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DISTRICT DINNER MEETING and ANNUAL ELECTION

EDIC Seminar

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Natick Crowne Plaza Hotel

1360 Worcester Rd. Route 9 East, Natick, MA

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration/Hospitality

6:15 – 6:30 p.m. Annual District Election

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Lecture: Mr. Barry Regan of EDIC

2 CEU's

Dental Malpractice Case Studies

Mr. Barry Regan of EDIC will present several case studies of real dental malpractice cases. A discussion will follow each case, giving the audience a chance to discuss the risk management issues involved in each situation. The audience will then be asked to act as a jury, reaching a verdict on the case, and a dollar amount on a judgment. Real life verdicts and awards will then be given.

Barry J. Regan, Vice President of Claims and Risk Management, Eastern Dentist Insurance Company (EDIC) is a 1979 graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Boston. He has been with EDIC since 1993 and brings over twenty years of dental and medical malpractice insurance experience to the presentation. Eastern Dentist Insurance Company is the endorsed carrier for professional liability for the Massachusetts Dental Society and Rhode Island Dental Association.

Also, at this meeting Life Pins will be awarded to the following Metropolitan District Dental Society members who have been in practice for 30 consecutive years or a total of 40 years.

Patricia L. Brown, DMD
Martin Cohen, DMD
William P. Giesecke, DDS
Leonard B. Kaban, DMD
Suresh K. Maidu, DDS
Michael A. Rubin, DDS
Herbert J. Stacks, DDS
Charles M. Trauring, DMD

Richard L. Cardiff, DDS
Andrew G. Croke, DMD
Clifton A. Grayer, Jr., DDS
John D. Mandel, DMD
Dan Nathanson, DMD
Philip E. Schwartz, DDS
Michael S. Swartz, DDS
Gerald G. Udler, DMD

Edward S. Cohen, DMD
Marvin A. Eichner, DDS
Joseph M. Guarino, DMD
Robert M. Miner, DDS
Paul Okon, DMD
Richard F. Spagnuolo, DDS
Theodore Swerdlick, DMD

Reservations Requested. See reservation reply for the Feb. 24th seminar on next page.

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Mr. Barry Regan Wednesday, February 24, 2010 6:00 p.m. Natick Crowne Plaza Hotel

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- ✓ On-Line Registration with credit card: www.massdental.org/metropolitan/register
 - ✓ Mail reservation form and check payable to:
The Metropolitan District Dental Society * 209 West Central St. Suite 209 * Natick, MA 01760-3716
 - ✓ Call (508) 651-3521 to register by telephone with MasterCard or VISA
 - ✓ Fax your reservation coupon and credit card information to (508) 651-3522
- \$55.00 per person for ADA/MDS members • \$35.00 per person staff/auxiliary**
\$70.00 per person for Non-ADA/MDS members

Name _____

Guests _____

Office Address _____

Office Telephone (_____) _____

VISA MasterCard Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder's Name _____

PLEASE READ THE FINE PRINT:

- Reservations and payment must be received by 2/18/10.
- Cancellations for refund will be accepted until 2/18/10.
- Telephone reservations by credit card only.
- There may not be seating available for at the door walk-ins.
- It is best to make your reservation ahead



MEETINGS & EVENTS

STUDY CLUB MEETING DATES 2009 - 2010

- **Parkway/Norfolk Study Club** meets at Finz Restaurant 910 Washington St. Dedham at 6:00 p.m.
For more information call: President Dr. David Wolf 508/473-4999.
Dates and speakers: TBA
- **Charles River Study Club** meets at the Woodland Golf Club 1897 Washington St. Newton at 6:00 p.m.
For more information call: Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Richard Doff (781) 444-8550
Dates and speakers: TBA
- **West Metropolitan Study Club** meets at the Courtyard Marriott 342 Speen St. Natick at 6:00 p.m.
For more information call: Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Barbara Preussner 508/429-7125.
Dates and speakers: TBA

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MEETING DATES

Call the district office for more information or to register: (508) 651-3521.

