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Colonel Robert Mason

ASDA Unity of Effort

Unity of effort is the state of harmonizing efforts among multiple organizations working towards a similar objective. This prevents organizations from working at cross purposes and it reduces duplication of effort. Multiple organizations can achieve unity of effort through shared common objectives. In military operations, unity of effort usually relates to coordinating organizations not in the same command, such as in interagency operations. In this case, unity of effort is often achieved through campaign plans or coordinating committees.

Organized dentistry in Arkansas is comprised of many different facets and organizations, all seeking the same common objective: To improve Arkansas life quality through better oral health. Some and certainly not all include Arkansas Department of Oral Health, Future Focus on Dental Leadership, Arkansas Mission of Mercy, Delta Dental Plan of Arkansas, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Arkansas State Dental Hygiene Association, State General Assembly, the State Executive Branch and many others. The Arkansas State Dental Association serves as the voice for the more than 1,000 dentist members to all of the different organizations who are involved in the oral health arena within Arkansas. And I would be remiss if I did not say it does so very effectively and very professionally.

Bear in mind that there are issues which are a sticky wicket for ASDA: On the one hand, ASDA is charged with representing the best interests of the members, whether that is accomplished by supporting or rejecting certain proposals. On the other hand, inside the state capitol ASDA functions in a larger community of “policy makers” and stakeholders in the statewide public health realm where refusal to support “access to care” issues can be viewed as obstructionist or turf-driven, even heartless. We walk a thin line in many respects, and I want to reassure the ASDA membership that you’re Officers, Executive Council and ASDA Staff have the very best interest for organized dentistry and the Citizens of Arkansas at the forefront of every discussion and decision.

Carl Von Clausewitz, a Prussian military theorist in his 1812 essay “Principles of War,” talks about the importance of unity of effort in relation to war fighting. This same principle must apply to those involved in oral health policy development and implementation to afford all Arkansas the best possible life quality through better oral health. We need to maximize unity of effort and collaboration across and among all oral health components to include governmental and non-governmental agencies.

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FROM THEEDITOR

Choices

We make choices every day. What am I going to wear; where am I going to eat; am I going to work – although that really isn’t a choice for most of us. We have just pulled the lever or touched the screen to decide the future of our country. In October your ASDA delegates made their voices known on the ADA House of Delegates floor by voting on the future of organized dentistry. Changes are coming and we in organized dentistry had better be ready to make some serious changes.

When I became a dentist thirty-seven years ago, I could never foresee all of the wonderful advances that the scientific field of dentistry would make. Computers were just a play thing for a few and laser and implant dentistry were only a future hope. Those things that we thought were pie in the sky are now an everyday happening in our offices. I also could not foresee all of the changes that insurance and government would have on patient care. If you have not already done so, I would invite you to read the article by your president, Dr. Bob Mason. Your editor has some real concerns on the approaching changes he discusses, but I will continue to remain open-minded until the final decisions are made. I have heard several say that we need to get into this as soon as possible because “the early bird gets the worm.” I would say to them, “the second mouse gets the cheese.” Let each of us take a breath and when we make a decision, let us do it together as Dr. Mason stated and be forthright and united in our stand. I doubt that we will get what we want in every case but we need to fight for our patients and we in turn will receive our reward as dentists.

There have been directives by government to say that we in organized dentistry are not providing enough access to care for the underserved. I was the chair of the ADA Council on Communications when the powers that be established the Give Kids A Smile campaign. Anyone that can see through a ladder knows the success of this program. Have you been involved in Mission of Mercy programs? Take a total of all the missions that have occurred in the states and you will see tens of thousands of patients and millions of dollars of free dentistry given! Notice the list in Arkansas Dentistry of all of the free clinics in the state. How many free programs are given to different groups that are accomplished by constituent societies? When was the last time that you turned down a patient, adult or child, who was hurting and could not afford the procedure?

I also hear it said that dentistry needs to encourage and seek out companies who will be partners for access to care. Can you spell MOM? How many times has Delta Dental stepped up to the plate to help dentistry treat those in need? In Arkansas, their employees have manned positions as needed at our events and have literally funded hundreds of thousands of dollars to make our mission a success. Mr. Ed Choate, CEO of Delta Dental, encourages all who are able to become part of our mission family. Walmart Foundation has been an equal contributing

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There are several new programs on the horizon that will have a direct effect on each dental office as well as dentistry as a whole. Your editor encourages all of you to be involved with the decisions to be made. Do not stay on the sideline. Let your opinion be made known and be part of the solution. Though we are facing changes in the future, let it never be said that dentists and dentistry has not cared in the past and has not provided care.

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ASDA Website to Serve Members

When I returned to ASDA as Executive Director last year, the Executive Council made this message abundantly clear: Launch a new website that is bigger, better and more useful to the membership. Period.

At this writing, the new and improved ASDA website (www.arkansasdentistry.org) is up and running. The site debuted last spring under a different name and design, and will continue to be a work in progress. Staff has worked closely with Network Data Services, which provides site hosting and information technology support, and Steve Jackson of Jackson Technologies, the site designer, to accomplish that goal.

If you haven’t visited arkansasdentistry.org, I think you’ll like what you see.

First of all, the front page features links to news items that are updated regularly. The news section also features links to information that can be downloaded, such as documents on the Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) and the final report from the Oral Health Policy Tool Workshop. If an article is current and of interest to dentists then ASDA will make every effort to post it online. Information on scheduled events of ASDA and its components is posted in the Events section, and the most recent ArMOM video and other statistics are posted under the tab “ArMOM” on the menu bar.

The two primary areas which are underdeveloped, but in progress are the Jobs section under the Members tab, and the Services section on the Menu tab. We are hopeful that members will submit information to the Jobs section if they are looking for an associate, staffers, trying to sell their practice or looking for work. Dentists with information to submit should send it to info@arkansasdentistry.org. If the submission is complete, ASDA will post it in the Jobs section. Likewise, the Services section ultimately will list the benefits of membership in the tri-partite (ADA, ASDA and component society or district). ASDA is pleased to offer the special insurance products and services through Regions Insurance, as well as the credit card services through Bank of America. Plans are underway to work with medical and hazardous waste disposal companies, and possibly financial services.

To quote the old Ronco commercials, “Wait! There’s more!” As the website continues to develop, ASDA will offer members the convenience of paying dues and registering for meetings online. Presently, the Members Log In section on the front page is inactive, but as this new functionality is added ASDA will notify the members and provide appropriate log-in information that will open the site to additional new services.

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Arkansas had a chance to repeat a valuable process in late August of 2010. In 2007, Arkansas piloted the CDC/Children's Dental Health Project "Oral Health Policy Tool." The Policy Tool is a protocol for determining what policies are needed to improve oral health and which policies are practical and feasible. The Policy Tool truly works for dental folks because it assigns number values and allows arithmetic computations to arrive at the answers.

The conference held in Little Rock, Ark. on August 31 provided a great opportunity to bring together oral health advocates to discuss Arkansas’ political and oral health issues, and to facilitate critical thinking about the state’s ongoing oral health policy. Twenty-six individuals attended the half-day workshop, representing the state dental and dental hygiene associations, public health, community health centers, Medicaid, advocacy groups and the state dental board. The group included three dentists, three dental hygienists, three physicians and one registered nurse. A state senator also participated in the entire workshop.

As facilitator, the workshop was a true challenge for me – facilitating discussions that included not only physicians and my ADH supervisor but even my wife! The role of facilitator is to remain neutral in the discussions and only move the work along – a tough job when dealing with some of the more difficult suggestions during the workshop. Please also note that the workshop was not a project of the Arkansas Oral Health Coalition of the Office of Oral Health and neither the Coalition nor OOH has taken action to endorse the workshop outputs.

The facilitated workshop allowed every attendee to have equal input and many different policies were considered. Attendees identified any previous policy experience they may have had. While some people felt they had little or no policy experience, the facilitator helped them understand the many ways and levels in which policy is affected, and that they themselves have addressed.

