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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Please consider joining me and 15,200 fellow dentists around the country who are volunteers in the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program. Helping just one person would be significant.

Uninvited disabilities and diseases can impact anyone. For some, that creates unmanageable financial hardships and dental care, even when essential to the medical management of co-morbidities, becomes unattainable. That has been confirmed by several Louisville area dialysis, transplant, cancer, and other medical centers as well as agencies serving older individuals whose age prevents them from gainful employment.

While the DDS program is dedicated to assist needy disabled, elderly, and medically compromised individuals, it is designed to provide volunteers and their staffs with emotionally rich, gratifying and hassle-free experiences. Volunteers are in full control of their involvement from authorizing a referral based on first receiving background information about a person seeking help, to treatment planning, to scheduling, to having a social work coordinator a telephone call away to arrange any laboratory and/or specialist involvement that may be needed.

God forbid that a person functionally and financially disabled by disease, injury, or advancing age, and who desperately needs dental care, is unable to obtain it if there is a geographically accessible dentist willing to donate the treatment. DDS provides us to a means to help prevent that scenario. And to reiterate for emphasis, each volunteer is in full control of his/her involvement.

We most earnestly request your involvement. Please visit www.dentallifeline.org/kentucky for more information on how you can join in this vitally needed humanitarian initiative.

Darren S. Greenwell, DMD, FAGD
President, Kentucky Academy of General Dentistry



FROM THE EDITOR

We'd love to hear from you! If you have something you'd like published please submit it. If you know an outstanding dentist, a dental advocate, or a humanitarian mission we'd love to print it. Just send it to mbennett@agd.org.



KYAGD news from the Executive Director

2013 was a big year for us. After being hired and learning the job in the last half of 2012, 2013 brought big growth and big changes. Our membership increased in 2013 by over 20%. Our student membership took a huge leap forward which makes us extremely optimistic for the future of the Kentucky AGD. If you are a student member or a new graduate we would LOVE to have you come to one of our board meetings and start thinking about getting involved. It's never too early to start contributing to organized dentistry. It will benefit you, your career and the field of dentistry as a whole. If you'd like more information about our board or board meetings contact me at mbennett@agd.org.

At the National Annual meeting in June in Nashville, the KY-AGD was awarded two Constituency awards. One for Continuing Education and one for Public Information. We were honored to take those awards home for Kentucky.

In September we welcomed representatives from AGD National for a STAR visit. Our STAR Facilitators were Dr. Manuel Cordero and Dr. Howard Gamble, along with Ms. Tammy Dillard-Steels from AGD staff. They graciously spent the day with us brainstorming and planning to help us develop a plan for our continued growth. All present felt as though it was an invaluable experience and took much away from our collaborative efforts.

Our 2013 annual meeting was a huge success. The attendance grew significantly from 2012. We are finalizing details for the 2014 annual meeting. You can expect big changes for this year. Plan to join us October 10-11 at the Galt House in Louisville and plan to bring your entire staff! Information will be going out soon.

I am very excited about the growth of our Hands on CE courses that provide AGD credit toward your Fellowship & Mastership. Our November Laser course and our December RPD course both sold out. We've got an amazing line up of courses and speakers for this year too. Be on the lookout for details from us on all of those events. If you ever have any questions or suggestions for the courses we are offering please let me know. Our main objective is to contribute to the advancement of the general dentist. We are here to serve you!



2013 Constituency Awards for CE and Public Information



2013 STAR visit Participants



Congratulations to Dr. Omar Shariff for earning his AGD Fellowship!

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Local CE

May 30-31... ADL Lab **Mastering Esthetics** Presented by Alan M. Atlas, DMD and Ryan Schwendiman, DMD
Click [here](#) for registration

August 22-23... ADL Lab **Special Patient Care** Presented by Dr. Jim Curtis Click [here](#) for registration

October 10-11... Galt House **2014 Annual Meeting** Featuring Kevin Anderson, DDS speaking on *Investment Strategies*, Dr. Frank Shull, speaking on *Contemporary Solutions for Restorative Dentistry*, Kim McQueen of the American Association of Dental Office Managers, and others. Plan to attend and bring your entire staff!
Click [here](#) for information

More CE is being planned for 2014. Watch www.kyagd.org for an updated calendar.