Thursday, April 8, 2010 Legislator's Night 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Newton Crowne Plaza Hotel 320
Washington St. Newton.

Sunday, April 25, 2010 Allied Dental Health Professional Breakfast and Learn –
Natick Crowne Plaza Hotel • 1360 Worcester Rd. (Rt. 9E) Natick • 8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Dr. Sharona Dayan, periodontist Weston, MA presents “*The Evolution of Periodontal Plastic Surgery Using
Different Donor Materials*”.

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L Jeffrey Lowenstein, DMD, Editor
Phyllis R. Basile, Managing Editor

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

THE METROPOLITAN

We welcome your articles, guest editorials, and information about what is happening in dentistry and the District. All Study Clubs, District Representatives and Committees are urged to report news and information using the newsletter. For your convenience and planning, the following dates and standards have been established for submitting articles to THE METROPOLITAN newsletter.

All articles submitted must be typed or w/p and double spaced. Send to

L. Jeffrey Lowenstein, DMD, Editor
326 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA 01702

EDITOR'S DEADLINES 2010-2011

July 15, 2010

Board of Trustees Notes

James Cinamon, DMD, Trustee

The **Board of Trustees** met on November 4, 2009 in Southborough at MDS Headquarters. The meeting was called to order promptly at 8:30 am by Dr. David Samuels, our illustrious President.

To maintain the appropriate checks and balances, Dr. Edward Swiderski, Dr. Alan DerKazarian, and Dr. Paula Friedman were appointed to an **Audit Committee**. The committee's responsibility is to provide the Board and the MDS members with an objective review of the finances and fiscal management.

A review of the ADA House of Delegates and the focus on fiduciary responsibility for both the House and the Board was presented by First District Trustee Dr. Robert Faiella. He also outlined his assignments for the year, which include liaison to the ADA Council on Dental Practice, chair of the CODA Restructure Workgroup and chair of ADABEI.

The Board voted to present a **gift of \$2,500 to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy (MCP) for Forsyth Institute**. The MCP recently offered free training to MDS members in administering the H1N1 vaccine. Training is also available online.

The Board reviewed a report prepared by Legal Counsel Jack Eiferman on future use of the **Mobile Access to Care (MAC) Van**. The operation of MAC Van will be transitioned from the MDS Foundation to dental schools and community health centers. New utilization guidelines are being developed. Since its inception in February, 2007, the van has provided care to more than 4,000 patients with an estimated value of \$946,199.

Treasurer Dr. Charles Gagne and CFO Kathleen Boyce, cpa, summarized the MDS' internal controls and protocols for financial functions.

Secretary Dr. Charles Silvius informed the Board that the **Council on Nominations** would be holding its first meeting in November. At this time, he reported that there are no contested positions.

The **'Drive to 65'** is in effect to help secure 65% of MDS members to become MassHealth providers by 2013. MDDS only has 26% membership in this effort. Other districts boast up to 75% membership. Please help demonstrate our strong commitment to help our district improve our numbers while helping a very deserving and less fortunate population and show the State legislators that we want to help the Commonwealth. MassHealth Task Force Chair, Dr. Milton Glicksman reminded the Board that they have been requested to contact members to encourage their enrollment in the program.

The Board reviewed a draft version of the **2010-2015 MDS Strategic Goals and Objectives**, which has been developed through a Board survey and feedback from the Strategic Planning Task Force.

- o Goal 1: Public Health and Well Being Public Presence, Legislative and Regulatory efforts, Educational efforts;

- o Goal 2: Integrity and Ethics of the Profession
- o Goal 3: Membership;
- o Goal 4: Education;
- o Goal 5: Administration; Goal
- o Goal 6: Foundation

CFO Kathleen Boyce, CPA, described to the Board new agreements with EDIA and EDFS, both of which provide non-dues income to the MDS.

Dr. Robert Boose and CFO Kathleen Boyce, CPA updated the Board on a business arrangement with Spring Consulting Group, to provide healthcare services under the **MDSIS** (MDS Insurance Services) brand.