The policy issues to be discussed were determined by the group as a whole. In an hour of open discussion, the group developed 28 potential policies to consider. Through group discussion, the suggested policies were grouped to 25 separate issues. The potential policies included:

- Allowing physicians and nurses to provide fluoride varnish including the mechanism for Medicaid reimbursement.
- Developing an educational program to promote oral health as vital to general health, with an emphasis on prevention.
- Extending the length of time a post-partum woman would be eligible for Medicaid dental services.
- Requiring a dental exam before a child could attend kindergarten.
- Providing Medicaid dental coverage for undocumented children.
- Requiring water systems of a specified size to provide optimally-fluoridated water to their customers.
- Creating a category of “public health dental hygienist” who could within a collaborative practice modality provide screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatments and dental sealants in schools, community health centers, local health units and long-term care facilities, without the patient having first been seen by a dentist.
- Creating a tax credit to dentists for dental services donated at no charge.
- Expanding Medicaid coverage to parents of all children on Medicaid.
- Allowing licensed dental hygienists to be Medicaid providers with their own provider numbers.
- Creating school-based dental clinics for students and their parents.
- Certifying fourth-year dental students to train in Arkansas’ community health centers and local health units under the supervision of adjunct faculty.
- Requiring multidisciplinary training on oral health for all nurses.
- Allowing mobile dental programs to bill Medicaid for provision of services.
- Simplifying the process for Medicaid enrollment and re-enrollment.
- Creating a restricted, temporary dental license for volunteers in special events such as the Arkansas Mission of Mercy (ArMOM).
- Requiring evaluation of the oral health curriculum already mandated in grades K-12.
- Creating advanced practice dental hygienist licensure.
- Allowing expanded function dental assistants.
- Creating a program for Medicaid patients on proper etiquette in the dental office.
- Mandating electronic health records for dentists and all other health care providers.
• Including dental services in “bundled” treatment services for pregnant women.

• Expanding the “soda tax” by creating a sugar tax on sugared drinks and candies.

• Certifying all dentists and dental hygienists as tobacco cessation counselors.

• Increasing the tax on smokeless tobacco products to fund the state oral health program.

Ultimately, five potential policies were chosen to consider for the remainder of the workshop:

• Requiring water systems of a specified size to provide optimally-fluoridated water to their customers.

• Creating a category of “public health dental hygienists” who could provide screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatments and dental sealants in a collaborative practice in schools, community health centers, local health units and long-term care facilities, without the patient having first been seen by a dentist.

• Allowing physicians and nurses to provide fluoride varnish including the mechanism for Medicaid reimbursement.

• Requiring a dental exam before a child could attend kindergarten.

• Allowing licensed dental hygienists to be Medicaid providers with their own provider numbers.

The group then worked in open discussion on making decisions about the potential opportunities for policy change or systems development. Each policy was scored on whether it was quantifiable, would reach the intended population, the community perception of the problem, and advocates’ perceived sense of urgency. Potential policies were scored and ranked as shown below:

• Requiring a dental exam before a child could attend kindergarten. (18 points)

• Allowing physicians and nurses to provide fluoride varnish including the mechanism for Medicaid reimbursement. (18 points)

• Requiring water systems of a specified size to provide optimally-fluoridated water to their customers. (17 points)

• Creating a category of “public health dental hygienists” who could within a collaborative practice modality provide screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatments and dental sealants in schools, community health centers, local health units and long-term care facilities, without the patient having first been seen by a dentist. (15 points)

• Allowing licensed dental hygienists to be Medicaid providers with their own provider numbers. (12 points)

Following instruction for feasibility scoring, the group was divided into three smaller groups to reach a consensus score on each of the potential policies against 18 different criteria. Scoring allowed for values for each criterion on a Lickert scale

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I have a lot of people to thank for many things over the past few months, but I wish to take this opportunity to thank my dental colleagues and my dental team. Special thanks go to Dr. Joe Pinney and Dr. Brian Skinner who have covered my emergencies for me on nights and weekends to give me time to be with and take care of my wife and youngest son.

I also want to thank the dentists who helped cover my practice for me while I was gone for a month while my wife received her transplant; they are: Dr. Lindy Bollen, Jr.; Dr. Dale Colclasure; Dr. Wade Robertson; Dr. Mark Murphy; Dr. John Pitts and Dr. Ned Alley.

Billy Tarpley gets credit for coordinating the schedule of dentists that filled in for me. There are many reasons to belong to organized dentistry, but having colleagues come in and keep the doors open of your office while you must be away for an unknown period of time is a priceless reason. I am very comfortable in my belief that I could not have gotten the help and support I needed outside of organized dentistry.

Dr. Bill Alfonso gets a thank you for listening to a friend when he needed to just talk about what was happening to him and his family.

A special thanks to my dental team: Melissa Mosher, Leah Sherman, Michele Fontenette and Kristina Hansen for their support and hard work during this difficult time.

We came home from Houston on October 2. My wife was away from home for 15 weeks after 60 days in the hospital before going to MD Anderson. Thanks to all because we would not have made it without you.

Dr. Laurence J. Howe

FROM -3 TO +3. The scores from each small group were recorded and averaged to arrive at a final determination. (See Figure 1) The diverse make-up of each small group allowed for considerable differences in feasibility scores across the groups.

Policy opportunity scores were then added to feasibility scores to arrive at a final total. (See Figure 2) Policies were then ranked according to the total scores.

In the evaluations, the opportunity for open communication, in both the large and small group settings, received considerable positive feedback from the attendees. Many evaluations reflected on how the tool could be useful for diverse groups and settings well beyond oral health. Obviously, the make-up of each small group determined the level of expertise as they addressed a particular policy issue.

The members attending the workshop were well-informed and most definitely engaged in the process. The Children's Dental Health Project / CDC Oral Health Policy Tool proved to be a useful exercise in critical thinking about oral health policy and how Arkansas can improve oral health for everyone.

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Change Is Coming to Arkansas Dentistry

Report card reveals areas for improvement

DR. BOB MASON

In February 2010, the Pew Center for Research released a report card, entitled “The Cost of Delay” on access to dental and the dental health delivery to disadvantaged children. The report is based on eight separate benchmarks and grades the state against a national average. Six states received an A (six to eight benchmarks), nine received a B (five benchmarks), 20 received a C (four benchmarks), six received a D (three to four benchmarks) and nine states, including Arkansas, received an F (two to zero benchmarks). The complete Pew Report is available on the ASDA website, www.arkansasdentistry.org.

The eight benchmarks used in the report are:
• State has sealant programs in place in at least 25 percent of high-risk schools;
• State does not require a dentist’s exam before a hygienist sees a child in a school sealant program;
• State provides optimally fluoridated water to at least 75 percent of citizens on community systems;
• State meets or exceeds the national average (38.1 percent) of children ages one to 18 on Medicaid receiving dental services;
• State pays dentists who serve Medicaid-enrolled children at least the national average (60.5 percent) of Medicaid rates as a percentages of dentists’ median retail fees;
• State Medicaid program reimburses medical care providers for preventive dental health services;
• State has authorized a new primary care dental provider;
• State submits basic screening data to the national Oral Health Surveillance System database.

On this particular report, Arkansas received a yes on benchmarks 5 and 8. Current Medicaid data shows Arkansas currently exceeds requirement on benchmark 4, but older data was used in the determination. At best, Arkansas should have received a D.

The recent bankruptcy of Blockbuster Video, related to the Redbox Automated Rental, revealed an interesting comment by one of its company executives. He said to remain competitive in the market one must “change before you have to change.”

The Pew Report has a tremendous amount of visibility in the multifaceted oral health care arena. “We don’t agree with everything in the report,” said then-ADA President Dr. Ron Tankersley. “But certainly, it highlights some of the major policy areas that the ADA and state dental societies have advocated for years—things like increased Medicaid funding, school sealant programs and community water fluoridation. It also highlights the urgent need for reliable routine data collection so that policies are well informed and kids are not left suffering. Even in states to which Pew awarded an A, countless children lack access to dental care and suffer as a consequence.”

Understand that two of the eight benchmarks are Pew’s opinion with unproven efficacy. What does this all mean for Arkansas dentists? Change is coming to Arkansas dentistry. I am not exactly sure what that change will be, but I encourage the membership to engage their Executive Council members and discuss this issue. The beauty of the situation is that your Executive Council has the opportunity to direct and guide that change. While it will require action from the State Board, I believe they would be in tune to listening to the recommendation by the Council. The same is true for the legislators if a dental practice act modification is required at some time; they too would be in favor of listening to recommendations from the Council. To that, I mean, what changes can be made in how dentistry is practiced in Arkansas to help mitigate the “access to care” challenges? If you have not read the Pew Report, it is posted on the ASDA website. While not an exhilarating read, it does highlight areas of concerns and give us (ASDA and the EC) some parameters to work within as this is what the legislatures see their State being graded by in relation to dental care and access to it. The balancing act required by the Executive Council on this issue is the challenge of its commitment to the membership, public and legislative perception and doing what is right for the Citizens of Arkansas and dentistry as a whole. I encourage Arkansas Dentistry to change from within before external change is mandated. AD
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Arkansas Mission of Mercy (ArMOM) is a two-day, free dental clinic for low-income and uninsured Arkansans. For those who have attended in the past, you realize the impact this weekend will make for so many Arkansans including the more than 1,000 patients who will be treated and, just as importantly, the hundreds of volunteers who will leave the weekend with a sense of purpose and accomplishment. In many ways, the work done at ArMOM is an extension of what you do every day in your clinics. The clinical component is routine and straightforward. The fulfillment, however, comes from the personal interactions and knowing your service truly makes a difference.

