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2017 Southwest Dental Conference

Article by Jodi Danna, DDS, 2017 SWDC Chairman

We Powered Growth!

The Southwest Dental Conference of 2017 is now on the books and a part of our organization's history. I am proud to announce, it was also financially successful.

When I started this journey three years ago I had no idea how much work would be required to put into such an event. As chairman, over a period of eighteen months, I spent many hours traveling, scouting for speakers who are exciting, innovative, informative and progressive.

In retrospect, I must say that I am very proud of the talent that we brought together at our meeting this year as we received many positive comments on our speakers' presentations. Plus, the feedback we received from attendees will be invaluable as we plan future events.

However, an event as big as ours typically never goes on without a hitch. Parking was a nightmare. We knew going into the event that the evacuees from Houston would be provided shelter at the Convention Center. Yet, we had no idea that as a result, a key parking area would be closed off to our attendees. If we had known this beforehand we would have been able to warn our conventioners. Moving forward, barring no other major catastrophe, we will be working closely with the Convention Center about changes in the event structure.

Additionally, in the past ninety years, we have never had a major issue with one of our presenters. However, this year one of our speakers fell very ill and was not able to fulfill his speaking obligations. He was so compromised by his illness that he had to spend the entire time in his hotel room. Of course, he apologized profusely for not being able to speak. Such is life!

I want to extend a special thank you to our volunteers. They were absolutely amazing and worked to make our event as successful as possible. Dallas County Dental Society is filled with true leaders. I am most grateful to have had their assistance in pulling off such a big endeavor.

I also want to give a big "shout out" to our team members in the executive office. Jane and the women of Dallas County worked tirelessly for us, and continue to do so. If you have a chance to speak to them, please extend thanks for their efforts.

Finally, as I close this chapter on my experience as chairman, I thank the members of Dallas County who had the faith to elect me to this position. I have enjoyed and benefited from this amazing adventure more than I could have ever imagined.

Here's to another 90 years!



The Write Stuff

Carmen P. Smith, DDS, MBA, President



What an amazing 90th Southwest Dental Conference. Congratulations to our Chairman, Dr. Jodi Danna and the SWDC Scientific Committee for an outstanding program.

Kudos to the DCDS staff for a job well done. There is so much time and energy given in order to produce a Conference of this magnitude, and the Dallas County Dental Society is deeply grateful to those who serve.

Our first general membership meeting was held on September 26, 2017. It was an honor to celebrate 14 doctors who have obtained Good Fellow status, which is 25 years of continuous membership. Again, we say thank you for your commitment to organized dentistry. Dr. Bill Gerlach, TDA president-elect, reported that the Hurricane Relief Fund started by the TDA in response to Hurricane Harvey has seen an outpouring of donations, which has allowed the TDA to provide financial aid to many of our colleagues in need.

The TDA has hired a new executive director. Her name is Linda Brady and she hails from Tampa Bay, Florida. She will assume her role

beginning November 1. Dr. Hilton Israelson provided us with an update on our new DCDS Dental Assisting School. The school will house four operatories for students and will allow us to provide live-streaming continuing education for our members. Finally, we were given an energetic and entertaining lecture by Dr. Paulino Castellon, DDS, MS. He presented "Treatment of Edentulous Arches" and gave us tips and tricks on appropriate use of dental implants in edentulous arches.

As we approach the end of the year (that's hard to believe), I invite you to join DCDS in the remainder of our programs for 2017: General Membership (November 28); CE Program sponsored by Retired Dentist Committee (December 1). It's an exciting time to be a member of DCDS and I hope that you will continue to be fully engaged in the education and networking that is offered.

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

- Maya Angelou



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Impressions

Editorial by Larry W. White, DDS, MSD, Editor

Teeth in America



Sometimes it clarifies issues to take a step back from the dental chair and read what others are thinking, saying and writing about dentistry. One such

pundit, Mary Otto, of Washington, D.C. and an oral health topic leader for the Association of Health Care Journalists received a Knight Science Journalism Fellowship along with a fellowship from the Dennis A. Hunt Fund for Health Journalism that allowed her to spend a year attending classes at the Harvard schools of dental medicine and public health. That experience resulted in her 2017 publication, *Teeth, The Story of Beauty, Inequality, and the Struggle for Oral Health in America* (The New Press, NY, NY, 291 pp. \$26.95).

By Ms. Otto's reasoning American dentistry went wrong when Chapin Harris and Horace Hayden didn't persist enough in their efforts to join their new Baltimore College of Dental Surgery to the College of Medicine at the University of Maryland in 1840. She posits that had dentistry associated with medicine in those early years, the American populace would now enjoy better and more universally applied dental health - all through the auspices of a benevolent government.

