

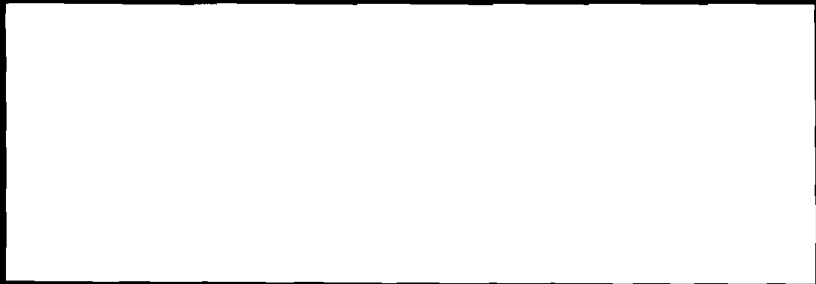


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VDA Dental Journal Editor

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First there are the practice management promotions that promise to show you ways to grow your practice and produce high dollar practice incomes. These falls into two groups: individual dentists who claim they have found the secret to success and want to share it with you – for a fee, or practice management companies who will evaluate your practice and make recommendations for improvement to you- also for a fee.

Secondly, there are the referral plans to increase new patient flow into your office by either providing referral services or getting you lists of individuals moving into your area. But you must sign up right away or your zip code might get taken by another doctor!

Lastly, there are insurance companies, which promote participation in their plans to increase your patient base by marketing you as a participating dentist to their patients.

While these methods of building a practice might add patients, I feel there are better ways for a dentist to build a quality practice. The best sources of referral are your current patients. Provide quality dental care and develop your patients' confidence and trust in your office. Your patients will refer others to you.

Become involved with your family in their activities: church, school, athletic events. You will not only enjoy family time together, but get to meet others in your community. Get involved in community service groups that offer you ways to serve your locality, such as the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce, political parties or the Red Cross. These will offer ways to serve others and also meet others. Become active in your local dental society, meet your local dentists let them know you would be willing to see their emergencies or referrals. Get involved with dental outreach activities, such as "Give Kids a Smile," a MOM project, or your local free clinic. You will meet others and gain the satisfaction of aiding other in your community with your professional talent.

You are your best advertisement to grow your practice.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Dr. Webb,

It was my idea to try to get the Dental Assistant program included in the curriculum of the Lynchburg City Schools. Actually, I started working this project in 1985. I was chairman of the Dental Careers Advisory Committee the first two years and still serve on the committee. This program is important to the students, to the dental profession and to the greater Lynchburg community. This is and has been a very innovative program and has won several awards. The most recent award was from the Virginia Department of Education, Virginia Career and Technical Education creating Excellence Awards program on 6 June 2005 in Richmond.

Dentistry was the only large profession in the Lynchburg area without an education program to help train auxiliaries. This is an entry level course of instruction which is a major source for chair side and business assistants. Many graduates from the program have gone on to college. Several have graduated from dental hygiene programs, some work in dental laboratories, students have completed RN courses and others have positions in the medical profession.

I have talked to many dentists in Virginia and believe there are other areas which could use a program like this to help with the shortage of trained dental auxiliaries. A reprint of this article in the VDA Journal might get the attention of one more dentists interested in such a program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Dr. Cleve Porter

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April/May 2005

INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM TRAINS STUDENTS TO BE DENTAL ASSISTANTS

For the past 17 years, Sandy Williams has dedicated herself to a unique dental assisting program at E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, VA. A certified dental assistant (CDA), Ms. Williams serves as the teacher for the two-year training program for high school juniors and seniors who are interested in becoming dental assistants or pursuing employment in another health-care field.

The long-term support of the Lynchburg Dental Society and the Lynchburg City Schools has contributed to the success of this program. In the late 1980s, the dental society proposed this program to the school board. The school

board approved the concept, and the dental society donated \$20,000 to buy the initial equipment. Today, the two groups continue to support the program with resources and funding. In addition, selected dentists, dental assistants and members of the community serve on the program's advisory committee, and other dentists in the community offer their offices as clinical rotation sites. This program is now one of nine high school dental-assisting programs in the state of Virginia.

Each year up to 18 students are accepted into the program. Candidates for the program must complete a thorough

application process, which includes an interview with Ms. Williams and an overall evaluation of the student's academic and attendance records.

Once in the program, the selected students gain the basic skills and knowledge needed to work in a dental office or to move on to further education in a dental career after graduation. The program is a combination of classroom instruction, clinical observation and hands-on experience. The students learn basic dental anatomy, charting, instrumentation, radiographic techniques, material manipulation, equipment maintenance, first aid, dental-assisting skills and business office procedures. The students meet daily for a two-hour period and have access to a well-equipped classroom that contains three working dental operatories (including active X-ray equipment in each) and a computer lab.

During their senior year, the students complete clinical rotations in dental offices and laboratories in the area. The rotations expose the students to general dentistry, as well as to dental specialties.

Orthodontist Dr. Norman Prillaman, who has hired several of the program's graduates over the years, has served on the program's advisory committee and makes his Lynchburg orthodontic office available as a clinical site. Approximately four students per semester rotate through his practice, which he shares with Dr. Richard Zechini and Dr. Richard Sterne. While he'd like the students to be in the office for a longer time period during the day, he notes that the rotations are valuable to the students and exposes them to the different specialties.

"It's fun when they come through," he said. "It's tough for the students to know which branch of dentistry they are interested in if they can't work in the different offices." As of June 2005, 142 students have graduated from the program since its inception in 1989. Upon graduation, the students are certified in dental X-ray, adult and child CPR, and choking rescue. They also receive a completion certificate and are up-to-date on infection control regulations.

Throughout the program, Ms. Williams stresses professionalism. She also encourages the students to earn the certified dental assistant (CDA) credential from the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB). To earn the credential, assistants

must pass a three-component exam that consists of General Chairside (GC), Infection Control (ICE) and Radiation Health & Safety (RHS) exams. While DANB does impose eligibility prerequisites on individuals who wish to take the entire CDA exam, the students in Ms. Williams' program at E.C. Glass High School are eligible to take the ICE and RHS component exams at any time during their training, as there are no eligibility requirements to sit for these exams. Only the GC component exam has eligibility prerequisites. DANB offers three eligibility pathways for this exam; Pathway II applies to graduates of Ms. Williams' program. Pathway II candidates must accumulate at least 3,500 hours of work experience over a period of 24 to 48 months and must hold DANB-accepted CPR certification before they can take the GC component exam. A candidate must pass all three component exams within five years to earn the CDA credential.

Orthodontist Mark Blanchette, who practices in Lynchburg, notes that this program has helped out the dental community. Without the program, staffing his office would be much more difficult as most people do not have a general knowledge of dentistry, he said. He has hired a number of the graduates. Three of these graduates have been long-term employees. Another has gone on to study dental hygiene and will graduate soon.

"It's a great thing for the community, and a great thing for the kids," said Dr. Blanchette, who has also served on the advisory committee. "It's been great for my practice. I've hired a bunch of the graduates, and I'll continue to do so. ... Sandy is a unique person. She deserves a lot because she does a lot for the kids. She's a gem."

If you are interested in learning more about this program, contact Ms. Williams at 434-522-3712, ext. 167. Her e-mail address is willisa@glass.lynchburg.org.

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Message From the President



Mark A. Crabtree, DDS

As I write to you today, the VDA year is halfway completed and your Association has been very busy looking out for your interests on many fronts. We have three workforces addressing specific issues facing our profession and our committees are busy taking care of the routine business of the VDA. As I travel across the state to the various components, I am impressed at the warmth with which the officers are received and the strength of the leadership rising through the ranks of our organization.

I am happy to report that the VDA finished 2005 on a very positive financial note and our fiscal position is strong and stable. Last year, our membership grew and 72.8% of all licensed Virginia dentists are members of our Association. While this an acceptable market share, it is not enough to carry us forward into the future. I challenge each of you to encourage a nonmember dentist to join the VDA in the coming year. Our goal should be to grow our membership to the 80% level.

Our executive director, Dr. Terry Dickinson continues to do a fantastic job and the central office staff under his direction forms a great team that professionally conducts the business of the VDA on your behalf.

The VDA mission states that we are a community of professionals advancing dentistry and serving the people of Virginia. This is our core purpose and the members of the Virginia Dental Association lead by example through activities that serve the less fortunate Virginians who don't have access to care. This issue of your journal is dedicated to highlighting those activities. Every day Virginia dentists give back to their communities by being involved in civic and religious organizations and some even hold elected public office. But Virginia dentists more than any other profession give of their professional talents to those in need. No other profession in Virginia gives of themselves in such an organized, professional and effective way. Our Give Kids a Smile, Donated Dental Services and Missions of Mercy projects are unparalleled in the United States. We thank Terry Dickinson for his leadership in putting together our MOM Project, an organization that can in one week deliver MILLIONS of dollars of dental care to needy people in Katrina ravaged New Orleans. This project touched the lives of thousands and was truly appreciated by all who received desperately needed dental services.

I am so proud of our Membership who stepped in to help the Louisiana and Mississippi Dental Associations in their hour of need. Our contributions, along with others, have hopefully helped these struggling organizations during this very difficult time. Imagine how hard it would be for the VDA to continue looking out for our membership if 30% or more of our members could not afford to pay their dues for a year. If Virginia were to ever experience such devastation, I am confident that our professional community, our fellow dentists, would step in and help us. Dentistry is the by far the greatest profession and I am proud to be granted the blessing of being a part of the dental family!

As a young man, I was a member of the Virginia Jaycees whose creed stated that service to humanity is the best work of life. Everywhere I turn I see Virginia Dentists showing how much they care by giving of their time, talents and resources and selflessly serving humanity. I thank all who have participated in these activities, and encourage those who have not yet volunteered to do so in the coming year.



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EASTERN SHORE MOM 2005



On Friday, April 1, 2005 a team of volunteers (including dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, dental and dental hygiene students, staff, family, and friends) began arriving in Onley, VA on the Eastern Shore. As the last Nandua High School student left the building, portable dental equipment and dental supplies were unloaded to transform the school's woodworking shop and mechanical shop into a make-shift dental clinic. The U.S. Navy Dental Center, Norfolk provided 4 mobile dental vans for use in pediatrics and oral surgery. For the next two days, area residents would wait in long lines to receive dental care they would otherwise not be able to afford. During the 15 hour clinic, patients received 436 fillings, 1,185 extractions, 131 cleanings, 14 root canals and other dental procedures. Partnerships were formed with the Eastern Shore Rural Health System, VCU School of Dentistry, Tidewater Dental Society, U.S. Department of the Navy and the VA Department of Health.

Patients Treated: 656
Value of Donated Services: \$256,794
Dental Care Provided by 184 Volunteers!

WISE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MOM 2005



MOM returned to Wise County, Virginia July 29-31 (where it all began at the Lonesome Pine Airport in 2000). A MASH like dental clinic was assembled at the Wise County Fairgrounds under a large pavilion and several tents. The VCU Mobile Dental van served as an oral surgery suite. It has become a common occurrence to see area residents arrive the night before and sleep in their cars. They know from past experience the line will form before sunrise, as early as 3-4am. In this case, the "early bird" has the opportunity for free dental care. No cost dental care was available to the uninsured, underinsured, and unemployed. Volunteers came from all over Virginia to provide dental treatment for those in need (which included 1,023 fillings, 3,476 extractions, 284 cleanings, 36 endodontic procedures, 24 sets of dentures, and other dental procedures). MOM partnered with Remote Area Medical, St. Mary's Health Wagon, Southwest Virginia Dental Society, UVA Medical Center, Lions Club, Sullivan-Schein, Delta Dental Plan of Virginia, Virginia Department of Health, ARCHS, and the March of Dimes.

Patients Treated: 1,406
Value of Donated Services: \$776,199
All Made Possible by 316 Generous Volunteers!

18,503 patients treated through the MOM projects ha

GRUNDY MOM 2005

Buchanan County invited MOM back to Grundy in October 2005. Nestled in the mountains of Southwest Virginia, the 2 day project was held at the Riverview Elementary/Middle School for the third year. Due to the limited access to dental care in that region, area residents may be seen for treatment at the Wise project in July and again at the Grundy MOM in October. One patient seen in Grundy stated, "If you have a way and can get to both, it is a good dental plan!" She was planning to come back next year. MOM partners with Southwest Virginia Dental Society, VCU School of Dentistry, UVA Medical Center, St. Mary's Health Wagon, Remote Area Medical, VA Dental Assistants Association, and the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors. Dr. Charles Johnson said of his experience in Grundy, "I've done missions overseas, in South America and Europe. It felt good to treat people in your own country. I will encourage my fellow dentists to volunteer for MOM!"



Patients Treated: 421

Value Of Donated Services: \$220,250

Donated by 133 Volunteers Who Received More Than They Gave!

NORTHERN VIRGINIA MOM 2005

The third annual NOVA MOM was held at the Northern Virginia Community College in Springfield, Virginia on April 15-17th. Partnering with the Northern Virginia Dental Society, Campbell/Hoffman Foundation, Henry-Schein, VA Dental Health Foundation, VA Dental Hygiene Association, Virginia Health Care Foundation, and the Alliance to the VDA, over 800 Northern Virginia residents received free dental care. Patients were prescreened by Social Service agencies from Arlington County, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, City of Falls Church, Fairfax County, and Prince William County and received 411 extractions, 505 fillings, 336 cleanings, and 56 root canals. "It is such a privilege to work side by side with so many caring individuals who really just want to give of themselves, their time and professional service," says one volunteer. "It is such a blessing to so many!"