In 2010, ArMOM treated 1,254 patients and provided more than $706,000 worth of dental care. While these figures may represent the success ArMOM enjoyed this year, the true achievement cannot be described by data. Once you look past the numbers, you will see the genuine smiles on the faces of the families touched by ArMOM, you will hear stories of how generosity changes lives, and you will feel the collective power of the volunteers that promote a positive transformation in our state.

In 2011, ArMOM will celebrate five years of extraordinary service to those in need. Delta Dental of Arkansas invites you to be a part of the 2011 ArMOM on May 20-21. At Delta Dental, we strive to advance the public’s oral health by offering innovative, quality and affordable dental benefits so every person has access to the care they need. However, there are still many Arkansans who are uninsured and many who live in underserved areas without access to dental care. We realize these challenges, and Delta Dental believes we have the responsibility to be a part of the solution. Therefore, Delta Dental has once again committed $100,000 to the Arkansas Mission of Mercy which looks past income levels and geographic locations in order to provide quality oral health care that our fellow Arkansans deserve.

As we continue to grow older, we start to think about time and the legacy we will leave behind. Many great legacies require large amounts of time and money to make an impact that will continue for years. Through ArMOM, you can make a significant impact through very little time and money. The work you will perform at ArMOM will not only have an immediate effect by relieving the patient’s pain, but it will improve their overall health and self-confidence levels which can improve their quality of life on many levels.

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Health Care Reform
What it means for you

BY DWIGHT CALLAHAN
Vice President Regions Insurance Professional Association Group Division

This is a first of many articles I or one of my associates will be writing. Our goal will be to provide you with practical and understandable information that will benefit and educate you regarding both your personal and dental practice insurance.

Reflecting on the content of this article, I am drawn to discuss with you the recent Health Care Reform (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act), since the passage of the law has generated a number of questions as to how this will affect you as an individual and or employer. The complexity of the law is extensive, but I will attempt to summarize the short term impact this will have on you. Needless to say, what is now law is subject to change.

EMPLOYERS:

If you offer a group medical insurance plan and employ less than 50, the immediate impact on you as an employer is, and is expected to be, minimal up until 2014. Your current plan would be considered a “grandfathered” plan, but that status could be lost depending upon certain changes you may make at your next renewal period. Regardless of grandfathered status, the following mandated changes will be made part of your plan:

• Requires coverage for dependents up to age 26.
• Prohibits placing lifetime limits on the dollar value of covered benefits that are essential.
• Prohibits the insurance company from cancelling coverage unless it is a result of fraud or material misrepresentation.
• Restricts annual dollar limits on certain benefits.

If you employ less than 25 and the average wage of your employees (including you) is less than $50,000, and you pay at least 50 percent of total premium cost, you may be eligible for a tax credit in 2010 through 2015.

INDIVIDUALS:

Effective at the annual renewal of your individual plan, the following changes will occur:

• Requires coverage for dependents up to age 26.
• Prohibits placing lifetime limits on the dollar value of covered benefits that are essential.
• Prohibits the insurance company from cancelling coverage unless it is a result of fraud or material misrepresentation.

For those of you who buy a new individual policy, the above mandates will be made part of that policy along with these additional mandates:

• Prevents pre-existing condition waiting period for children under age 19.
• Requires the coverage of certain preventative services.
• Emergency services will be considered in-network even if out-of-network.
• Restricts annual dollar limits on certain benefits.

Health Care Reform was, and still is, controversial to a large number of Americans. However, a law has been made and it is up to you as an employer to adhere to the requirements set forth, and as an individual to access the best possible medical insurance available. I welcome your questions you may have concerning this article. You may reach me at 501-661-4958.
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LSU STILL SUPPLYING DENTISTS TO ARKANSAS
BY HENRY A. GREMILLION, DDS, MAGD,
Dean of the LSU School of Dentistry

Today there are 112 dentists practicing in Arkansas who graduated from the LSU School of Dentistry (LSUSD). In September, I had the enjoyable experience of meeting with many of our graduates during the ASDA convention and the reception organized by Dr. Wendell Garrett. He is a 1984 graduate who understands what can be accomplished through organized dentistry. I want to publicly thank him and all our graduates who attended. Making contact one-by-one reminded me of the long tradition of school pride that we share.

Attending the ASDA convention is part of my ongoing effort to reconnect LSUSD and our graduates who practice in Arkansas. It’s good for all of us to remember that 38 years ago when LSUSD was a brand new school, Arkansas students were part of the Class of 1972. It’s been that way every year since. We have provided a mechanism, a small way, to educate practitioners in Arkansas who can meet the needs of access to care.

Over the decades the culture within LSUSD has been greatly enhanced by our “hog-wild” students. Personally, I have found them to be enthused about their dental education and excited about returning to Arkansas to practice.

Last spring, I had the chance to sit down with all of our current Arkansas students. I asked for feedback about their experience at LSUSD: what they valued and how we could improve. I learned a lot from these young people. Their thinking was mature. They showed an understanding of the students, the school and the profession of dentistry. They were especially grateful for the implementation of Grand Rounds as a teaching method. The objective of Grand Rounds is to deepen our students’ understanding of comprehensive dentistry. Every week, complex clinic cases are presented in detail by teams of six students. The cases connect the various disciplines of dentistry. Presenting students learn teamwork and observing students are exposed to a broad spectrum of dental conditions. Everybody wins!

My commitment as dean of LSUSD is to work with our special team of faculty and staff to optimize dental education. We plan to have more of a presence in Arkansas through continuing education courses and other activities. On July 22, 2011, we will be in Hot Springs at National Park Community College, with a 7-hour CE credit course on orofacial pain. This is my specialty and I will teach the course from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information, you can go to lsusdc.e.org.

I want you to know that in addition to teaching, I plan to learn by listening to your concerns about dentistry. Our 38-year tradition of educating Arkansas dentists in Louisiana benefits all of us.

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TIMOTHY L. HOTTEL, DDS, MS, MBA
Dean, College of Dentistry
Greetings from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center! As Dean of the College of Dentistry, I am proud to tell you about exciting times ahead for our College and the Health Science Center.

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The “Night with the Redbirds” event for Arkansas students at UT attracted a great crowd of young people. Dr. Thad Brown of Jonesboro (right) spent time visiting with (L-R) D-4s Justin Poff and Claire Spivey, and D-1s Lance Thompson and Jessi Taegtmeier.

and friends. I know that you will see our students’ and programs’ awesome potential.

Whether they are in the classroom, laboratory, or clinic, our students, faculty, and staff give us reasons to be proud every day. We are proud of you as a graduate of our College, and we hope that you can help to continue our legacy of high-quality dental education by making current and future students’ education better.

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The University of Tennessee College of Dentistry Welcomes New Arkansas Students

In August, the UT College of Dentistry welcomed the Class of 2014 to campus. The admissions process continues to be very competitive. There were 580 total applicants and 87 of those were from Arkansas.

Of the 82 students selected to enter the program, 23 are from Arkansas:

- Tyler Allen of Crawfordsville
- Robert Bowman of Greenbriar
- Quinton Bryant of Sherwood
- Anne Cason of Bryant
- John Cauldwell of Paris
- Corey Cloud of Russellville
- Jonathan Cook of Jonesboro
- Chase Diemer of Little Rock
- Shelby Esry of Alexander
- Brooks Fiser of Fort Smith
- Rachel Gibson of Little Rock
- Amanda Hindsman of Russellville
- Ashley Jones of Little Rock
- Paul Lewis of Rogers
- Brandon Mann of Piggott
- Josh Mansfield of Jacksonville
- Akhil Mehta of Little Rock
- Ashley Powell of Searcy
- Hunter Smith of Monette
- Peter Stanley of Little Rock
- Jessica Taegtmeier of Wynne
- Lance Thompson of Searcy
- Kenneth Tran of Fort Smith

These outstanding students have an average GPA of 3.58, an average DAT score of 18 and an average age of 24. The future of dentistry in Arkansas continues to be very bright. The UT College of Dentistry is proud of our continued partnership with Arkansas.

Delta Dental of Arkansas Supports UT Pre-Clinical Labs

Delta Dental of Arkansas recently committed $500,000 to the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry to expand the college’s pre-clinical laboratory to accommodate ten additional students. This generous donation was made to help with an effort to increase the number of UT dental students from Arkansas. Currently, UT can accept as many as 23 students from Arkansas in each class of 80. This year’s incoming class has the maximum allotment of 23 Arkansas students. Due in large part to Delta Dental of Arkansas’ $500,000 pledge, Arkansas students will represent approximately one third of the incoming class for 2011.

The state of Arkansas has enjoyed a long partnership with UT for educating its dental professionals. It is estimated that more than 75% of all dentists practicing in Arkansas are UT graduates. Delta Dental of Arkansas has been a great supporter of UT, donating more than $1.6 million over the years to support scholarships, equipment and educational programming. “This latest commitment from our board sends a strong and consistent message about the importance of the UT College of Dentistry to oral healthcare in Arkansas,” explains Ed Choate, president of Delta Dental of Arkansas. “We are proud to work with UT for the good of our students seeking a dental degree and all of the citizens of Arkansas.”