Every good story, of course, requires heroes, villains and clarions who strongly express demand for action. In Ms. Otto's story, the villains are, you guessed it, dentists who don't accept Medicaid or CHIPS patients, oppose dental health aid therapists a.k.a. DHATs and focus on providing cosmetic procedures for patients. The heroes are those who sit in university chairs and lament the lack of dentists commitments to the millions of dentally unserved and underserved and politicians and bureaucrats who advocate for a "free" universal dental health program. The clarions along with Ms. Otto are pioneers who promoted capitation programs and dental hygienists who enlist the help of the FTC and the Department of Health and Human Services to actively support the development of DHAT services.

Contrary to Ms. Otto's conclusions, the reason American dentistry developed into the world's hegemon of dental diagnosis and therapy was its isolation from medicine. No other country on earth has provided its citizens with better, more attractive, more available and more affordable dentistry than American dentists. American dentists provided the vanguard of prevention when they championed fluoridation of water supplies, which has been one of the most successful public health programs ever enacted anywhere. Dental independence allowed innovation, experimentation and product development that would have never occurred had it associated with medicine. The rest of the world is now catching up with the U.S. in dental therapy, but make no mistake about it, we set the standard and continue to provide important leadership for the profession.

I have travelled much of the world and have had an opportunity to see the effects of other countries dental care up close and personal. In many of those countries where dentistry has a tight connection to medical training, their citizens have suffered from it. One dentist from Slovenia summed up the impression that the rest of the world has of American dentistry when she told me that there was nothing in the world like the smile of an American teenage girl.

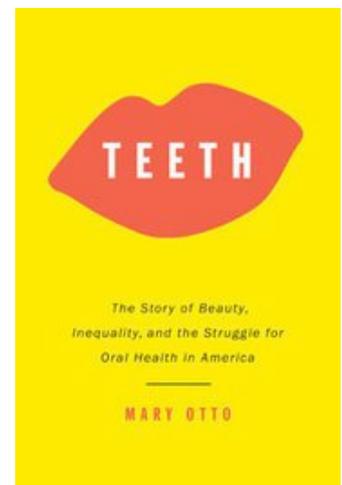
Ms. Otto uses the death of 12 year old Deamonte Driver who died from an untreated dental infection that eventually spread to his brain as the poster child of how dentistry has failed the nation's indigents. Less emphasized was his mother's irresponsibility as a drug addict who neglected not only Deamonte's dental needs but those of his siblings as well. If anything, this was a case of dreadful child abuse. Otto seems appalled that dental patients have a personal responsibility for the health of their teeth unlike other diseases, but then teeth absorb daily insults that only patients can remedy. That feature of dental care seems to have escaped her.

Otto laments that hospitals in America handle what she says are hundreds of thousands of dental emergencies yearly that cost millions

of dollars and leave patients without effective dental therapies. But this is hardly dentists fault. Hospitals could easily solve the problem by hiring emergency room dentists as they do physicians and furnish a dental environment, but that concept apparently hasn't occurred to hospital administrators.

The essence of Ms. Otto's jeremiad advances the idea that dental care in America has a serious flaw that only government intervention will solve. When one looks at the forces arrayed to make this grand vision reality, e.g., government bureaucrats, academicians, politicians, and wealthy private foundations, it evokes a sadness about the future of this great profession. Would that we had an example where such a vision had come to fruition, but such a dental utopia doesn't exist despite some countries' efforts to that effect.

Obviously and lamentably the only reasonable defense lies not in public relation campaigns but in the halls of legislation where our story might gain traction with those who craft the laws of our states and nation. For that reason, dentists collectively and individually need to develop a seriousness about DenPacs because if you are not seated at the table, you are probably on the menu.



From The Hub



As I reflect back on 2017 I am pleased to report that DCDS continues to remain relevant with strong leaders!!!!

Strategic Plan – DCDS Board continues to review the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan to make sure they stay on track to accomplish the goals. I am pleased to say DCDS has gone through the strategic plan process for 25 plus years and continues to use the plan as a road map to remain the premier dental society it is known for today.

SWDC – The SWDC celebrated its 90th year under the leadership of Dr. Jodi Danna and the SWDC Scientific Committee. It was a very successful Conference and another milestone for DCDS.