Patients Treated: 844

Value of Donated Services: \$224,282

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Estimated \$2.5 million in free dental services!

MOM OFFERS KATRINA RELIEF AT AUDUBON ZOO LARGEST HEALTH FAIR OF ITS KIND IN HISTORY!



To provide urgently needed dental care, a group of over 475 dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and other volunteers came together at the Audubon Zoo during the week of February 6-12 to donate their services to the needy citizens of New Orleans. Traveling at their own expense to New Orleans from 38 states, these dental volunteers provided completely free dental care to over 3,500 individuals who otherwise would have not been able to get the treatment they needed. Donated dental treatment was estimated at over \$1.5 million.



The 64 chair dental clinic was set up in a training facility located on the Audubon Zoo grounds. Due to limited indoor space, over half of the dental chairs were located under tents and in a patio area adjacent to the building. Chilling temperatures early in the week alerted the Red Cross to donate 4,000 blankets for patients to wrap up with while waiting in long lines and while receiving treatment. As the week grew colder, sides were dropped on the tents and several large heaters were brought in to help patients and dental providers endure the 40+ degree weather. Dental services ranged from basic cleanings to extractions, fillings, root canals and denture repairs.



The dental project was a large part of an overall medical care project organized by the Remote Area Medical (RAM) organization which, in addition to dental care, offered medical and vision examinations, prescription glasses and prescription drugs. Because over 3,000 doctors and dentists from the New Orleans area have not been able to restore their practices and most local hospitals are still not open, many individuals in New Orleans, including those with insurance, have been unable to get any type of medical care since the hurricane and flooding last September.



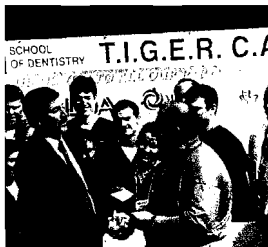
These residents of New Orleans and patients of NOLA MOM repeatedly thanked volunteers for taking their time to travel such long distances to help. Over and over their words were, "Thank you for not forgetting about us!"



SOUTHSIDE DENTAL SOCIETY RETURNS TO PETERSBURG URBAN MINISTRIES



The Southside Dental Society returned to Petersburg Urban Ministries for a second outreach project where 70 patients were treated at no charge. Some 41 local dentists and other dental healthcare professionals volunteered to provide exams, cleanings, fillings, x-rays and extractions. Over \$16,000 worth of donated dental care was provided in the one day event. Portable dental chairs, equipment and supplies were provided by the Virginia Dental Associations Mission of Mercy project. The Southside Dental Society also partnered with VCU/MCV School of Dentistry which provided faculty and dental students for the project. Petersburg Urban Ministries runs YouthBuild, a job and education training program which helps teens and young adults earn their General Equivalency Diplomas. The clinic provided dental services to people who would otherwise receive no care due to lack of dental insurance.



Blackwell, Executive Director of Louisiana Dental Association, presented a check for \$10,000.00 from Katrina fund, from Dr. Mark Crabtree, President of the Virginia Dental Association.



Dr. Terry Dickinson, Executive Director of the VDA presents a check in the amount of \$2500.00 (from the Katrina relief fund) to Dr. Kevin Collins, President of the New Orleans Dental Association.



Dr. Rebecca Swett of Charlottesville braving the elements providing great care to a patient in the "patio" clinic area in New Orleans.



Dr. Krista Woodlock (left) and her dental assistant Sarah Swank are not letting the weather deter their mission of caring



Where do you think we are going out all this stuff? (Packing and getting up at the Boys and Girls club on January 3rd prior to an 18 hour drive to New Orleans.)



Dr. Mark Crabtree presents Dr. Eric Havland, Dean of LSU School of Dentistry, a check for \$5000.00 from the VDA Relief Foundation, to support their rebuilding efforts.



On a cold Sunday morning (30's) Dr. Dickinson receives a piece of fresh baked cake from a grateful patient in New Orleans.



Dr. Ron Ratley's wife, Judy, from Florida caught warming her feet in 40 degree weather.

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The MOM Team

Legislation Facing the Dental Community in 2006

Chuck Duvall, VDA Lobbyist

On January 20, 2006, members of the Virginia Dental Association visited the General Assembly after attending a breakfast at the Omni Richmond. Guest speaker at the breakfast, Virginia Senator Ed Houck commended the VDA for all of the hard work members had put forth in the past while speaking about the issues facing the 2006 General Assembly session.

After the breakfast, Legislative Day attendees headed over to the Capitol to meet with their legislators and convey the views of the dental community.

VCU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY FUNDING

Senator Benny Lambert (D-Richmond) and Delegate Harvey Morgan (R-Gloucester) introduced budget amendments requesting some \$11.75 million for expansion of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry.

These funds were designed to add a four-story 53,600 square foot building that would allow for increased enrollment in the dental and dental hygiene programs. This enrollment would help address Virginia's dental workforce needs and would allow for increased access to dental care in Virginia.

The expansion also would afford the School of Dentistry increased capacity for research into oral cancer and dental biomaterials. This will be done in conjunction with the Massey Cancer Center and the VCU School of Engineering.

With the transportation problem facing the Commonwealth, particularly in Northern Virginia and Tidewater, most new revenue in both the House and the Senate budgets has been directed towards that problem.

The Senate earmarked \$1.4 million for planning purposes for the Dental School expansion project. The House of Delegates budget earmarked zero planning money.

At this juncture, we are working with the 11 Budget Conferees in an attempt to get them to concur with the Senate budget and earmark the funds for planning purposes.

VDA members from across the Commonwealth have been making calls to these Budget Conferees and to their own legislators asking them to impress upon the Budget Conferees the importance of this project.

The Senate budget contains some \$80 million in planning money for various projects. This equates to \$1.3 billion in new projects that would have to be funded in coming years. The House is using any excess revenue for transportation purposes and is reluctant to buy in to any planning money. That is why the contact from dentists has been so vital in trying to get this project to the front of the line.

Keeping this issue upper most in the minds of legislators will be important since the General Assembly will probably adjourn on March 11th with NO Budget. The Governor will call a special session to resolve the Budget/Transportation issue. This session could drag on for weeks or months and we need to keep our issue fresh in everyone's mind.

DENTAL HYGIENISTS/LOCAL ANESTHESIA

HB 996 was introduced by Delegate Bob Brink of Arlington. This measure allows dental hygienists to administer Schedule VI local anesthesia under the direction of a dentist.

The issue was thoroughly debated by the VDA and the measure that

was introduced and passed was word for word what was recommended by VDA.

The measure has cleared both houses of the legislature and is on its way to the Governor for signature.

DISPLAY OF LICENSURES

SB 281, introduced at the request of the VDA by Senator Nick Rerras, was designed to correct a problem that was identified by the Board of Dentistry.

The Board in its strict review of the existing statute noted that : licensees who participate in projects similar to M.O.M. need to play their licenses while participating in such projects.

SB 281 was very straightforward and corrected that situation by allowing volunteer dentists and dental hygienists serving in an underserved area of the Commonwealth, working under the auspices of a charitable corporation or clinic for the indigent and uninsured to not have to display their licenses. This bill too has cleared the General Assembly and is waiting the Governor's signature.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

Emergency room physicians tried once again this year to move legislation through the General Assembly that would allow them to have their patients assign their benefits.

You may recall that the VDA worked very actively in a previous session to secure legislation that allows dentists and oral surgeons to have their patients assign their benefits and also allows for balance billing.

Following very aggressive lobbying by both the ER Docs as well as members of the insurance community, the assignment of benefits measures were either defeated or carried over.

VDA monitors these measures very closely to make certain that they are not amended to adversely impact the relationships that dentists/oral surgeons and their patients currently have.

MEDICAID

Medicaid will be the focus of a detailed review over the course of the next few months between now and the 2007 session of the legislature. Delegate Phil Hamilton introduced HB 758 which calls for a study of Medicaid. This study is designed to look into various aspects of Medicaid, funding, delivery of services, reimbursement rates, etc.

A complete listing of all bills monitored and/or lobbied by the VDA is available by contacting the VDA office. That information can also be emailed to you and you can review those measures in detail. If you have any specific questions about any measure, please feel free to call the VDA office for additional information.

We would be remiss if we didn't thank all of the contract dentists and others who participated in the VDA lobbying day and who made contact with legislators during the General Assembly Session.

I would also encourage you to keep VADPAC in mind. In 2006 we will see the election of all 140 members of the Virginia General Assembly.

Campaign costs in Virginia have risen dramatically and VADPAC needs to continue to play an important role in those campaigns.



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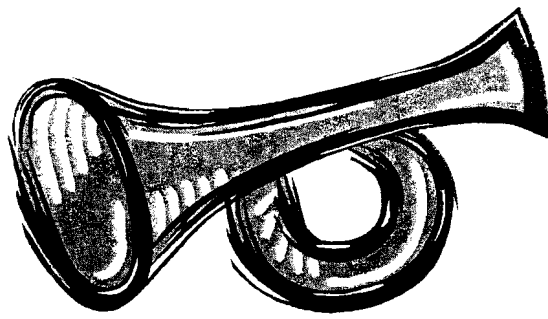
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Announcement to all VDA Members!

The Communication and Information Technology Committee made the decision at the 2006 Winter meeting to implement a VDA List Serve. The list serve will provide members with pertinent information on a state wide level, national updates, and also be used for communication in case of emergency. If you would like to be included in this new information tool, please fill out the information below and fax to (804) 261-1660 or mail to the VDA office at 7525 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, VA 23228. Please note, you may unsubscribe to the list serve at any time.

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Winter Committee Meeting 2006



The Board of Directors Meeting at the Sheraton South Park Hotel in Richmond



Dr. Terry Dickinson receiving the Smiles for Children Award from Patrick Finnerty, Director of Virginia's Department of Medical Assistance Services, at the recent Winter Committee Meeting



Dr. Gary Oyster spoke at the Winter Committee Meeting

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Every morning the Richmond Times Dispatch designates a Correspondent of the Day—in the staffs opinion, the writer of the best letter on each day's Editorial Page. Dr. Francis M. Foster, a candidate for the 2005 Correspondent of the Day, has been honored as a finalist with an invitation to the luncheon for all the 2005 Correspondents.

The Virginia Dental Association is proud of Dr. Foster and his many accomplishments. Having been selected as a finalist for Correspondent of the Year by the Richmond Times Dispatch is only one of the many contributions and accomplishments of Dr. Foster. His personal story of influence is currently on the VDA web site under Hero's. Congratulations Dr. Foster!

Other Opportunities for Volunteering



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Department of Public Health Notes

from Dr. Karen Day

The Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors presented a resolution to the Division of Dental Health (DDH) Virginia Department of Health recognizing February 2006 as "Children's Dental Health Month" in Chesterfield County, at the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors meeting on January 25, 2006. The Board of Supervisors recognized DDH for demonstrating strong dedication to numerous children during dental health month outreach activities, expressed their gratitude on behalf of Chesterfield County residents, and commended the Division for their proactive approach to dental health. JoAnn Wells, School Age Oral Health Education Coordinator for the Division, accepted this recognition award. Ms. Wells has also worked with the Southside Component of the Virginia Dental Association to provide services for "Give Kids a Smile Day" this year.

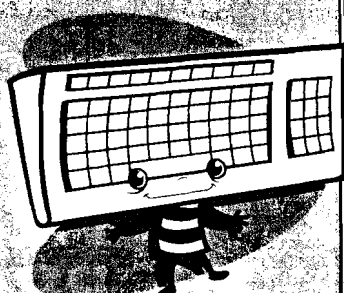
Other Dental Health Month Activities by the Virginia Department of Health include:

- A skilled nursing facility was visited in February to provide training for more than 70 providers. Topics included oral health for total health, denture care, and ways to assist in oral hygiene.
- Presentations on oral health at two "Senior Cafes" in the greater Richmond area. The Senior Café program is sponsored by the Capitol Area Agency on Aging.
- Oral health education was provided to school age children from elementary grades through high school to children in Rappahannock County, Warren County, Page County, Chesterfield County, Charlotte County, and Colonial Heights on a range of topics from oral hygiene to oral fads and tobacco usage. Thirty-five parents in Warren County attended an evening educational event. Additionally, education was provided to 160 elementary school children through the Southside Community College coalition.
- Radio spots and an interview on the Disney radio station in the greater Richmond area. Children asked questions about going to the dentist for the first time,

injuries to the mouth, nutrition, brushing, and flossing.

DDH also hosted several statewide videoconferences for public health staff in early 2006. Dr. Alfred Certosimo, Department Chair, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry, Department of General Practice, provided a training session to local health department dental staff on "Adhesives," including updates on dental materials. Ms. Laurie Crawford, Medical Outreach Coordinator from the Virginia Department of Health, Center of Injury and Violence Prevention, provided information on "Project RADAR," to enable Virginia's health care providers to recognize and respond to intimate partner violence. Two additional videoconferences were held to provide information to local health department staff about the "Bright Smiles for Babies" program. The purpose of these sessions was to introduce the program, which may decrease the incidence of early childhood caries by 40%-60% in high-risk children, and to get health departments thinking about how they might begin the program in their localities.

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Abstracts of Interest

Morphological Measurements of Anatomical Landmarks in Pulp Chambers of Human Maxillary Furcated Bicuspids. Allan S. Deutsch, DMD, Barry Lee Musikant, DMD, Steven Gu, PhD, and Mario Isidro, BS. *Journal of Endodontics*. 2005; 31: 570-572.

