At this year’s Gala for Smiles, it was our honor and privilege to present our Michael T. Rainwater Dentist of the Year award to Dr. Chris Adkins. Each of our 45 recipients exemplify key ideals of service to the dental profession: extraordinary commitment to their patients’ dental health, the dental health of underserved residents of Georgia, and to our dental organizations by serving in leadership roles. As someone who demonstrates those outstanding traits of leadership and service, we are proud to count Chris among our members.

Dr. Chris Adkins graduated from Emory School of Dentistry in 1986 and served for three years in the U.S. Navy. He is currently in private practice in the Stockbridge area, where he has practiced since leaving the Navy.

Rising through the ranks of the Northern District Dental Society, Chris held numerous committee roles and served in all the officers’ positions, including president in 2007. Currently, he is serving NDDS as Trustee to the GDA, serving the ADA as an alternate delegate, and is president of NDDS’s Greater Atlanta Dental Foundation. Chris also is active in his community, church and various other community organizations.

A thoughtful, insightful, and committed leader, Chris is one to always step up to the job, thorough in his preparation and evaluation, always mindful of other opinions, and open-minded about solutions. He is a devoted and tireless leader and we are lucky to have him. Congratulations, Chris, in receiving this well-deserved award.
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Gala for Smiles Raises Over $64,000

On Saturday, July 30, nearly 200 of our members, friends, and colleagues gathered for a special evening... and together, we raised $64,778 for the Greater Atlanta Dental Foundation, breaking our 2015 record. These funds will help support many charitable clinics in metro-Atlanta.

The evening was full of fun: we enjoyed cocktails at Park Tavern's brand new garden bar, overlooking Piedmont Park; we participated in drawings to win incredible food, entertainment, and vacation packages; we celebrated eight charitable clinics supported by the foundation; we raised our paddles to bid on amazing live auction items including dental equipment from Henry Schein and Adeac, gourmet dinners from local chef Drew van Leuvan and the Weathers, and outings in the Blue Ridge mountains, Jekyll Island, Dr. Wolff's North Carolina cabin, and at Lake Oconee. We also enjoyed an enthusiastic bidding competition for a bottle of impossible-to-get Elijah Craig bourbon generously donated by a member.

We sincerely thank our partners who donated or sponsored tables, and each of you who attended. Without all of you this wouldn't be possible.

THANK YOU for your generous support of the Greater Atlanta Dental Foundation! We can't wait to see you at next year's Gala!

Our 2016 Honorees

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Welcome Your New President!

Dr. Ryan Vaughn

My Mentor:
My childhood dentist got me into dentistry. His name is Phil Conaty, and he is the former president of the association in Delaware.

How I Became a Part of Organized Dentistry:
Dr. Heather McGee asked me to become involved in an event, and I started attending Executive Council meetings.

On the Northern District:
The best thing about our district is that we have a lot of diverse opinions, so we get a lot of different perspectives on each issue.

The Year Ahead:
I’m looking forward to everything. I’m not sure I can single out any one event, but I am looking forward to the Gala for Smiles.

At Home:
My wife, Julia, is the immediate past president of the Alliance, and we have four children: Madeleine, Elijah, Scarlett and Piper. We also have two dogs, Lily and Lola. I grew up in Delaware, but moved to Georgia in high school. My brother is also a GDA dentist.

At Work:
I’m a pediatric dentist, and have two offices, in Gainesville and Flowery Branch. My goal is to teach patients to take better care of themselves when they’re kids, so they’re better patients when they’re older. I’ve been in practice for seven years.

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Gala for Smiles
Legislative Receptions Announced

Make sure to save your seat for the Northern District’s legislative receptions! This year, our district will be hosting legislators and GDA officers in Buckhead and Gainesville at two separate gatherings. These events allow dentists, Alliance spouses, and legislators to meet socially and talk about issues in a friendly way. Join us for these low-key interactions and help the GDA to build bridges ahead of the bustle of the 2017 legislative session.

Reserve your seat easily online by visiting NDDS.org.

Questions?
Contact Sheila Watson at 404.636.7553 or sheila@gadental.org.

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It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Theodore Levitas on September 15, 2016, at age 92. Dr. Levitas was a leading figure in pediatric dentistry for more than 60 years. He was honored with the GDA Award of Merit, a GDA Honorable Fellowship, and numerous other community and dental honors. He served as president of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Society of Dentistry for Children, the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry, the Northern District, and Hinman Dental Society.

Throughout his career, Levitas provided free dental care one morning a week at the Ben Massell Dental Clinic, where he was chief of staff for many years and chief emeritus beginning in 1998. He devoted a substantial portion of his practice to serving Medicaid patients and other children who did not have easy access to quality dental care. His multitude on professional honors included the Georgia Dental Association’s award of merit in 1991 for “outstanding service to the association and exceptional service to the wider world of dentistry” and the Northern District’s Michael T. Rainwater Dentist of the Year Award in 1990.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Ahavath Achim Synagogue or the Ben Massell Dental Clinic in Atlanta.