DCDS Foundation – DCDSF supplied 6,000 dental hygiene kits for the Hurricane Harvey evacuees that were housed in Dallas and donated \$5,000.00 to the TDA Relief Fund. DCDSF has been approved to co-sponsor another Veteran’s TMOM in Dallas in 2018. Exact date and location has not been finalized.

New Dentist Committee – DCDS New Dentist Committee has launched a mentor/mentee program which included a networking reception held on October 25, 2017.

ADA Find-a-Dentist – DCDS is participating in a matching funds campaign with the goal of more patients in the chairs. Dr. Sarah Poteet serves on the ADA Council on Communications and is instrumental in overseeing the process.

Many thanks to the leaders who work tirelessly to make sure DCDS remains the premier society of the ADA.

by Jane D. Evans, Executive Director

DCDS Dental Assisting School – The DCDS Dental Assisting School/Learning Center has finalized the building plans. The Task Force has been exceptional with all members working either on the building plans or curriculum. One of the operatories will be designated as a learning center with state-of-the-art audio visual, which will give the SWDC the capability to stream live patient surgery to a classroom at the Conference. I promise you that this is going to be something members will be proud of and benefit from.



CORE Continuum 2017

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This 2 weekend (4 days) course will provide a framework for the treatment of the complex interdisciplinary dental patient. The first step in the process is the diagnosis, followed by the treatment plan. The next step is the coordination and sequencing of the treatment plan with the specialists. The final step is the provision of the restorative dentistry. It is the purpose of this course to provide a step-by-step system to allow the restorative dentist to complete each step in the process.

The goal of this continuum is to provide a common language for the Restorative Dentist, Orthodontist, Periodontist, and the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon so you may successfully treat the complex interdisciplinary patient.

Course Dates

November 3rd – 4th
December 1st – 2nd



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Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world.
For, indeed, that's all who ever have.

— Margaret Mead

DCDS Foundation improves oral health in our community.

During calendar year 2017 DCDS Foundation provided:

- 715 toothbrush and toothpaste kits to adults and children at schools and health fairs.
- 6,000 oral health kits to victims of Hurricane Harvey.
- Awarded the first DCDS Foundation Public Health Dentistry Scholarship to Dr. Namrata Rathod, a Public Health Sciences Resident at Texas A&M University College of Dentistry.
- Donated funds to the TDA Relief Fund.

Since 1998 the Dallas County Dental Society Foundation has had the opportunity to:

- Educate elementary school children in the Dallas Independent School District about oral health.
- Place over 1,800 dental sealants on second graders in Dallas schools.
- Launch two programs in conjunction with the Dallas Dental Hygiene Society to provide oral health education in schools (Tooth Talk) and nursing homes (Senior Smiles) in the Dallas area.
- Provide over \$2.3 million in care to more than 4,567 underserved patients at Texas Missions of Mercy held in Dallas since 2004 in partnership with the Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation.
- Collaborate with Attitudes & Attire programs to promote volunteers to provide dentistry to Hopeful Smiles and Boots to Heels programs. Currently fifty-five dentists in the Dallas Area are volunteering to provide dentistry to patients in these programs.

DCDSF is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. Please visit <https://www.dcds.org/dcds-foundation/> and consider making a tax-deductible end-of-year gift to help!

THANK YOU for your continued support!

DCDS Member's Message Board

Welcome New Members!

General Practice

Emeka Abazie
 Swathi Atluri
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 Yasmin Awad
 Svetlana Baranovitch
 Carmen Blunt
 Jhansi Lakshmi Bodapati
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Pediatric

Loria Nahatis

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Dentists Concerned for Dentists

Founded by Dr. James Hill in 1989, the Dentists Concerned for Dentists program provides a free, strictly confidential peer assistance program for health care professionals, their staff, and family members who struggle with drug and alcohol abuse.

This award-winning program saves lives; please share with your colleagues and friends.

**Call the 24-hour
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In Memoriam

Dr. Robert Stringfellow
 Dr. Kathleen Feisel
 Dr. Richard Steele
 Dr. Warren York Randall

Meeting Space Available

As a member of DCDS, you can take advantage of low member rates for renting the Society's Executive Office for your next meeting.

The Dr. O.V. Cartwright Reception Hall

(Perfect for registration and a pre-function gathering)

The Dr. Paul P. Taylor Executive Board Room

(Can seat 14 around a large conference table)

The Dr. D. Lamar Byrd Auditorium

(1,650 square feet of meeting space that can seat up to 200)

Audio/visual equipment is available.

For more information please call:

Maxine Robinson

972-386-5741 or email: maxine@dcds.org

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Upcoming Events!