Arkansas dental students at the University of Tennessee listen to ASDA past-president Tim Chase during the ASDA-sponsored “Night with the Redbirds” event in August. New Dentist Committee chairman Matt Fulmer (right) also addressed the students about ASDA and upcoming NDC events.

Our professors are passionate about their mission and our campus leadership is fully engaged in the education of our students; however, the world is a rapidly changing place, and so are the needs of the College of Dentistry. The collective support of alumni like you allows our students to succeed at UTHSC, in their careers, and in their lives. Whether our graduates set up their own private practice, become an associate, or purchase your practice, I’m sure that you want them to have the best training possible - our patients deserve the best!

Your support of the College of Dentistry can make a lasting impact on the future of our students, and as a result, the dental profession as a whole. Gifts from alumni allow us to provide our students with the best possible dental education. As a result, our students leave UTHSC well prepared to be the next generation of oral healthcare providers. Annual gifts from alumni provide funding for student support, faculty enrichment, facility upgrades, research, and much more. I encourage you to visit the Dunn Dental Building and see for yourself the wonderful renovations, made possible by generous alumni
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Central District News
DR. WERNER SCHNEIDER

The American Dental Association held their national convention in Orlando, Florida from October 9-12, 2010. Some of those who were in attendance from the Central District were Drs. Ned Alley, Mel Collazo, Lee Hinson, Harvey Matheny, Mark Murphy, Tina Nichols, Bill Russell and Werner Schneider from Little Rock and Dr. Terry Fiddler from Conway.

In conjunction with the ADA National Convention, the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists held their convention and convocation ceremonies from October 7-9 in Orlando. Those inducted into the ACD from the Central District were Drs. Ned Alley and Mel Collazo, as well as Dr. Steven Whitaker from the Northwest District. Those inducted into the ICD were Drs. Tom Spivey and Terry Box from Northwest District; Dr. Jim Phillips and Stan McPike from Northeast District; and Dr. Kim Kosmitis from Southeast District.

Dr. Wendell Thompson of Little Rock participated in a dental mission trip to Mexico. In a family affair, Wendell, his son Caleb and daughter Callie traveled along with members of their church, Mabelvale Church of Christ, to Ciudad Acuna, Mexico from June 28 to July 1, 2010.
2010. Wendell performed extractions as well as SRP/hygiene treatment out of two neighborhood C of C churches in Ciudad Acuna which is just across the border from Del Rio, Texas. There were some safety concerns considering the drug cartel gang violence that has plagued Mexico recently, but Wendell states that everyone felt very safe and the only concern was dodging Hurricane Alex as it swept through the area. Wendell is also proud to announce that his son Caleb achieved a Triple Trophy by bagging a deer by bow, muzzle loader and rifle during the 2009 season.

Dr. Jim Penney and his son Jake, Dr. Rick Gore and his wife Amanda of Little Rock and Dr. Brent Larson and his wife Danise of Cabot all traveled to Kenai River, Alaska for their annual salmon fishing trip during the third week of July. Jim and his son did a fly-out bear viewing and saw more than 20 bears and got some great pictures. The fishing was great with the entire crew bringing home more than 500 pounds of salmon fillets. A great time was had by all!

Staying with the outdoor sportsman theme, Drs. Don Callan, Bruce Mitchell and Leif Lorenz of Little Rock completed an annual pheasant hunt from Sept. 17-19, 2010. The trio, Dr. Theo Hronas, a radiologist who made the trio last year, and Doris sons, Eric and Patrick, made the ten-hour drive from Little Rock to Glen Elder, Kansas. The group drove up on Friday, hunted Saturday and Sunday mornings, bagged limits of birds both days and then drove back Sunday evening. Some noted observations by Don during the trip were: no loaded guns in the car since they were all together for ten hours each way; Don gave some “refresher CE” on pheasant hunting again this year to Bruce and Leif; there was a lot of crying during the Arkansas-Alabama game and the “young guns” (Patrick, 25 and Eric, 38) did not outshoot the “old guys.”

The Central District was blessed with some excellent continuing education given by some of our colleagues over the past few months. Dr. Tony Tortorich hosted an evening of CE on July 8 at Sonny Williams Steak House in Little Rock. The program was on implant restorations and was sponsored by Zimmer Dental and attended by approximately 15 dentists. The Central District Dental Society hosted its annual CE meeting on August 6 at Hot Springs Country Club. Our speaker was Dr. Bill Alfonso, an Oral Surgeon from North Little Rock, who gave a very informative presentation on “Pearls of Oral Surgery from A to Z” to approximately 40 Central District dentists. In August and September, Dr. Scott Schoen hosted two CE programs sponsored by Nobel Biscare. The all-day course was held August 20 and the evening course was September 16, both at Chenal Country Club in Little Rock. Each course dealt with different aspects of the “Advanced Treatment of the Edentulous Implant Case” and both courses were presented by Dr. Sam Strong of Little Rock. Dr. Strong gave a wonderful and informative presentation that was appreciated by all.

Drs. Tom and Bill Lefler of Hot Springs Village are proud to announce the completion of their recently remodeled and expanded dental clinic. The Lefler Dental Clinic (as it is now called) started as the Cordoba Dental Center near the West Gate of Hot Springs Village with...
Supplemental retirement plan for Medicaid providers!

Medicaid providers can defer Medicaid income on a pre-tax basis into the State of Arkansas Deferred Compensation Plan, commonly referred to as the Arkansas Diamond Plan. Providers practicing in group settings, as well as individual private practice, are eligible to participate.

Medicaid deferrals may be made in addition to any contributions you are making to your current retirement plan established by your professional group or individual practice.

Medicaid providers enrolled in the Plan can defer up to $16,500 of Medicaid income for calendar year 2010. Medicaid providers that are age 50 or older in 2010 can defer up to $22,000 of Medicaid income for calendar year 2010.

Over the past few years, hundreds of Medicaid providers have enrolled in the Arkansas Diamond Plan to take advantage of the opportunity to defer a portion of their Medicaid income. The Plan has been available for more than 30 years.

For additional information regarding participation in the Arkansas Diamond Plan contact Robert Jones of Stephens Inc. at 501-377-8112.
Major General (retired) and Bill Lefler at the helm. In 2003, Bill’s son retired from the Army Dental Corp as a Colonel and joined the practice. In 2008, Tom purchased the building which housed the practice as well as the Village Insurance Company. In November 2009, plans for renovation and expansion were completed and the insurance company moved, thus allowing for the total project to be started. Phase I was completed by Easter 2010 and Phase II finished in July 2010. The renovation and expansion included eight new operatories with new state of the art equipment, a new laboratory, sterilization area, private offices, kitchen, reception area, business office, and all completed with only one day of patient care lost! Dr. Ed Blaine, a general dentist, also share space on a part-time basis with Bill and Tom and everyone states that the entire staff is filled with pleasure and excitement in practicing within their “new facility”.

Dr. John Pitts of Little Rock has certainly been a marathon man of outdoor activities over the last nine months both literally and figuratively. During January and February of this year, John snow skied at Jackson Hole, Wy. and Winter Park and Telluride, Co. In March, April and September he ran the Little Rock, Hogeye and Nashville marathons as well as a triathlon in Conway. In May, he sky dived 10,000 feet, and then in June and July, he made three mountaineering summit attempts on Star Peak, Mt. Ranier and Mt. Massive. And to top it all off, John finally purchased the dental office building that he had been renting since purchasing the practice of Dr. Vitus Barre several years back. What a year so far and, according to John, there are several more events planned to close it out and we will certainly report on those in the future.

Drs. Harvey Matheny and James Orahood, both Endodontists from Little Rock and North Little Rock, respectively, have announced the addition of principal partners to their practices. First, Harvey announced that Dr. Amir Mehrabi joined his practice as principal the first week of July 2010. Amir is from Little Rock, graduated from UT College of Dentistry in 1994 and began practicing general dentistry with Dr. Danny Haynes of Hot Springs. Along the way, he developed an interest in endodontics and joined the faculty at UT in 2001. Amir was accepted to the Graduate Endo program at Boston University, completing the program in 2005 with a Certificate in Endodontics and an MSD. After graduation at Boston, he started an Endo practice in Memphis. However, strong feelings for home began about a year or so ago, and that is when he and Harvey began discussing his move into the practice. Amir’s wife Lisa is also from Little Rock and they have two sons; Alex, 6 and Barrett, 3. As for Harvey, he will still see patients, but on a limited basis. And after a vacation trip with his wife Carolyn, his time will be shared with the UT Endo Department, the Harmony Clinic in Little Rock and visits with friends and family both near and far.

