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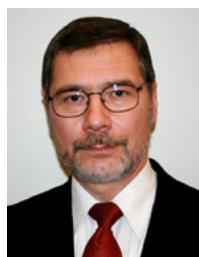


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## December Monthly Meeting: What's Bugging You? What's New in Infection Control? Louis DePaola, DDS, MS

*This course fulfills CE requirements for infection control and OSHA training.*



*Dr. Louis DePaola*

In May 2011, the CDC reaffirmed the importance of infection control with the release of the Guide to Infection Prevention for Outpatient Settings: Minimum Expectations for Safe Care. The alarming increase in antimicrobial resistance and healthcare associated infections (HAIs) compels all healthcare providers to be knowledgeable about infection control practices that reduce the risk of disease transmission. A thorough review of the new CDC Guidelines as well as the Guideline for Infection Control in Dentistry, 2003 and other current CDC/OSHA infection control recommendations will be presented.

Dr. DePaola will discuss the principles of respiratory etiquette, to lessen the spread of colds and flu, as well as steps that may be taken to reduce the impact of potential pandemic influenza, such as bird and swine flu. Principles to reduce antimicrobial resistance and HAIs will be discussed. Emphasis will be placed on compliance issues pertaining to the new 2011, 2008 and 2007 CDC Guidelines and how a practical, cost effective "safe workplace" can be achieved into the next millennium.

Dr. DePaola is a professor in the Department of Oncology and Diagnostic Sciences, and executive director of biosafety and continuous quality improvements, at

the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Medicine and the director for dental training for the PA-Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education and Training Center.

The Tuesday, December 10, 2013 scientific lecture will begin at 3:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a business meeting at 7:00 p.m. To register, please call or email the Society office or complete the registration form below. The Washington Marriott Hotel is located at 1221 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

### Monthly Membership Meeting Reservation Form

Tuesday, December 10, 2012  
Washington Marriott Hotel | 1221 22nd Street NW

- Scientific Lecture  
**3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- Dinner Meeting  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**
- Active / Active Life / Metropolitan Member (No Charge)
- Guest (Lecture: \$150.00)
- Guest (Dinner: \$50.00)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest \_\_\_\_\_

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## Letter From the President

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**We are DCDS: Passionate about our Profession, our Community, and our Future!**

It has been a great Fall for our Society and I look forward to a prosperous 2014!

I encourage you to read Dr. Paul Cohen's ADA 2013 House of Delegates Report on page 4. As Paul describes, it was a successful meeting for our Delegation and the entire Fourth District. It was an honor to work on Dr. Maxine Feinberg's campaign and accompany her as she spoke to the other sixteen districts the day before her election. Dr. Feinberg's knowledge and passion for dentistry is commendable. She will be an excellent President-Elect and ADA President.

One of the hot topics at the ADA Annual Meeting was the ADA's membership initiative. While the ADA has more members than ever before, 157,000, that number only represents 66% of licensed dentists. It was not too long ago that the ADA represented nearly 80% of dentists. In DC, we are proud to have added over 50 new members in 2013. Every member matters and increases our reputation with the DC City Council and the ADA. I encourage you to talk to your friends, colleagues and office neighbors about joining the ADA and DCDS.

On a closing note, as your President, I had the responsibility of representing all DCDS members at the Committee on Health's Public Hearing regarding the Children's Oral Healthcare Amendment Act of 2013. I was grateful to our Public Policy Committee for their work in fighting this amendment. A common theme amongst all of the individuals who testified was that Washington, DC does not have a shortage of dentists. We have access to care and utilization issues. We thank DC Councilmember, Yvette Alexander, Ward 7 and the Health Committee for their attention to oral healthcare. We offered our help to develop programs that educate residents on proper oral healthcare and how to access care. The Committee on Health is always interested in our service to at-need residents. I encourage you to volunteer for Give Kids a Smile Day and the NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo, which are detailed on page 5.

Thank you for your membership and continued participation in organized dentistry. Happy holidays to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Paula L. Russo DDS MS  
President, DC Dental Society

## DCDS Inducts New Members

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From Left to Right: Mr. Todd Philbrick, Drs. Eric Scheifele, Chad Jones, Lenora Blathers, Erica Caffrey, Maiya Greene, Chad Rasmussen, Paula Russo, Caroline Eskow, Ryan Maneevese, Jessica Blanco, Raymond Wang, Christiana Markova, Michael Rabinowitz, SungHee Kim, Chris Loukaitis

## New Member Spotlight

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# ADA 2013 House of Delegates Report

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It was an awesome feeling to be amongst the 473 representatives of organized dentistry, members from all 50 states, territories, armed forces, federal students and students that comprise the ADA House of Delegates.

Our delegation made me proud. We were witness to the installation of our guest, Dr. Chuck Norman as President of the ADA. We were a part of the successful campaign to elect Dr. Maxine Feinberg as President-Elect of the ADA. Our President, Dr. Paula Russo was honored to be selected to accompany Maxine on her very important day of speeches to each delegation. Dr. Michael Blicher served as the Chair of the Annual Session. Our delegation chair, Dr. Sally Cram began her preparations as local arrangements Chair for the ADA 2015 in Washington, DC. Dr. Pat Grogan served on the Members Insurance Council, which was instrumental in making this an “easy” House of Delegates.

