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You do the math, membership in the AGD has its advantages!
From the Editor

2014 seems to pass by us so quickly, maybe just getting older and feeling time pass. The Michigan AGD had a wonderful year. We hosted the successful national AGD convention in Detroit and with the expert guidance of our Local Arrangement’s chairman, Dr. Fares Elias and his team, the convention was considered a huge success. Thank you all who contributed to it’s success.

Our CE team has been busy organizing some terrific educational programs. From the most recent graduates to the most experienced among us, the topics were far ranging, interesting and informative. Thank you all for contributing.

The national AGD continues to grow. As I have said many times in these editorials, the AGD is the only organization looking out for us, specifically as general dentists. It is our duty to support and promote the national AGD to non members and the public. In my lectures around the country, I remind those GPs in attendance of this importance.

There are many far reaching topics that Dr. Shamoon will describe in his Trustee’s Report from the AGD leadership newsletter. First, and closest to my heart is our AGD’s vigorous objection to the July JADA article on dental implants, inferring that GPs are not qualified to place dental implants. We need to wake up and see what is happening in our profession. For those of us who place implants, and place them well, we should be insulted and angry. Let your feeling be felt. Just don’t sit back and take this....the AGD is protecting OUR collective backs.

The AGD continues to be a leader in public service advertisements for Kid’s Healthy Mouth campaigns. It is a fact that the AGD is a MAJOR contributor to this program, which should make us all proud.

There are many items of interest that affect us all in general practice.... and the AGD is investigating all of them. If you have issues that you feel are important to discuss...THEN GET INVOLVED. The Michigan AGD board is a group of dedicated dentists, just like you, who want to make our general dentistry practices better. Join us for a meeting by contacting our President, Dr. Richard Nykiel at drnykieldds@sbcglobal.net, and ask for an invitation. We would love to hear your input. You are free to contact any of the board members to share your thoughts or ideas.

I personally want to thank our board and those individuals who have provided me so much support and confidence over the year. It was quite a 2014, and I look forward to an incredible 2015. I wish all our AGD members in Michigan a healthy, happy, prosperous and dynamic New Year. I wish all the best.

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Dear Region 9 constituents of Wisconsin and Michigan,

I am proud that I have been elected for a second term as your Regional director. One of my voluntary responsibilities to you as AGD members is to be your go to person to relate any queries or problems that you might have with your membership to the AGD Board and Executive Council. Please feel free to communicate any and all questions you might have about AGD’s role to you in membership, continuing education, advocacy and your advancement in the Academy. As AGD members we all strive to advance in our educational responsibilities to ourselves and for our patients. That is why we all need to set our educational goals toward the Fellowship and Mastership awards. Michigan is now actively putting together a Master track program and Wisconsin has had an active program in association with Illinois. I used to write the Fellow exam for many years. The exam is fair but extensive enough to be challenging in the several disciplines of dental practice. Young and older practitioners should make an effort to improve their education with the advancing Fellow and Master awards. Right now I am working toward my second Life Long Learning and Service award. This is another one of the ways I show my patients I keep up on all the present and new concepts in dentistry.

Another of the responsibilities of the Regional Director is to help find and mentor leaders in the Academy. This year the AGD is putting on the 2014 Leadership Development Symposium in Chicago on November 21st-22nd. As chair of this symposium our commitment to foster new and uprising AGD board members from all the 17 regions. My personal congratulations to the three from our region: Michaelangelo Aust, DMD, FAGD from Wisconsin, Colleen DeLacy, DDS, FAGD from Michigan, Christy Gajewski, DDS from Wisconsin. As time goes on I hope this symposium provides our academy with strong dedicated future leaders like the individuals we have now on both boards.

Please check out the new updated web page for the AGD. One great service on the web page is the answers to questions like acid erosion to teeth, veneers, root canals and many other questions your patients might have. If you print it up your header is printed at the top to distribute or bog about.

Thank you all for what you do in dentistry!

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The lecture introduced some key and new soft tissue managing and enhancing procedures, such as the dual-zone grafting technique, biotype modification techniques to create a natural emergence profile. Managing the soft tissue surgically and prosthetically while placing immediate implants facilitates creating a pleasing and long-lasting aesthetic result.
JADA PRINTS AGD’S VIGOROUS OBJECTION TO IMPLANT ARTICLE

(Dan Buksa)

In response to a July Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) article on implants which insinuated that general practitioners have higher failure rates in placing implants than to specialists, AGD Editor Dr. Roger Winland took the article’s author to task by pointing out significant flaws in the study. Dr. Winland’s response appears in JADA’s October issue. Specifically, Dr. Winland noted that the published data fail to either support or defeat the hypothesis, and concludes that such misconstruing of data is inappropriate and inflammatory.

Similarly, Dr. John Comisi, Speaker of the AGD HOD, wrote in the same JADA issue a separate letter to the editor in his capacity as an investigator in the retrospective study. Dr. Comisi notes that conclusions of the implant article are inappropriate as is the title, which causes a reader to draw incorrect conclusions.

