this action, the recently passed General Assembly bill HB996 specifically allowed dental hygienists to administer both local anesthesia (age 18 and older) and nitrous oxide analgesia with the appropriate education and training (to be determined by the Board of Dentistry). The Dental Practice Regulations Committee at its June 9th meeting passed two recommendations to send to the Board of Dentistry to provide guidance in drafting its new regulations. The first recommends that the Board develop regulations for teaching hygienists local anesthesia and nitrous oxide analgesia based upon the Kentucky guidelines. The second recommends that the Board develop regulations for a 'stand alone' course to administer only nitrous oxide analgesia. This would address those offices which do not wish to have its hygienists administer local anesthesia, but still need to be in compliance with the sedation regulations pertaining to anxiolysis and nitrous oxide. It would be anticipated that this would be a much shorter and more affordable course. The sedation regulations would be amended by the Board to allow a hygienist to administer nitrous oxide analgesia as well as the dentist.

Organized dentistry works! The VDA does play an important role in the monitoring of the Board of Dentistry and the regulatory process as well as the formulation and review of the laws in our dental practice act. It does make a difference when individual dentists and your VDA are involved in the process.



Component NEWS

Component #1 Tidewater Dental Association

The other day while walking our golf course it occurred to me that the fall is the nicest time of the year in Tidewater. The leaves have not yet started to turn and the pansies are still in full bloom. I hope you find the time to "smell the roses" in your busy days.

Component One started the year on a high note at our annual meeting. Out going president **Rob Candler** reminded us of the hard work done by all the members of the executive committee and many component members and of the participation of a large number of our colleagues in the various MOM projects. **Mike Morgan**, incoming president, promised to carry on the good works and enlisted the support of all in attendance. We elected **Anthony Peluso** as our president-elect. We are assured a strong succession of leaders for the foreseeable future with these good men in place. Dean Ron Hunt of MCV presented a review of the new developments at the school. Some of the high tech equipment makes one wish he could be back in school. We honor one of our members each year by presenting him or her with the Simmons Award which is named for one of the legendary giants of our component. This year's recipient is **Ira Gould**. Ira has had a long career of service to dentistry in Virginia, including serving as component president, but has distinguished himself as a national president of the military dental association. In component one Ira is famous for his remarkably ecumenical grace before our annual dinners. We look forward to another great year and will keep you informed of our activities. Have a productive and peaceful fall.

Barry Einhorn, Associate Editor

Component #2 Peninsula Dental Society

The Peninsula Dental Society is looking forward to another productive year. Its General Membership Meeting on September 25, 2006 begins its session. During this meeting, Pittman Dental and 3MSP will be presenting "Lava Restorations and Impression Troubleshooting". In addition, Dr. John Tuller will be giving PDS members and staff resourceful information in his "OSHA Update" on October 20, 2006. During the Virginia Meeting, we are encouraging members to vote for Dr. Mike Link! Dr. Link is running for ADA Alternate Delegate, and we know he would do an outstanding job. Lastly, Dr. Elizabeth Bernhard will be taking over as president for Dr. Mike McCormick who did a spectacular job during his term in this leadership position. The Peninsula Dental Society is enthusiastic about the opportunity to be led by Dr. Bernhard.

Karen Dameron, Associate Editor

Component #3 Southside Dental Society

Greetings from the Southside!

Just a quick note to let you know who our new officers for the year are:
President - Brad Trotter
Vice President - Earl Shufford
Secretary - Ellen Oertel
Treasurer - Shannon Bowman
Thanks to these willing volunteers.

This summer our component unexpectedly lost Dr. John Kniska. John

practiced Orthodontics for over 20 years in our area. He brought his northern sense of humor to our component and won over everyone he met. His many friends will miss John a lot.

Next report will be from the VDA in Roanoke and ADA in Vegas.

Dr. Ellis - rumor has it (and as of this printing, it is ONLY a rumor) that he had a hole in one. First the Olympic Hockey Gold, and now this? Go figure.

Mike Hanley, Associate Editor

Component #4 Richmond Dental Society

Component IV would like to congratulate Dr. Anne Adams for becoming the first female President of the Virginia Dental Association! We are proud of her and know that she will work hard in the next year to lead the VDA forward. Also, congratulations to Dr. Elizabeth Reynolds for being elected as ADA Alternate Delegate at The Virginia Meeting in Roanoke.

Our component held a membership meeting this September 7th, 2006. We had a great turnout for a wine tasting and dinner that kicked off our monthly meetings for this year. Our component installed Dr. Ed Griggs as president on September 7, 2006, replacing Dr. Kitt Finley-Parker. We thank Dr. Finley-Parker for giving her time and energy unselfishly throughout the past year and wish her well for the future. We also thank outgoing members of the Board of Directors for their service to the organization.

We have many excellent courses coming up beginning with Dr. Martin Golstein on November 17th who will speak on cosmetic dentistry, both its marketing and clinical aspects, and will touch on the latest on the use of digital photography in dental practice. We follow that up with Dr. Del Webb on January 26th. Dr. Webb is the leading authority on dental insurance. He will show you and your staff how to prosper in the face of the insurance companies. Our final speaker will bring the year to a rousing close on March 23rd. We are privileged to have Dr. John Cranham, a nationally known speaker who is on the faculty at the Dawson Center and has been on the presenting faculty for Ross Nast seminars and has lectured for Dr. Larry Rosenthal. He will present on predictable esthetic dentistry, sound occlusal concepts, and sound business and management principles. Please take advantage of these outstanding courses so close to home!!