In my experience, the difficult Houses have issues with the budget. This year the budget reference committee finished its business in 21 minutes! Why might one ask why was there no contention with the money issues? Dr. Ron Lemmo, ADA Treasurer reported that due to increased revenue from our Active Life members, and significant revenue from our Life Insurance Carrier (overseen by Pat’s committee) we might not need a dues increase. He also reported a decrease in market share and dues paying members. The final order of business for the House of Delegates was to approve the budget and membership dues. The House voted to approve the budget with no dues increase and the deficit will be taken from reserves.

Below is a summary of the most debated resolutions from this year’s House of Delegates:

- A Motion to eliminate the live patient from Board examinations was referred back to committee
- A Motion to create a committee whose only responsibility is to respond directly to national media attacks was approved
- A Motion to move final budget approval from the House of Delegates to the Board of Trustees failed.
- A Motion to eliminate the Vice President positions failed.
- A Motion to raise the student and resident dues beginning in 2016 failed.
- A motion to reallocate how delegates are awarded to each represented body was approved. In the future may shrink the size of the House.

The business of the House was completed quickly and with little contention. Kathy O’Laughlin, ADA Executive Director reported a decrease in dentist income, reduced insurance coverage and forecasted, “storms on the horizon”. This House was feeling no pain in the Big Easy.

I thank you for the opportunity to represent the District of Columbia Dental Society.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Cohen  
Secretary



Left to Right: Drs. Patrick Grogan, Sally Cram and Stephen Tigani

## 2014 Give Kids a Smile Day



The DCDS Foundation had a successful screening day at Kimball and C.W. Harris Elementary Schools. On Friday, February 7, 2014 we will treat students from Kimball Elementary, located at 3375 Minnesota Ave, SE. and C.W. Harris, located at 301 53rd Street, SE at Howard University College of Dentistry.

If you are interested in volunteering and/or making a monetary donation to support this great program, please contact the Society office at 202-547-7613.

## Help the Foundation Raise \$20,000 Annually!

The Foundation has an affinity program with TD Bank. This generous program can provide an annual sponsorship of over \$20,000! All you have to do is open an account at TD Bank or link your existing account to the "DC Dental Foundation" code A3891. This potential sponsorship will help the Foundation reach and treat more of our community's at-need residents.

## NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo – January 11-12, 2014

The Foundation will again participate in the NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo at the Washington, DC Convention Center on January 11-12, 2014. Last year our members were able to provide over 800 oral cancer screenings to at-need residents. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Society office at 202-547-7613.



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## DC Legislation Update

On November 7, 2014 the DC Committee on Health held an open public session to hear testimony on the Children's Oral Health Care Amendment Act of 2013. The DCDS and the Board of Dentistry have opposed this legislation since its introduction in May. The amendment could potentially establish new categories of dental health providers to provide care without adequate training or supervision by a dentist.

On November 7th, our members' concerns were shared by Dr. Paula Russo, President, Dr. Sally Cram, Chair, DCDS Foundation, and Dr. Eugene Giannini, Chair, Public Policy Committee. Prior to the meeting, members of our Public Policy Committee were able to meet with several of the other stakeholders who testified on November 7th. The result of the meeting was a unified revised bill, which was provided to the Committee at the hearing. The Committee was very appreciative of our efforts. The revised bill preserves the Doctor-Patient relationship while improving access to care for children via a school based sealant program.

The Public Policy Committee is actively engaged with City Council and other stakeholders to develop programs to help improve the utilization of care. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Society office.

## Delegation Elections

The Call for Nominations for the DCDS Delegation to the ADA House of Delegates was held at the November 12, 2013 business meeting. Dr. Patrick Grogan was nominated for a Delegate position and Dr. Alan Singer was nominated for an Alternate Delegate position. Drs. Grogan and Singer were elected as their nominations were uncontested.

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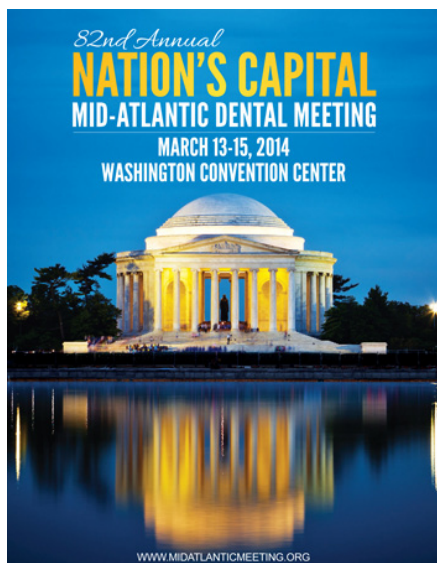
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The meeting will feature three days of world class continuing education and exhibition hall. Courses will be offered for all members of the dental team with educational tracks offered for dentists, hygienists, assistants and staff members.