Next, Jim announced that Dr. Michael Blanscet joined his practice as principal on Sept. 1, 2010. Mike is a native of North Little Rock, graduated from Rhodes College in Memphis in 1996 and the UT College of Dentistry in 2001. After graduating with honors at UT, Mike began his dental career in the Navy with Advanced Education in General Dentistry. He obtained his graduate training/degree in endodontics at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland from August 2005 to August 2007. Mike remained on active duty with the Navy and was the Endodontic Department Head at NDC Norfolk, VA before moving back to North Little Rock in July 2010 so he and his family could be closer to grandparents and other friends and family. Mike’s wife Jennifer is also from North Little Rock as well as his high school sweetheart. They

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have three daughters; Caroline, 9, Julia, 6 and Lauren, 18 months. And as for Jim, he is assuring everyone that he is not retiring, but will be working fewer days and will still continue his affiliation with the Veteran's Administration. Also, he and his wife Jeanette plan to spend more time with their four children and five grandchildren.

Drs. Tom and Kathleen Smith of Little Rock are proud to announce scholastic achievements recently obtained by their three children. Patrick, their oldest son, graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Honors College at Oklahoma State University with a degree in Fire Protection and Safety Technology Engineering. He is now attending the graduate school at OSU as a Homeland Securities Scholar. Daniel, their second son, is currently attending Honors College at Oklahoma State University as a communication disorders/pre-med major. And finally, Kaitlin, their youngest, graduated from Christ Lutheran High School this past May. She graduated with honors, but sadly was a part of the last graduation class for Christ Lutheran High as the school had to close its doors due to insufficient enrollment numbers. Kaitlin is currently enrolled at UCA in Conway as a pre-pharmacy major.

And speaking of graduates, two Central District dentists recently celebrated high school graduations for their daughters. Dr. Mark Murphy of Little Rock and his wife Candice are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter Paige from Central High School. She graduated with honors and received a writing award for her work in the Journalism Department and the yearbook. Paige also received the Arkansas Academic Scholarship and an Arkansas/Arkansas Scholarship from UCA in Conway where she is a film production/journalism major. Also, Dr. Rob Richardson of Little Rock and his wife Jeannie are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter Ann from Mount St. Mary's Academy. Ann also graduated Cum Laude and received the Arkansas Academic Scholarship, a UCA academic scholarship and is a pre-physical therapy major. The Central District congratulates these girls as well as all other high school graduates and wishes them all the best of luck for the future.

Things have certainly been busy at the offices of Drs. Kristi Gipe-Golden and Clint Koen of Hot Springs. Clint and his wife Jules had their first child, a...
Miranda Goff and her husband John had a daughter, Kinley Jade Goff, born October 5 weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 20 inches long. According to Kristi all moms, dads and babies are doing well and the rest of the office has quit drinking the water. Kristi also writes that she and Dr. Richard Deal of Greenbrier recently won a golf tournament shooting 69 (Deal) and 66 (Gipe-Golden). Kristi states that Rachael is the true golfer of the pair; she (Kristi) just likes picking out their cute matching outfits. With scores like 66 and 69, seems as if both are pretty good at the game!

Northeast District News

DR. MICHAEL THOMPSON

It has been very busy at my office the past few months. Dr. Matthew D. Carlisle joined my practice in August. Dr. Carlisle graduated from Jonesboro High School and Arkansas State University with a bachelor of science in biology. He continued his education at the University Of Tennessee College Of Dentistry, receiving his Doctorate of Dental Surgery. He earned his post graduate certificate in periodontology at the University of Iowa as well as a master’s degree in oral science. We celebrated his arrival with a welcome reception. Those who attended gave him a very warm welcome. Thank you! I am very pleased to have him on board.

We continued to celebrate throughout ASU’s football season. Dr. Carlisle and I hosted our first Red Wolves tailgate. Hamburgers and hotdogs were served for all those that came to cheer on A-State.

The NEADDS held their yearly golf scramble at the Ridge Pointe Country Club. Dr. Bob Mason, ASDA president, joined in on all the fun and was one of the “over par” division winners, along with Dick Lewallen. Drs. Jeremy Adams and David Flannigan won the “under par” division. Congratulations!

Dr. Coy Mac Boyd, Jr. and his wife, Cari, celebrated the birth of their twin twins.

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
Twin sons of Dr. Coy Mac Boyd, Jr and his wife Cari
Dr. Michael Thompson, Sandy, Nelda, Elaine, Katie, Patty, April, Renee, Dr. Matt Carlisle
Dr. Emily Gairhan poses on set of Regis and Kelly Live
Dr. Matthew D. Carlisle, his wife, Andrea and Dr. Stan McPike
Dr. Matthew D. Carlisle, his wife, Andrea and Dr. Michael Thompson, his wife, Paula
Dr. Daniel Holsinger and Dr. Matt Carlisle

sons, Lucas Lee and Cade Brooks. They also have a big brother named, Trey.

As I sit here finishing this article, I learn that Dr. Emily Gairhan was the go-go dancer on Kelly and Regis Live, yesterday. She is in New York celebrating her birthday.

The work has already begun for the NEADDS 2011 meeting. Our speaker for Friday will be Gordon J. Christensen. This year the NEA Dental Specialists will be teaming up with the NEADDS on Friday evening this year for a big “Dental Doo.” Look for exciting information in your mail.

Meeting notices for the sponsors have already been sent out and have already
had a great response from them. We will have limited seating so be sure to look for your registration forms in the mail and return them as quickly as possible. The meeting coordinator will be sending reminders and any changes through email. If we do not have your email, please send one to our office. Remember we receive our address labels from the Arkansas State Dental Association. If you do not receive correspondence regarding the meeting, please contact my office: 870-932-0015 or perio.office@suddenlinkmail.com

Happy Birthday to those that had birthdays in June, July, August and September:

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Northwest District News

Dr. Mark Bailey

It has been relatively quiet in the Northwest District this summer, but plans are already underway for the District meeting next year. Dr. Mitch Harper, Fort Smith, president NWDDS, will be hosting the event at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Fort Smith, July 22-23, 2011. The keynote speaker during the continuing education portion of the meeting will be Dr. Frank Higginbottom, Dallas, Texas, who will address restorative solutions for the dental dilemmas that we all face virtually every day in our practices. Green Dental Lab will also provide a CE opportunity for the chair side assistants during the meeting which will focus on temporization for fixed prosthetic restorations as well as temporization of implant cases. There is a possibility that the chair side assistant course will be hands-on, so mark your calendars now for next year’s meeting!

If you would like further information concerning the next district meeting, please contact Dr. Harper at harperdds@aol.com, or Dr. Mark Bailey at bailey-dental@centurytel.net or Dr. Mike Curry at drmichaelcurry@yahoo.com. On a related note, Mark Bailey is working on a survey of the District’s constituents in regards to annual meeting participation and is in the process of doing so through SurveyMonkey.com. If you have an e-mail address, please make sure that the ASDA has access to the address, and be looking for an e-mail from the District in regards to the aforementioned survey.

Left to Right: Dr. Charlie Liggett and family, Dr. Jeremy Simon and family, Dr. Paul Winborn and family, Dr. Monte Butler and family, Dr. Henry Udouj III and family.

The Fort Smith Dental Association had a fantastic members’ and families’

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Annual Summer Picnic on August 9 at the Park at West End on the Arkansas River in downtown Fort Smith. The participants enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings, with the added bonus of carnival rides for kids of all ages! It was really good for some of us old guys to see our younger colleagues and their beautiful families enjoy the evening’s events; some of those youngsters may follow in our footsteps and are the future of our profession.

The 2011 calendar of events for the FSDA is nearly complete and promises to offer another excellent year of CE opportunities for its members at a bargain price. Fourteen hours of CE in two hour increments will be offered throughout the course of the year, and the annual dues cover both the cost of the meal and the CE credits. If you reside within an hour or so of Fort Smith, feel free to inquire with the FSDA concerning membership or events. Most meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and they begin with a social hour and meal at 6:00 p.m., followed by the CE course at approximately 6:30 p.m., and usually lasting until 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Dr. Bryan Bishop at dentalbishop@yahoo.com or Dr. Darrell Durbrow at darrellkd@sbcglobal.net.

On a related note, the Arkansas AGD and the Academy of Interdisciplinary Dentofacial Therapy will hold a cooperative meeting December 3-4, 2010, at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Fayetteville, as a part of the Mastertrack of Arkansas program. Dr. Harald Heymann, Editor in Chief of the Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry will be the keynote speaker. This promises to be an outstanding course dealing with all areas of esthetic dentistry, from materials to techniques and procedures. The Cosmopolitan has given the AGD a special room rate for the meeting, so book early. For more information call 888-784-2432, or e-mail Dr. Terry Box at tgbox@boxbite.com.

Please send your news to me at baileydental@centurytel.net

Southeast District News
DR. STACEY SWILLING

Great news out of Dr. Terri Eubanks office in Monticello. Their office receptionist is going to be a grandmother. The grandbaby is due Nov. 24, 2010. Congratulations!