The Board allocated \$1,000 from the Tobacco Cessation budget to **Tobacco Free Mass**, an organization that advocates for tobacco prevention and cessation. Much of this effort is in effect for OTP (other tobacco products, i.e. smokeless tobacco)

Drs. William Dennis and Howard Zolot, co-chairs of the **District Reorganization Task Force**, described to the Board the process of the regional forums and said that they will be asking districts for further input. This very active and busy task force is also dealing with redistricting efforts, a very significant concern of our MDDS. Please watch your mailboxes for surveys on redistricting and look for information from all of our district officers. **We are all very involved in protecting our district's efforts and existence as we now operate.**

Director of Membership, Marc Kaplan explained the application of Web program InformZ and the various ways in which it can be used by the districts. This can help disseminate information to our members.

President Dr. David Samuels asked for the Board's feedback on the concept of the three **Regional Leadership meetings**, at which the president and other officers, along with the executive director, meet district leaders.

Roger Donohue of Capitol Consulting Group updated the Board on the legislative agenda, emphasizing that legislators were struggling with the many issues spawned by a challenging economy. The MDS recently filed new legislation co-sponsored by Senator Harriette Chandler and Representative John Scibak that prohibits any dental insurance company from capping fees for non-covered services. Mr. David White, director, governmental affairs & grassroots advocacy keeps us up to date and works tirelessly on our behalf.

The next meeting of the BOT will be after YDC on Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

The ADA meeting was quite interesting and was so very impressive. The ADA at work is really something to be respected and we should all be very proud to be a member of such a 'do good' profession!

As MDDS Trustee, I encourage all to stay active in the re-organization information. Remember to register for YDC 35 in January, 2010, encourage all to be a participant in MassHealth

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010

Natick Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1360 Worcester Rd. Natick at 6:15 p.m.

**THE PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011 WILL BE VOTED ON
as submitted by the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee – Chris Owen, DMD Committee Chair**

Chair	Sergio Guzman
Chair Elect	Michael Putt
Vice Chair.....	John Buehler
Immed Past Chair.....	Armond Enos
Secretary	Cherie Bishop
Assistant Secretary.....	Cara Donley
Treasurer	Robert Memory
Assistant Treasurer/ Budget Chair.....	Cressida Joseph
Editor	L. Jeffrey Lowenstein
Trustee	James Cinamon

REPRESENTATIVES to the MDS COUNCIL on:

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Dental Education	Nily Abramowitz 11
Nominations	Chris Owen 11
Access, Prevention (CAPIR).....	Joan Qureshi 11
Membership.....	Neela Gandhi 12
Dental Care.....	Dara Cunnion 12
Public Affairs	Edward Salamoff 11
Dental Practice	Stephen Stone 14

DELEGATES to the MDS HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2011

Ex-Officio with vote:

Sergio Guzman	<u>Term Expires 2015</u>
Cherie Bishop	Richard Cardiff
Robert Memory	Chris Owen
James Cinamon	Michael Putt
	Armond Enos

ALTERNATE DELEGATES to the MDS HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2011 (20)

DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Carl Perlmutter, Chair

John Bullock Cherie Bishop Michael Putt
Tina Wang Aram Mirigian

ETHICS COMMITTEE

John Bullock, Chair

COMMISSIONER OF TRIAL

Robert Javer, Chair

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2010-2011

Armond Enos, Chair

<u>Study Club Immediate Past Presidents</u>	<u>Study Club Trustees</u>
Maria Kramer, West Metropolitan	L. Jeffrey Lowenstein, West Metropolitan
Brian Miller, Charles River	Robert Javer, Charles River
David Wolf, Parkway/Norfolk	Christopher Bissada, Parkway/Norfolk

Please join us in a warm welcome to the newest of our elected members to the Metropolitan District Dental Society and to those who transferred to us from other districts. We encourage all of our veteran members to make a special effort to contact the newest members listed in your area and extend a warm welcome and invitation to join us at any one of our meetings.

ELECTED JULY 31, 2009

Brendan B. Loehr, DMD is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is a general practitioner.