ADA HOD PASSES PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT CERP COMMISION

(Dan Buksa)

Although the AGD Board initially voted to oppose the creation of an independent commission, the AGD has a long-standing procedural policy to not take positions on ADA internal matters such as Bylaws amendments and therefore took no official position. However, the angst and concerns about an independent commission were made known and, as ADA members and delegates, the members of the Professional Relations Committee provided testimony throughout the process.

Despite taking no position on the CERP Proposal, former AGD President and Professional Relations Committee Chair Dr. Vinny Mayher shared AGD’s position on other issues pending before the ADA House of Delegates at a breakfast for AGD member/ADA Delegates held Saturday morning during the ADA annual meeting. The annual breakfast was attended by a record 137 attendees.

AGD JOINT COUNCIL MEETINGS TO FOCUS ON EDUCATION STRATEGY

(Beth Hayson)

The AGD Dental Education Council will be meeting with other councils to discuss the future of AGD’s Education during this weekend’s Joint Council Meetings. During this interactive brainstorming session, councils will be helping to formulate an Educational Strategy for the association based on the takeaways from the Educational Summit. The information shared and discussed during this session will be critical in moving AGD forward.

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AGD PARTICIPATES IN CDC WEBINAR ON EBOLA AND ORAL HEALTH

(Srini Varadarajan)

The AGD joined the American Dental Association (ADA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) on a webinar entitled, *Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and Its Implications for the Oral Health Community*, Oct. 29. Dr. Jennifer Bone, Legislative Chair for the TX AGD and a member of the AGD Dental Practice Council, participated in the event on behalf of the AGD and reported the following key takeaways:

1. It’s highly unlikely that a symptomatic patient infected with Ebola will seek dental care.
2. The primary role of the dental professional regarding management of Ebola is in identification and triage, with understanding the patient’s symptoms and recent travel history being the keys to assessment.
3. If a patient is believed to be at risk of having Ebola, elective/routine dental treatment should be postponed and interim guidelines should be followed; essential dental care may be provided following consultation with the patient’s physician and local health officials.
4. Though Ebola is most often associated with fever, dental professionals should not overlook that fever may be the result of another disease process, including an infected tooth or the flu.
5. Healthcare providers must remain aware of Ebola-related resources and updates provided on the CDC’s website.

The Ebola outbreak underscores the need for infection control in healthcare settings and the effects of transmission of all communicable diseases, including the underestimated common flu. Accordingly, AGD is exploring the possibility of presenting members an additional webinar focusing on infection control in 2014.

NEW FORMAT SLATED FOR UPCOMING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

(Tammy Dillard-Steels)

The 2014 AGD Leadership Development Symposium, taking place in Chicago Nov. 21-22, will feature presentations from industry professionals, with approximately four leadership topics per day.

In previous years, the focus was on training individually for their respective jobs within their constituents. This year’s focus is on identifying future constituent and AGD leaders and providing them with leadership skills they will need to do their future jobs well. Focus of the symposium is to learn the true meaning of leadership, identify constituent strengths, and build constituent confidence as AGD leaders.

The Regional Director Leadership Development Committee, chaired by Dr. John Olsen has been pivotal in the creation and development of this new format. In addition to the outside professional speakers, there will be an outstanding lineup of AGD national leaders speaking at the symposium: Dr. W. Carter Brown – *Leadership*; Dr. Glenn Miller, Dr. Michael Gordon, and Dr. Mark Donald – *Leading the Future - Summary of the Pathways to AGD Leadership*; Dr. David Tillman and Dr. Maria Smith – AGD Leadership Roles, Dr. Neil Gajjar and Dr. Sanjay Uppal – *Leadership and Membership Growth* and Dr. Mohamednazir Harunani – *How to Find New Volunteer Leaders and Succession Planning*.
AGD 2015 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM FINALIZED
(Audra Rothermel)

The program for AGD’s annual meeting is nearing completion and full-scale marketing will begin soon. The meeting, which will be held June 18-21 in San Francisco will feature an “innovative technology in dentistry” theme that will be reflected throughout the scientific sessions. Included in the program: Dr. Samuel Low in GAIN PERIO/RESTORATIVE ACCESS: Flaps and Lasers: A Workshop” and Dr. Ronald P. Morris in Everything You Wanted to Know About Oral Surgery But Were Afraid to Ask: Advanced Implant Placement. Leslie Canham, CDA, RDA, will lecture on Got OSHA & Infection Control? and California Dental Practice Act. The exhibit hall will feature a dental office of the future and an e-poster competition for dental schools, as well as American Dental Assistants Association lectures and participation sessions.

NEW PUBLIC SERVICE AD’S LAUNCHED FOR KID’S HEALTHY MOUTH CAMPAIGN
(Lauren Henderson)

The Academy of General Dentistry, in cooperation with the Ad Council and other organizations, recently launched new Public Service Ads (PSAs) for the Kids’ Healthy Mouths campaign. In an effort to educate parents and children about the importance of good oral health habits, the Partnership for Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives—these new PSAs, portray humorous depictions of life lessons, making the point that while parenting can be tricky at times, getting kids to brush for two minutes, twice a day can be simple.