Board Meetings *Our upcoming board meetings are as follows:*

Saturday, June 14th at 10 am at Generations Family Dental in Louisville.

Sunday, September 14 at 10 am at Generations Family Dental in Louisville.

Friday, October 10 at 7 pm at The Galt House in Louisville

Saturday, December 6 at 10 am at Generations Family Dental in Louisville.

All AGD members and potential members are welcome at all board meetings!

Times and dates of board meetings are subject to change. If you are interested in attending one of our meetings contact Maegan Bennett at mbennett@agd.org to verify the time and date.

National/Regional CE

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is proud to present the AGD 2014 Annual Meeting & Exhibits: Rethink. Refresh. Renew.

As the dental profession continues to face new challenges, the AGD, in accordance with its values, seeks to educate its members and provide them with the tools they need to adapt and thrive in this changing environment. To that end, the annual meeting will offer a comprehensive lineup of speakers, courses, events, and exhibits.

Rethink, refresh, and renew the vitality of your practice and your passion for your profession—register today for the AGD 2014 Annual Meeting & Exhibits, June 26 to 29, 2014, in Detroit, “America’s great comeback city.”

Click [here](#) for more information

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AGD STUDENT FELLOWTRACK MAKES STRIDES AT ULSD!

So this is how it all started!

The first student FellowTrack program in Kentucky begun in August 2013 at the University of Louisville School Of Dentistry. As some of you may already know, the student AGD members are now accepted to receive continuing education credits toward their AGD Fellowship Award, from first through fourth year. They can collect up to 50 C.E. PACE/CERP approved credits prior to graduation.

One student member, McKinley Soult (currently a junior at ULSD) had come to me with an interest in Fellowship Award and wanted to start a FellowTrack program at our school. I had attended an AGD Leadership Conference seminar regarding student FellowTrack programs back in November of 2008 and kept wondering since if ULSD or UKCD would be interested in offering assistance to their students with attaining this award. I thought: "Look, there is an interest for students, but they need help from general dentistry department to head start the program and form it into something valuable to them." Being an AGD member since dental school and now a faculty member at my alma mater, I decided to sit down with several interested students and sketch an idea of a program that may work for them and the school.

We decided to follow the structure of a well-run program at Baylor University in Texas, which included monthly study club meetings (at school or outside) and an annual dentist "town hall" meeting where students can network with local dentists and ask questions.

Last summer, KYAGD applied for a scholarship from a national office to hold an AGD information session at the dental school. We received a large number of AGD informative brochures and magazines along with \$500 to feed a lunch crowd. On August 23, 2013, Dr. James Ransdell gave his presentation about why he is an AGD member and I presented a Student FellowTrack program format to the students. We had about 85 students in attendance and several proceeded to turn in their membership applications. Prior to this meeting KYAGD had about 5 student members. Today, March 3014, we have 46 members at ULSD and 4 members at UKCD.

So far, we have held 4 lunch meetings by inviting guest lecturers - Chris Morris from ADL and Dr. Mark Nation, a prosthodontist from the Renew Institute. Our students are also encouraged to attend ULSD ran C.E. courses to expand their education and earn more C.E. credits. The FellowTrack program schedule has made it to ULSD Continuing Education site (via help from Dr. Dan Fadel and Cathy St. Clair) where student FellowTrack members can register online for ULSD and FellowTrack events. The plans for lectures in 2014/2015 school year are underway, and several interested guest lecturers have stepped up to become a part of this endeavor.

I am very proud of the ambition and passion for learning of the students at ULSD. I hope we can soon join in with the students from UKCD to share the knowledge and build the path toward attaining AGD Fellowship and Mastership Awards. As always, KYAGD wishes to nurture the best dental minds in Kentucky for the benefit of our residents and surrounding communities!

Thanks to all who have given their time to support the FellowTrack program!



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