Doyle C. Williams, DDS DentaQuest 465 Medford St. Charlestown. Dr. Williams is a graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry and is a general practitioner.

Mari Y.An Bae, DMD i635 Tremont St. Boston. Dr. Bae is a graduate of Harvard School of Dental Medicine and is a general practitioner.

Maria Kritsineli, DMD Tufts Dental Pediatrics 1 Kneeland St. Boston. Dr. Kritsineli is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is a pediatric dentist.

Yvonne R. Small, DMD 386 A/B/ Warren St. Roxbury. Dr. Small is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is a general practitioner.

Aliakbar Esmaeili, DDS is a graduate of New York University College of Dentistry and is a general practitioner.

Chelsea E. Perry DMD 232 Pond St. Natick. Dr. Perry is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is a general practitioner.

ELECTED SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Camille C. Siqueira-Nogueira, DMD Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine 100 East Newton St. 6th Fl. #G-619 Boston. Dr. Siqueira-Nogueira is a graduate of the Universidale Federal do Ceara and Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine and is a periodontist.

Brian F. Shaughnessy, DMD Pediatric Dentistry of Wayland 233 Boston Post Rd. Wayland. Dr. Shaughnessy is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine and is a pediatric dentist.

Rebecca L. DeWolf, DMD Uphams Corner Health Center 636 Columbia Rd. Dorchester. Dr. DeWolf is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is a general practitioner.

Christine T. Lonegan, DMD is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is a general practitioner.

Aurora R. Alva, DMD is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is a pediatric dentist.

Yong Hur, DDS Tufts Dental School 1 Kneeland St. 2nd Fl. Periodontology Boston. Dr. Hur is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is a periodontist.

ELECTED NOVEMBER 17, 2009

Manuel Molina, DMD is a graduate of UPR School of Dentistry and Boston University Goldman School of dental Medicine and is a periodontist.

Wesley Barton, DMD Center for Pediatric Dental Care 1560 Beacon St. Brookline. Dr. Barton is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of dental Medicine and is a pediatric dentist.

Shruti S. Panjini, DMD is a graduate of New York University College of Dentistry and is a general practitioner.

Elizabeth L. Laborde, DDS is a graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry and is a general practitioner.

Hooman Arjomand, DDS Pediatric Dental Healthcare 16 Washington St. Plainville. Dr. Arjomand is a graduate of Ohio State University College of Dentistry, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is a pediatric dentist.

Jodi Parker, DDS Medfield Orthodontic Associates 266 Main St. Medfield. Dr. Parker is a graduate of Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and is an orthodontist.

D. Ryan Blissett, DMD Sowles-Trauring Dental Partners of Boston 1540 Beacon St. Brookline. Dr. Blissett is a graduate of Harvard School of Dental Medicine and is a prosthodontist.

Caroline Young, DMD is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine and is a pediatric dentist.

AnhPhi Nguyen, DMD Columbia Family Dental 653 Columbia Rd. Dorchester, Dr. Nguyen is a graduate of Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine and is a general practitioner.

Jane S. Osofsky, DMD Kraft and Associates 25 New Chardon St. Boston. Dr. Osofsky is a graduate of Tufts

University School of Dental Medicine and is a general practitioner.

ELECTED FEBRUARY 9, 2010

Jung Ho Lee, DMD Smilage Dental Center 463 Worcester Rd. #201 Framingham. Dr. Lee is a graduate of Tufts University School of dental Medicine and is a general practitioner.

Paul S. Kahlon, DMD is a graduate of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry and Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine and is a pediatric dentist.

Rizq M. AlJarrah, DMD Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center 632 Blue Hill Ave. Dorchester. Dr. AlJarrah is a graduate of Bashkir State Medical University Russia and is a general practitioner.

Cecile Yoon-Tarlie, DDS is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry and is an orthodontist.

Constantinos Laskarides, DMD, DDS, PharmD Tufts University School of Dental Medicine One Kneeland St. #503 Boston. Dr. Laskarides is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and is an oral surgeon.