For more information and a preview of the PSAs, read this press release. The AGD encourages its members to help support this effort by visiting the online toolkit, which has a number of helpful resources including social media posts and shareable content.

FOUNDATION’S FOCUS ON ORAL CANCER GAINS MEDIA COVERAGE
(John Thorner)

The October 27 edition of Dental Tribune contained prominent mention of the AGD Foundation’s recent decision to focus on oral cancer. (see attached) The Foundation’s change in focus also was made prominent on AGD’s dues renewal form and all members were sent a press release of this action. Meanwhile, the Foundation is proceeding with plans to again offer free oral cancer screenings at the upcoming AGD annual meeting in San Francisco.

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT COLLABORATION PRODUCES SAVINGS FOR MEMBERS AND UNBUDGETED NON-DUES REVENUE FOR AGD
(Srini Varadarajan)

In the first three weeks of promotion and collaboration with Charles Blair & Associates, sales of Dr. Blair’s 2015 “Coding with Confidence” guides have yielded thousands of dollars in savings for AGD members and some additional non-dues revenue for the AGD. For information on how to purchase these guides go to www.practicebooster.com/AGD.
COMING TO CHICAGO FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE? GET AN AGD-ARRANGED DISCOUNT AT VIRGIN HOTELS

(Jill Beckman)

AGD Members can now receive a considerate hotel discount next time they visit Chicago. AGD Member Savings & Offers program has arranged this discount with Virgin Hotels Chicago. Virgin Hotels Chicago will offer AGD members a flat rate for Chamber King accommodations: $199 per room, per evening through March 31, 2015, and $215 per room, per evening from April 1 through Dec. 31, 2015. AGD guests also will receive 20 percent off published suite rates and 10 percent off spa services. Included in the rate are a 24-hour fitness center, spa facilities, and complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi, and five food and beverage options. In addition, amenities for travelers are available nightly in hotel’s common area.

Book your reservations now for stays starting January 15, 2014. Virgin Hotels Chicago is located at 203 N. Wabash Ave. in Chicago’s Loop. This is conveniently positioned just one mile from the AGD Headquarters (560 W. Lake St.) and steps away from public transportation, the Theatre District, Millennium Park, museums, great restaurants, and the historic State Street Macy’s (formerly Marshall Field’s).

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President’s Message

Richard J. Nykiel, DDS, FAGD

Never before have I seen the caliber of continuing education courses available as I have recently. The lectures and hands-on training are unprecedented today. The AGD is at the forefront of this movement. Currently we are offering our members two free lecture courses and three participation courses annually. In addition we offer a free lecture to our recent graduates. We are also planning a participation course to be held in northern Lower Michigan sometime next year. Please look for the information to be sent out in the near future.

The Michigan Academy of General Dentistry (MIAGD) is committed to providing the very best possible courses for our membership at very affordable fees. With the recent resurgence of the Michigan AGD Mastership Fast Track Program, better known as the Wolverine III program, it is possible to earn you Masters at an accelerated pace.

Case presentation is an integral part of the Wolverine III program. Its purpose, for both pre-Fellow and pre-Master participants, is to develop the skills necessary to present information and treatment case development to professional and public groups and at the same time receive participation credit toward Mastership. Even though the Fellowship does not require “participation” credit, per se, it provides an excellent source for 34 credit hours in a variety of subjects as well as the educational experience of “presenting” to a group of your professional peers.

The MIAGD has always been a strong supporter of advocacy. The Board of Directors is very committed in supporting the national AGD’s endeavors to protect the interests of the General Dentists. This is critical to the way we all are able to practice dentistry.

As one of the few organizations that are growing in membership, I encourage all of you to let your fellow dentists know that we are also committed to them and would welcome them as members of the AGD family. The benefits are bountiful and the rewards even greater.

Sincerely,
Richard Nykiel, DDS, FAGD

Trustee Report

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By Jill Beckman

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The course provided a comprehensive review of the advantages and disadvantages of the most commonly utilized obturation techniques. A portion of the discussion focused on the importance of appropriate shaping and disinfection methods for all types of obturation. Historically, higher failure rates attributed to carrier-based obturation were more likely due to inadequate cleaning and disinfection of the root canal system. The seminar focused on the design features and placement of GuttaCore® carriers to maximize clinical success.
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- Same day Implant temporization
- Ceramics in Fixed Prosthodontics
- Cement updates

Faculty: Ahmad M. Fard, DDS, MS

Dr. Fard is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Fellow of American College of Prosthodontists and course director of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants Dentistry at University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. He earned his DDS from Creighton University, MS and Certificate in Prosthodontics from University of Nebraska Medical Center. He has several publications in referred journals and lectures nationally and internationally. He also serves as a reviewer for a number of peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Fard maintains practice limited to Prosthodontics and implant dentistry in faculty practice clinic at University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry in Detroit, Michigan Foundation in 2006.

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