OBJECTIVE: Furcation perforations can occur during access preparations. This study looked at anatomical landmarks of maxillary furcated bicuspids in relation to the pulp chamber and also compared these measurements with molars to avoid its occurrence.

STUDY DESIGN: 107 human maxillary bicuspids were radiographed in a buccal-labial view to show both cusp tips and the furcation in one radiograph. The anatomical landmarks measurements were made with the Digipan measuring mode of the Trophy system. Measurement "A" represented the distance from the floor of the pulp chamber to the closest point of the furcation. Measurement "B" was the distance from the ceiling of the pulp chamber to the closest point of the furcation. Measurement "C" was the distance from the mid point of a line connecting the two cusp tips and the closest point to the furcation. Measurement "D" represented the distance from the mid point of line connecting the two cusp tips to the pulp chamber ceiling. Measurement "E" represented the height of the pulp chamber.

RESULTS: The cusp tip to ceiling height is approximately 6.94mm (Measurement D). The mean for the pulpal floor to furcation distance is 1.85mm (Measurement A) and the average height of a pulp chamber is .75mm (Measurement E).

CONCLUSIONS: Previous studies by Deutsch and Musikant, as well as Krasner and Rankow, found that the CEJ was always at the level of the pulp chamber ceiling of molars. The consistent measurement of the cusp to ceiling to furcation provides an important clinical discovery for accessing without perforation. Marking a bur 7.0 or 7.5mm from the cutting tip when accessing molars and premolars will facilitate the dentist to make an access without the fear of perforation.

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A Comparison of Articaine and Lidocaine for Inferior Alveolar Nerve Blocks. Philip Mikesell, DDS, MS, John Nusstein, DDS, MS, AI Reader, DDS, MS, Mike Beck, DDS, MA, Joel Weaver, DDS, PhD

Journal of Endodontics 2005;31:265-70.

OBJECTIVE: Since the 1980's 4% articaine has gained a reputation for being superior to 2% lidocaine due to alleged improved diffusion across bone that results in greater success with difficult to anesthetize patients. The purpose of this study was to compare the degree of pulpal analgesia obtained with 4% articaine with 1:100,000 epinephrine and 2% lidocaine with 1:100,000 epinephrine in inferior alveolar nerve blocks.

STUDY DESIGN: Fifty-seven healthy adult patients participated in this study. None of the patients were taking any medications which would alter their perception of pain.

The patients randomly received an IAN block injection of either 72 mg articaine with .018 mg epi or 36 mg lidocaine with .018 mg epi at two separate appointments. The crossover design necessitated 114 total injections and each patient served as his or her own control. The same side chosen for the first injection was used for the second. The teeth which were tested included the first and second molars, the first and second premolars, and the central and lateral incisors. The contralateral canine was used as the control. The teeth used were free of caries, large restorations, and periodontal disease, and there was no history or trauma or sensitivity.

The anesthetic carpules were blinded with tape and identified only with a six-digit numbers. The teeth were tested prior to injection and the baseline vitality was

recorded as measured by an electric pulp tester. The pain felt upon injection was measured using a Heft-Parker VAS scale divided into four categories (no pain, mild pain, moderate pain, and severe pain). Topical anesthetic gel was used at the IAN injection site for 60 s and standard IAN block was administered with a 27 gauge, 1.5-inch needle. After aspiration was performed the solution was injected over a period of one minute.

After one minute post IAN block the first and second molars were pulp tested. At two minutes the first and second premolars were tested, and at 3 minutes the central and lateral incisors were tested. At four minutes the control tooth was tested. The cycle of testing was repeated every four minutes for a total of one hour. If the patient reported that his or her lip was not numb after 15 minutes then the patient was reappointed.

The patients were asked to complete postinjection surveys after each IAN block given. The patients rated pain in the injection area using the VAS scale immediately after the numbness wore off and each morning for three days.

A negative pulp tester reading (80/80) was used as the criterion for pulpal analgesia, and anesthesia was considered successful when two consecutive 80 readings were obtained within 15 minutes and the reading was sustained for 60 minutes. Anesthesia was considered unsuccessful if the patient never achieved two consecutive 80 readings, and it was considered slow onset if the two 80 readings occurred after 15 minutes.

RESULTS: There was no statistically significant difference between the articaine and the lidocaine solutions for any of the test categories.

CONCLUSIONS: IAN blocks given with either 4% articaine solution or 2% lidocaine solution were similar in regards to anesthetic success, anesthetic failure, and onset of anesthesia.

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Tay FR, Pashley DH, Williams MC, Raina R, Loushine RJ, Weller RN, Kimbrough WF, King NM. Susceptibility of a Polycaprolactone-Based Root Canal Filling Material to Degradation. I. Alkaline Hydrolysis. J Endod 2005;31:593-598.

INTRODUCTION: A new obturation material, Resilon, which is a thermoplastic resin composite, was introduced as an alternative to conventional gutta percha obturation. The manufacturers of Resilon report that it can bond to dentin via a dual-cure sealer, creating a “mono-block” structure within the tooth as compared to gutta percha and sealer which do not have the ability to bond to dentin. A component of Resilon, polycaprolactone, is also a component of absorbable sutures and subdermal contraceptive implants. Because polycaprolactone is biodegradable and absorbable, this study aimed to evaluate its integrity when subjected to enzymes similar to those produced by intraoral bacteria, yeast and fungi. The examiners aimed to determine if Resilon could be absorbed by alkaline hydrolysis, a process which mimics enzymes from leaking root canal contaminants.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: Standardized 0.5-mm thick and 15-mm diameter disks of Obtura gutta percha (control) and Resilon pellets were created and divided into three groups (n = 5). In group 1, the disks were submerged in 50% ethanol for 60 min (control). In group 2 and 3, the disks were immersed in 20% sodium ethoxide for 20 and 60 min respectively. The disks were also examined with an SEM and their elemental compositions were determined using energy dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectroscopy.

RESULTS: Untreated Resilon disks appeared smooth while their sodium ethoxide-treated counterparts exhibited fissures and a partially hydrolyzed surface. The EDX analysis revealed that the fillers that compromised the bulk of the filled component were bismuth oxychloride and to a lesser extent, sodium silicate glass. The Obtura gutta-percha disks were minimally affected by the alkaline hydrolysis and the EDX analysis revealed zinc oxide and traces of titanium.

CONCLUSIONS: The experiment revealed surface degradation of Resilon while the gutta-percha samples remained intact following alkaline hydrolysis. In addition,

they consider cholesterol esterase, a component of saliva, to be a possible mode of polycaprolactone breakdown. If a parallel exists between alkaline hydrolysis and enzymatic effects of bacteria and saliva, then the bond of Resilon to tooth structure is likely to degrade thereby allowing bacteria and their byproducts to reach to root apex resulting in endodontic failure. In conclusion, Resilon may not provide a superior method of root canal obturation as compared to gutta percha.

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S. Mathias, A. Koerber, S. Fadavi, I. Punvani. Specialty and Sex as Predictors of Depression in Dentists. Journal of American Dental Association. 136: 10/2005. pp 1388-1395.

This article investigates the prevalence of depression amongst dentists, specifically, the correlation between sex and dental specialty. The authors suggest that if occupational stress could contribute to depression amongst dentists, depression levels would vary according to specialty and occupational characteristics. This is inferred since some specialties may be more stressful than others. The article also states that depression has a lifetime prevalence of 17 percent in the United States. This is a high enough percentage of the general population to ensure that a sizeable number of dentists are depressed, regardless of dentistry being their occupation.

The researchers collected data via a mail survey from men and women in the groups of general dentists, endodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, orthodontists, pediatric dentists, periodontists, and prosthodontists. 560 out of 1,050 surveys were returned, a response rate of 53.3 percent. A two-page survey was used to collect the demographic and occupational information, information on treatment for depression, and also the scores from the Zung Self-Rating Depression Scale (SDS). Some surveys were not considered if at

least 17 out of 20 questions were not completed.

The results showed that most of the subjects were married but exhibited a wide distribution in age and years of practice. On average, women were younger and had fewer children, were less likely to be married, and less likely to be in a solo practice than were men. According to specialty, age differed significantly. Orthodontists and prosthodontists were older while pediatric dentists were younger.

Sex was significantly related to depression according to the study, but the associations between specialty and sex were not significant with a two-way analysis of variance. A backward stepwise multiple regression was performed to determine any other variables related to depression. With this model, it was shown that although women had higher depression scores than men, women were only significantly more depressed than men in periodontics and pediatric dentistry.

Overall, 47 of 545 dentists had depression scores of 55 or higher. (According to SDS scores less than 50 indicate normal; 55 to 59, mild depression; 60 to 69, moderate depression; and 70 to 80, severe depression.) Twenty-eight dentists were moderately or severely depressed and 7 out of 4 were receiving treatment for depression.

Relating the demographic factors with depression, the results were similar to national studies. Women expressed higher rates of depression than men. Those unmarried were more depressed than those that were married or divorced. Amongst men, depression was shown to be the highest in those aged between 55 and 70 years and for women, those younger than 35 years showed highest rates of depression. When other factors were controlled, sex differences were shown to be significant only for periodontists and pediatric dentists.

The study, overall, showed that depression was most prevalent in women in periodontics and pediatric dentistry. The biggest concern of the authors was the number of depressed dentists that were not receiving treatment.

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his article presented a case report of a 2-year-old girl with Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome in need of dental treatment.

Rubinstein-Taybi is a genetic disorder affecting 1 in 300,000 persons. Its characteristics include mental retardation, broad thumbs, big and broad toes, short stature, and craniofacial abnormalities. There is also the occurrence of a thin upper lip, small oral opening, pouting lower lip, retro/micrognathia, and higher arched and narrow palate. Cleft uvula, cleft palate and cleft lip can also be features of this syndrome. Significant dental findings include hypodontia, hyperdontia, natal teeth, and talon cusps. Also, general anesthesia can be complicated in these patients due to problems encountered during intubation. Some of these patients also exhibit cardiac abnormalities and gastroesophageal reflux.

A 2-year-old patient with Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome was referred to the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem, Israel. She had previously received dental treatment under general anesthesia and was in need of further treatment. She presented with mental retardation, broad thumbs, micrognathia, ptosis, and low-lying philtrum among other features of the syndrome. While the child was friendly during the first visit, she would not cooperate for an exam. The child was sedated with diazepam and nitrous oxide-oxygen at the second visit but still only permitted an exam. The exam revealed limited oral opening (20mm), micrognathia, high, narrow-grooved palate, narrow dental arches, malpositioned and crowded teeth, posterior crossbite, anterior open bite, severe gingivitis with extensive plaque and calculus accumulation, multiple dental caries and black stains. Due to the severity of the dental problems and lack of cooperation, the child was scheduled for dental treatment under general anesthesia. An orthodontic consult was obtained but the child's foster parents refused orthodontic treatment including extractions of permanent teeth. The child received full mouth dental rehabilitation and prophylaxis under general anesthesia without

event and proper oral hygiene was stressed to the foster parents including the need for a low-sugar diet. At a 6 month follow up the child was found to have intact restorations but massive amounts of plaque accumulation. The child did not cooperate for the 6-month follow up exam but Duraphat was applied.

Due to the child's lack of cooperation the foster family was unable to maintain proper oral hygiene. This, along with a high cariogenic diet, lack of fluoride application (as trips to the dentist were made only in emergencies), and lack of cooperation led to dental treatment under general anesthesia. The anesthesia team anticipated problems with intubation because of the limited mouth opening and high-arched palate. The child also has a history of recurrent respiratory infections and gastroesophageal reflux which required extreme caution. As such, a fiber optic video-assisted bronchoscope was readied but not used. The team was also concerned with other reported characteristics of Rubinstein-Taybi such as supraventricular dysrhythmias, seizure, cardiac failure, and delayed recovery from GA. This patient exhibited no such problems. The child's lack of cooperation and thus, the inability of the foster family to maintain proper oral hygiene give this patient a poor future prognosis for oral health.

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**Lee SS, Zhang W, Lee DH, Li Y.
Tooth Whitening in Children and
Adolescents: A Literature Review.
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Peroxide has been deemed safe and effective in dentistry as a tooth whitener for adults; however, fewer safety and efficacy studies have been conducted on children. Reportedly, a greater number of pediatric patients are requesting tooth bleaching in

recent years. Sales of over-the-counter tooth-whitening products grew 57% in 2003. Teens may be using the home bleaching agents more frequently than directed to get faster results, causing adverse effects such as enamel disintegration and pitting.

Children's teeth are easier to bleach than adult teeth because enamel permeability decreases with age. However, pulps may receive more exposure to peroxide as a result. Neutral sodium fluoride solution can be applied to the teeth after completion of whitening to encourage remineralization without any adverse effects.

The AAPD encourages the judicious use of bleaching for the child and adolescent patient and discourages full-arch cosmetic bleaching for the patient in mixed dentition. There is no data to justify recommending against using whiteners in children yet there are probably no indications for primary teeth whitening. With low doses, proper exposure frequency, and short duration, tooth bleaching may not damage the surface of the enamel of primary, mixed, or permanent dentition of children.