Terri and Beth Rippy, RDH, have been redecorating Beth’s house and they are planning a day or two of landscaping in Terri’s yard. Terri’s husband Von has been working in California since early August, and she and her son Cole are planning a trip to Los Angeles in November.

Also from Terri’s office, Sissy Harvey has been enjoying watching her sons as they play football for the Star City Bulldogs. Her son, Drue, has been named “Player of the Game” twice this season as well as being named the “Player of the Game” in the Hooten’s Classic against Lonoke at UAPB.

Drs. George Morrisey and Susan Wamble of Pine Bluff and Dr. Ron Gore of Newport participated in a one day mission project called “Miss River Ministry Project,” held in Pine Bluff Sept. 11, 2010. Volunteers from all over the state participated in the project and the medical and
dental clinic were just two of the many ministries that were offered to people in need. Exams, cleanings and extractions were done at no charge on more than 40 patients. Thanks to the 12 volunteers who gave up a Saturday to work in the dental clinic. Special thanks to Susan’s assistant, Jada Hart, who spent her time setting up the clinic area on Friday before the event as well as assisting Saturday and breaking down the clinic at the end of the day. Next year the event will be held in Mena.

Dr. Michael Clark of Pine Bluff reports that his daughter, Samantha, is in her second year of dental school in Kansas City and doing well. His son, Christopher, is finishing at UALR and applying to dental schools.


There is sad news out of Dr. Randy Hestir’s office in Dewitt. His dental assistant, Jordan Murphy, passed away Aug. 7, 2010, in an automobile accident. There are memorial pictures at www.hestirandallen.com. She had been taking classes at the local community college and wanted to be a dental hygienist.

Randy also reports that they have gotten a CEREC, and are having great results with it, doing about two cases a day of the one-day crowns.

Dr. Michael McDaniel of Wilmont reports that he is excited about going to the ADA meeting this fall in Orlando.

In August, Dr. Paul Fitzgerald and Penny of Sheridan had the good fortune to spend two weeks in Ireland and Scotland. He shares that he played some wonderful golf courses! The most beautiful one was the Old Head in Ireland. It sits on a peninsula 200-300 feet high. There is a lighthouse on the end of the peninsula and some enormous lava tunnels under the course. They say the scenery is absolutely spectacular. They even saw kayaks go under the course through those tunnels.

After playing several other courses, they moved on to Scotland, where the highlight of the trip was playing the “Old Course” at St. Andrews. Having no warm-up on the front nine wasn’t too good. On the back nine, he shot one over par with a birdie on the “Road Hole.” They also toured several old churches and other buildings of interest in St. Andrews. Several shops are still making clubs as they did 80-100 years ago. Wooden shafts and some wooden heads were common. They report it was a great trip they would highly recommend to anyone.

Southwest District Dental News
DR. WENDELL GARRETT

Sept. 11, 2001 will be forever held in the memories of mankind. It is only appropriate the SWDDS members and others will always remember Sept. 11, 2010 when Dr. E. Wayne Looney left our world. His departure leaves a large void in

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the dental community with his patients, family and friends. Dr. Looney lost his battle with Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis after a two-week stay in Arkansas Children's Hospital Burn Unit where he received the upmost attention and phenomenal care by the physicians and nurses. His mother was welcomed during the last week at the Ronald McDonald House as their guest.

Wayne was born on July 23, 1951 to Gus Earnest and Mary Hughes Looney in Magnolia, Ark. His father worked as a production manager for the Banner News in Magnolia and the Benton Courier in Benton. He moved to El Dorado in 1962 to work for the El Dorado News Times after living in Camden for several years operating the Progress Printing Co. Wayne worked as a paper boy for numerous years as his dad drove him on his route. Upon graduating from El Dorado High School in 1969, Wayne attended the University of Arkansas graduating in 1973 and thus becoming a lifelong fan of the Razorbacks.

After applying to dental school, Wayne was selected as an alternate. He returned to El Dorado and taught at Holy Redeemer for one year. He entered the University of Tennessee, School of Dentistry (UTSD) in 1974, graduating in three years in 1977. Dr. Looney returned to El Dorado and practiced as an associate with Dr. E.O. Ballard until setting up his private practice on Peach Street in 1982. In 2000, Dr. Looney moved his practice to West Faulkner Street.

During his tenure as a dentist, Dr. Looney never limited the scope of his practice patients. He treated both wealthy and poor. He believed in treating and providing comfort to those in the Medicaid system. He knew his dental skills helped many patients as both he and his staff treated each with kindness and respect. Dr. Looney believed in the concept of organized dentistry. Upon graduating from UTSD, he joined the American Dental Association (ADA), Arkansas State Dental Association (ASDA), the Southwest Dental District Society (SWDDS) and the Union County Dental Society (UCDS).

On Sept. 1, 2001, Dr. Looney was appointed to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) by Governor Mike Huckabee. He was serving his second term on the ASBDE representing SWDDS at the time of his death. During this time Dr. Looney became a member of the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) and the American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE). Wayne served as President of the ASBDE, SRTA, SWDDS and UCDS but no position was more important than that of the SRTA Test/Exam Committee Chairman. He was a rare individual who gave 100 percent of his efforts and made certain what he was asked to accomplish was done with pride and integrity. During his chairmanships from 2003-2004 and 2006 until his death, Dr. Looney's leadership qualities, dedication, and never-ending quest to improve the process of SRTA's initial licensure examination led to his name recognition in the dental community from coast to coast and border to border in the USA. Few dentists are known nationwide as was Dr. E. Wayne Looney. His desire to update and create led to unprecedented changes in the SRTA Exams as well as the hiring of his son's company (The Bright Link Company) which provides computer design and support to several regional testing agencies in the USA and in Canada. The two of them have made many positive advancements in the Dental Testing Community.

D. Looney was also recognized for his herd of Limosin cattle. They were his pride and joy with each holding a special place in his heart. Even though they would find a way to escape the fences surrounding the pastures, Wayne enjoyed the joys of being a rancher/farmer especially when a calf was born.

As a member of East Main Baptist Church, Dr. Looney served as an Awanas leader. He also was a member of the El Dorado Civitan's Club and Golf and Country Club. He was inducted as a Kentucky Colonel and into the Pierre Fauchard Society and International College of Dentists.

Dr. Looney was preceded in death by his father, Gus Earnest Looney, in 1999 and brother-in-law; Gary Gross, in 2000. Because of their deaths, he rededicated his life to God. He is survived by his mother, Mary Looney of El Dorado; a son, E.W. Looney of Alpharetta, Ga. and his wife Liz; granddaughter, Claire who turned 1 on October 15; sister, Anne and her husband Matt Johnson; twin niece and nephew Caroline and Brandon Gross; and his very special friend and office manager Cendee Butler.

Funeral Services were held in El Dorado at Young's Funeral Home Chapel on September 14 with burial in his hometown of Magnolia.

Dr. Looney was a great leader in dentistry and will be greatly missed by many, especially those of us in the SWDDS. We give our heart-full thanks for his services provided to the UCDS, SWDDS, AADE, ASDA, SRTA and ASBDE.

For anyone who would like to make a memorial, please do so to your choice of the following:

ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION
1 Children's Way – Slot 661
Little Rock, AR 72202
www.archildrens.org/foundation

NATIONAL MUSEUM FOR DENTISTRY
University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc.
31 South Greene Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
www.dentalmuseum.org/support/annual_fund
Please send any ASDA Journal Info to:
Dr. Wendell Garrett
105 West 5th Street, El Dorado, AR 71730
drwendell@earthlink.net
When we remember the past, we see how far we have come. Some of us remember going to the dentist and sitting in those fine foot-pumped chairs. The correct chair height was obtained by having the dentist, hygienist or assistant perform multiple aerobic foot plants on a chair pedal. The dental unit was large, metal and resembled a robot of sorts. Glass bottles were filled with mouthwash and water and were perched on a shelf attached to a monstrous dental unit. I remember the color of a couple of the units in the dental office I frequented as a child. One was painted pink enamel while another was a lime green colored enamel. The bracket table was made of milk glass with an attractive scalloped edge. White round papers were the bracket table cover for instruments. The saliva ejector was metal and had a rubber tip at the end for better patient comfort. A cuspidor with running, swirling water provided the serene ambiance that resembled the sound of a gentle waterfall. Many patients still search for the swirling cuspidor waters when they visit their dental office.

When reviewing a history of the Arkansas State Dental Hygienists’ Association, we read information that was integral in its development. An advisory board, appointed by the president of the Arkansas State Dental Association helped guide our association in its formative years. The members of the appointed Advisory Committee were: Dr. Garland Kimbro, Dr. Earl McWherter and Dr. J. P. Chancery.

