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January Monthly Meeting: Digital Dentistry: The Future is Now

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Dr. Gary Hack

Dr. Hack will present his research on CAD/CAM or digital dentistry, which was recently published in the April 2011 issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association's Professional Product Review. He will also discuss how digital dentistry is revolutionizing how dentists make impressions, fabricate restorations and communicate with their laboratories.

Dr. Gary Hack received his dental degree from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in 1979 and he completed a general practice residency in Seattle, Washington with the U.S. Public Health Service in 1980. Dr. Hack is associate professor in the Department of Endodontics, Prosthodontics and Opeartive Dentistry, and director of clinical simulation research at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry where he has been on faculty for the past 25 years. The **Tuesday**, **January 10**, **2012** scientific lecture will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and a business meeting at 7:15 p.m. To register for the lecture please call the Society office, complete the registration form on page 2 or send an email to info@dcdental.org with your name. When registering, please indicate if you are staying for dinner.



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The year 2011 will probably be regarded as one of epic change for the District of Columbia Dental Society. In June, the Board of Directors elected to part ways with Mr. C. Jay Brown who had served as our executive director for the better part of 28 years. Needless to say, the evolution of our society over that 28 year period was monumental, and Mr. Brown is to be commended for the guidance he provided and more importantly, for the professional staff he assembled. Due to their skills and expertise, the essential functions of the dental society have continued without interruption.

A committee was formed immediately to find a new executive director and has met almost weekly. This committee immediately decided to formulate a strategic plan for the future of the dental society, which would allow them to search for new leadership who can best help us implement the new plan.

One thing is certain, Change! Change is hard, time consuming and can be disconcerting for some. However, as Frederick Douglass said, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress." I believe 2012 can and will be a year of opportunity for the D.C. Dental Society. As members, one of the best things we can do for the society this year is to be committed to attending meetings, volunteering for activities like Give Kids a Smile and the Nation's Capital Dental Meeting; and supporting and encouraging our leadership as they chart a new direction for the Society.

Though commonly misattributed to Charles Darwin, an anonymous author once wrote, "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."

Here's to all the changes in the new year!

Larry A. Crisafulli, DDS Editor

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Online Membership Directory Now Available!

The 2011-2012 Membership Directory is now online. The directory is available on the D.C. Dental Society website at www.dcdental.org. On the right side of the home page, there is a link that says "Online Membership Directory - Members Only!". All members will have access to other Society members address, phone number and email by logging in with their current ADA number. This directory is password protected and not available to the public.

The online membership directory consists of a current listing of all 2011-2012 Society members. There are also links for the 2011-2012 committees, the Society's endorsed services and quick reference listings which are currently being updated by the Society Board of Directors. When those lists are finalized, we will update the directory with that information.

When reviewing the directory and you find that you need to have your membership information updated, please contact Audrey Tillery at the Society office by phone at (202) 547-7613 or by email at atillery@dcdental.org with your changes.

We hope that you enjoy the directory and find it useful!

Correction: In the December Monthly *Newsletter*, there was a memoriam for Dr. Ernest Garcia. The Society apologizes for the miscommunication. Dr. Ernest Garcia is currently residing in Florida.





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Give Kids a Smile Day Screening

On December 14, 2011, the Society's Give Kids a Smile Day volunteers screened children from Chamberlain Elementary and Blow Pierce Junior Academy at Chamberlain Elementary School in preparation for Give Kids a Smile Day on February 3, 2012 at Howard University College of Dentistry.

The Society volunteers provided examinations for each child so that their parents will know what treatment will be given on February 3, 2012. Also, it assists in volunteer and resource planning.

A total of 333 children were screened. The screening volunteers were as follows:

Dr. Michael Blicher Dr. Sally Cram Dr. Larry Crisafulli Dr. Margaret Culotta-Norton Dr. Ali Fassihi Dr. James Feldman Dr. Norman Forster Dr. Patrick Grogan Dr. Tristram Kruger Dr. Isabelle Lass Dr. Dipa Patel Dr. Takeisha Presson Dr. James Richeson Dr. Alan Singer Dr. Allena Willis





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D.C. Dental Society Foundation Wall of Wine

Come and join the excitement at the D.C. Dental Society Foundation's Wall of Wine fundraiser at the 2012 Nation's Capital Dental Meeting on March 29, 30 & 31st! Have some fun with your colleagues, get a great bottle of wine, and help to support oral health projects in our local community. Get your holiday shopping done early this year with tax deductible gift certificates for pulls on the Wall of Wine. Drop by the Wall of Wine table at the monthly meetings and start that gift list now!



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The Nation's Capital Dental Meeting -A Regional Meeting

March 29th, 30th and 31st

Our meeting began 80 years ago as a way for our members to conveniently obtain exemplary continuing education and share experiences in a collegial and professional environment. The meeting has grown steadily and is now the largest dental meeting in the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and the District of Columbia. We are the only regional meeting in the Middle Atlantic area. What started as a meeting for our D.C. Dental Society members has grown and now many non members benefit from the hard work and dedication of our volunteer members. Presently less than 10% of those attending the meetings are D.C. Dental Society members.

This year the leadership of the D.C. Dental Society completed a strategic planning session. One of the conclusions was that the Nation's Capital Dental Meeting is an important part of our Society's culture and needs to continually grow and improve. This will benefit our membership immensely by providing excellent, convenient continuing education, helping to stabilize our dues, assisting with leadership development and lastly it will help promote the culture of professional collegiality we all desire.

New this year to the meeting is "Playback Now, Inc.". Playback Now, Inc. will be taping selected lectures at this year's meeting and will make them available on-line at no cost to those who attended the meeting. If you miss a lecture, you can listen to it at your convenience at a later date. To cover the cost of this service there will be a registration fee of \$25 per attendee. The registration fee will be waived for students and volunteers who attend the meeting. The planning committee has instituted this registration fee to allow for future growth of value added programming, to encourage volunteerism and to benefit our membership. Remember only 10% of those who attend are members and until now those non members attended at no cost. This new fee will benefit you, your Society and enable our meeting and our educational parameters to flourish and expand.

Robert W. Emery, DDS General Chairman 2012 Nations Capital Dental Meeting

Clinician Escorts and Room Captains!!

If you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions at the 2012 Nation's Capital Dental Meeting, March 29-31, please send an email to Taryn Habberley at thabberley@dcdental.org.

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