Please welcome the following members who recently transferred into the Metropolitan District:

Nooruddin Pradhan, DMD Tufts University School of Dental Medicine One Kneeland St. Pediatric Department Boston.

Laura C. Simon, DMD 36 Chauncy St. Boston.

Viviana Alvia-Gnau, DDS Tufts University School of Dental Medicine One Kneeland St. Boston.

Christine V. Paige, DMD Sleep Apnea Dentists of New England 271 Auburn St. Newton.

In Memoriam

“Let us remember our friends and colleagues for their enthusiasm and love of the dental arts”.

Harold Ehrlich, DMD
Quentin A. Guccione, DDS
Jaroslaw Rozankowsky, DDS

Where have you gone, Dr. Sadru Kabani?

L. Jeffrey Lowenstein, DMD

Editor

The oral pathologist who many of you may remember from your Tufts and BU days was sitting back drinking a cup of coffee waiting for his car to be serviced when yours truly just happened to catch his eye. "Jeff, how are you?" Dr. Kabani spoke out in my direction. I remember hearing those words almost every morning in the early 80's at Tufts. Since those days Sadru has been a very, very busy oral pathologist. He was a part of BU since 1998, when he joined the faculty as Professor and Director of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences and Patient Services. In 1999, Dr. Kabani won the GSDM Award for Excellence in Teaching and in 2003; he was elected to the GSDM Lambda Mu Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society.

In 2006, Dr. Kabani was named Acting Chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and in 2007, he was officially appointed Chair. Today, Dr. Kabani is working in the Kenmore Square office of Harvard-Vanguard Medical Associates at 133 Brookline Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. And, he can be reached for a consultation at your request of your patient at 617.421.1122. Your patient is not required to be a member of Harvard-Vanguard to be seen by Dr. Kabani. He has been in Kenmore Square since this past July.

Does Dr. Kabani miss the academic environment? "Yes, a little bit. But I have been able to maintain contact with so many of my past students. And, I have been able to work with them for the benefit of their patients." If you are in the Boston area, and have a free moment, why drop by to see the new oral pathologist in Kenmore Square, a Big Papi pop-up to Friendly Fenway Park.

FEBRUARY is

Children's Dental Health Month

The month of February is **Children's Dental Health Month**. The district office has posters and fun activity sheets to give to your patients. Call the district office at (508) 651-3521 or email: MetroDent@verizon.net.

TELL YOUR STAFF !

The Metropolitan District Dental Society's 18th Annual Allied Dental Health Professional Breakfast and Learn

will be held on Sunday April 25, 2010 at the Natick Crowne Plaza Hotel 8:00 a.m. to Noon. A full breakfast buffet is included in the registration fee is \$47.00 per person and \$15.00 for students.

The featured guest lecturer will be our own Dr. Sharona Dayan who will be speaking on "The Evolution of Periodontal Plastic Surgery Using Different Donor Material". This seminar earns the participant 3 CEUs.

Invitations will be mailed at the end of March. For more information and/or reservations: call Phyllis Basile at the district office: 508/651-3521.

Congratulations to Paul Feuerstein, DMD

At the MDS Presidential Awards at the Yankee Dental Congress, Paul Feuerstein, DMD will be awarded Clinician of the Year. Dr. Feuerstein is at the forefront of the latest high tech products and processes for the dental practice for today and the future. He is the Technology Editor of Dental economics Magazine and the High Tech write for the Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society.

Top Dental Stories for 2009

- Minnesota passes midlevel provider law
- Dentist wins first round in Internet review case
- U.S. Senate healthcare bill would change dentistry
- LSU dental student pleads guilty to fraud
- Patient's death blamed on dental Medicaid cuts

(from Dr.Bicuspid.com)

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(you may want to follow)

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Twitter has replaced the newspaper and newscast on local television stations for breaking news and up to date information before it is available to the general public. Here is a listing of **Twitter** accounts that you might find of interest. Please feel free to tweet or email (metdent@rcn.com) me if you have other accounts of interest on **Twitter**.

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