



***Dental Mirror***

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Retired NASA astronaut Ron Garan has said, "People are more likely to remember the great social interaction they had with a colleague than the great meeting they both attended."

Well, fortunately, we have had several great meetings with great social interactions. Most recently, our Gala for Smiles at Slow Pour Brewing, was a huge success raising money for the Greater Atlanta Dental Foundation and was so much fun! Thanks to Anthea Mazzawi and her gala committee for a fabulous event.

We also had a great membership meeting at the Atlanta Fish Market with CE provided by Wayne Kerr, DDS. Dr. Kerr's enthusiasm is contagious and we all came away with some pearls of knowledge about life.

Coming up next, we have two great legislative dinners. The Greater Hall County Dental Society (a subsidiary of the NDDS, a.k.a. the Gainesville Mafia) is hosting a dinner for our local legislators on Thursday, October 19 at the Chattahoochee Country Club. The NDDS event will be November 2 at The Commerce Club atop the 191 Building downtown. Grab a room at the Ritz and make a night of it!

Now I know a "Legislative Dinner" may not sound thrilling to some, but remember what Ron said above.....you'll remember the great time you had more than the great meeting. Creating connections with our legislators is an important role for our society and the GDA and, we have fun while we network!

Finally, we have a Holiday Social on December 6 at the Dunwoody Country Club. Come kick off the holidays with your colleagues and get ready for another fantastic year of meetings with David Marion, DDS, our upcoming NDDS president.

*Heather*



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# SMILES ON TAP

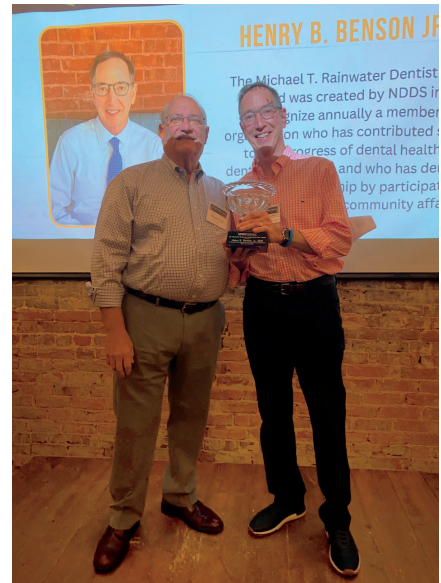
## ANNUAL GALA FOR SMILES



### 2023 GALA FOR SMILES

The Greater Atlanta Dental Foundation hosted its annual Smiles on Tap Gala on Saturday, August 19th at Slow Pour Brewing Company in Lawrenceville. Not only was the sold-out event a resounding success, it was a truly wonderful evening of beer tasting, a thrilling live auction, tasty tacos, outdoor live music, fellowship and most importantly, raising money for non-profit dental clinics of Atlanta.

Dr. Richard Smith had the honor of presenting his friend and colleague, Dr. Henry Benson with The Michael T. Rainwater, Dentist of the Year award. This award was created in 1971 to recognize a member of the Northern District Dental Society who has contributed significantly to the progress of dental health and the dental profession, and who has demonstrated good citizenship by participation in worthwhile community affairs.



Left: Richard Smith, DDS presenting a signed Pilsner Glass from the NDDS members to Dr. Benson.  
 Right: Dentist of the Year, Henry Benson, DDS



Top from Left to Right: Chris Adkins, DDS, Jeff Kendrick, DMD, Ben Jernigan, DMD, Tom Jagor, DDS, Richard Smith, DDS  
 Bottom: Sidney Tourial, DDS, Henry Benson, DDS (2023 Dentist of the Year), and Richard Weinman, DDS







# CLINIC HIGHLIGHT



## Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett



TRANSFORMING PEOPLE and COMMUNITIES

Each year, the Gala Committee selects a Dental Clinic to highlight. This year we were proud to honor the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett. Good Sam Gwinnett offers low-cost dental care to serve those who are poor, do not have dental insurance, and cannot afford routine dental care in traditional settings. Dental services are available only to persons living in households with total income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.