Dr. Kitt Finley-Parker

Component #5 Piedmont Dental Society

Since we submit these articles long before the journal is received, I will have to project my excitement for what will occur at the Virginia Meeting that will take place in Roanoke on September 13-17. As local arrangements chairman, I have been in on the planning and anticipation of the return to Roanoke for our annual meeting. I just received news that the Hotel Roanoke is sold out of rooms, which means to me that the attendance is going to be very good. I am sure that Gordon Christensen is going to give a great message and I am sure it will be standing room only. We have great activities planned and we are trying to be as helpful



as possible so that everyone will enjoy every aspect of the meeting. This may very well be the last statewide meeting in Roanoke because of the new meeting format that starts next year, making the Virginia Meeting a destination meeting at our resort areas of the state.

We have not had any other component meetings since our spring outing, but our fall meeting will be October 13 in Collinsville at the Dutch Inn, featuring Dr. Baxter Perkinson, speaking on "New Approaches to Everyday Restorative Dentistry". Baxter is always a popular and interesting speaker and we welcome one of our own dental leaders to our area to share his experiences with us. Our new Component president, Dr. Ray Mallinak will run this meeting and also our April 20th spring meeting featuring Linda Miles, who will be at the Roanoke Wyndham Hotel.

As always, you can get more information from our executive Secretary, Ann Huffman at 276-732-3789.

David Black, Associate Editor

Component #6

Southwest Virginia Dental Society

Greetings from Component VI.

Our summer component meeting was held on August 11, 2006 at the SWVA Higher Education Center in Abingdon. Dr. Harold Crossley was both educational and entertaining. We hope everyone enjoyed the trip and festivities in Roanoke during the state meeting. We enjoyed having everyone on our end of the state for a change, We are excited about the upcoming events we have planned. November 10, 2006 we welcome Dr. Edward Barrett and Dr. David Kenny to the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center. The topic is "Blood, Sweat, and Tears: Frontline Management of Dental Trauma." On March 9, 2007, Dr. Dennis Ranalli will present "Advances in Sports Dentistry: A Game Plan for Success." The location is undetermined, but will most likely be in Wytheville at the Wohlfart Haus. Finally, make your reservations for another fun filled weekend at Pipestem State Park, WV May 18 through May 20, 2007. I hope to see a great turnout at all of these upcoming CE events.

Cynthia Southern-Associate Editor

Component #7

Shenandoah Valley Dental Association

Greetings from both sides of the Blue Ridge.

As I begin my year as president, I would like to thank our out-going president, Dr. Ron Downey, for his excellent leadership and involvement in our component. I hope to continue to build upon his efforts. I look forward to working with the rest of our executive committee, Dr. Rick Taliaferro, president-elect; Dr. Jared Kleine, vice president; Dr. Harry Sartelle, secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Darwin King, director.

As President, I will strive to continue the exceptional leadership our

component has had in years past. In addition to being committed to providing our members with excellent continuing education, I have set several goals for myself and the SVDA. "Why not 100%" is both my question and my goal. I want to have 100% of dentists in our region to be active members of the VDA. I further want 100% of our members making a contribution to the political action efforts of the VDA. As my involvement in the SVDA/VDA has grown, so too has my knowledge of how tremendously important our political action efforts are on both the state and national levels. Every year, there are issues that directly affect all of us individually and as dental professionals. Many of us don't realize the importance of the political action efforts of the VDA, and my goal is to educate each and every member of such.

In September, we had another successful CE course featuring Dr. Ed Swift, chairman of Operative Dentistry at UNC. Dr. Swift provided the latest information on bonding and composite dental materials. I want to personally thank Dentsply and Sullivan-Schein Dental for their co-sponsorship of Dr. Swift's appearance.

In July, the SVDA presented a plaque in honor of the late Carol Gardner to the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Dental Clinic. Mrs. Gardner was tragically killed and her husband, Dr. William Gardner, was wounded in a shooting last April. Mrs. Gardner was also honored posthumously with the VDA Dental Team Member Award at the annual meeting. After a lengthy hospital stay and recuperation, Dr. Gardner has returned full time to his practice in Bridgewater. Please continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

At the August SVDA executive committee meeting, several exciting issues were discussed. Our component is in a strong financial position. We are considering making an annual contribution of some nature to a worthy cause or causes. This was also discussed at our Fall business meeting and several great recommendations were made and are being reviewed by the committee. If you have any thoughts or comments on this proposal, please contact a member of the executive committee.

We welcome the following new members who have joined the ADA/VDA/ SVDA or moved to our component recently: Dr. Edward Amrhein, Dr. Joel Evans, Dr. Christine Owuor, and Drs. Eric and Mary Lovell.

Mark your calendars for our spring meeting on Friday, March 30, 2007. Speaking will be a dynamic team, Anita Jupp and Jo-Anne Jones, RDH, from the Advanced Dental Education Institute. Our fall 2007 meeting is set for October 12 and will feature Dr. Richard Wynn of the University of Maryland speaking on pharmacology. Dr. Michael Miller of Reality Publishing is our spring 2008 speaker on March 28, and will talk about cosmetic dental materials.

Lastly, in an effort to keep the membership informed, we request that you notify the Executive Secretary of any changes in address, phone or e-mail.

Jay Knight, Associate Editor

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