November 28, 2017 – General Membership Meeting

December 1, 2017 – DCDS CE Program - Forensic Dentistry: The State-of-the-Art

February 15, 2018 – DCDS CE Program - Prescription Narcotic Use/Abuse - Update on Epidemic and Potential Regulatory Changes Affecting Texas Dentists

February 20, 2018 – General Membership Meeting

March 24, 2018 – Women's Afternoon Tea (The Adolphus Hotel)

March 27, 2018 – General Membership Meeting

April 17, 2018 – General Membership Meeting

September 6-8, 2018 – Southwest Dental Conference

Mentor/Mentee Reception

Sponsored by: DCDS New Dentist Committee

The reception sponsored by DCDS New Dentist Committee and funded by a grant from the ADA was held on October 25, 2017 at the DCDS Executive Office. The evening began with dinner and greetings from Dr. Rich Derksen, chairman, New Dentist Committee. After dinner dialogue began between the mentor and mentees and by the excitement in the room it is apparent that the program is off to a great start.

If you have not signed up to be a mentor or mentee contact Ms. Ashley Hawkins and she will forward a form to you.

What is a Mentor Program?

A Mentor Program forms relationships between doctors and students or recent graduates. It provides insight for the less experienced professional and enables dental students and new dentists to obtain counsel and guidance when beginning a dental career.



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DCDS Membership Benefits

- Free registration for members to the Southwest Dental Conference
- Peer Review mediation service to reconcile complaints between patients and doctors
- Rent the DCDS meeting facility at special member rates
- Continuing education via seminars and General Membership Meetings
- Pre-printed school excuse forms provided free of charge to dentists treating school-age children
- Free referral program for the public
- Online pictorial membership roster, an excellent referral source
- Confidential free notary public service
- DCDS Connection, the bimonthly newsletter of Dallas County Dental Society (member advertising at reduced rates)
- Member mailing labels available for purchase
- Grassroots legislator contact program with state and national legislative representation
- License and permit renewal reminders
- DCDS members receive all membership benefits offered by the Texas and American Dental Associations (contact TDA and ADA for a list of benefits)

Plus many more!



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DCDS implemented text messaging so you will not forget another meeting. All you need to do is sign up for the service and you will be reminded of future meetings and events.



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BOARD MOTIONS

September 2017

MOTION 09.05.17A : A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 1, 2017. **Motion passed.**

MOTION 09.05.17B : A motion was made to approve the financials for the month ending July 31, 2017. **Motion passed.**

MOTION 09.05.17C : A motion was made to decline the offer of a joint meeting in 2022 with the ADA Annual Session/Star of the South to be held in Houston. **Motion passed.**

Legal and Ethical Considerations

Editorial by Robert M. Anderton, DDS, JD, LLM

Embezzlement In The Dental Office



A subject we don't like to talk about much is theft in the office, especially embezzlement. It is, however, much more prevalent than we might think. It's often something we read or hear about but always happens to someone else.

We know about stealing, but embezzlement is a special kind of theft. According to Black's Law Dictionary "Embezzlement is "the fraudulent appropriation of property by one lawfully entrusted with its possession. To 'embezzle' means willfully to take, or convert to one's own use, another's money or property, of which the wrongdoer acquired possession lawfully by reason of some office or employment or position of trust. The elements of 'offense' are that there must be a relationship such as that of employment or agency between the owner of the property and the wrongdoer. The property alleged to have been embezzled must have come into possession of the wrongdoer by virtue of that relationship and there must be an intentional and fraudulent appropriation or conversion of the property."

When we hear someone accused of embezzlement we usually get the mental picture of a thin little man sitting at a roll top desk covered a foot deep with papers filled with financial reports. He is wearing a white shirt with sleeves held up by arm bands and he is wearing thick glasses and a visor with a translucent green eye shade. It's just been discovered by outside auditors that there is a short fall in the company's assets of half a million dollars. The little man with the green visor who has been responsible for the company assets for over thirty years is nowhere to be found.

This is the story we get from television and the movies, but unfortunately, the stories are much closer to home and they are not fiction. I have encountered many examples, but a couple of the most egregious ones come to mind. I received a call from a doctor's wife

who complained to me that she thought something might be wrong with their finances. She related that her husband treated patients and worked tirelessly five and six days a week, and his production was quite high; but they could hardly make ends meet. This came to her attention because their general manager has been in charge of all of the billing, collections, deposits and reconciliation of the bank accounts (personal and business). He had been with them for five years and was now out of the country on vacation – something she and her husband could not afford to do. She called me for advice, and I asked if, by chance, they had a fiduciary bond on the manager. Her answer was positive; so I recommended that she immediately contact the bonding company who sent an auditor right away.

