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President's Welcome Message

Greetings!

My heart is filled with joy writing to you from Denver, Colorado at the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) Conference. NNOHA is the largest group of safety-net oral health practitioners in the country. Members are dedicated to access to quality oral health care for underserved populations. The theme was "Building a Culture of Resilience" which I know resonates with each of us in a unique way. For me, resilience has meant living through the pandemic and having to stray away from an organized routine at both home and work.



Dr. Linda Edgar, ADA President

During that time of stillness, I thought about how my parents persisted when they immigrated from Guyana, South America in their mid-20s. Through adversity, they learned to navigate a new country, leaned on friends and family and charted a new way of life. My mom became a licensed babysitter and my father a sales clerk. This taught me that with hard-work and determination that anything is possible. I soon realized that I too had it in me to adapt, to change and to be agile.

Dentistry is a tough business. We are boots on the ground clinicians. We must get up when we fall down. As SMDS members, you make it possible for patients to feel confident and comfortable with their smile and oral health. In our membership, I see, I feel and I hear this same spirit of resilience. Remember that you are making a difference, no matter how daunting it might be. We are working together to reach a higher purpose to make people healthy. If I haven't said it before, thank you for all that you do!

I am pleased to announce that the dental assisting national board (DANB) will offer its Radiation Health and Safety Exam (RHS) in Spanish starting January 2024. The American Dental Association and the Council on Dental Practice encouraged this decision to increase the dental assistant workforce and diversity. I am hopeful this change will ease workforce shortages that we are facing and also meet the changing demographics in our patient base. This is especially meaningful to me as a radiology instructor because I have witnessed this first-hand. The need for testing and educational materials to meet student needs is present. While there are translation apps, my hope is that textbooks will be translated to other languages to help further support. In the future, DANB plans to offer the RHS in more languages as a means to renew lost dental assistants. It is undeniable that workforce diversity bridges communication gaps, improves patient care and patient satisfaction.

On a similar note, SMDS is recruiting interested members to join our Executive Board Committee. We hold 10 virtual meetings a year on Monday from 6:30-7:30pm. We are also seeking members who are interested in teaching in-person or virtually our dental assistant x-ray course. This course is taught several times throughout the year and is critical in educating dental assistants in the area. If you are interested in learning more about either or both of these exciting opportunities, please contact smds.newsletter@gmail.com

It is time to cast your vote! The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners requests your vote to elect two board members. An electronic ballot was emailed from VoteGritty with a URL link and a unique pin. The curriculum vitae for four candidates are available for review with the ballot. Please cast your vote soon so your voice can be heard by November 20th.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next virtual General Membership Meeting on **Monday, December 4th**. We will be joined by Dr. David Turok, DDS, FAGD who will speak about **Digital Smile Design with 3D Integration**.

Sincerely,

Halima Karim, DDS, FAGD
SMDS President (She/Her)

Save the Dates

Dec 4

SMDS GMM
(Zoom)

Feb 5

SMDS GMM
(In-Person)

Feb 20

Dentist Day on Tuesday
(Annapolis)

Mar 4

SMDS GMM (In-Person)





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Editor's Letter

Greetings Colleagues,

Welcoming you to the November 2023 edition of the Oracle. Your ongoing support is the heartbeat of our dental community.



17 Meet & Connect: Take a moment to connect with colleagues across the state and unwind after the week at the MSDA's Stratosphere Social on the 17th (details on pg. 5). Additionally, don't miss out on the MSDA Member Referral Program. Encourage colleagues to join our dynamic community and reap the rewards (details on pg. 6).

Diabetes Awareness: November is National Diabetes Month. Nearly half (46%) of all adults aged 30 years or older show signs of gum disease; about 2 in 3 (68%) adults aged 65 years or older have gum disease. We play a pivotal role in managing oral health related to diabetes and educating our patients about the oral-systemic connection. Check out the Center for Disease Control's Oral Health Home website for more data and resources.

Your Voice Matters: Your feedback is invaluable. Share your insights to enhance our newsletter.

As we enter the holiday season remember to check in on your loved ones and stay safe for all of those traveling!

As always, remember to stay connected to our event calendar at smdsdentists.org.

Warm regards,
Dawn Clarke, DDS
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HOME

HANDS-ON CONTINUING EDUCATION

MEMBER SERVICES

PUBLIC SERVICES

MON
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NOV
2023

November General Membership Meeting - In-Person CE Meeting
6:00 PM Double Tree by Hilton 15101 Sweetzer Lane, Laurel, Maryland 20707
General Membership Meetings

SMDS General Membership Meeting.