Prior to 1954, dental hygienists met with dental assistants and appreciated and enjoyed their programs. Three Arkansas hygienists, Marie Kelly, Frances Goodenough and Alice Haberle, composed the constitution and by-laws of the fledging Arkansas Dental Hygienists’ Association with the help of Ms. Sarah Hill, Dean of the University of Tennessee School of Dental Hygiene and president-elect of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association.

Every hygienist in the state was contacted and invited to attend the organizing meeting in conjunction with the 66th State Dental Convention in April 1954 at the Marion Hotel, Little Rock, Ark. At this convention, eight hygienists discussed and approved the proposed constitution and by-laws. The three selected ASDA Advisory Committee members reviewed the constitution and by-laws prior to having these documents sent to the Legislative Committee of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association. The Arkansas State Dental Hygienists’ Association received their Charter in the spring of 1955.

History can be a great teacher. We must learn from our history, embrace the strengths and plan changes to improve the future.

SRTA, the Southern Regional Testing Agency, was not envisioned. My dental hygiene state board exam took place at UAMS School of Dental Hygiene and was conducted by the members of ASBDE, not a regional testing agency. The dental hygiene job market in this state was great in those years.

I recall a time when I served as the hygiene member on the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners. It was a privilege to be a part of the board; however, even though I was a Board Member, I was unable to vote on Board matters. Times have changed. Today, hygienists do have a vote on ASBDE business.

The demands on the dental profession are becoming greater as the years fly by. The dental profession is facing the same healthcare crisis as other healthcare professions. The need for more dentists is huge in this state. Arkansas has several counties that do not even have one dentist practicing in the county. In those counties and in workplaces such as nursing homes, schools and community health centers where a dentist is unable to be present, dental hygienists are unable to treat patients. People are suffering from lack of access to care. We see evidence of this at ARMoM; crowds of people looking for dental help. The cries for dental care are obvious.

Today, the number of practicing hygienists in Arkansas is greater than the number of practicing dentists. The 2009 statistics listed at www.ASBDE.org, cite 1,187 dentists and 1,194 hygienists practicing in Arkansas. The job market, once opened wide for recent graduating hygiene students, is now very limited. We

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are graduating dental hygiene students who cannot find work due to the dental manpower shortage. The high cost of education becomes a financial burden when graduates are unable to find a job. This is a different picture from when I graduated when hygienists were a rare commodity. However, that is no longer the case. Dental hygienists are looking for more work opportunities under dentist supervision. We are ready to serve.

Now is the time to work smarter to treat those in need across the state. By working together in addressing job market and access to care concerns, the Arkansas State Dental Association and the Arkansas State Dental Hygienists’ Association can reach out to help those in need. Greater access to care is one solution for patients who are unable to find the dental care they seek.

I look forward to working with ASDA and members of my association as we continue to take steps toward making quality dental care accessible to all Arkansans.

Pulaski Technical College – Dental Assisting
BY DEANNA DAVIS

Our new class of future dental assistants arrived at Pulaski Technical College in August. There were 26 excited students looking forward to a new career in dental assisting.

This fall we added a new member to our faculty team. Floy Ashe started as our new lab assistant. Her chair side experience is very helpful with the students in the clinical and laboratory setting. She graduated from this program and has been in the field of dentistry for 19 years. We are fortunate to have her on board.

September came quickly for our students who provided fluoride varnish at Stephens, Bale and Wilson Elementary schools in Little Rock. Exactly 367 pre-k, first and second grade students received the fluoride varnish. The DA students will return in the spring to do a second fluoride varnish on the children.

Donna Cobbs and Cornesha James came to share information with the students about the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners. They explained how to become registered dental assistants upon graduation as well as how renewals occur.

UAMS Department of Dental Hygiene
SUSAN LONG, RCH, EDD
Professor and Chairman

On August 17, the UAMS Department of Dental Hygiene greeted a new class of 37 junior students and welcomed back a senior class of 39 students. We have reduced our Little Rock class from 34 to 32 students in order to have more flexibility with our clinical rotation sites. The class includes students enrolled in the traditional class in Little Rock and the 10 students (5 in each class) enrolled at the distant site on the campus of Arkansas State University in Mountain Home. Because the primary goal of establishing this off-campus location is to meet the need for hygienists in North Central Arkansas, the student selection process for the distant location gives first consideration to qualified applicants from the 10 counties in the UAMS Area Health Education Center-North Central (AHEC-NC) service area, which includes Independence, Baxter, Fulton, Sharp, Stone, Cleburne, Van Buren, Searcy, Marion and Izard counties. The new junior students and their hometowns are listed below.

The department has been the fortunate recipient of several grants. In September, the department received grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for their Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) in the amount of $294,660 to replace dental equipment in the UAMS Dental Hygiene Clinic. In August, the distant site in Mountain Home received a $10,000 grant from Delta Dental of Arkansas to be used toward the purchase of a digital panoramic radiograph machine. The UAMS AHEC-NC is contributing matching funds toward the purchase.

In August, the department also received grant funding from the American Dental Hygienists’ Association to continue the oral screening and fluoride varnish project in the UAMS Head Start centers. The project involves training graduate pediatric nurse practitioner students in the UAMS College of Nursing to perform caries risk assessments and apply fluoride varnish. During the academic year, our dental hygiene students and the pediatric nurse practitioner students will perform oral assessments and apply fluoride varnish for over 1,200 Head Start children. The department was included in a three-year grant funded in 2009 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) received by the Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Oral Health. The grants are awarded to states to improve the accessibility of the oral health workforce for underserved geographic areas. As part of the grant, the first three
classes of first-year UAMS dental hygiene students at the distant site in Mountain Home will receive a $2,000 stipend to assist with the cost of their education.

Service learning is an important component to our program, and while students have a requirement for a minimum number of service hours, most of our students far exceed that number. In addition to the Head Start Fluoride Varnish Project, students participate in a variety of community service projects throughout the year: the “Spit Tobacco Prevention Night” at the Arkansas Traveler's baseball game sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Health, Office of Oral Health; oral health screenings and placement of sealants for children enrolled in UALR's Children International program; a 4-week school-based sealant project (utilizing portable dental equipment set up in school classrooms) in Little Rock elementary schools; and free sealant days in our dental hygiene clinics (UAMS and Mountain Home) where students place sealants for school-age children at no charge. Our students in Mountain Home can volunteer their services at the dental clinic of the Mountain Home Christian Clinic, and our students in Little Rock have the opportunity to volunteer at the dental clinic of the Harmony Health Clinic. We also receive a significant number of requests to participate in community health fairs throughout the year.

Following approval by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners, we hope to be able to offer an on-line nitrous oxide course in early 2011. Other continuing education courses planned include:

• UAMS Dental Hygiene Student Table Clinics (2 CEUs) - February 18
• Administration & Monitoring of Nitrous Oxide for Dental Assistants and Hygienists (5 CEUs) - March 4 (traditional course)
• Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienists (32 CEUs) May 31 - June 3
• Supplemental Techniques in Local Anesthesia for Dentists and Dental Hygienists (6 CEUs) - June 10

For CE course registration forms and more information, please visit www.uams.edu/chrp/dentalhygiene or call (501) 686-5734.

UAMS DEPARTMENT OF DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS OF 2012
LITTLE ROCK
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Stephanie Clark
Deidre Cotton
Bailey Dietrich
Jessie Folson
Haley Gartman
Kristen Goodin
Daniela Hamilton
Bryan Harvison
Mary Dudley Hodges
Megan Whitney Jameson
Olivia Lieblong
April Loken
Reagan McKinley
Christy McSpadden
Whitney Moffitt
Cassie Morrison
Melody Motal
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Delta Dental of Arkansas proudly announces a new dynamic recognition award. The Delta Dental of Arkansas Open Heart Award recognizes Arkansas dentists who have selflessly opened their hearts and donated their professional skills in the field of dentistry, to improve the oral health of under-served populations in Arkansas, the United States and abroad. Inquire now to submit your nominations.

**Criteria**
The award recognizes dentists whose commitment and leadership has had a broad impact on oral health and the improvement of the human condition. The award will be given to a dentist who has dedicated at least ten years to local, international or domestic volunteer service and has furthered the mission of improving oral health.

**Nominations**
An individual may nominate any Arkansas dentist, by submitting a nomination form to the Delta Dental Foundation by March 1, of each year for consideration by the DDAR Board. A nominator is limited to one Open Heart Award nomination per year.

**The Award**
The award will include a monetary donation of $5,000 given to the dental charity/project of the recipient’s choice. Delta Dental of Arkansas will bring the honoree and a companion to the ASDA Annual Session for the award ceremony and will cover the expenses of travel.

For official nomination requirements, nomination form or more information contact Edie Arey, Delta Dental of Arkansas, Professional Relations at EArey@ddpar.com or 501-992-1602.
Thomas H. Barnes, Jr.

Dr. Thomas H. Barnes, Jr., 83, of Little Rock died September 22, 2010. He was born February 22, 1927 in Leachville, Ark., a son of Thomas H. Barnes, Sr. and Alma Abey Barnes.