I met with the auditor at noon of the day on which he came. The auditor was packing up to leave after only a couple of hours and I asked him if he was going to continue the audit. His answer was that the bond was for Fifty Thousand Dollars and he found evidence of embezzlement of that much in the first two hours; so he would recommend payment of the face amount of the bond, but would not look further.

Another case involved a trusted office manager who managed collections, deposits, credit card transactions and bank account reconciliations. The owner of this practice noticed discrepancies in her office credit card balances. We discovered that the manager had devised a clever scheme whereby when a patient overpaid or was entitled to a refund on an amount paid by credit card, the office manager had her personal credit card simultaneously credited with the same amount. Over a period of eight years this amounted to over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Not only does embezzlement involve money, but often drugs, office supplies and prescriptions. Why are dentists so vulnerable? That's easy – we are too eager to let someone else look after our financial affairs about which we know very little and

have almost no training. We compound the problem by selecting people to assist us who are not qualified for that purpose or are simply not trustworthy.

Consider the common thread in the two examples. They both almost fit perfectly the qualifications for embezzlement – they both were long time trusted employees; they came into possession of money because of that trust; and they converted the money intentionally and fraudulently. The end results were: In the first case, when confronted with the embezzlement, the wrongdoer immediately disappeared leaving his wife and children behind. The doctor decided not to report the incident to police because he was embarrassed. The manager had been a "friend" and companion for several years and he did not want to cause any notoriety. In the second case, the individual was turned over to the district attorney, who rarely prosecutes these types of cases, but decided to prosecute this one because of the amount of the embezzlement involved. The individual received a probated sentence, had to pay restitution and some fines but did not go to jail.

How can we prevent these things from happening? First of all, we can do background checks, which I have found that few dentists do. In the first example above, had the dentist performed a background check in the first place, he would have found that the individual had been involved in two such incidents previously. We can set up a system of checks and balances, i.e., don't have the same person who makes the deposits and writes the checks reconcile the bank statements. In addition, these incidents should be reported to the authorities – convictions are a strong deterrent.

We should all realize how vulnerable we dentists are, learn some basics of finance that we were never taught in dental school, and take steps to prevent embezzlement and theft.

It's your business – MIND IT !!!

Applause, Applause!



The Martin E. Dewey Memorial Award

The Martin E. Dewey Memorial Award is the highest honor that the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists (SWSO) can bestow on one of its members. This award was established in 1953 to recognize an individual for outstanding contributions to the advancement of orthodontics in education, practice, and research.

Dr. Larry W. White received the award on September 16, 2017 in New Orleans, LA during the annual SWSO Business Meeting.



2017 Goodfellows Award



Doctors obtaining Good Fellow status have maintained 25 years of continuous membership with the Texas Dental Association.

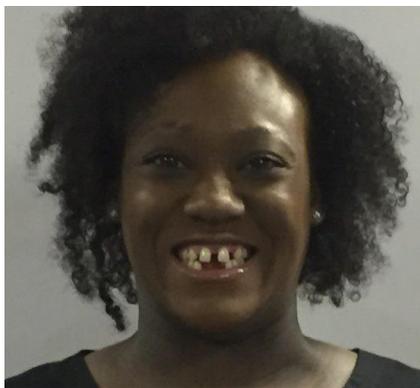
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- Dr. Roger D. Wilson

Drs. Wayne H. Goodowitz , Lynthia J. Stewart and William H. Gerlach after being recognized at the October General Membership Meeting.

Hopeful Smiles

Imagine trying to get somewhere and you have everything you need for your journey except the confidence to get up and go. That is how most women in our Hopeful Smiles™ program feel. It's not always easy to put on a happy face and smile when you don't have a presentable smile. The Hopeful Smiles™ program gives women the boost they need to move forward in life. Attitudes and Attire® equips women with tools to find their place in the world, just like Latoya. Attitudes and Attire® gave her the change that she needed to propel herself to where she knew she wanted to be.

Since childhood, Latoya had always been self-conscious about her smile. She says, "Before Hopeful Smiles™, I had limited confidence. I put on a façade for my career, in which I had to show some manner of confidence." Trying to cope with an abusive husband did not help her self esteem.



Latoya was in a situation in which she knew she had to leave. Referred by her case manager at Genesis Women's Shelter, a domestic violence facility, Latoya knew that Attitudes and Attire® would be that boost of confidence she needed to move on in life and grow her business. Once at Attitudes and Attire®, Latoya got the encouragement she needed. She felt confident that she could successfully run her massage therapy business, but there was something missing; her SMILE!