Meet and Greet starts at 6pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.

Speaker: Dr. Price

Topic: Radiology/CBCT Reading

Please call the SMDS office or email Valerie@SMDSDentists.org to pre-register for the meeting (free for members).

MON
04
DEC
2023

December General Membership Meeting - Virtual via Zoom- CE
6:30 PM Virtual Meeting via Zoom
General Membership Meetings

SMDS General Membership Meeting. Join us Virtually @6:30 pm !

Speaker: Drs. Turok, Dubai, & Samddar

Topic: Digital Smile Design

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MON
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February General Membership Meeting - In-Person CE Meeting
6:00 PM Double Tree by Hilton 15101 Sweetzer Lane, Laurel, Maryland 20707
General Membership Meetings

SMDS General Membership Meeting.

Meet and Greet starts at 6pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.

Speaker: Dr. Mazza

Topic: Digital Smiles

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MON
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MAR
2024

March General Membership Meeting - In-Person CE Meeting
6:00 PM Double Tree by Hilton 15101 Sweetzer Lane, Laurel, Maryland 20707
General Membership Meetings

SMDS General Membership Meeting.

Meet and Greet starts at 6pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.

Speaker: Dr. Julius Hyatt

Topic: Medical Emergencies

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MON
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APR
2024

April General Membership Meeting - Virtual via Zoom- CE
6:30 PM Virtual Meeting via Zoom
General Membership Meetings

SMDS General Membership Meeting. Join us Virtually @6:30 pm !

Speaker: Dr. Maria Ginsinger

Topic: Dementia and Periodontal Disease

Please call the SMDS office or email Valerie@SMDSDentists.org to pre-register for the meeting (free for members). You will receive a meeting link via email.

Learn more about member services, continuing education and public services



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Upcoming Meetings

Please mark your calendars and save the date for these upcoming meetings and events below.
Note: General membership meetings (GMM) dates are in **bold** and may be subject to changes.



SMDS GENERAL MBRSHIP MEETING

**DIGITAL SMILE DESIGN W/3D INTEGRATION:
CREATING A PRE-PLANNING ROADMAP FOR
OUR COSMETIC CASES**

2 CES (LECTURE)

MEMBERS: FREE
NON-MEMBERS: \$55

 **MONDAY**
12 DECEMBER

 **TIME**
630 PM


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2023

Nov 13 SMDS GMM (In-Person)

Nov 14 MSDA LAC/MARPC Joint Meeting

Dec 4 SMDS GMM (Zoom)



2024

Jan 3 MSDA Dental Leadership Roundtable

Feb 5 SMDS GMM (In- Person)

Feb 20 Dentist Day on Tuesday (Annapolis)

Mar 4 SMDS GMM (In-Person)

Apr 1 SMDS GMM (Zoom)

Apr 7-9 ADA/ASDA Lobby Day WDC

Oct 17-22 ADA Smilecon (New Orleans)



STRATOSPHERE SOCIAL



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE MSDA FOR
A FUN-FILLED NIGHT

STRATOSPHERE SOCIAL

1332 Londontown Blvd
Eldersburg, MD 21784

MSDA MEMBERS (AND GUESTS OF MEMBERS): \$40

ASDA MEMBERS & DENTAL STUDENTS: \$30

NON-MEMBERS: \$50

Ticket includes 3 hours of unlimited axe throwing, bowling, arcade, XD theater, VR experience, private access to the indoor backyard, & 1 coupon for an alcoholic beverage for each adult.

**PUCHASE TICKETS ONLINE ON [MSDA.COM](https://www.msda.com) UNDER
MSDA MEMBERSHIP EVENTS OR CALL 410-964-2880, OPTION 2.**

**NOV
17
@7:00PM**





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MSDA Member Referral Program

We are thrilled to introduce the Maryland State Dental Association's (MSDA) Member Referral Incentive Program—a fantastic opportunity for our valued members to earn rewards for their support and dedication to our association.

For every three (3) non-member dentists you refer, who successfully join the MSDA, you will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card as a token of our appreciation for your support and commitment.

Currently, non-members who sign up for a membership for 2024 qualify for FREE membership (and member benefits) through the end of 2023.