In conclusion, the authors recommend:

- delaying dispensing at-home use whitening treatments to adolescents until age 14 or 15, if possible, to avoid potential toxicity risks via abuse
- using a custom-fabricated tray to minimize the necessary amount of whitening gel
- using less than half a gram of 10% carbamide peroxide for 10 teeth

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Welcome New Members

Richmond Dental Society

Dr. Gregory Ness graduated from Case Western Reserve University in May of 1988. He then completed his OMS in 1992 from University Hospital of Cleveland. Dr. Ness recently moved from Ohio and is currently practicing in the VCU Dental Faculty Practice.

Dr. John Buhler graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in May 2005. Dr. Buhler is currently practicing dentistry with Dr. Baxter Perkinson and Associates in Midlothian, VA.

Dr. Mona Al-Omaidah graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in June 05. Dr. Al-Omaidah is currently practicing dentistry in Richmond, VA.

Dr. Jamie Brown graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in June 05. Dr. Brown is currently practicing with Dr. Kristin Morris in Amelia, VA.

Dr. Stephanie Pirok graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in June 2004. She then completed her GPR in Burlington, VT, in July 2005. Dr. Pirok is currently practicing dentistry at the Eastern Shore Rural Dental Clinic.

Dr. Robert Sabatini graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in 1981. He then completed his certificate in Periodontics through the USAF, in 1988. Dr. Sabatini recently retired from the Air Force and is working at VCU School of Dentistry.

Dr. Victoria Fernandez graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in May 2005. Dr. Fernandez is currently practicing dentistry at VCU School of Dentistry.

Piedmont Dental Society

Dr. James Cornick graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in May 2005. Dr. Cornick is currently practicing dentistry in Bedford, VA.

Shenandoah Dental Association

Dr. Shaunna Szabo graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in May 2004. She then completed her GPR from the University of Virginia. Dr. Szabo is currently practicing in Charlottesville, VA with Community Children's Dental Center.

Dr. Pamela Stover graduated from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in May 2004. She then completed her AEGD in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Stover is currently practicing dentistry with Dr. Wayne Remington in Charlottesville, VA.

Dr. Bradley Purcell graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry in May 2002. He then attended The Ohio State University, where he completed his certificate in Prosthodontics and an M.S. Dr. Purcell is currently practicing in Charlottesville, VA, with Dr. Greg Wall.

Dr. Lori Winebrenner graduated from West Virginia School of Dentistry in May 2005. She is currently practicing dentistry in Covington, VA, with Dr. David Wheeler.

Dr. Arthi Marti graduated from West Virginia School of Dentistry in May 2005. Dr. Marti is currently practicing dentistry in Front Royal with Dr. David C. Blanton.

Peninsula Dental Society

Dr. Scott Hardin graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Dental School in May of 2004. Dr. Hardin is currently practicing dentistry in Charles City, VA.

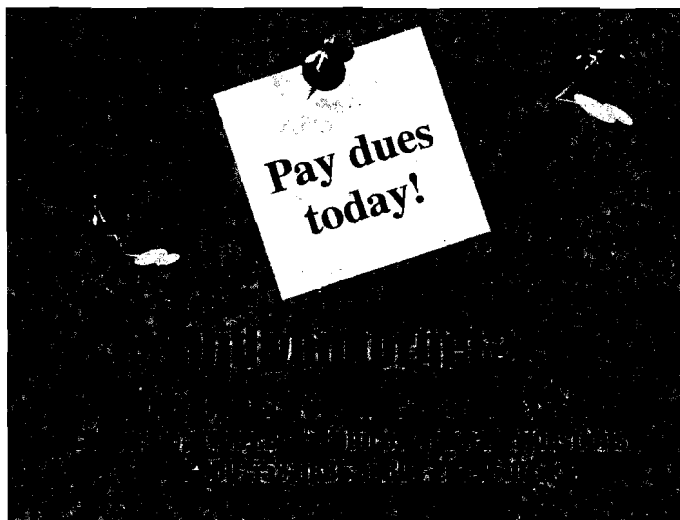
Dr. Nathan Vogt graduated from the VCU School of Dentistry in 2005. Dr. Vogt is currently practicing dentistry in Hayes, VA, with Drs Luckam, Lombard, and Smith.

Dr. Kimberly Greenwall graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 2002. She then completed her GPR at Indiana University in 2003. Dr. Greenwall is currently practicing dentistry in Newport News with Dr. Bill Griffin.

Tidewater Dental Association

Dr. Nathan Tilman graduated from the University of Maryland in May 2001. He then did his GPR with the US Navy and received his GPR Certificate in June 2002. Dr. Tilman is currently practicing dentistry in Virginia Beach with Dr. David Jones and Associates.

Dr. Michael Turck graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry in Aug 1983. He received his Certificate in Prosthodontics from the National Naval Dental School in Bethesda, MD in June 1992. Dr. Turck recently retired from the Navy and is practicing dentistry in Virginia Beach, VA.



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The Virginia Dental Association New Dentist Committee sponsored the Senior Transition Program, February 21st. Many thanks go to Dr. Krista Woodlock and Dr. Paul Brinser for taking the time to come speak! It was a well received program that highlighted the state/local resources available to assist students with their transition from dental school to practice or graduate training.

We would also like to thank Larry Bedsole from B&B Insurance, whose company donated a gift certificate to Book Binders Restaurant, Pete Carlson, from Nobel Biocare donated 2 Prosthetic Kits, 3i donated two torque wrenches, and the VDA NDC donated a trip to the New Dentist Conference being held in Boston, MA, June 22-24. All gifts were raffled off at the conclusion of the program to a few lucky dental students!

*On March 7, 2006, the Virginia Dental Association New Dentist Committee sponsored a Lunch and Learn for all dental students. Stephen Trutter, from MBNA came and spoke on the 'Business of Dentistry'. The presentation covered understanding credit and credit reports, choices after graduation, business plans, finance options, as well as other tools/people important to the students when they go to start up their own practice.

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The new look does not signify a change to the endorsed vendors program, it is simply a way to group all of the services offered to VDA members that support the VDA with a very recognizable logo.

Be on the lookout for this logo on materials from the VDSC and on materials from our endorsed partners. As always, thank you to the VDA membership for your continued support of the endorsed vendors and discount programs!

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VDA Services Proudly Announces Two New Programs!



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To speak with a dedicated investment advisor in your area, please contact Ron Mentzer at BI Investment Services – 877-377-1101.

RBS Lynk

The Virginia Dental Services Corporation recently formalized an agreement with RBS Lynk to become its processor of choice for member dentists. VDA Services is pleased with RBS Lynk's commitment to our membership through upcoming outbound marketing campaigns and follow-up by its local sales force. RBS Lynk will be attending the annual meeting this September and welcomes the idea of participating in component chapter meetings throughout the year. At these meetings they will gladly educate members on how to process all non-cash transactions at the least possible cost and describe the other various benefits of processing through RBS Lynk. Benefits include: true, long-term savings (each member will be provided a complimentary statement analysis where all existing processing fees are challenged), online and hard copy reporting, as well as the most responsive customer service in the industry with over 98% of all calls answered within 30 seconds.

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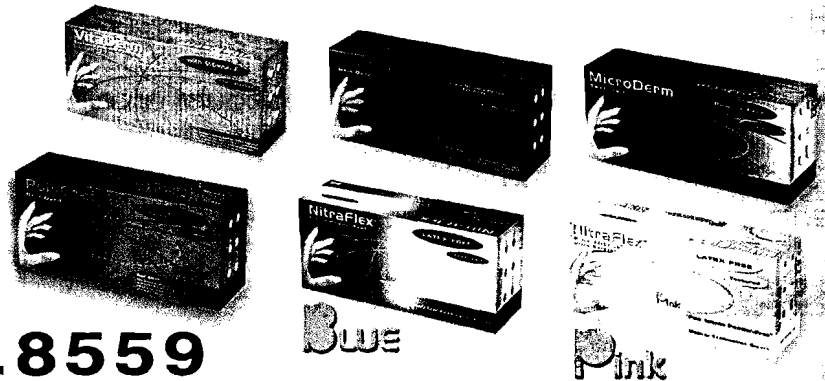


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Recently, it has been noted that many Virginia Dental Association member’s offices are telling callers that they do not accept Direct Reimbursement, meaning that their offices do not accept full payment at the time of service! It is imperative to educate your entire office (especially those who speak with patients about benefits and insurance) about Direct Reimbursement and Direct Assignment – *your bottom line cannot afford to turn away these patients!*

Please help promote Direct Reimbursement and Direct Assignment plans by educating your staff and patients about this alternative dental benefit. Ensure that your office does not turn down another DR/DA patient! For more information, please visit www.vadental.org or contact Elise at the VDA (800-552-3886) to have more information sent to your office.

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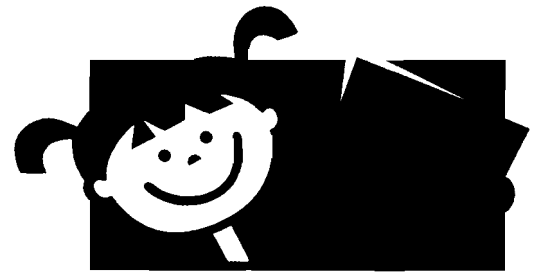
Virginia Results

Virginia Totals

Children: 9,528

Volunteers: 606

Value of Services: \$312,176



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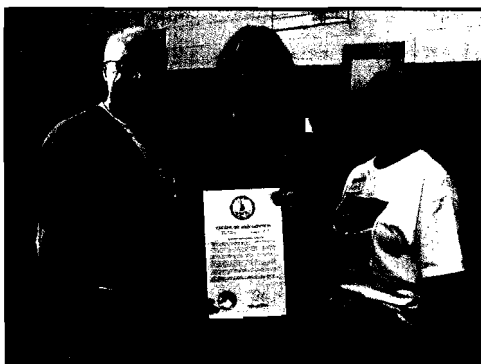
**National Children's
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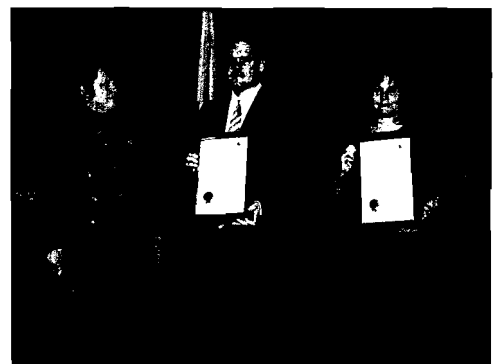
Virginia Dental Association

Our sincere "thank you" to all of the volunteers, staff members, dentists, hygienists and suppliers who made this year's Give Kids a Smile! access to Dental Care Day a tremendous success! Each year thousands of children across Virginia receive much needed dental care thanks to the generosity of the Give Kids a Smile volunteers.

— Drs. Sam Galstan and Sharone Ward, GKAS! State Leaders



Dr. Roger Wood and Lisa Spector accept a Proclamation from Virginia Secretary of Health, Marilyn Tavenner, at the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Richmond on February 3rd. The Proclamation was signed by Governor Tim Kaine to recognize Children's Dental Health Month across the Commonwealth.



Virginia GKAS! State leader Dr. Sam Galstan and JoAnn Wells from the VA Department of Health accept a Proclamation by Chesterfield County recognizing Give Kids a Smile and Children's Dental Health Month.

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Component 1

On Saturday, February 18, 2006, from 10:00am – 2:00pm, the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Virginia transported 69 patients from various facilities to the Old Dominion University hygiene clinic. Two groups



of patients arrived throughout the morning providing a steady flow of patients for volunteers from the TDA, ODU and the community. The junior and senior dental hygiene students examined each patient, took x-rays, and applied dental sealants when indicated. In all, 69 children were seen, 136 bite-wing x-rays were

taken and 215 sealants were placed. Each patient received an oral hygiene supply bag prior to leaving the clinic.



2006 GKAS Totals:
69 Children, 61 Volunteers, \$15,976 in Donated Services

Component 2

Peninsula Dental Society volunteers partnered with AEGD residents and dental assistants from Langley AFB on February 3, 2006. Their combined efforts benefited a total of 685 children from 6 elementary schools. These children received oral screenings and oral hygiene instructions as well as goodie bags containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, coloring sheets, stickers and information. Dr. Elizabeth Bernhard created several awards this year following



the event. The award for 'Specialist Screening Children' went to Dr. Bill Parks (Orthodontist). The award for 'Most Children Seen By One Doctor at One School' went to Dr. Sharon Covaney. 'Most Unusual Venue for Screening' went to Langley Elementary, where the children screened were ESL students. Fortunately

Dr. Frances Mullen, who is fluent in Spanish, was the examiner. 'Largest Examiner Turn Out' award went to the Air Force where all 380 students showed up for the dental education program and 110 children were screened – all in three hours!



2006 GKAS Totals:
685 Children, 34 Volunteers, \$15,740 in Donated Services

Component 3

February 3, 2006 was Southside Dental Society's Give Kids a Smile Day event. It provided the opportunity for Chesterfield County Schools, Southside Dental Society and Alliance, VCU School of Dentistry, Chesterfield County Health Department and the Division of Dental Health to work



together to provide dental care. More than 260 students were screened for dental disease prior to Feb. 3rd by Dr. Frank Farrington, JoAnn Wells and Shirley Meade. 165 children received appointments in Drs. Castro & Smith, Galstan & Ward, Terry and Keeton's dental offices in Chesterfield County. On Feb. 3rd, 154 children were bused



to their appointments and received services to include exams, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, composite fillings, crowns, and extractions. These services were provided by SDS volunteer



dentists, specialists, students, hygienist, assistants and staff members. Volunteers also went into several area schools and provided education and goodie bags to 1240 children.