Hearing about the Hopeful Smiles™ program on the first day of her workshop gave her hope! Unsure of exactly what the program could do for her, she still had a great feeling of aspiration for her future. A restored smile would assist with the trajectory of her life on a professional level and personal level as well. Latoya eagerly began her required volunteer hours. "This was great! Volunteering gave me a sense of giving back while I was also getting help for myself. I knew what the other women felt like, that empowered me and made me want to help even more."

After her hours were complete she was introduced to Dr. Mary Swift. Latoya says she was ever so grateful to be placed with Dr. Swift. "She made me feel at ease right away, and I was confident in her because of the compassion she showed me and the dedication she invested into my case. Dr. Swift was determined to get the best

Article by Ebonie Montgomery, R.D.A.

results for me. She stopped at nothing to make sure she only received perfection. Making sure that everything was exactly the way she wanted it, made me that much more confident in my doctor." Latoya says she was absolutely shocked with the final results. "They closed my gap!"

Attitudes and Attire® and the Hopeful Smiles™ program were the vehicles that were used to help Latoya continue on her road to success. She is now a successful business woman and is writing a book about her journey. Latoya is thankful and grateful for Dr. Mary Swift and her wonderful staff as well as for Attitudes and Attire® and Hopeful Smiles™.

Approximately 50 DCDS members participate in this program. If you are interested in helping, contact Lori Dees at lori@dcds.org



DCDS Foundation community programs seek volunteers

"Enhance oral health in our community."

DCDS Foundation, in coordination with the Dallas Dental Hygienists' Society, is offering two programs to provide education and information about oral health in our community. Tooth Talk, an elementary school-based program, and Senior's Smiles, a program aimed at nursing homes, need your expertise and time.

Please contact Lori Dees at lori@dcds.org or call 972-386-5741 x228 to sign-up.



Presented by Dallas County Dental Society Foundation and Dallas Dental Hygienists' Society



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Join your DCDS colleagues
for a Women's Tea!

Saturday, March 24, 2018

2:00-4:00 p.m.

The Adolphus Hotel

1321 Commerce Street
Dallas, TX 75202

\$55.00 per person

Register online at: www.dcds.org

Do Your Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea Hate Wearing their CPAPs?

If so, they may be eligible to participate in this research study on oral appliances to treat OSA & snoring. Texas A&M University College of Dentistry researchers are conducting a study to compare two of the leading oral appliance designs in improving sleep quality, airway function & snoring.

In addition to snoring that disturbs one's sleep partner can contribute to serious health problems such as daytime sleepiness, unsafe driving, high blood pressure, heart disease & other chronic health conditions.

For more information, contact the Study Coordinator, Ms. Zohre German at 214-828-8291 or german@tamhsc.edu

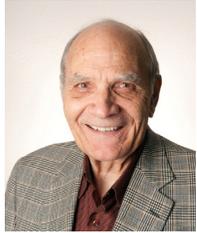
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Insights

Book Review by Larry W. White, DDS, MSD, Editor

Restoring with Flowables



Dr. Terry has assembled 21 dentists, researchers and technicians to produce this exquisitely illustrated book on the multiple uses of flowable composites. The first chapter presents readers with a brief historical perspective of this rather recent addition to the dental armamentarium. However, dentists have had to wait until newer flowables filled with nanoparticles until they had more reliable composites that offered easier insertion and manipulation, improved adaptation to the internal cavity wall, increased wear resistance, greater elasticity, color stability, enhanced polishability, retention of polish, and radiopacity similar to enamel.

That is now the current situation, and the author takes readers through a journey of adhesive design concept with emphasis on restorative material selection, adhesion

protocol and clinical techniques.

The third chapter outlines some of the familiar direct bonding techniques for all classes of restorations along with provisional fabrications and rebonding of fractured all-ceramic crowns. Another direct bonding application featured its use as an orthodontic addendum with brackets and fixed lingual retainers. Other direct applications of flowables illustrated in this extensive chapter featured repair of denture teeth, use as vertical stops for interocclusal records, sealing endodontic access openings, dentin sealing, attachment of tooth fragments, maintaining the peri-implant soft tissue contours, bonding of porcelain veneers and inlays among other applications.

The final, longest and fourth chapter deals with clinical applications of the injectable resin composite technique with which this reviewer had no knowledge or experience. However, the rationale and skill displayed by this author with this technique produces some

extraordinary restorations, many of which would be unobtainable with a direct bonding strategy.