Hands-on programs will include a local anesthesia refresher course for hygienists, optimum strategies for maximizing the quality of dental images, temporary veneers, OSHA, inspired hygiene, oral surgery and implants just to name a few.

## 2014 Membership Dues Approved

At the November 12, 2013 business meeting the membership unanimously approved the active member dues. The active member dues of the Society shall be \$505. A \$75 discount will be provided to members who pay by December 31st.



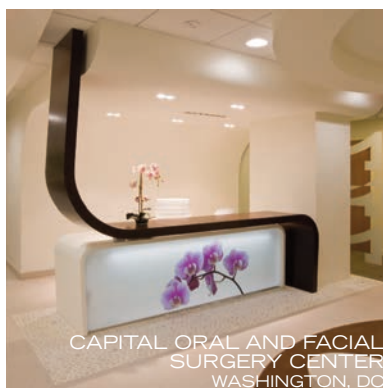
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The District of Columbia Board of Dentistry mailed out renewal packets for dentists whose licenses expire on December 31, 2013. If you have not received your renewal packet, please contact the Board of Dentistry by phone at 877-672-2174 or go to their website, <http://doh.dc.gov/service/dentistry-licensing> to renew online.

To renew your license, you must complete twenty-five (25) hours of credit, including CPR certification and four (4) hours of infection control, within the two-year licensure period. Please note that not more than eight (8) continuing education units for approved internet CE courses will be accepted in any renewal period. In addition, the Board of Dentistry does not accept internet courses or programs for CPR certification. If you have any questions you can access the full Municipal Regulations for Dentistry at <http://doh.dc.gov/service/dentistry-licensing>.

DCDS records CE earned at our monthly meetings, Nation's Capital Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting, and any other CE credits that you have sent to the Society office. Please contact the Society at 202-547-7613 to obtain a copy of your CE transcript.

## Campaign Fundraising Reception for Congressman Paul Gosar



Paul Gosar

On Tuesday, January 14, 2014 the DC Dental Political Action Committee will be hosting a reception to introduce members of the DC Dental Society to Congressman Paul Gosar. This reception will provide members with an opportunity to engage Congressman Gosar on the unique perspective of a dentist on healthcare policy. The reception will take place from 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm prior to the January monthly meeting lecture. For those interested in attending please contact Dr. Eugene Giannini at [eugene@smiledc.com](mailto:eugene@smiledc.com) or 202-244-4111 for additional information.

Congressman Paul Gosar, DDS is serving his second term as the Representative from Arizona's Fourth Congressional District. Before being elected to Congress in 2010, Representative Gosar owned a dental practice in Flagstaff, Arizona for twenty-five years.

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## Membership Spotlight

### Dr. Elliott Alpher is Named Diplomate by the American Board of Craniofacial Pain & Dental Sleep Medicine

Washington, D. C. — Dr. Elliott Alpher, one of the District's most experienced specialists for sleep and jaw disorders, on staff at George Washington University Hospital and Georgetown University Hospital, has successfully completed requirements for certification in Craniofacial Dental Sleep Medicine by the American Board of Craniofacial Pain (ABCP). Dr. Alpher earned his Diplomate status to the Board of the American Academy of Craniofacial Pain in 2006.

Recognizing Dr. Alpher's achievement, ABCP President, H. Clifton Simmons III, explains, "The ABCP is committed to assisting the public by certifying dentists who successfully demonstrate their knowledge of the relationship between craniofacial pain and sleep-disordered breathing. Earning the status of Diplomate of the American Board of Craniofacial Pain & Dental Sleep Medicine is an important professional achievement that signifies to patients, medical and other health professionals that the dentist has met the high standards set forth by the ABCP."

For more information of the ABCP, visit [www.abcp-us.org](http://www.abcp-us.org).

### The International College of Dentists Inducts 8 DC Dental Society Members

We are pleased to report that Drs. Thomas Sokoly, Robert Donahue, Davidson O. Lawoyin, Thomas A'Becket, Maurice Conley, Ali Fassihi, Esther Lynn Childers and Leslie Rye and were inducted as Fellows of the International College of Dentists (ICD) at the 84th Annual Convocation in New Orleans on October 31, 2013.

The ICD is an honorary organization for the recognition of outstanding and meritorious service to the profession and community. Please join us in congratulating our members on their achievement, which brings honor to our profession and Society.



Front row: Drs. Esther Lynn Childers, Leslie Rye, Margaret Culotta-Norton  
Back row: Drs. Thomas Sokoly, Robert Donahue, Davidson Lawoyin, Thomas A'Becket, Maurice Conley, Ali Fassihi

### The American College of Dentists Inducts 2 DC Dental Society Members

We are pleased to report that Drs. Robert Donahue and Marie Stiles-Tigani were inducted as Fellows of the American College of Dentists (ACD) at the 2013 Annual Meeting and Convocation, New Orleans on October 30, 2013.

The ACD is an honorary organization for the recognition of outstanding and meritorious service to the profession and community. Please join us in congratulating our members on their achievement, which brings honor to our profession and Society.



Back row: Drs. Robert Donahue, Mr. Robert Norton, Margaret Culotta-Norton, Angela Noguera, Ali Fassihi  
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