

# Newsletter



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## 2014 Annual Awards Meeting

Four Society members will be recognized at the Annual Awards Meeting being held Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at the Westin, Georgetown. The Sterling V. Mead Award, the Society's highest honor, Committee Member of the Year Award, Humanitarian of the Year Award and Community Spirit Award will be presented during the meeting.



*Dr. Howard*

### ***Sterling V. Mead Award***

Dr. Daniel Howard will receive this year's Sterling V. Mead Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to dentistry in the District. Dr. Howard is a past Chairman of the DC Board of Dentistry. During his tenure as

chairman, he played a vital role advising the mayor, council members and administrators on dental-related issues. Currently, Dr. Howard is on the dental staff at Howard University Hospital. He attended Howard University, College of Dentistry.



*Father Dorsonville*

### ***Humanitarian of the Year Award***

Father Mario E. Dorsonville is the Vice President for Mission and Immigrant Outreach for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. In addition to his position at Catholic Charities, Fr. Dorsonville has been an Adjunct

Spiritual Director for the St. John Paul II Seminary of the Archdiocese of Washington since May 2011. He was also appointed to the Mayor's Interfaith Council in July 2011 and is currently serving his second term on the board. Fr. Dorsonville holds an Executive Certificate of Non-Profit Management from Georgetown University, a Doctoral degree in Ministry from The Catholic University of America, and Master's degree in Sacred Theology from the Javeriana Pontifical University.



*Dr. Loukaitis*

### ***Committee Member of the Year Award***

Dr. Chris Loukaitis has been chosen to receive this honor in appreciation of his service to the Society. Dr. Loukaitis is currently chair of the Membership Committee and a member of the NCDM Advisory

Committee, as well as the Board of Directors. Dr. Loukaitis has a private practice in Prosthodontics & Cranio-Mandibular Disorders Management. In addition, he is an Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics at the Howard University College of Dentistry. Dr. Loukaitis holds a Specialty in Prosthodontics and Certificate in Prosthodontics from Georgetown University School of Dentistry.



*Dr. Grant-Mills*

### ***Community Spirit Award***

Dr. Donna Grant-Mills is an Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Dental Hygiene at Howard University College of Dentistry. She's not only a professor to dental students at Howard, but also lends a helping hand researching

for the University, assists with community-based dental education, promotes recruitment and retention of minorities and disadvantaged students, and devotes time to the community and public service. She holds a doctorate from Howard University College of Dentistry.

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# Letter from the President



Dear Colleagues,

As I reflect on my year as President, it has been a privilege to serve DCDS during a time of progress in our history.

We began this year implementing the initiatives and goals of our Strategic Plan—the first order of business being the voting /approval of the new Bylaws. Our challenge was to learn how to navigate the Bylaws as applied to the day to day workings of our dental society. With this in mind, there was a tremendous amount of progress made on important issues. It is abundantly clear that this was possible as a result of the hard work and thoughtful leadership of our Board of Directors, our Committees, and our staff. I extend my gratitude to all my colleagues and dedicated individuals whose efforts made our achievements possible.

The Society will continue to move forward in realizing the goals identified in our strategic plan:

1. Provide support to members so that they may succeed and excel throughout their careers
2. Optimize opportunities to build our culture, our leadership, our identity and our financial reserves
3. Shape the future of our profession
4. DCDS is the model for improving oral health literacy and outcomes

We have worked hard to communicate the value proposition of DCDS membership to District dentists, targeting dentists early in their careers to join our society. With emphasis on continuing education, business development, and legislative advocacy, we were able to recruit 55 members to the society this year. We continue to seek innovative ways to engage and support our membership and address their needs. It is with gratitude that I acknowledge, Dr. Chris Loukaitis, our membership chair, and his committee for their efforts with recruitment, retention and networking programs for our members.