2006 GKAS Totals:
1508 Children, 71 Volunteers, \$52,571 in Donated Services

Component 4

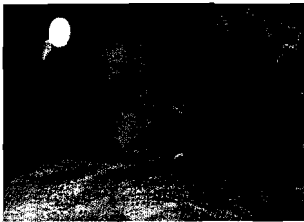
Component IV had an extremely successful Give Kids a Smile Day on February 3, 2006. For the third year, GKAS Day was held at the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Richmond. This year 1006 children were seen! Secretary of Health, Marilyn Tavenner, made an appearance at the event and presented Dr. Roger Wood and Lisa Specter with a proclamation signed by Gov Tim Kaine, recognizing February as Dental Health Month in the Commonwealth of VA. All children were provided dental examinations, dental prophylaxes and topical fluoride treatments. Thanks go to the many VCU Dental and Hygiene students who made this day so successful. Richmond Dental Society volunteer dentists have agreed to treat the 377 children who were deemed to need urgent care. 100 of these children need extensive restorative work, and 277 of these children need some restorative having 1-4 cavities. This follow-up care will take place throughout the remainder of the year.



2006 GKAS Totals:
1006 Children, 108 Volunteers, \$129,534 in Donated Services

Component 5

In Martinsville, several Piedmont Dental Society members screened and treated nearly 70 children in their offices as part of Give Kids a Smile Day! Over \$21,000 in free dental care was provided through a range of services including exams, restorations, extractions, sealants and fluoride treatments.



For the fourth year the Lynchburg Free Clinic, under the coordination of Dr. Chris King, welcomed area children for free dental services on February 3rd. 19 children received exams, prophylaxis, fluoride and goodie bags



from PDS volunteers. Dottie Hendrickson coordinated the OHI of 2,471 local children.

Dr. Donna Helton's office in Danville opened its doors for Give Kids a Smile to provide free dental treatment to local children. 18 children received exams, cleanings and goodie bags from Dr. Helton and her staff.

2006 GKAS Totals:
1694 Children, 78 Volunteers, \$33,253 in Donated Services

Component 6



In Abingdon, Dr. Ronald Jessup trained nearly 150 teachers and tutors on proper oral care. Armed with goodie bags made by Dr. Jessup and his office, these educators provided oral health instruction to 720 outbound and home schooled children and their parents. Overall this was a very successful program that reached out to those children who do not receive dental education in school.

In Meadowview, Mrs. Carol Abbott educated nearly 500 children about proper oral care and the risks of smokeless tobacco. With a puppet show from her husband, Dr. Mike Abbott, Carol and her puppet cow, Mr. Moo Chew, educated and entertained the elementary school children.



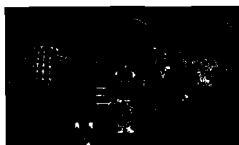
2006 GKAS Totals:
1184 Children, 6 Volunteers, \$4,736 in Donated Services

Component 7



The office of Drs. Ron Downey and Clay Devening in Lexington opened its doors on February 3rd to 17 area children in a successful Give Kids a Smile event. Exams, cleanings and OHI were provided by 8 volunteers. On February 10th, children with restorative needs were brought back to the office to receive the necessary treatment.

In Harrisonburg, the annual Dental Health Fair was held on Saturday, February 25,



2006. This year's theme was the Dental Olympics and 464 children and parents enjoyed the festivities. 85 volunteers, including 21 area dentists, provided screenings, oral health instruction and goodie bags. Throughout the afternoon, children enjoyed learning about proper oral care through the 5 Dental Olympic Rings and games like Floss Fishin' and Sponge the Grunge.



In Waynesboro, Dr. Dudley Vest welcomed 44 kindergarten students to his office to learn about the dental profession, office visits and oral health care. Students toured the office, learned about equipment used at visits and received goodie bags with dental supplies.

2006 GKAS Totals:
525 Children & Parents, 95 Volunteers, \$21,927 in Donated Servs.

Component 8

On February 3, 2006 at the Northern Virginia Community College Dental Hygiene School 219 children received free dental care as part of Give Kids a Smile Day! Members of the NVDS along with their staffs and students from the school worked together to provide exams, cleanings, sealants, x-rays and extractions to children in need.



In Prince William County, Dr. Thao Bui-Nguyen opened her office to treat area children in desperate need of dental care. Fourteen youngsters from the area received complete treatment in her office. Dr. Barry Argintar lent a hand by offering his oral surgery services to children referred by Dr. Bui-Nguyen. As the first

event of its kind in the area, Dr. Bui-Nguyen was happy with the event and was pleased to help local children with their unmet dental needs.

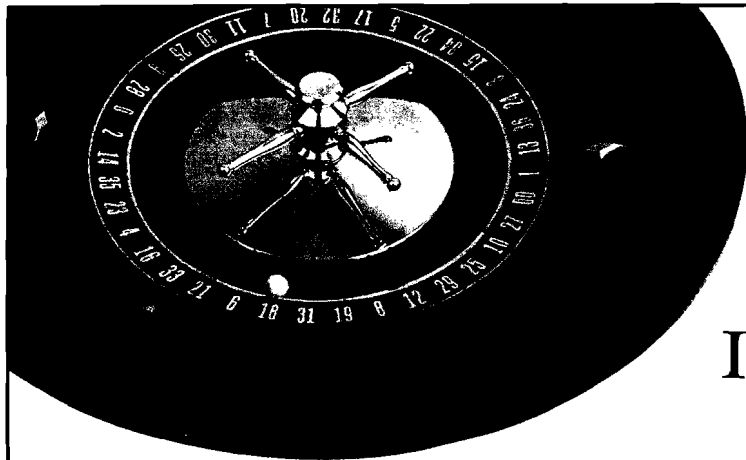
Additionally, over 2400 children received oral health education and goodie bags from NVDS volunteers.



2006 GKAS Totals:
2,676 Children, 153 Volunteers, \$38,439 in Donated Services

Give Kids A Smile 2006 Volunteers

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Carol Abbott	Dr. Rhea Davis	Jane Herring	Kim May	Elizabeth Ream	Patricia Vidals	Josh Curling	Shelly Nixon
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Dr. Barry Argintar	Dr. Ron Downey	Dr. Mac Hutson	Dr. Shawn McMahon	Dr. Richard Roadcap	Stephanie Weaver	Benner Espiriitu	Lien Phan
Dr. Charles Ayers	Joyce Downs	Dr. Charles Jenkins	Dr. Scott McQuiston	Dr. Alan Robbins	Dr. Yolanda Weaver	Mary Fargo-Price	Jennifer Podish
Elnaz Azar	Logan Driscoll	Robyn Jennings	Shirley Meade	Cherri Robbins	JoAnn Wells	Laura Fleanor	Ann Poindexter
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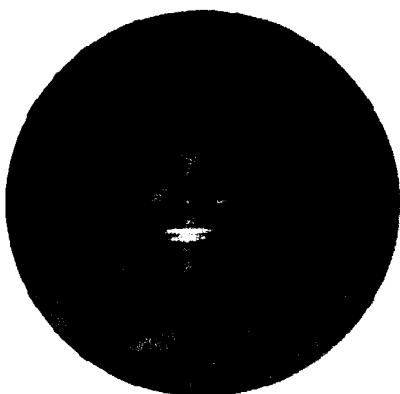
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Life-long champion of the disabled

Dr. Larry Coffee to receive 2005 Distinguished Service Award

By James Berry

Dr. Larry Coffee was still in dental school when he helped start the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped — an extracurricular activity that nearly cost him his dental education.

After earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Denver in 1967, the Colorado native checked in at Chicago's now-defunct Northwestern University dental school, and there he remained "forever," by his own account.

"Let's just say I had an extended academic career at Northwestern," he adds dryly.

The time and travel involved in launching the foundation, where he's been the executive director from day one, caused a severe backup in Dr. Coffee's educational pursuits.

"In dental school, they have their requirements," he says, staying dry. "You have to do your work according to an established timeline, and the penalty for not getting it done within the timeline is a doubling of the requirement. I had enough doubling that I probably could still be there now."

Fortunately for him — and for the many thousands of disabled and other people the NFDH has served over the years — the leadership at NU dental school took an interest in the young man's private project and halted the doubling. Dr. Coffee completed his studies and earned his dental degree in 1973. The Denver-based NFDH opened its doors the following year.

Tomorrow, ADA President Richard Haught and the Board of Trustees will present the 60-year-old Dr. Coffee with the 2005 ADA Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor the Association bestows. He will receive the honor at the Distinguished Speaker Series opening ceremony in Hall D of the convention center.

"Dr. Coffee has dedicated his life's work to an underserved and forgotten segment of our society," Dr. Haught notes in a nominating statement on the NFDH director.

"I'm highly honored but extraordinarily embarrassed," the self-effacing Dr. Coffee says of the award.

The work that would become his life's passion originated with a family matter: one of Dr. Coffee's two sisters is developmentally disabled. "She's a full-time volunteer at the foundation," he says of his sister, Barbara, who is three years his senior. "She helps with mailings. Nothing goes out of our office that doesn't have her fingerprints on it."

While still at Northwestern in the early '70s, Dr. Coffee produced a documentary film, "The Silent Sufferers," chronicling the unmet oral health needs of developmentally disabled people.

At about this time, he also met Dr. Jack L. Anderson, a pediatric dentist from Minnesota, whom Dr. Coffee credits with the vision that fueled development of the NFDH. Dr. Anderson at the time was president of the Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped. The two men talked for hours on a cold winter weekend in Minnesota's north woods.

As Dr. Coffee remembers the conversation, Dr. Anderson was feeling frustrated by the "confines" of daily practice — by the limitations of treating one patient at a time, maybe 10 patients a day, while thousands went without care.

"He imagined an organization devoted to preventive outreach to developmentally disabled individuals on a broad scale," Dr. Coffee recalls of Dr. Anderson, now 80 years old and living in South Carolina with Janet, his wife of 57 years.

Dr. Anderson is just one in a litany of men and women Dr. Coffee hails for helping the foundation blossom and grow. They include two past ADA presidents, Drs. Joe Devine and the late Jim Saddoris, who helped NFDH become an ADA charitable affiliate in the late 1980s. The designation provides the foundation with a yearly stipend from the Association.

Overseeing the foundation today is a 16-member board of directors chaired by Dr. Frank A. Maggio, a past ADA trustee from suburban Chicago. The board includes three ADA representatives: Dr. Haught and two trustees, Drs. Jeanne P. Strathearn (1st District) and Ronald L. Tankersley (16th District).

NFDH operates three direct-service programs: BRIDGE, HouseCalls and Donated Dental Services, or DDS, which is the largest of the three.

NFDH's Denver office serves as the hub, providing support for local coordinators in 36 states and "safety-net" programs in the remaining 14 states and the District of Columbia. Some states have advisory committees or affiliate boards of directors; a few operate independently, having licensed the DDS name from the foundation.

At the heart of these programs are 12,000 volunteer dentists across the country who offer care in their private offices to patients referred through DDS. More than 3,000 dental laboratories nationwide also volunteer services to the NFDH.

In addition, the foundation benefits from the largess of multiple dental manufacturers and distributors who provide materials gratis, or offer product discounts and rebates to dentists in NFDH's DentaCheque coupon book.

In combination, the foundation's three direct-service programs serve about 25,000 patients each year. Since DDS started as a pilot project in 1985, more than 66,000 disabled, elderly and other needy people have received care valued at more than \$85 million.

What makes DDS work, says Dr. Coffee, "is that it functions as an essentially identical program" in each state, holding the line on administrative costs. "With DDS one coordinator can work with several hundred volunteer dentists, so we don't need an elaborate staff structure."

If you try to get the soft-spoken Dr. Coffee to talk about the award he's about to receive, he tells you how much he appreciates it. And then he promptly changes the subject.

After much prodding, however, he finally makes a statement that those who know him well will recognize as pure Larry Coffee: heartfelt, genuine, caring, thoughtful.

"The name of the award is distinguished service," he begins, speaking slowly, choosing his words carefully.

"When some vulnerable individual who has known a lengthy time of pain and discomfort walks into a dental office and is welcomed with respect and is provided the kind of comprehensive care that he or she needs, that is distinguished service."

He pauses.

"That is where distinguished service happens," he goes on. "And that's happening in more than 12,000 dental offices around the country. The patients don't know me. They don't see me. The foundation provides support for all those providing the care. They [the volunteers] are the ones who are doing it. They're the heroes."

**If you are interested in learning more about volunteering for DDS...
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Lauded: Dr. Coffee received the ADA Distinguished Service Award, the Association's highest honor, October 2005.



Larry's remarks:

This is really quite humbling. It is also embarrassing because the award is not about me. Since inception of the Foundation, my colleagues and I have sought to amplify the stories of needy disabled, elderly, medically compromised, and other vulnerable individuals struggling with extraordinary challenges. Storytelling, however, doesn't provide the substantive help that the people need and want. What has been a true measure of distinguished service is the response provided by a coalition of several thousand caring and compassionate people, including dedicated board members, staff, dentists, dental laboratory technicians, business leaders, association executives, researchers, government officials, and philanthropists. I cannot accept this award for myself, but I am most honored and privileged to receive it on their behalf.