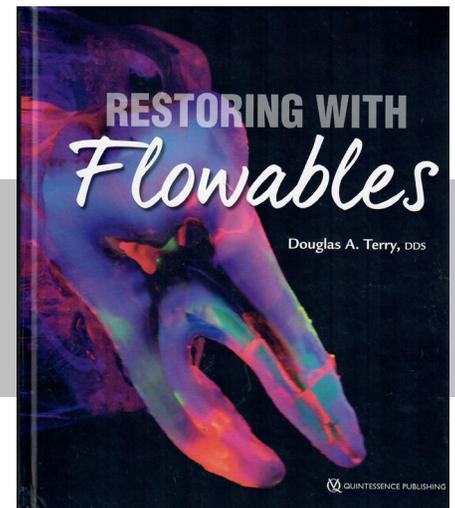
One has come to expect excellent publications from Quintessence with thick, slick and durable pages, great layout with balance between content and white space along with innovative designs and graphics, but this tome offers the clearest and most professional photographs I have ever seen in any book. Special praise must go to Irfan Ahmad, BDS for his remarkable and exceptional photographic skills, which have made this book so sensational. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some to be chewed and digested. This one deserves complete digestion.

Restoring with Flowables

Douglas A. Terry, DDS

184 pp, 2014

279 pp, 2017, Quintessence Publishing Co., Chicago, IL



Next Book Review:

Keep an eye out for Dr. White's next book review in our January/February 2018 Edition of DCDS Connection!

Texas A&M University College of Dentistry

by Carolyn Cox

Change in the air

New leadership roles for two longtime faculty members

Dr. Ernie Lacy's work as executive director of student development and director of Texas A&M College of Dentistry's Center of Excellence has given her a unique perspective when it comes to attracting the brightest dental minds to the school and preparing them for success in the profession. Now she'll continue her work with up-and-coming dentists, but in a slightly different capacity, as associate dean of student services.

Lacy was tapped for the position by Dr. Lawrence Wolinsky, Dean of the College of Dentistry, and assumed the role September 1.

"Dr. Lacy's background and experience as an educator and student advocate will be a tremendous asset in this position," Wolinsky says. "When I look at all the accomplishments she made overseeing the student development office and how her hard work helped shape the dental school's current landscape, I am confident she is a perfect fit for associate dean."

Lacy is not completely moving away from student development. Under her leadership, the two areas have merged to form the new Office of Student Services and Student Diversity. As such, the office seeks to create lifelong partnerships with current and future dental professionals, and works to support the continued admission of highly qualified and diverse students, Lacy says.

In her new role, Lacy will provide oversight for admissions, records, grading and financial aid, coordination of disciplinary due process cases, and compliance with federal and state laws.

For Dr. Lynne Opperman, Regents Professor and director of technology development, it was the mentors on her

path whom she credits with feeding her curiosity and inspiring her desire for more knowledge. As the new department head of biomedical sciences, Opperman says she plans to "pay it forward" with regard to mentoring — something she considers central to success at all steps along a person's professional journey.

"Mentoring is a two-way process, and we all need to learn how to mentor, and how to be mentored," says Opperman, who assumed the position of biomedical sciences department head September 1 after serving in the role on an interim basis for nearly a year.

As department head, part of Opperman's vision is to continue to "grow our own" faculty, cultivating talent from among predoctoral, graduate and doctoral students, while ensuring that current faculty members receive the resources they need to be successful and garner the recognition they deserve.

"Dr. Opperman has mentored graduate students and certainly understands bringing

projects from concept to completion, which gives her the ability to motivate those in the department and around the school," Wolinsky says. "Under her leadership, I expect great things on the research front for the college."

