



TREASURER'S REPORT

January 7, 2013

Balance brought Forward	\$18,168.30
Withdrawals	
Macon Ltr Svc. Nov. Mtg	581.29
GDA Mailing Svc	10.24
MGTC Scholarship	500.00
CGTC Scholarship	500.00
Supplies, Frames	12.71
Nov. CE Expenses, Travel, Gas	536.36
GDA,2013 District Decals	66.00
IHCC Nov. mtg meal	2,551.96
Macon Ltr Svc. Leg/Rec. mailout.....	495.95
Brickyard, Legislative Reception	5,000.00
Misc. printing and postage.....	71.92
Deposits	
November mtg receipts.....	1,410.00
GDA Late Dues Receipts	291.75
Balance checking.....	9,562.67
CDDS Money Market Acct	4,735.82
Total CDDS Assets	14,298.49
Respectfully submitted, Don Benton	

Report from the Nominating Committee.

According to the District's Policy Manual the Committee is to submit a slate of candidates to be voted on by the membership at the February meeting.

The following slate is presented for election:

Alternate Delegate/GDA - Michael Wright

Chair of Delegation/GDA - Nancy O'Brien

ADA Delegation

Kara Moore Alfred Peters

V.P. Central District - Cameron Garvin

Ga. Board of Dentistry

Stephan F. Holcomb John H. Ferguson

Robert W. Vedder Michael M. Wright



CENTRAL DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Here's your dose of "Mental Floss"

Dr. Amy Lee - Editor

Dr. Lindsay Holliday -Assistant Editor

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Central District Dental Society *Meeting*

The 78th Dental Squadron
cordially invites you to

The Middle Georgia Event of Dental Professionals

Robins Air Force Base
Horizon's Event Center

Thursday February 14th at 6:00 pm
Dinner & Lecture

Guest Lecturer

Dr. Carroll Palmore
"Dental Forensics"

Dinner Choices: Beef Brisket or Marinated Chicken

PLEASE....RSVP for the meeting by FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th
Remember, this meeting is at the base and they require
a list of attendees for the gate prior to the meeting.
Remember, you **MUST** state your preference for dinner prior
to the meeting....Don't make Terry call you....

Thursday Dinner meeting - \$25.00

Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card.
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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

February will be here soon, and with it comes Valentine's Day. I don't know about your house, but at mine, we have a discussion every year about what to do, if anything, for Valentine's Day. Don't worry about plans this year; the Central District has you covered. How about a great meeting at the base, followed by a day of continuing education?

I know Captain Scott A. Walker will once again put the program together. Every year, he has managed to keep the program varied, interesting, and this year is free!. They are just asking for donations to offset the cost of breakfast. I, for one, would like to thank him for all his hard work, so please consider joining us on Friday; a good turnout is always appreciated. Even if you cannot attend, please consider sending any staff who might need continuing education.

I have a question for you all. How many milliliters are contained in a carpule of 2% Lidocaine? How about 3% Mepivacaine? That's an easy question, right? We all remember this from dental school; the answer is 1.8ml, which equals 36 milligrams of Lidocaine per carpule. Take a look at your carpules. We order ours from Atlanta Dental, who sources from Cook-Watte. Carpules now contain 1.7 milliliters, which is a reduction of about 6%. When applied to all carpules sold, this comes out to a lot of product. I suspect this is something the manufacturer did, and our local sales rep was likely unaware. Also, if you get a chance, ask me about the pain medications you prescribe to your patients. Something similar is going on with these medications, and I may be able to save you a little hassle and your patients a little money.

Hope to see you at the meeting and at the continuing education course.

Michael Wright

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday - February 5th at 7:00 pm
at the office of Michael Wright
1502 Forsyth Street, Macon**

All Committee Chairpersons, Delegates, and Officers are members of the Executive Committee and are required to attend.

Any CDDS member is welcome to attend.

CDDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

November 6, 2012

Attending: M. Wright, C. Smaha, P. Gilchrist, M. Loden, A. Lawson, D. Holliman-Smith, L. Holliday, D. Spillers, V. Bhasin, A. Peters, A. Lee, T. Ivey, K. Moore