(Left to right) Hall County Branch Chair Dr. Jason Croft, Rep. Timothy Barr, District President Dr. Ryan Vaughn at the 2015 Hall County reception.

GDA President Dr. Ben Jernigan (right) and Senator Fran Millar at the 2015 Atlanta reception.
Member Spotlight
Dr. Anna Schultz, co-editor

Meet Dr. Kamy Simian, 2013 graduate of Georgia Regents University College of Dental Medicine, now known as the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University. Dr. Simian was born in Iran, and moved to the United States when he was four years old. He is now an Associate Dentist at two private practices: Drescher & Cohen, located in Midtown, and Dental TLC, located in Sandy Springs. As a new member of the NDDS, we got to know him a little better!

Why did you choose a career in dentistry?
Art, science and helping others have always been interests of mine. Dentistry does an excellent job of combining all three. It also affords me the ability to be independent and pursue entrepreneurship.

Do you have any concerns about the future of dentistry and your role as a provider of oral healthcare?
I am most concerned about the dramatic increase in corporate dentistry. Dental school graduates are inundated with tremendous amounts of student loans and very few are pursuing the option to open their own practice.

How do you think the profession and/or professional organizations could be improved in the coming years?
While we have done an excellent job as a profession to remain organized, I believe we will need to be more vigilant in preventing insurance companies from further interfering with patient care.

What's your favorite tooth and why?
The maxillary first molar because of the Cusp of Carabelli. It’s just fun to say Carabelli!

What's your favorite dental procedure and why?
I would have to say anterior bonding cases. It’s very gratifying when a tooth can be restored to its original appearance and become indistinguishable from its neighboring teeth.
Sustaining Dental Services for Those in Need

Regular dental care helps keep children and teens in school, and it helps adults gain employment and retain their jobs. For all these reasons and more, the Greater Atlanta Dental Foundation supports charitable dental clinics and other community activities that provide dental care to those in our community who are disadvantaged and underserved, low-income individuals, those who may be uninsured, and others who are mentally or physically disabled.

Your support of the Foundation ensures sustainable funding for the community-based organizations in metro-Atlanta and North Georgia that provide dental services to these vulnerable populations. Dentists are particularly proud to partner with these charitable clinics through direct volunteer efforts within the clinics themselves in addition to providing monies through our fundraising efforts.

Recognizing the growing need for these efforts, the GADF was founded in 2008 by NDDS membership, and it is administered by a Board of Directors that is comprised of NDDS member dentists. Our mission is simple: people in need being assisted by people who can. This need is met through hours of volunteering or dollars to provide for materials that keep charitable clinics open and functioning, and anything that you as a member dentist of NDDS can provide is always welcome and valuable.

Our ultimate goal is to help all in need to receive relief from dental pain, and I believe we can accomplish this together.

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Brenda Fritz, DMD has acquired the practice of Joshua Foulk, DMD
Jasper, Georgia

Dr. Foulk purchased this practice in Jasper in 2007 after graduating from MCG in 2005. After nine very successful and fulfilling years there, he and his wife decided it was time to move home to coastal Georgia where they could be closer to family.

Dr. Fritz had already purchased and sold one dental practice and was ready to get back into ownership. She wanted her second practice to be in a more rural setting where the lifestyle was a little more relaxed. When she met Dr. Foulk and saw his beautiful practice, she knew she had finally found “the one”.

Tiffany brings to the table the knowledge, connections, and experience to connect the right buyers with the right sellers in order to achieve a true win/win situation. Where other brokers can fail to deliver on the intangibles like sincerity, follow through, and a genuine dedication to the success of all parties involved, Tiffany excels. I feel very fortunate to have found her to help me transition my practice and I am pleased to enthusiastically recommend her.

- Joshua D. Foulk, DMD

Featured Practices for Sale

Pending Buckhead: Established general dental practice for sale in highly sought-after Buckhead. This practice is only available as a merger into another nearby office. Consistently grossing $350K on a part-time schedule with a predominately FFS/PPO patient base. Owner wishes to work after the sale.

Available Fayette County: Come work and live in one of the best communities in South Atlanta! This general dental practice is grossing $800K in a five treatment room, standalone building. Patient base is a mix of PPO, FFS, and a little Medicaid. Great visibility and lots of new patients each month. Over 2000 current active patients.

Pending North Atlanta: Location, location, location! This general dental practice is located in a highly desirable area of north Atlanta. The practice is grossing $930K with a FFS/PPO patient base. Three chairs in a state of the art facility. Room to expand to five rooms. Seller wants to stay on to help with the transition.

Available North Georgia Mountains: Part-time general dental practice in desirable community of North Georgia. Consistently collecting $340K on three days a week. All PPO and FFS patient base. Only two chairs but room to add three more. Large space with low rent. Busy shopping center on main street.

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