DCDS remains extraordinarily active and continues to fulfill its mission: to promote the growth of the dental profession through educational programming, advocacy for our members, and raising the oral health literacy of our community. Working together with our Foundation Board and our Foundation President, Dr. Sally Cram, it is with gratitude that DCDS continues to be a leading advocate for oral health literacy in Washington DC through participation with Give Kids A Smile and The NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo. Many thanks to our educational program chair, Dr. Mark Tromblay, and his education committee, Dr. James Ryan and Dr. Chris Loukaitis, for creating an outstanding year of monthly meetings. Thanks to Dr Tromblay's insight and vision, DCDS offered its first 3 hour CE program at a monthly meeting hosting Seattle Study Club's premier speakers: Dr. Sonia Leziy and Dr. Brahm Miller.

We were fortunate to have the ADA visit us — bridging the gap between DCDS and the "mothership". ADA president, Dr. Chuck Norman kicked off our 2013-2014 monthly meeting series last September; at our November meeting, Mike Graham, ADA Senior Vice President for Government and Public Affairs, and Dr. Marko Vujicic, ADA Managing Vice President, Health Policy Resources Center, presented a "Call for Action, the Power of 3"; Dr. Norman returned in February to attend our GKSD reception and honor DCDS as the national kick-off site for Give Kids a Smile; and in June, we look forward to welcoming ADA Executive Director, Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin, as a honored guest attending our Awards Dinner.

The 2014 Nation's Capital Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting was successful and well received. Dr. Tom Sokoly, chair, and his committee did an outstanding job of bringing together world class speakers and over 160 exhibitors for three days of professional networking and continuing education. It is through their selfless volunteer efforts of generating this meeting that our members are able to enjoy many of the benefits we offer such as dues stabilization and continuing education through-out the year.

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A very special note of acknowledgement and gratitude to Dr. Gene Giannini who chaired three committees: our Public Policy Committee, our PAC, and our Executive Director Search Committee. Gene's dedication and untiring efforts on our behalf has kept DCDS on the cutting edge of legislation and at the forefront of selecting executive director leadership for our dental society.

DCDS will soon be celebrating 150 years. Our history informs our future. And, with the passion of our members, our future is bright. I know that President-Elect Dr. Robert Emery is a strong leader who will bring our future closer to reality and continue to advance the mission of DCDS, as well as our strategic goals.

Finally, on a personal note, I wish to thank the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, all committees and our staff — Taryn, Audrey, and Namita for their tireless efforts on behalf of our Society.

***WE ARE DCDS: passionate about our profession, our community, and our future!***

***Paula L. Russo DDS MS***

*President, DC Dental Society*

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## DCDS Inducts New Members

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DC Dental Society inducts five new members at the May 13th monthly meeting.



*From Left to Right: Drs. Jessica Rubin, Jennifer Tipograph, President Paula Russo, Saba Shadi, Mary Telis. (Not pictured: Dr. LaJoyous Tawakali)*

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## New Member Spotlight

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Howard University, 2011

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Active Member

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Howard University, 2013

General Dentistry

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# Congratulations 2013-2014 Excellence in Continuing Education Certificate Recipients

Twenty seven members will receive Excellence in Continuing Education Certificates in recognition of earning fifty (50) or more hours of continuing education in 2013-2014. Congratulations to the following members for their achievement.

Dr. Luis Barr  
Dr. Claudia Cotca  
Dr. Sally Cram  
Dr. Robert Emery  
Dr. James Feldman  
Dr. Nelson Goodman  
Dr. Anita Greene  
Dr. Steven Guttenberg  
Dr. Alan Helig  
Dr. Scott Hetz  
Dr. Steven Kaufman  
Dr. Donald Kreuzer  
Dr. Isabelle Lass  
Dr. Samuel Livano

Dr. Majid Matin  
Dr. Donald Meyer  
Dr. Said Mokhtarzadeh  
Dr. Angela Noguera  
Dr. Russell Philips  
Dr. Maria Rey  
Dr. James Richeson, Jr.  
Dr. Jeffrey Rosenbaum  
Dr. Paula Russo  
Dr. John Shefferman  
Dr. Robert Shub  
Dr. Neil Starr  
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## DCDS Member Selected to Lead Harvard Fundraising Campaign



Dr. Edward Mopsik was chosen as one of five individuals to lead the Harvard School of Dental Medicine's (HSDM) Capital Campaign which kicked-off on April 24, 2014, at the Harvard Club in Boston MA. The HSDM Capital Campaign's goal is to raise \$8 million over four years and fund two primary priorities: financial assistance, and global and community oral health programs.