Dr. Barnes was a United States Navy Veteran who served during World War II and was a Naval Corpsman attached to the First Marine Division during the Korean War. He held a doctorate degree in pharmacy from the College of the Ozarks and a doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. He was a practicing dentist in Portageville, Mo. for 34 years.

Dr. Barnes was an avid outdoorsman and pilot. Dr. Barnes was an active Christian who served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher in the Southern Baptist churches he attended while living in Missouri and Arkansas.

“Papa” will be dearly missed by his beloved family. He was preceded in death by his parents and a great-grandson. Survivors include his wife, Martha Green Barnes; son, Dr. Thomas Michael Barnes (Jane) of New Madrid, Mo.; daughter, Pamela Gail Essary (Bryan) of Little Rock, Ark.; six grandchildren, Dr. Alyson Fish (Mike), Stacy Barnes, Christen Bufford (Brent), Kelly Benton (Mat), Joshua Nowell and Allison Courtios (David); nine great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara Barnes Grimes (Monte) of Leachville, Ark.; and brother, Fred E. Barnes (Reiko) of Las Vegas.

A funeral service was held September 25 at Otter Creek First Baptist Church, 13000 Quail Run Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72210; or to a favorite charity.

Dr. Fred Clarence Inman III, D.D.S.

Dr. Fred Clarence Inman III, D.D.S., 62, of Cabot, Arkansas passed away August 8, 2010, after a long battle with multiple myeloma. He was born July 22, 1948 in Little Rock, Ark. He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Fred Clarence Inman, Jr., M.D. and his grandparents.

Dr. Inman attended school at McCrory and went on to graduate from Carlisle High School. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1971 with a double major in chemistry and physics. He then attended the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry from 1972 through 1976, earning his Doctorate of Dental Surgery. He was a Captain in the National Guard and served time overseas during Desert Storm. Dr. Inman is a Fellow of American General Dentistry, Delta Dental and a member of Phi Gamma Delta. Dr. Inman also participated in dental mission work in Haiti.

He was married to Paula Catherine Pruitt Inman for 39 years. Dr. Inman loved being with his family and friends, having intelligent conversations and enjoyed music, photography, gadgets and the Internet. He was a loyal member of the Arkansas Chamber Singers of Little Rock and the Cabot United Methodist Church choir for 32 years. He was an Eagle Scout and enjoyed duck hunting and fishing. Dr. Inman was a dentist and orthodontist in Cabot for 25 years and was a pillar of the community, a role model and a character that left his mark on everyone he knew and loved.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his three daughters, Leigh Catherine Inman Lowman and her husband John Lowman of Atlanta and two grandsons, Fred Thomas Lowman and William Andrus Lowman; Dr. Laura Susanne Inman of Phoenix; and Megan Elaine Inman Bennett and her husband Dr. Grant Whitby Bennett of Greenville, S.C., and his granddaughter, Brooke Elizabeth Bennett; and his mother, Sarabelle Atkinson Inman of Carlisle, Ark.. His siblings are Mark Howell Inman and his wife Patti, of Bentonville, Ark.; Francis Carol Inman Dowell and her husband Cleve, of Manning, S.C.; and Sara Margaret Inman Hunt of Carlisle, Ark.. The family was thankful to the doctors at the Myeloma Institute at UAMS for their incredible and compassionate care, especially Dr. Elias Anaissie and Dr. Bart Barlogie.

The family would appreciate donations in memory of Dr. Fred Clarence Inman, III, D.D.S. to be made to one of the following: Cabot United Methodist Church, 2003 South Pine Street Cabot, Arkansas 72023 or Winthrop Rockefeller Myeloma Cancer Institute, 4301 W. Markham, Slot 623 Little Rock, AR 72205.

Dr. E. Wayne Looney

Dr. E. Wayne Looney, 59, passed away September 11, 2010 at Arkansas Children’s Hospital in Little Rock, Ark. Dr. Looney was born...
July 23, 1951 in Magnolia, Ark. to Gus Ernest and Mary Virginia Hughes Looney. He earned a dual degree in chemistry and psychology from the University of Arkansas in 1973. In 1977, Dr. Looney graduated as a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Tennessee. He was passionately involved with organized dentistry by protecting the public at both the state and national level. Dr. Looney served as president of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners as well as president and Examination Committee Chairman for the Southern Regional Testing Agency. Dr. Looney was an avid cattle farmer who loved the outdoors. He was a member of the East Main Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father Gus Ernest Looney. Survivors include his mother, Mary H. Looney of El Dorado; son, E.W. Looney Jr., his wife, Elizabeth and granddaughter Claire of Alpharetta, Ga.; sister, Anne Johnson, her husband, Matt, nephew and niece, Brandon and Caroline of Benton, Ark.

Memorials can be made to the donor's choice of the following: Arkansas Children's Hospital Foundation or Dr. E. Wayne Looney Memorial College Fund for Claire Looney.

**Robert Myer, D.D.S.**

Robert E. “Bob” Myer, D.D.S., 84, of El Dorado, Ark. passed away August 8, 2010. He was born January 31, 1926 in McGehee, Ark. to Thelma and Bryan W. Myer. He attended public schools and graduated from McGehee High School in 1944. After graduation, Bob volunteer for and entered the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1946. He attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark. and graduated from the University of Arkansas-Monticello in 1949. He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity, and was a trumpet player in the Razorback Marching Band.

Dr. Myer was accepted to the Kansas City Western Dental College in 1949 and graduated with a doctorate of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) in 1953. Upon graduation he moved to El Dorado to begin practicing dentistry. He was a practicing dentist for 42 years in El Dorado and enjoyed his many patients and their families. He served as president of the Southwestern Dental District and El Dorado Dental Association. In 2003, he was recognized for 50 years as a member of the Arkansas State Dental Association.

Dr. Myer was active in the Lions Club and served as president. He was a Presbyterian and member of the First Presbyterian Church. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church where he sang tenor in the choir for 56 years, served as an elder, deacon and Sunday school teacher. He played the trumpet for most of his life in many bands, most recently in the band Young at Heart. Dr. Myer married Margaret Ann Speer of El Dorado December 18, 1954. They have one daughter, Mimi Margaret Myer Hurst. He was an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman. He will be remembered for his easy manner, good humor and love of people.

Dr. Myer is survived by his wife of 55 years, Margaret Speer Myer; daughter Mimi Margaret Myer Hurst and her husband, Joseph Barber Hurst, Jr. and his two grandchildren: Joseph Barber “Hayden” Hurst III and Margaret Myer “Maggie” Hurst.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 300 E. Main, El Dorado, Arkansas 71730; Union County Animal Protection Society (UCAPS), 1000 Sunset Road, El Dorado, Arkansas 71730; Life Touch Hospice, 2301 Champagnolle Road, El Dorado, Arkansas 71730 or the charity of your choice.

**Dr. Robert E. “Bob” Orgain**

We mourn the loss of Dr. Robert E. “Bob” Orgain, who passed away October 18, 2010. He was the devoted husband to his late wife, Ethel Orgain, who passed away July 31, 2010, after 63 years of marriage. Robert Orgain was a loving husband, dad and granddad to his wife, two children and three grandchildren.

Born December 22, 1922 to Robert E. and Ouida Orgain, Orgain has one sister, Ruby Carey, of Pine Bluff, Ark.. He was a veteran of WWII. A more loving and devoted father you could not find. He was a good provider to his family and participated in his children’s lives with care, fun and wisdom. To his children he was a true hero, and to his wife a beloved companion.

Dr. Orgain practiced family dentistry in Little Rock, Ark. for approximately 30 years. He was dedicated to his practice and the many patients he served. He demonstrated kindness and compassion in all endeavors. Over the years, many patients who came to him as children were still coming to see him as adults. Everyone who met him liked and admired him.

An avid golfer for decades, Orgain was a long-time member of Pleasant Valley Country Club and enjoyed participating in many activities at their facilities. He could recount many happy golf stories experienced with his friends. His love of flying covered many years, and the time he spent in his plane were treasured. Other hobbies Orgain enjoyed included woodworking at home. As a dentist, he was very good with his hands, and this skill translated well into building intricate woodwork. He and his wife completed many home projects together; including remodeling and landscaping.

In his retirement, Orgain spent precious time with his wife, Ethel; daughter, Deborah Rogers; son, Russ Orgain; grandchildren: Elizabeth, Zachary and McKenzie Orgain; friends and extended family. His sense of humor was wonderful and people loved being in his presence. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. Survivors include: son, Russ Orgain of Fayetteville, Ark.; daughter, Deborah Rogers of Little Rock, Ark.; sister, Ruby Carey of Pine Bluff, Ark.; nieces, Ellen Tarkington and family; Elise Argue and family; his late wife’s family in Texas; and numerous extended family members.
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