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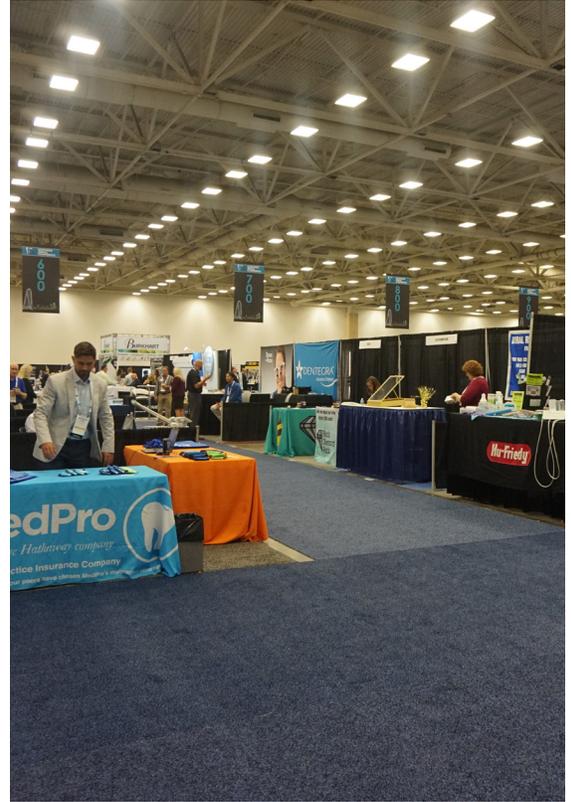
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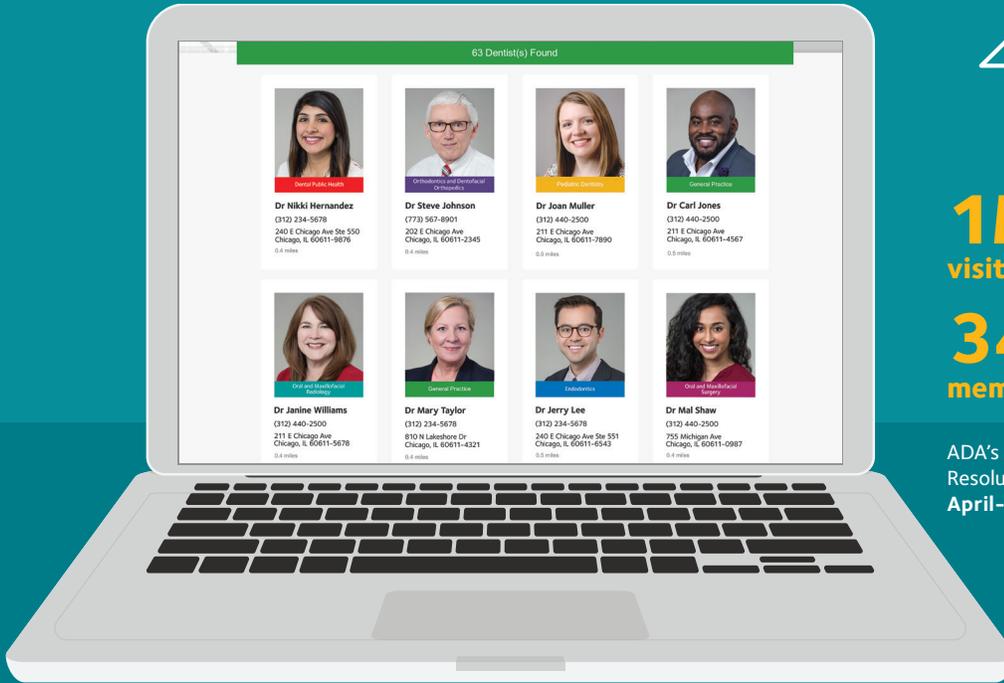
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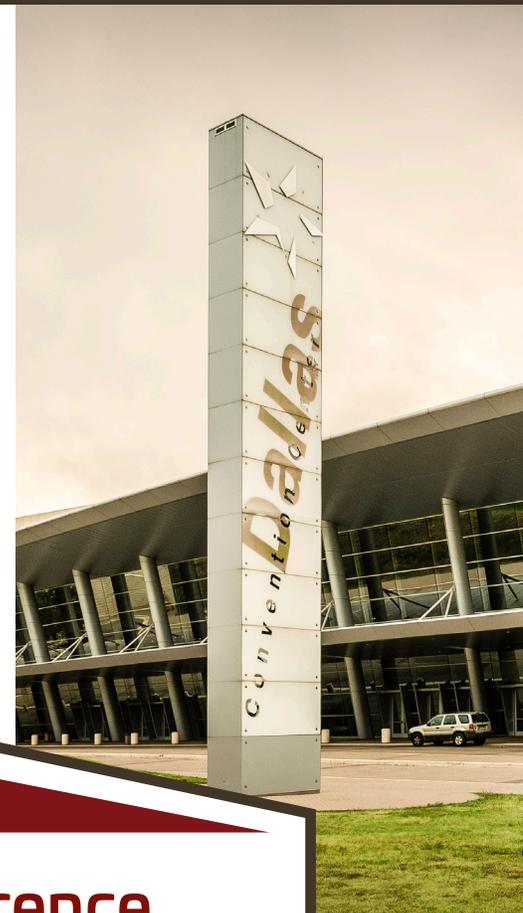


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