For more information on the MSDA Member Referral Program visit msda.com/msda-member-referral-program/





2024 is almost here!

Let us help you take care of you and your team!

Did you know that Healthcare Reform has a special month-long open enrollment period beginning in November that allows small groups (less than 50 employees), who might not otherwise meet participation and contribution requirements, to qualify for a group health plan effective January 1?

Need an insurance plan before or after January 1, 2024? Not a problem. We can help with that too!

We create robust and meaningful Employee Benefits programs that are cost effective, help improve employee morale, provide great tax benefits to both the employer and employee, and are easy to administer.

We offer group medical, vision, dental, disability, life insurance, pet insurance, retirement plans, and voluntary benefit solutions! For more information, please call 410.369.3950, [email](mailto:info@rktongue.com), and/or visit <http://www.rktongue.com>

R.K. Tongue Co., Inc., is honored to serve you and is endorsed by the Maryland State Dental Association.

A promotional poster for the Maryland State Dental Association (MSDA) Dentist Day 2024. The poster features a black and white illustration of the Governor Calvert House, a large, ornate building with a prominent dome and a steeple, surrounded by trees and a small figure in the foreground. To the right of the illustration, the text "MSDA" is written in a large, serif font, followed by a graphic of the Maryland state flag. Below the flag, the text "Maryland State Dental Association" is written in a smaller font. The main title "Dentist Day 2024" is written in a large, bold, serif font. Below the title, the text "GOVERNOR CALVERT HOUSE" and "HISTORIC INNS OF ANNAPOLIS" is written in a smaller, bold, serif font. The location "ANNAPOLIS, MD" and the date "2.20.2024" are written in a large, bold, serif font. At the bottom of the poster, the tagline "STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF DENTISTRY, TOGETHER" is written in a smaller, bold, serif font.

MSDA
Maryland State Dental Association
Dentist Day 2024
GOVERNOR CALVERT HOUSE
HISTORIC INNS OF ANNAPOLIS
ANNAPOLIS, MD
2.20.2024
STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF DENTISTRY, TOGETHER

The Classifieds

N/L Transitions

NEW -EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY –PEDO PRACTICE – RICHMOND, VA – 7,000+ S/f in strip mall. Abundant free pkgng. 9 OP's, @2,500 active patients – 30-40 new patients/month. EagleSoft software. Digital Pan/Ceph, digital radiographs. For more information, contact Ellen Dorner at N/L Transitions – 410-616-2042 or edorner@nltransitions.com.

NEW LISTING – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – GP practice located in office complex. Excellent exposure and abundant free parking. Great opportunity for single or satellite location. 3 OP's - @900 S/F. Practice currently open 3 days/week. Refers out all specialty procedures. Dentrux software. Digital radiography, upgradeable 2-D Pan, electronic charts, Scanner, nitrous. Limited PPO's/FFS. For more information, contact Ellen Dorner – 410-935-406 – edorner@nltransitions.com

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY - HARFORD COUNTY – GP practice located in stand-alone converted house. 1800 S/F on first floor. Bldg also for sale with rental income upstairs. Excellent exposure and abundant free parking. FFS, 4 OP's. Practice currently open 3 1/2days/week. 1,250 active patients, @10-15 new patients/month. out all. Dentrux software. Digital radiography, Diode laser, digital intra-oral cam, Digital pan. For more information, contact Ellen Dorner – 410-935-4066 – edorner@nltransitions.com.

NEW LISTING – BALTIMORE COUNTY – GP practice located in excellent location near hospital. Medical/dental professional condo building. 1550+ S/F. floor. airs. Abundant free parking. 4 OP's. Practice currently open 4/week. @25 new patients/month. Low overhead. Dentrux software. Digital radiography, 3D Planmeca, digital intra-oral cam, iTero. For more information, contact Ellen Dorner – 410-935-4066 – edorner@nltransitions.com.

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY - MONTGOMERY COUNTY – GP practice located in strip mall. Excellent exposure and abundant parking. Great opportunity for satellit location. 1,350 S/F, 4 OP's. Practice currently open 3 days/week. Over 1,400 active patients, @14-18 new patients/month. Refers out all specialty procedures. Eaglesoft software. Digital radiography, Cerec 2, Laser, Electric Handpieces, Therma-filler. PPO's/FFS. For more information, contact Ellen Dorner – 410-935-4066 – edorner@nltransitions.com.

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