*Greg Lang, the Executive Director of Good Sam Gwinnett, shared an inspiring patient testimonial with the guests.*

*Dr. Benson presented a donation to the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett from the 2023 Gala on behalf of the Greater Atlanta Dental Foundation.*



*Pictured: Shameka Allen, Associate Director, Dr. Henry Benson, and Connie Camacho, Dental Practice Manager*

In addition to Good Sam Gwinnett, the GADF was honored to have the following clinics in attendance. Each of the clinics were presented, by our dentists, with a donation to their clinics:

- Good Samaritan Health Centers of Atlanta
- DDD Foundation
- Good News Clinics - Green Warren Dental Clinic
- Ben Massell Dental Clinic



## Ben Massell Dental Clinic



*Pictured: Barbara Jones, Interim Director of Ben Massell, and Amy Kuhmichel, DDS*



# GALA FOR SMILES LIVE AUCTION

You could feel the excitement once the live auction began. From golf in St. Andrews, Scotland to Bourbon tasting in Kentucky, there was no shortage of appealing vacations at auction to raise your paddle for! In the middle of it all, attendees got to pick from a menu of specialty cocktails, inspired by each auction trip location, to help them decide where they wanted to travel to. As the program came to a close, the doors were opened and the Georgia Back Porch Band roared back up for some live music, under the twinkle lights, to round out the evening.

With the help of our incredibly generous attendees and sponsors, the 2023 Gala for Smiles was a smashing success and more than doubled its previous year's profits. We hope you'll join us next year at Chateau Elan!

- ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND GOLF TRIP
- KENTUCKY BOURBON TRAIL TRIP
- VIDANTA LUXURY MEXICO TRIP
- WINE DINNER AT THE MAZZAWI'S
- PORSCHE DRIVING EXPERIENCE



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# NDDS UPCOMING EVENTS

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GREATER HALL COUNTY  
DENTAL SOCIETY

of the

**NDDS**  
Northern District  
GEORGIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION



## LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Thursday, October 19th from 6:00 - 9:00pm  
**Chattahoochee Country Club - Gainesville, GA**

*Register below to join your colleagues and State Legislators for Cocktails and Dinner!*

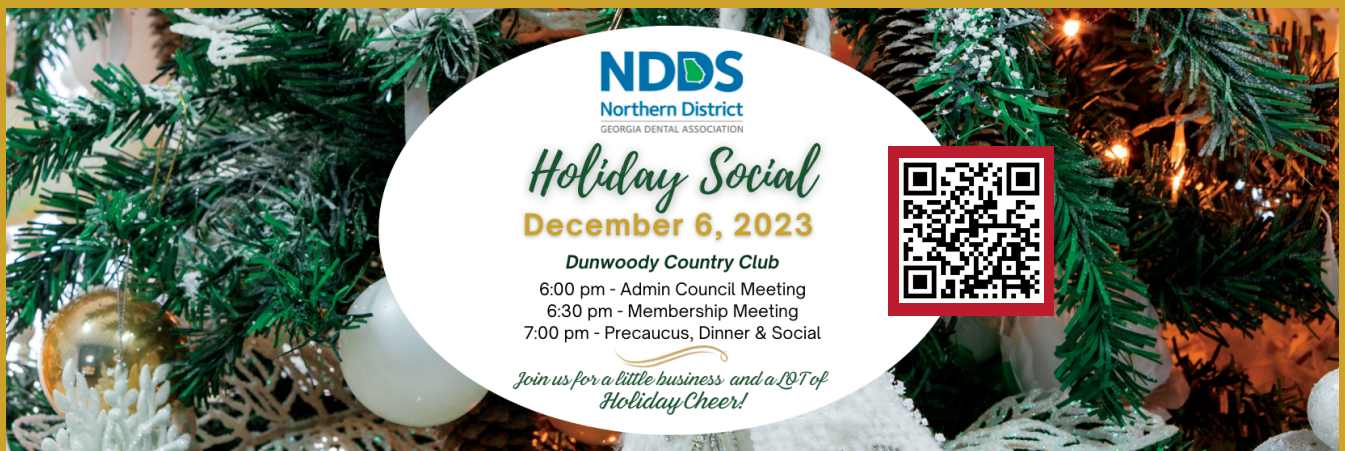


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GEORGIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION

## LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 6:00 - 9:00pm  
**The Commerce Club - Atlanta**

*Register below to join your colleagues and State Legislators for Cocktails and Dinner!*



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## Holiday Social December 6, 2023

**Dunwoody Country Club**  
6:00 pm - Admin Council Meeting  
6:30 pm - Membership Meeting  
7:00 pm - Precaucus, Dinner & Social

*Join us for a little business and a LOT of  
Holiday Cheer!*



# GDA NEWS & EVENTS



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- Scan the QR Code.
- Complete the 2023 GDA "Intent To Participate" Form and return it to the contact at the bottom.



*Do you need to renew your NDDS Membership?*

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