Because storytelling has been integral to the Foundation's work, it seems appropriate at this important moment in the organization's history to relate another story. In the movies, James Bond moves around with extraordinary skill as he deals with unimaginable exploits. In reality, James Bond, or J.J., is a thirty year old gentleman who faces each day with determination and humor despite difficult personal challenges. He can only walk or stand for brief periods because of the crippling effects of neurofibromatosis and recent brain surgery. In the movies James Bond is a hero. The real James Bond, however, needs heroes. Unable to work, he lives on a monthly government assistance check of 579. His dental health has deteriorated as he is unable to afford needed dental care. He needs multiple restorations, crowns, periodontal treatment, and perhaps a partial denture. The estimated cost of \$5,000 is over 70% of his annual \$7,000 income.

J.J.'s name could be replaced by many others who are seeking help through the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program, and other humanitarian dental service projects. Their unwanted circumstances are personal and unique, but they share an extraordinary dependency on charitable dental care. If you are already involved in DDS, we would like to personally extend our gratitude. If you are not, we would welcome an opportunity to encourage your participation. The ADA has generously and graciously provided us space in the ADA Pavilion to share information about DDS and our fund raising coupon book, DentaCheques. Please stop by when you are in the exhibit area.

Richard, and distinguished members of the board, I extend to you our most profound appreciation. I also thank those who have led this Association for the past two decades for their truly precious trust and support. That the Foundation exists is tribute to their concern about disparity in access to care, and their faith in us to help ameliorate the problem. We will strive to be continually worthy of their confidence and your selection of the Foundation to be the recipient of this high honor.

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2006 VDA Elected Leadership Candidates

Once again the Virginia Dental Association will be electing officers and delegates to represent our members in the Dental Profession. Meet your future representatives, review their statements and qualifications.

Candidate for the Office of President-Elect:



GUS C. VLAHOS DDS

I take the pleasure to announce my candidacy for President-Elect of the Virginia Dental Association, and ask for your support. Eighteen years ago I received a call from the President of Component Six asking me to serve in the component leadership. I have served Organized Dentistry in all three levels, my local component, the VDA and currently at the ADA level as Vice-Chairman of ADPAC. These previous experiences and positions have prepared me to assume the leadership position of President-Elect of the Virginia Dental Association.

Organized Dentistry has faced many challenges in my eighteen years in serving Organized Dentistry. As an association, we must always be prepared to respond to Challenges of our profession but we must also be proactive in expressing our beliefs in what our profession should be and will be. The profession of Dentistry must be guided by dentists and always planning for the future. There are many outside groups ready to assume control of our profession therefore we must resist these groups.

I leave you with this thought from our

current Lt. Governor, William Bolling, "Remembering the Past, Preparing for the Future"

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Education:

Virginia Polytechnic Institute, B.S. Chemistry 1976
Medical College of Virginia, School of Dentistry, D.D.S., 1981

Honors:

Fellow of the Virginia Dental Association 1992
Fellow of the International College of Dentistry 2002
Fellow of the American College of Dentistry 2003
Membership and Leadership: American Dental Association
Virginia Dental Association
Southwest Virginia Dental Society
Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontic
Pierre Fauchard Academy
New River Valley Study Club
International College of Dentistry
American College of Dentistry
Vice-President of the Southwest Virginia Dental Society 1989
President-Elect of the Southwest Virginia Dental Society 1990
President of the Southwest Virginia Dental Society 1991 & 1995
Delegate from Southwest Virginia Dental Society to the Virginia Dental Association House of Delegates 1987-1993, 2003-2005
Chairman of the Presidential Address and Reference Committee of the Virginia Dental Association 1991
Member of the Young Dentist Committee 1991-1993
Member of the VDA Nominating

Committee 1991 & 1992
Member of the VDA Search Committee for Virginia Board of Dentistry Committee 1992 & 1996
Member of the VDA AD HOC Committee on Component Borders 1995
Member of the Annual Meeting Committee 1994-1996
Member of the Virginia Dental Association Executive Council 1993-1999, 2000-2002
Vice-Chairman Executive Council Virginia Dental Association 1998-1999
Member of Executive Committee Virginia Dental Association 1998-1999
ADA Alternate Delegate 1997, 1998, 2003 & 2004
ADA Delegate 2005, 2006
Liaison from the Virginia Dental Association to the Virginia Dental Assisting Association 1994-1995
Advisory Committee Member at Wytheville Community College Dental Assisting Program 1991
Member of VADPAC Committee 1996-2005
Chairman of VADPAC Committee 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

Candidate for the ADA Delegate:



MARK A. CRABTREE, DDS

Serving our profession as President of the Virginia Dental Association and as an Alternate Delegate to the ADA this year

has been a great honor and privilege for me. I would like to continue representing you as a Delegate to the ADA House of Delegates. The issues facing our profession are complex and many forces external to dentistry threaten our future. Now more than ever before, the ADA must maintain a high priority on our advocacy responsibilities to protect our interests. Dentistry must speak with a unified voice and the ADA must take the initiative to lead or be led. Some of the issues that demand our attention are licensure requirements, auxiliary utilization, Medicaid funding, amalgam regulations, wastewater regulations, malpractice insurance, tort reform and access to care. We must be proactive and prepared to help shape the issues that directly impact our practices. The ADA should model Virginia's approach and provide honest solutions to the access problem by building coalitions with others who are serious about addressing the problem. As our profession evolves, we must meet our membership's changing needs. The ADA is a member driven organization and its primary purpose is to serve its members.

I would be honored to continue serving our profession as a delegate to the ADA House of Delegates. I am confident that we can meet the challenges before the ADA in a way that will improve our profession while protecting our core value of improving the oral health of our patients.

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Education

Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University
1985 D.D.S. - School of Dentistry
Wake Forest University

1981 BA - Biology - Cum Laude

Honors:

Fellow – American College of Dentists
Fellow – Pierre Fauchard Academy
Fellow - Academy of General Dentistry
Fellow - International College of Dentists
Fellow - Virginia Dental Association
1988 Outstanding Young Virginian - Virginia Jaycees
Outstanding Young Men of America
Who's Who in the South & Southwest
Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America
Alpha Sigma Chi - Leadership Honor Society
Omicron Delta Kappa - National Leadership Honor Society
Membership and Leadership:

ADA and VDA or State Board of Dentistry:

President, Virginia Dental Association, 2005-2006
ADA Alternate Delegate, 2006-2006
Executive Council/Board of Directors, Virginia Dental Association, 1999-2004, Vice-Chairman 2002-2003
President, Piedmont Dental Society Component 5, 1998-1999
Virginia Board of Health Professions, 1996-1998
Virginia Board of Dentistry, Commonwealth of Virginia – 1994-98, President-1997-98, Vice-President-1996-97, Advertising Committee Chairman-1996-97, Legislative-Regulatory Committee Chairman-1996-97, AADE Liaison, Joint Subcommittee of Virginia General Assembly Studying Availability of Dental Hygienists (HJR 81)
Finance Committee, Southern Regional Testing Association, 2003-2004
Virginia Dental Association – Constitution and Bylaws Task Force to change VDA Governance 2002-03.
Associate Editor VDA Journal, Reference Committee Chairman 1993, Legislative

Committee, VADPAC Component Representative, Board of Dentistry Search Committee 1999-2000
President, Patrick Henry Dental Society, 1990-91

State/Regional:

Commissioner, Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 2003 - 2005
Governors Commission on Government Finance Reform for the 21st Century, 2001
Board of Visitors, Longwood University, 1998-2002, Rector - 2001-2002, Vice-Rector - 2000-2001, Secretary-1999-2000, Finance Committee Chairman – 1999-2000
Board of Visitors, Wake Forest University - 1993-97

Community Leadership:

President, Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation 2004-present
Member, Martinsville/Henry County Coalition for Economic Progress, 2003-2005
Mayor, Martinsville City Council, 1998-2002
Vice-Mayor, Martinsville City Council, 1996-1998
President, Martinsville/Henry County Chamber of Commerce, 1991-92
President, Martinsville Kiwanis Club, 1991-92
Councilman, City of Martinsville, 1994-2002
Chairman, Martinsville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 1998-2002
Virginia Municipal League, General Government Committee, 1994-2000
President, Col. George Waller Chapter, National Society Sons of the American Revolution, 1994-99
First United Methodist Church - Administrative Board, Staff Parish Relations, President of United Methodist Men, Finance Committee,

Stewardship Committee Chairman, Usher,
Sunday School Teacher, Council on
Ministries - Chairman
Director, Martinsville Jaycees, 1986-88



RODNEY J. KLIMA, DDS

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving on Virginia's ADA delegation. I appreciate the fact that your ADA delegates are your representatives at the ADA House of Delegates where so many decisions are made which affect how we practice. I will do my best to continue to represent you at this level.

I think most of us would agree that our most important obligation is to advocate for what is best for the oral health of the public. After all, how can we be credible as a profession if we do not promote solutions that improve dental health, like water fluoridation, for example?

I do not think that advocating for the public and for the best interests of our profession are mutually exclusive, however. I believe that given the freedom to practice dentistry as we have been taught, we can be of the best service to the public. We must work to preserve our ability to deliver the best quality care.

We have to be very careful in looking at issues that are purported to improve the oral health of the public, but would cause negative effects on our member dentists. The work force task force will be reporting back to the ADA House of Delegates this year and will need careful consideration.

I appreciate any input you may have for me and I ask for your support for re-election to another 3 year term to the ADA delegation.

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Education:

William and Mary, BS Chemistry, 1970
Medical College of VA, VCU School of
Dentistry, DDS, 1974
Medical College of VA, VCU School of
Dentistry, Orthodontic
Certificate, 1976

Honors: A.D. Williams Award 1974,
Fellow of the VDA, Pierre Fauchard,
American College of Dentists,
International College of Dentists, VCU
School of Dentistry Alumni Star award
Membership and Leadership:
ADA: ADPAC Board of Directors 2000-
2003, ADA Alternate Delegate 1998-
2003, ADA Delegate 2003--, Co-
Coordinator of ADA Grassroots
Action Team Network for Virginia 1994
-- present

VDA: VDA President 2002-2003, VDA
Board of Directors 1995-2004,
Chairman VADPAC 1998-2001, VDA
Budget Committee, VDA Delegate

Component Society: President NVDS
1994-1995, Chairman Publications
Committee 1987-1992, Editor NOVA
News 1987-1992, Chairman Children's
Dental Health Month 1980-1982

Community:

Swim Team Representative, youth league
basketball and soccer coach, swim
league stroke and turn judge, 4-H Club
volunteer



GUS C. VLAHOS DDS

Please See President-Elect Section for
Statement and CV.

**Candidates for the Office of
ADA Alternate Delegates:**



ALONZO M. BELL, DDS

It is with great honor and respect for our profession that I ask for your vote for ADA Alternate Delegate. The ADA and all of dentistry faces many challenges ahead ranging from the future structure of the ADA to the public's need for greater access to dental care. This means that Virginia's ADA delegation must be effective advocates for the interests of our members. I have learned that to be effective one must understand both the issues at hand and how the system operates. Having served two years as Alternate Delegate, I feel confident in my understanding of the "anatomy and physiology" of the ADA House of Delegates. During this time, I have also developed many contacts and friendships both within our 16th district and throughout the ADA House of Delegates which is instrumental having our opinions heard. My varied experiences in organized dentistry as committee chair, as component president, as

VDA delegate, as VDA Director, and as ADA Council Member have given me the necessary perspective to understand the interests and needs of our members. I feel this knowledge and understanding enables me to represent Virginia dentists at the ADA level. I am eager and enthusiastic to serve in this delegation. I promise to listen to your concerns and to advocate your interests to the best of my ability. I thank you for your vote.

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Education:

University of Maryland, 1978
Northwestern Univeristy Dental School
1982

Honors:

Fellow academy of general dentistry; fellow of Virginia dental association; fellow American college of Dentists; VDA golden apple award; Virginia board of dentistry; fellow Pierre Fauchard Academy

Membership and Leadership:

ADA; VDA; NDA; Northern Virginia Dental Society; Academy of General Dentistry; Virginia Academy of General Dentistry; Old Dominion Dental Society, American Association of Dental Examiners; Southern Regional Testing Agency; American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry; Pierre Fauchard Academy

Leadership Activities

ADA alternate delegate 2004, 2005, 2006;
ADA council on communications 2005-2009
VDA: member board of directors 2005-2008
Delegate to annual meeting 1990-2005
Chair credentials committee 2001
Chair reference committee governance 2002,
Young dentist committee

Component Society:

NVDS president 2003-2004
NVDS programs chair
NVDS relief committee chair
NVDS peer review committee
NVDS communications and it committee chair
NVDS young dentist committee chair

Community:

Alfred Street Baptist Church membership
group president
Board of Directors Residential Youth Services
Member Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
Member Hopkins House Community Services
VDA "MOM Volunteer 2003, 2004, 2005
Volunteer at Northern Virginia Dental Clinic



KATHRYN SCOTT FINLEY-PARKER, DDS

Since graduation from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry in 1988, I have been involved in some capacity of organized dentistry. I have served with honor at the local component level as Committee Member, Alternate Delegate, Delegate, Board of Directors Member, Secretary and currently as President of the Richmond Dental Society. I have proudly served on the VDA President's Task force on Dental Hygiene and The President's Task Force on Governance. I recently was extremely fortunate to be able to go to the New

Orleans MOM Project and help to represent Virginia dentists in serving the devastated population of Louisiana. I was so proud to be a Virginia dentist knowing what the VDA had done to make such a project a reality. I would like to continue serving Virginia dentists by being elected as an ADA Alternate Delegate where I promise to work to address the issues facing our profession and our Virginia community.