- **Minutes** of the Sept. EC Meeting approved.
 - **Treasury Report** approved. Amber reviewed upcoming Legislative Reception and encouraged attendance at The Brickyard function. Good showing a must!
 - **Awards Committee:** Deena discussed awards committee duties and requested nominations forwarded to her.
 - **New Dentist Meeting:** Ched, speaking for Katie Garvin, discussed the success of the New Dentist Function held at Wild Wings Cafe. Good attendance was obvious and the fellowship was excellent. Venue seemed to be good for this event.
 - **Kara's ADA Report:** See enclosed report. BOT Meeting: See enclosed Report.
 - **February Meeting:** Ched discussed the February Meeting at the Base and noted that we were scheduled for Feb.14 which is Valentine's Day and all day CE the next day at the Museum of Aviation.
 - **Old Business:** Discussion of CE Course for the district in the spring or the fall. Ched will put together some options and bring it back to us at the Feb. EC Meeting for discussion and a vote.
 - **New Business:** Access to care discussed and Michael appointed Nancy O'Brien with Ty Ivey to an ad hoc committee to research the Macon Volunteer Clinic, Rehoboth Clinic as well as the Public Health Clinic to determine their efforts in our District. They will report at the Feb. EC Meeting a summary of these Clinic areas of service.
 - **Recruitment and Retention:** Michael noted that the GDA requested each District to send a member to the Recruitment and Retention Meeting again this year as we have in the past. Motion made, seconded and approved to send a district member to the Meeting in April. Michael also encouraged all to pay their annual dues prior to the end of the year to be entered into a drawing to win \$1,000.
 - **Give Kids A Smile, GKAS,** in February as always. Margaret Moore has offered her office for the day to hold a district event to be held the first Friday in February, coordinated with Shirley Fisher. Please respond as you feel led to assist in this effort!!!!
- No other business, meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, Don Benton

What is the ADA doing for you? Kara G. Moore

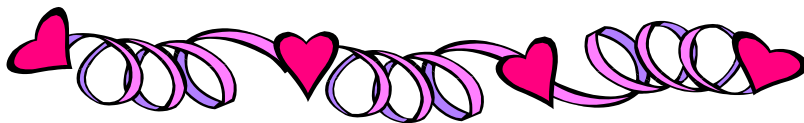
As we speak the ADA is very busy mounting a PR campaign defending once again the safety of amalgam. The very popular show "Doctors" aired a segment on Jan. 3rd that gave "scientific" evidence from a woman who said her muscular sclerosis was caused by silver fillings. This will no doubt cause some questions to arise in your practice. The GDA and ADA will have their own talking point available to members to help you have this discussion with your patients. If you are not on the ADA list serve and would like to be notified of all breaking events please call the GDA office. As most of you have heard, the IRS is slated to start collecting the 2.3% medical device tax. This most likely will be seen as an increase in nearly all of your supplies. The ADA along with numerous other medical lobbies fought VERY hard to repeal this tax however, Obama stated clearly that "everyone needed to help out" when it comes to getting all of America medical coverage. I hope that no one feels as if the ADA has been ineffective. Because I assure you that had the ADA not been hard at work the pain would have been much worse. The ADA has an office in Washington DC and they keep a constant watch over all that is happening on the hill. Your ADA dues and particularly your PAC money are directly responsible for helping to save our profession.

As always I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Every action I take as your ADA delegate I take with what I feel is in your best interest. If you ever have a question or concern please let me know!

Roses are red, violets are blue
Organized dentistry is valuable to you!

We hope that all of you will participate in the
many activities this year to keep
our industry strong!

Look forward to seeing you!



BASE CONTINUING EDUCATION

What a sweet opportunity!!!!!!

Friday February 15, 2013

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar

CE offered that day should be around 7 credits.

Cost: Free!

However donations are welcome to offset breakfast cost.

Dr. Cade Salmon

*"Material for CAD/CAM Application" &
"Treatment Options for Missing Mandibular Anteriors"*

Dr. Carroll Palmore

*"Management of Impacted Third Molars" &
"Dentistry in a Deployed Setting"*

Now there's something to smile about!



Calendar of Events

February 1	Give Kids a Smile
February 14	Warner Robins Air Force Base Meeting
February 15	CE Meeting and Air Force Base
March 20	Central District Law Day
May 9	Meeting- Dr. Jimmy Cassidy Topic TBA Healy Point

GADPAC AND YOU.....Paul W. Fraysure, Jr.

Another year has passed and the fiscal cliff was avoided, so to speak. However, politics goes on.

Here are some statistics that I just received from Martha Phillips, GDA Executive Director, for the 2012 election. **GADPAC is listed in the top 20 contributors for 51.7% of the Senators and 58.8% of the Representatives.** The data was collected from the National Institute on Money in State Politics.

You will note that we don't have to give a lot of money to be in the top 20 list. It is also important to note that we have consistently given about the same each election cycle as opposed to only being in the game when we have an agenda.

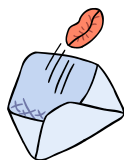
This is an extremely important statistic for several reasons:

- GADPAC was in the top 20 contributors for 30 Senators (more than half of the Senate)
 - GADPAC was in the top 20 contributors for 117 Representatives (more than half of the House)
 - GADPAC has given a contribution to 90% of the Senators and Representatives even if we were not on their list of top 20 contributors
 - GADPAC's policy of treating every legislator as important and establishing a contact dentist for each legislator has given us the unique position of being valued/known by **all** of the legislators
 - During this reporting period no other PAC has been shown in the top 20 contributors list with this high of a percentage. The only group that comes close is the Trial Attorneys.
 - GADPAC does not single out just legislators on important committees or in leadership for contributions
- GADPAC gives without consideration of party affiliation
Remember, your voice for dentistry can be heard under the Gold Dome by contributing to GADPAC.

