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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



David Marion, DDS

A famous dentist once said, "I never saw a tooth walk into my office." These wonderful words from Dr. L.D. Pankey embody a feeling so many GDA members share and strive to uphold, that we treat people, not just practice oral medicine. As this year's NDDS President, my mission is to promote our Society with this in mind. Your Administrative Council, essentially the backbone of your Northern District, are an impressive group of individuals with a desire to promote our purpose, protect our patients, and celebrate our society.

As a native Atlantan who spent 5 years of childhood in "timeout," what I refer to as my family's period of residence in New Jersey, my love for the South and its gentility is steadfast. Graduating from Dunwoody high, I attended Emory at Oxford, Emory College and Emory Dental School, becoming a member of the Omega Class, the affectionate name given to the last class of those hallowed halls. Two incredible professors stand out, Dr. David Warfield who trained us to think outside the box, and Dr. Mike McDevitt, who introduced some of us to the Pankey Philosophy which answered so many questions dental school couldn't. These mentors didn't just teach facts, they taught philosophy about caring and treating people as people. We owe much to our mentors and those who teach us.

Speaking of philosophy and Pankey, Dr. Daren Becker, your CE Chair, has some exciting events in store, the next of which is the first ever Porsche Vendor Showcase Event on Friday, April 12th. This is an exciting day of education, lunch, a tour of the Porsche Museum, and best of all: A thrilling demonstration lap around the track, all included with your attendance!!!! Later this year, Dr. Jordan Blankenship is planning our destination event and Gala at Chateau Elan. By combining golf, hotel, and a luxurious destination, we anticipate an unforgettable House Party event of friendship, fellowship and fun. Play golf, dress up, spend the night, and make this a real getaway with friends and colleagues!!!!

But the Northern District is more than just fun. We are about legislative involvement and policy. Every year we attend 2 GDA events, the summer House of Delegates (HOD) and winter HOD.

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While the winter event is located in Atlanta and relatively easy to attend, the summer HOD (this year in Jekyll Island!) requires more dedication and your NDDS just lightened your load. "The NDDS will provide a \$400 stipend for each NDDS delegate, alternate delegate and trustee who attends the summer GDA annual meeting and corresponding House of Delegates meeting ." You are important and your attendance is needed!!!

This worthwhile attention to involvement is possible because of the strong financial shape the Northern District finds itself. Under the consistent leadership of your Treasurer, Dr. Ryan Vaughn, your Society is stronger than ever, and we are excited to continue this trend. The way to do this is for YOU to be involved, speak up, attend meetings and be part of a wonderful group of people. We always need fresh ideas and fresh faces. People DO retire, and you are the next generation. Start small. Become involved in a committee. Meet new friends and network with old ones. And if you're not careful, you might become President. After all, we were all admitted into dental school for our leadership ability, and it doesn't stop there.

In closing, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to past President Heather McGee, who expertly shepherded your Society through 2023. Her commitment and attention to detail made this job easier, and she's inspired me to make President-Elect Kara Kramer's job even easier. We are most grateful to Kara for saying "Yes!" when asked to serve. When you're ready to say YES!, we're ready for You!!

David P. Marion

Save the Date!

**GALA
for
SMILES**

**AUG
17
2024**


Chateau Elan
WINERY

Smile!

**February is filled with
National Dental
Holidays**

Toothache Day (Feb 9th)

Gum Disease Awareness Month

Tooth Fairy Day (Feb 28th)

Give Kids A Smile (Feb 2nd)



Join Us in Supporting Children's
Dental Health Month 🦷

As we gear up for Children's Dental Health Month, we're excited to invite you to actively participate in raising awareness for the GDA Foundation for Oral Health and CDHM. And, it's easy! Just a few button clicks.

- Download the LinkedIn Banner:
 - *Begin by downloading our specially designed Children's Dental Health Month banner below (right click and "save as picture"). Add this banner to your LinkedIn profile/cover photo to showcase our collective dedication to children's oral health. Do this by logging into LinkedIn and select the camera button on your profile. You can upload your photo there.*
- Update Your Facebook Profile Picture with Custom a Logo:
 - We've crafted a custom logo for your Facebook profile picture to enhance the impact. Download the custom logo with a right click and "save as picture." Open your Facebook app and navigate to your profile. Click on your current profile picture and select "Update Profile Picture." Upload the logo you downloaded as your profile picture, aligning it with the frame.

Your participation is crucial in making a meaningful impact. Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting children's dental health. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to heather@gadental.org.



RECENT EVENTS

LAW DAY @ THE CAPITOL

NDDS members representing organized dentistry down at the Georgia State Capitol On January 24th. Members were treated to a special welcome from both the House and Senate floors.



OFFICERS VISIT

The NDDS had a great turnout at the Feb. 1st Officers Visit and Membership Meeting at the GDA offices! Thanks to Dr. Jamie Mitchell, the 2024 GDA president, and Dr. Daren Becker for presenting!

Dr. Chris Adkins, NDDS Member and GDA immediate past president, presented Drs. Anthea and Miles Mazzawi, along with the entire Mazzawi family of Dentistry with the Georgia Dental Association Presidential Commendation. This award is given to dentists who are servant leaders through philanthropic work in the the dental profession and community.

UPCOMING NDDS EVENTS

THE GREATER HALL COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY

of the

NDDS Northern District
GEORGIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION

invites you to join them for a

WINTER SOCIAL

Thursday, February 15, 2024 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Dinner & Drinks @ Remedy Distillery

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MARK RICHT

While most people call me "Coach", I am also known as "CMR", "Boca Baby", "PoohPa" and the Water Girl's Husband.

For the last 35+ years, football has provided me an avenue to reach and raise the next generation of men and to equip them with the skills to be leaders in their communities.



As a play caller and head coach, it was my responsibility to formulate a game plan and ensure players knew their responsibilities. While my sideline looks much different now, I still feel passionate about helping people live life to the fullest.

Since my retirement from coaching, I have had my share of health issues having a massive heart attack and now being diagnosed with Parkinson's. These have inspired me to share what is truly important.

When I am not traveling the country with the ACC Network or speaking engagements, I reside in Athens, GA with my family.

Do you need to renew your NDDS Membership?

For GDA MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS, please CONTACT:

**Mary Busby, Vice President of Membership, at
404-636-7553 ext. 114 or maryb@gadental.org**

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for 2024!**

2024 NDDS Calendar of Events

TENTATIVE and SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
JANUARY		
Tuesday, January 16	NDDS AC Meeting	Virtual via Zoom
Wednesday, January 24	GDA Law Day (All Districts)	Georgia State Capitol
FEBRUARY		
Thursday, February 1	GDA Officers Visit, Membership Meeting & CE	GDA Office
Thursday, February 15	GHCDs Winter Event	Gainesville, GA
APRIL		
Friday, April 12	AC & CE Showcase Meeting	Porsche Experience Center Atlanta
JUNE		
Thursday, June 27	AC, NDDS Pre-Caucus & Membership Meeting	Virtual via Zoom
AUGUST		
Saturday, August 17	NDDS Gala for Smiles & Golf Tournament	Chateau Elan
SEPTEMBER		
Thursday, September 26	NDDS AC Meeting	Zoom
OCTOBER		
Thursday, October 10	GHCDs Legislative Reception	Chattahoochee Country Club
NOVEMBER		
Thursday, November 21	NDDS Pre-Caucus & Membership Meeting *Holiday Social*	TBD

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