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Education:

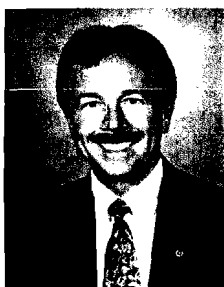
1984-1988: D.D.S. Dentistry Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry
1973-1978 B.S. Dental Hygiene Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry

Honors:

1987: I.E.A. Award, Omicron Kappa Upson Dental Honor Society 1988, Fellow of the Virginia Dental Association; Pierre Fauchard Academy Membership and Leadership: ADA, VDA, Richmond Dental Society, Academy of General Dentistry, Pierre Fauchard Academy, Implant Forum of VA VDA: 1991-1993 Financial Aid/Scholarship Committee of the VDA, 2001-2002 President's Task Force on Dental Hygiene, 2002-2003 VDA President's Task force on Governance, 2003-Present Infection Control & Environmental Safety Committee, 2004-2005 President Elect, 2005-2006 President RDS
Component Society: Alternate Delegate, VDA 1995-1997; Delegate, VDA 1998-Present, 1995-1998 New Members Committee 1995-1997 & 2001-Present Board of Directors: 2002-224 Secretary

Community:

Caritas Volunteer; Richmond "Give Kids A Smile" Volunteer; Saint Paul's Catholic Church Member and children's Liturgist; Richmond Montessori School Auction Committee 1999-2004; Reading Olympics coach Coolspring Elementary School 2005-2006; New Orleans MOM project 2006



RALPH L. HOWELL, DDS

Dentistry is a wonderful profession and our ability to practice faces many obstacles locally as well as nationally. Having served the VDA as a member of the Executive Council and as the Speaker of the House, I am well aware of the many efforts that others outside of our profession try to place upon each of us. As an Alternate Delegate to the ADA, I have seen that nationally many more efforts exist. It is important that we send representatives to the ADA with knowledge of the issues and the ability to move our profession forward. Having studied parliamentary procedure and the many issues that we face on the national arena, I feel that I am well qualified to serve you in this manner. With your help, I will continue to do my best to serve the Association as an Alternate Delegate. Thank you for your support.

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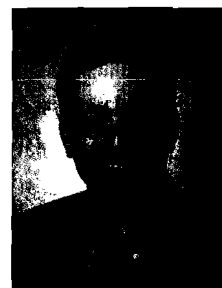
Education:
College of William & Mary, BS in Chemistry, 1982, Medical College of Virginia, DDS cum laude, 1989

Honors:
A D Williams Scholarship recipient, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Fellow—Academy of General Dentistry, Fellow—Virginia Dental Association, Pierre Fauchard Academy, Fellow—International College of Dentists, Fellow—American College of Dentists

Membership and Leadership:
ADA, VDA, Tidewater Dental Association; Academy of General Dentistry; Obici Hospital Medical Staff VDA House of Delegates 1989-Date, Reference Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs 1991, Chairman of VDA Continuing Education Committee 1996-1998, Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee Chairman 1998, President VDA Foundation 1996-1999, 2000-Date, Credential's Committee Chairman 1996, 1997, TDA Program Committee Chairman 1995-1997, TDA Executive Committee 1992-Date, President of the Dorothy Ferris Foundation of the TDA 1991-1993, Portsmouth-Suffolk Study Club President 1994-1995, President of the Tidewater Dental Association 2000-2001. Virginia Dental Association Executive Councilor-at-large 2001-2003. Virginia Dental Association Speaker of the House-2004, 2005, 2006. ADA Alternate Delegate 2005, 2006.

Community:
President of the Nansemond-Suffolk Academy Alumni Association 1997-2001; Nansemond-Suffolk Academy Board of Trustees 1997-2001; Executive Committee of Obici Hospital 1994-1996; District Chairman of the Colonial Trail District Boy Scouts of America 1994-2001; Colonial Virginia Council, BSA Executive Board 1994-2005,

Council Vice-President 2006; Silver Beaver Recipient—BSA; Suffolk Rotary Club 1990-Date; Board of Directors 1997-2000; President—Suffolk Rotary Club 2003; Oakland Christian Church Board of Deacons 1990-1996, 1999-2005, 2006-date; Chairman Board of Christian Education 1990-1997.



MICHAEL J. LINK, DDS

I would like to ask you to support me for the position of ADA Alternate Delegate. In my opinion, I will bring a diverse perspective to the VDA delegation. This past June, I concluded eight years of service as a member of the Virginia Board of Dentistry in which I was involved in many leadership positions on the Board, from chairman of the Legislative committee for four years to Board President. Being in leadership positions with the Board enabled me to write many regulations that are friendlier to the General Dentist. As the Board's liaisons to the Southern Regional Testing Agency examination committee for two years and the American Association of Dental Examiners for four years, I have become uniquely familiar with the many issues and problems involved in the testing community. These experiences have allowed me to have first hand knowledge of the problems and solutions other states face and how similar they are to Virginia's problems. Concerning the problems associated with Dental Therapists in Alaska performing Dental procedures, I believe that as a Dental community we can and should set an agenda to solve our own problems

instead of leaving the solutions to our State Legislators. I know that we can come up with reasonable solutions to solve our Dental shortage problems.

The VDA delegation in the past has provided excellent and strong leadership in Virginia, and I know that my experiences with the Virginia Board of Dentistry have prepared me well for service on the National level.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Education:

University of Richmond, Bachelor of Science Chemistry
Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry D.D.S.

Honors:

Fellow – Pierre Fauchard Academy, Fellow – International College of Dentists, Fellow – Virginia Dental Association, Fellow – American College of Dentists

Membership and Leadership:

American Association of Dental Examiners, Southern Conference of Dental Deans and Examiners, Southern Regional Testing Agency, Peninsula Dental Society, Virginia Dental Association, American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy, American College of Dentists

Virginia Board of Dentistry (1997-2005): President 2001-2002; Vice-President 2000-2001; Secretary/Treasurer 1999-2000, Legislative Regulatory Committee Chairman 2000-2001, 2002-2005, Ad-Hoc Committee Chairman for Public Health in Dentistry 1998; Chairman of Informal Conference Committee C 1998-2001; Chairman of Informal Conference Committee B 2003-2004; Chairman of Informal Conference

Committee A 2004-2005; Examiner, Southern Regional Testing Agency 1997-present; Virginia's Member to Examination Committee of the Southern Regional Testing Agency 2003-2005; Virginia's Member to Examiner Review Committee of the Southern Regional Testing Agency 2003-2005; Virginia's Liaison to the American Association of Dental Examiners 2002-2004

VDA:

Delegate 1995-1996, 2005-2006; Alternate Delegate 1994-1995
Membership Committee 1995-1996; Chairman – Licensure Task Force 2005-2006

Component Society:

Peninsula Dental Society Membership Chairman 1995-1996

Community:

Oyster Point Rotary Club, Donated Dental Services Program, Riverside Sleep Disorder Team, Knights of Columbus, Virginia Health Services Nursing Home Dentistry



KIRK M. NORBO, DMD

Representing the dentists of Virginia at the ADA is an important and ever changing position. Our profession has changed dramatically in recent years with advancements in technology. Not only are the physical dental procedures different, but the constant changes in third party payers and government agencies threaten the way we practice dentistry.

I currently serve several organizations with the state namely: the VDA, NVDS, VAGD and MCV Dental School.

Involvement with these groups has allowed me to monitor the “pulse” of dentists within the state. This has given me greater insight into the needs of my fellow colleagues.

It would be a privilege to continue serving you as an ADA Alternative Delegate.

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Education:

University of Richmond, B.S., 1979; Oral Roberts University, D.M.D., 1983; Providence Hospital, Washington, DC, GPR, 1983-1984.

Honors:

1991 ADA Award, Outstanding Young Dentist Leader; AGD Mastership; Fellow of the VDA, Fellow of American College of Dentists, Fellow of International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Membership and Leadership:

ADA, VDA, NVDA, AGD, VAGD ADA and VDA: ADA Alternate Delegate, VDA Adhoc Committee for Managed Care, 1993-1996; VDA Chairman of Dental Care Programs Committee; VDA Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Chairman, 2001; VDA Annual Meeting Committee, 2001-present; NVDS Patient Relations Committee, 2003-present. Chairman VDA Council of Sessions 2005-2006. Component Society: NVDS Executive Committee Member 1985-1986; Chairman of Careers and Explorers, 1986-1987; Chairman of Children's Dental Health Month, 1988-1992; Representative for Dental Care Programs, 1994-1995, Program Chair; NVDS President, 1997-1998; NVDS

Delegate, 1988-present; Annual Meeting Committee, 2002-present; Chairman Virginia Section Pierre Fauchard Academy, 2004-2005; President VAGD 2005-2006.

Community: Upper Loudoun Little League Baseball, Coach; Deacon (past), St. Andrew Presbyterian Church; Upper Loudoun youth Football League, Coach.

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, DDS

The Virginia Dental Organization is an exciting and dynamic group of dentists who truly care about the future of dentistry. I have been honored to be an active part of this group as an Alternate Delegate for the past two years. I have witnessed first hand what this amazing group of professionals can do when given the challenge and for that I am truly grateful. This is such an important time in our profession; we are faced with issues of membership, licensure, and governance, all of which will influence the way we practice dentistry in the future. Membership, through the Grass Roots Initiative, is being actively addressed. I truly feel that the key to membership lies in recruiting and maintaining our young members, and for that reason I have worked with the school and with the membership committee to show the students and new dentists how important their involvement is. Licensure is important to all of us; the ADA has faced this issue head on, working to establish guidelines which will expedite this process while ensuring that the new members of our profession are adequately trained and evaluated. Governance, of course is of primary concern to us all. The issue of dental therapists in Alaska brought the importance of regulation to the forefront for us, and the ADA has worked tirelessly both in Alaska and in Washington to ensure that the patients in Alaska are protected and served, and that our profession is not compromised.

Education:
1987-1992 Medical College of Virginia - School of Dentistry
Virginia Commonwealth University
1982-1986 College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA
B.A. English
B.S. Biology
1978-1982 Chatham Hall, Chatham, VA

Honors:

Fellow, Pierre Fauchard Society
Fellow, American College of Dentists
VDA Presidential Award, 2003

Membership and Leadership:

American Dental Association, Virginia Dental Association, New Dentist Committee, Task Forces on Leadership, Membership Committee, Alternate Delegate to the ADA 2004-present, Local Arrangements Chair, 2005, Richmond Dental Society: Chair - New Dentist Committee 2002-2004, Board of Directors 2002-2004, 2005-present, Membership Committee, Delegate to the VDA, Academy of General Dentistry, American Society of Dentistry for Children, Academy of Osseointegration, American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia Alumni Association Board: Secretary 2005-present
Chair, Membership Committee 2004-present, Chatham Hall Alumnae Board, President 2002-2004, Chatham Hall Board of Trustees 2002-2004, MOM Project 2002, 2003, 2004, DDS Program, Give Kids A Smile, and Richmond Arts Council
Additionally, I have attended several ADA sponsored meetings, including the Grassroots Kickoff and the Recruitment and Retention Seminars, and I have accompanied students to several Committee on the New Dentist meetings. I am also working as a liaison in between the VDA and the dental school

an attempt to introduce the students to organized dentistry in hopes that they will begin to see the importance of membership at an early stage in their careers.

CANDIDATE FOR ADA DELEGATE ROGER E. WOOD, D.D.S.

As a teacher at MCV, as a mentor to dental students, and as an active practitioner, I have been privileged to be involved on many levels of dentistry. I feel a great responsibility and commitment and enjoy the giving of time and energy to our profession. As Co-Chairman of the Richmond "Give Kids A Smile Day", it is exciting to see the eagerness of the volunteers and their willingness to sacrifice their valuable time. I have been fortunate to work on many VDA committees and have especially enjoyed serving as Chairman of the Legislative and the Dental Practice Regulations Committees. I feel strongly about access to care, so it was a great privilege to be a member of the Mission of Mercy Task Force that initiated what has become so important to people in need and indeed to the volunteers themselves. I also became a member of two Wise County hospital staffs so that I could return to treat children under general anesthesia. Most recently, I had the privilege of being a member of the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure for four years and the honor of being elected Council Chairman for 2005. In this capacity I worked with issues that face us now and will be facing us in the future. It is extremely important that the ADA remain a strong voice for dentistry and meets the needs of our existing and future members. It is with respect that I ask for your support for ADA Delegate.

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Actions in Brief

Virginia Dental Association
Board of Directors
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January 19-22, 2006

I. Actions of the Board of Directors

A. The following items were considered:

1. Background: For clarification purposes the following should be added to VDA Policy under "House of Delegates". (Passage of this resolution will replace House of Delegates policy #3.)

Resolution: 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.

~~3. The president of the American Student Dental Association of the VCU School of Dentistry shall be a voting member of the VDA House of Delegates. (1986)~~

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 1 with a recommendation the House of Delegates vote yes.

2. Background: Administrative item #8 under VDA Policy: This policy was created at a time when the Association had minimal liquid assets and had to apply on a line of credit against the VDA office building. Our current financial health allows us to now consider a liquid asset only reserve fund.

(8. A Reserve Fund of three months operating expenses is to be established; up to two-thirds of this may be through a line of credit on real estate assets and at least one third in cash equivalents. - 2001)

Resolution: A liquid Reserve Fund will be established with a goal of 40% of the annual operating expenses.