Remember...

You must make reservations for the meeting...
the Base requires names of all attendees....

So Don't Delay, Send in Your Reservation Today!!!



know. If, God forbid, you are sued or even if you think that you might be sued, contact your insurance mal-practice carrier. They are your friend. However, when it comes to settling the case, you might want to consult your own "personal" attorney to advise you on the matter. Some cases are obvious. However, many cases that may appear frivolous to us are at least legally complicated in today's world. If you decide to settle, it is at least a return of fees or it could possibly be a judgment against you. Either way the event should by statute be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank. They will inform the State Board of Dentistry and you may have to endure another chapter in the unfortunate saga. Also under the heading of things that you should know and reasons that you might want your own counsel is the following interesting bit of information. Imagine that you have been sued and have coverage of \$1,000,000 and the insurance company calls and tells you that they want to settle for \$100,000. You announce to them that you don't believe that the case has merits and your integrity is on the line, and **YOU DON'T WANT TO SETTLE.** The case goes to court and the verdict is \$560,000. Guess who pays the difference in the \$560,000 and the \$100,000. It could be you. All mal-practice contracts are not the same. You need to know your rights in these matters before you ever become involved. These fine points of the law are the reason that you may want your own personal attorney in matters of the court. You might even want to do something rash and read the contract that you have in place. Food for thought.

The point is to stay informed and have council to protect you and to inform you as to all of the aspects that you will face. Going before the Georgia Board of Dentistry in this instance is not an inquisition. However, it is unnerving when you get a summons to appear and it could end up with sanctions involved. The Board is not required to tell you why it is asking you to appear and they usually don't. Therefore my friend Sam goes with his client to represent the insurance company and the client in case it is needed. I guess the message is that if you settle a law suit, you **MAY** not be through. This may determine how you deal with the matter. Some advisors recommend that the defendant have personal council in addition to the insurance company. I don't know what the Latin equivalent of caveat emptor is for this, but suffice it to say **LET THE DENTIST BEWARE**



The Ty Report... "On Another Note..."



I usually write something related to politics and the importance of having a strong dental organization for self-preservation and patient protection. But today something of a different note has landed in my lap and I want to share it with everyone.

I have an old friend. Let's call him Sam (not his real name). Sam is an attorney. I have known him for years. Most of his main practice efforts are in insurance defense. He represents us.

He called me a few months ago to ask some questions concerning a dentist in Atlanta who had been summoned to appear before the Board of Dentistry's investigative committee. The details are irrelevant. But, what had happened was that Dr. Applewhite (really a made up name) had been sued. The grounds were flaky to me, but Dr. Applewhite and his malpractice insurance carrier had been content to settle for a small amount of compensation to the plaintiff just to make it go away.

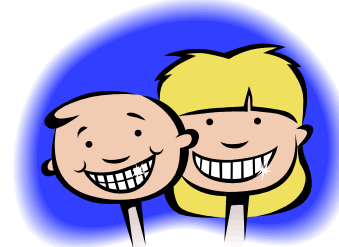
I have been told by a couple of friends that it is a black day in your life when you are sued. People relate the inability to sleep or think about anything else as the court system holds your entire life and self-esteem in the balance. Little wonder, Dr. Applewhite was happy to settle.

Now opens chapter two. Enter the State Board of Dentistry. You see, an insurance settlement triggers a National Practitioner Data Bank event and the Board may get a notice that you "settled" a law suit. In their role of protecting the public, they feel that they need to know the circumstances. In the case of Dr. Applewhite it was no problem, but the Board of Dentistry could decide to suspend a license and/or otherwise discipline the dentist depending on the circumstances.

Now, why am I telling you about this obscure event in the life of some Atlanta dentist that you will never know? Well, I saw Sam about three weeks ago and he told me he might have to hire me again as a consultant in a new case that he had received if it progressed. Sam wondered if the Dental Association told its members about the problems that arise with settling frivolous suits. If what he told me is accurate, the second case is more insane than the first one was.

I assured him that we have been told, but most people forget things that they don't deal with often. So this opinion piece of mine is a reminder of some things that I hope that you never need to

COUNCIL ON DENTAL HEALTH



**"GIVE KIDS A
SMILE"**

**VOLUNTEER DENTISTS
NEEDED!!!**

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY. 1, 2013

8:30 - 1:30 OR 11:30 - 2:30

We will be screening needy kids in the Central District area and volunteer dentists are needed.

Locations

Office of Margaret Moore - Warner Robins
Middle Georgia Tech School - Warner Robins

Contact: Shirley Fisher - drshirleyfisher@aol.com
(478) 929-0296

Please let me know what time you can volunteer and your contact info and I will send you more details.

GOT ANY NEWS?.....

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