Budgetary Impact: None

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 2 with recommendation the House of Delegates vote yes.

3. Background: The 1995 House of Delegates approved the rates charged for purchasing mailing labels from the VDA. The cost of supplying the labels has increased and it is now necessary to increase the rate charged.

Resolution: VDA mailing labels will be available to members for a fee of ~~\$90~~ \$175 and nonmembers for ~~\$195~~ \$300. Upon receipt and use of these labels there can be no representation of endorsement of the VDA, its subsidiaries or its members. (VDA Policy)

Budgetary Impact: Very slight increase in revenue

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 3 with a recommendation the House of Delegates vote yes.

4. Background: There are many medical diseases and situations which require the services of dental practitioners. The services are medically necessary components for the treatment of medically compromised patients. Dental procedures may be especially necessary for patient treatment involving, but not limited to organ transplantation including heart, kidney, and/or bone marrow transplants, pre-radiation therapy for head and neck carcinomas, and bisphosphonate chemotherapy for cancer patients.

A number of peer reviewed clinical studies establish that dental disease left untreated jeopardizes the medical outcome for certain diseases. Untreated decayed or abscessed teeth may lead to systemic infections and rejections for transplant patients, osteoradionecrosis of bones of the face or other complications of various diseases.

At the present time third party payers do not provide patient coverage for oral and maxillofacial surgical procedures, dental restorations, periodontal or endodontic therapy or consultation procedures in conjunction with medical treatment that would be covered under a subscriber's health plan. The lack of mandated coverage may delay appropriate treatment or the inability of obtaining providers who are willing to treat the patient. Therefore, be it resolved:

Resolution: 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 payers contract. (VDA Policy)

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 4 with a recommendation the House of Delegates vote yes.

B. The following actions were taken by the Board of Directors and are reported as information only:

1. **Resolution:** Develop mechanisms to allow absentee voting for election of officers of the VDA. May include, but not limited to website, e-mail, faxes and US mail.

A taskforce will be appointed to study absentee voting, mechanisms for absentee voting and devise rules for absentee voting in an election. The taskforce will prepare a white paper for the House of Delegates.

2. Article 1, § 2.F (Constitution and Bylaws Committee requested the Board's opinion – editorial or substantive change?)

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,

Editorial change to conform with the language in Article I, §1.F.

3. Background: The Dept. of Corrections is having

problems filling vacancies and needs temporary licensure until out-of-state licensed dentists can be credentialed or until dentist takes the Board. This would help manpower problem in the Dept. of Corrections.

Resolution: The Institutional Affairs Committee supports the inclusion of the Dept. of Corrections in Senate Bill 416 to allow temporary licensure of out-of-state licensed dentists.

The above resolution was approved and the Board of Directors also goes on record as supporting SB 416.

4. Background: The VDA Board of Directors was discussing ways to improve communication among members of the VDA. The comment was made that hand writing was a problem in obtaining legible e-mail addresses. The Board suggested collection of e-mail address on the VDA website.

Resolution: The Communication and information Technology Committee: (1) provide a sign in area on the VDA web page to collect e-mail addresses from the general membership of the VDA and (2) provide an e-mail subscription service for information from the VDA on mega issues that affect dentistry.

Resolution referred to the Communication and Information Technology Committee.

5. The Board of Directors approved David Lionberger, Esq. and Scott Johnson, Esq. as VDA legal counsel.

6. A \$2,500.00 donation to the New Orleans Dental Society was approved.

Component I
Tidewater

Greetings from Tidewater. I hope all of you are enjoying the mild winter. At the price of oil and gas the moderate temperatures are a great cost saver. This month our TideDent News published our fiftieth year addition. We actually reprinted the first edition in its entirety. It was one mimeographed page. The first editor was Dr. Jack Kanter, who was also president of the component at the time. When asked about his decision to publish a newsletter he said, "I just thought it would be a good way to let our members know what was going on in dentistry in Tidewater." He started a good thing, didn't he!

We held "Give Kids a Smile Day" on February 18 in conjunction with the Old Dominion University School of Dental Hygiene at their new state of the art facility. Dr. Anthony Peluso chaired the program for the umpteenth time.

The TideDent News has instituted an article by dental specialists in each edition. This has been well received and seems to be a valuable addition.

We mourn the loss of three of our colleagues in the past several months. They are: Les Gore, Paul Nolan and Dean Brainerd.

A young man in our area has created an interesting charitable organization. It is called Hotels for the Homeless. His name is Brian Friedman. He found that homeless people often are without the small necessities of life like soap, shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brush. He has contacted hotel chains around the country and asked them to send him some of those little things that they provide for their guests. They have responded by shipping quantities to him. He in turn asks school kids to help package them into kits and then provides them to homeless shelters. He is having a hard time getting toothpaste and toothbrushes. Brian is not looking for cash donations, only the items he is distribution. So if you are inclined to help some homeless individuals and are willing to part with some of your small toothpastes and hand out tooth brushes you can contact Brian at www.hotelsforthehomeless.com/org or you can call him at 757 624-2084. By the way Hotels for the Homeless is a 501-C3 organization. If you do contact him, tell him I told you about the project.

Our next CE program will be a half day seminar, "KEYS TO THE CODE-UNLOCKING THE DOORS TO CDT," presented by Alan Friedel, DDS. The date is Friday, April 28, 2006. For information please call Ginnie Donne 757 491 4626.

We look forward to seeing you all in Virginia Beach for the June Committee Meetings.
Barry Einhorn, Editor

Component II
Peninsula

Greetings from the Peninsula! The Peninsula Dental Society met and hosted Dr. Karl Leinfelder for an all day C.E. course on February 24, 2006. He presented information on the "newest restorative systems". He was full of knowledge and unbelievably entertaining. I know all who attended took home something valuable from this lecture.

As for keeping busy, PDS has been doing just that! Under the able direction of Dr. Elizabeth Bernhard, Give Kids a Smile proved to be a tremendous success. Dental personnel from Williamsburg, Smithfield and the Air Force showed up some 35 strong to visit six schools and provide dental education for 700 kids and screenings for 260. Approximately 15% of the children screened were in need of some dental care.

As a follow-up to the GKAS program, Schein has donated enough materials to provide sealants for 100 children. This project is in the making for the near future. Thank you for all of your support, PDS members. Thank you for helping "give kids a smile"!

There will be one more opportunity for the peninsula dentists to receive C.E. credit at the March meeting. The topic will focus on pediatric endodontics. Dr. Bill Dodson will hopefully help to answer some of our "child endo questions".

Finally, on March 18 and 19 volunteers will be gearing up for the M.O.M. project on the Eastern Shore. If you have never participated in this project, or any other M.O.M. project, it is a meaningful and heart-warming experience. I encourage you to give it a try in the future.

Have a wonderful spring!
Dr. Karen Cole Dameron, Editor

Component III
Southside

Greetings from Southside

GKAS was once again an overwhelming success. I personally had a great time with Doctor Ron Terry and his nice staff in Ettrick. Others had similar experiences in the offices of Doctors Castro and Smith, Galston and Ward, Keeton and Gokli, Shufford, and O'Neill, Trotter, and Brinser. Helping to deliver more treatment than ever in these offices were Doctors Oertel, Ellis, Roadcap, Baranker, and Yandle; and as usual, all these patients were screened and appointed by Doctor Farrington and Joanne Wells, RDH. Our society is working with the CIS Program (Communities

In Schools). We feel that is important to be vocal and active in our outreach.

Our OSHA update and CPR meeting in February was our most highly attended of the series of courses we've offered. So no one in our society will ever be seen walking out of the office with their smocks covered in BOPIM. Nice job, Sharone!

December 31, 2005, was the day Doctor Steven Bissell holstered his periosteal elevator and retired from the full time practice of Oral Surgery. Steve spent 46 years in practice; and according to native legend, he was the first oral surgeon to locate South of the James. There are no survivors to dispute this. Steve practiced solo until 1975, when Doctor Isbell joined him; and later Doctors O'Neill, Trotter, and Brinser. Steve was one of the first Oral Surgeons in the area to extract 4 wisdom teeth in one appointment. This was thought to be quite controversial - back in the day. No one ever said that Doctor Bissell was pusillanimous, as he fought hard for the dental profession in the capacity of Component President and later as President of the Virginia Dental Association. He remains quick with a quip, and ready to share his knowledge with any and all. Steve and his wife, Germaine, are off to explore the world and enjoy a well deserved retirement. Thanks for everything, Steve!

And finally, as is the ritual at the Rivers Bend Golf Course, Dr. David Ellis came out of the pro shop, saw his shadow, and now has 6 more months of bad golf to look forward to!
Have a great summer,

Dr. Michael Hanley

Component IV
Richmond

No News to report. Please
Contact your Component Secretary.

Component V
Piedmont

Join us in Danville on Friday, April 7th to hear either Robert Lowe, DDS, on "Predictable Techniques for Total Esthetics" or Sandra Marcil, RDH on "Ergonomics". Don't forget the state meeting is on our end of the state in September with headliner, Dr Gordon Christensen and many others. Contact Ann Huffman our executive secretary for more info at 276-732-3789.
Dr. David Black

All components news are submitted on a volunteer basis by your Secretary. To learn more about upcoming events in your component, please contact your component Secretary.

Component VI Southwest



meetings from the "Snowy Southwest." We are excited about the month of February. We have numerous dentists participating in the Give Kids a Smile Day. Children are being treated in various offices. Children are also receiving dental education by dentists, assistants and hygienists at numerous schools. The response to help children in need has been amazing. Thank you to all who pitched in to make this a success.

Our fall component meeting was held on November 11, 2005 at the Inn at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg Virginia. We have exciting upcoming continuing education this spring on March 10, 2006, at the Wohlfahrt Haus in Wytheville, Virginia. "Every Day Implant Dentistry making it Work For you" featuring Dr. Lawrence Dario. We also have a fun filled family weekend planned for May 19 through May 21, 2006 at Pipestem National Park, West Virginia. There is a business meeting scheduled for Friday at 8:00 p.m. continuing Education Saturday and Sunday 8:00a.m through 11:00 a.m., a symposium on Forensic Dentistry. There is a golf outing scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Please contact Dr. Tommy Haller at (540) 980-3641 for more information. A barbecue is planned for Saturday evening, 7:00 p.m. Come join in on all the fun and don't forget to bring the family. Lastly, we will have our summer component meeting August 11, 2006 at the SWVA Higher Education Center in Abingdon. We welcome Dr. Harold Rossley discussing "Everything You Wanted to Know about Treat Drugs, But Were Afraid to Ask."

Dr. Cynthia Southern

Component VII Shenandoah Valley



Greetings from the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. I trust spring has arrived where you are.

Our Spring CE Course on Friday, March 31 was very successful. Paul Sletten's presentation "Taking Your Life, Your Team and Your Practice to the Next Level" proved to be a dynamic day of learning for the entire dental team. At our business meeting, we elected Dr. Jared Kleine as Vice President and Dr. Harry M. Sartelle, III, as secretary/treasurer. We also chose our 11 delegates and alternate delegates for the VDA meeting in September.

We are in the process of planning CE courses for the next couple of years. If there is a type of course you would like to see or a particular speaker you think would foster a successful meeting, please let me or Dr. Rick Taliaferro know.

Our component was well-represented in Give Kids a Smile Day activities throughout the Valley. Hundreds of children received office tours, oral care instruction, complete exams, and restorative work. One program of note is seeking dentists in the Charlottesville area. Dr. Elizabeth Alcorn and

Betsy Soulsby, RDH, are coordinating an effort to have dentists "Adopt a Child" from the GKAS program into their practices for one year, in order to provide more comprehensive care and dental health education. If you would like to become involved, contact Dr. Alcorn at (434) 960-6990.

Lastly, I would like to put in a plug for increasing membership and active participation in our organization. We have several practices in our component where some dentists are ADA members and others are not. It would be wonderful to see a more unified approach. You, as the member dentist, have the ability to show first-hand the benefits of belonging to the tripartite system: ADA, VDA, SVDA. Your words of encouragement will go a long way toward convincing the new dentist in your practice or area to join. The ADA has some great brochures available for recruitment purposes. If you would like some of these promotional materials, please contact our component Executive Secretary.

Best regards,

Jay Knight, DDS

Component VIII Northern Virginia



Northern Virginia hosted a great Give Kids a Smile day in February. Once again the event was held at the Northern VA Community College, Health Science Center. The day chimed with the sound of little pitter pattering feet as the children stormed the clinic and held us hostage for, in many cases, their first dental exam and prophylaxis. Although there were a few tears most of the experiences were positive for the kids and the volunteers alike. Thanks to the weather and Dr. Brenda Young's committee, we served over 200 children. Out in Prince William County, Dr. Thao Bui-Nguyen put together the first ever GKS event in that region of Northern Virginia. It also proved to be very successful and you can read about it in the February issue of the ADA News. In other news, Dr. John Bilodeau of Springfield, VA was honored to receive, Case Report of the Year for his article published in the September 2005, American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. Congratulations to Dr. Bilodeau!

In January Dr. Raymond Bond passed away after practicing dentistry in Alexandria for 40 years. Our component, and all of dentistry for that matter, lost a truly dedicated and exceptional member of our dental community. Dr. Bond will be missed.

Dr. Scott McQuiston

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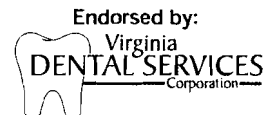
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