*Dr. Mopsik (left) in company with Drew Gilpin Faust, President of Harvard University (middle), and Dr. Bruce Donoff, Dean of the School of Dental Medicine and fellow classmate.*

## 2014 ADA Annual Recruitment & Retention Conference



Two DCDS volunteer leaders and a staff member attended the 2014 ADA Annual Conference on Membership Recruitment and Retention earlier this spring in Chicago, IL. The theme for this year's conference was "Power of 3", a new ADA tripartite initiative aimed at reversing the national market share decline and positioning the tripartite for ongoing growth. The conference program highlighted how the tripartite could work together to enhance member value, increase member participation and ensure a consistent member experience.

*Dr. Chris Loukaitis, Ms. Namita Gautam, Dr. Paula Russo, and Dr. Jeff Cole, District 4 Trustee (DE)*



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# Foundation to Launch Mentorship Program – Mentors Needed!

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The mission of the DC Dental Foundation is to promote good oral health to the community and support the needs of the dental profession. It is the Foundation's goal to connect with the community and help to change lives. As most of you know we have a strong relationship with Howard University College of Dentistry to help implement some of our access to care programs such as Give Kids a Smile (GKAS). The Foundation would like to strengthen this partnership by establishing a Mentorship Program with Howard students and our members. This program will support both the needs of the dental profession and change lives by allowing the students to observe how important organized dentistry is to private practice. There is a need for the young dentists entering the profession to understand and desire to be leaders and joiners in the profession. Being a mentor will complement the education that these students already receive at Howard. These students are our future!

Dean Leo Rouse has appointed Dr. Donna Grant-Mills and Dr. Candace Mitchell to recruit and manage the student side of this program. Now we just need DC Dental Society members to volunteer to be mentors and the program can begin. The Foundation Board would like to have this program up and running in August when the second year students return from summer break.

Below is an outline of the program. Evaluation sheets have been developed and will be filled out by both the student and the mentor quarterly to make sure the match is compatible and valuable to both.

The students need your help. You and the profession will benefit from your involvement. If this is a program that you would like to participate, please contact the DC Dental Society office at 202-547-7316 for more information.

## **DCDS Student Mentoring Program**

### **Program Goals:**

1. To welcome the dental student to the profession and to introduce him/her to the three levels of organized dentistry (national, state, and local)

2. To direct the student towards becoming a future actively participating member of the local component dental society

3. To serve as a resource for specific information on organized dentistry, as well as general information on the profession

4. To promote camaraderie and a feeling of belonging in the dental community from enrollment in dental school through graduation and the transition to dental practice

5. To provide leadership mentoring to students interested in becoming involved at the state and national level of organized dentistry

6. To aid the student through school and to ease the transition between dental school and post-graduate activities

7. To provide opportunities for community service and philanthropy in the DC community

### **Mentor Responsibilities:**

Members to be considered as potential mentors include: members in good standing; members of all specialties and interests; and retired dentists who are dedicated active members and who continue to regularly attend sponsored events and meetings. Members should be willing to share their experiences in the profession and open their practice for visits.

The responsibilities of a mentor include contacting the student and establishing rapport, delivering information on organized dentistry and the component's activities, inviting and accompanying the student to component meetings and activities, being a positive, ethical role model for the student, inviting the student to the mentor's office to observe, reinforcing the importance of organized dentistry, and if possible, inviting the student to at least one non-professional activity (home, club, social, recreational, sports, etc.) each year.

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### Benefits of Being a Mentor:

1. Networking with colleagues
2. Working through problem solving – gaining new perspectives
3. Sharing expertise
4. Giving back to the profession by aiding organized dentistry
5. Helping develop the profession's future
6. Staying apprised of changes in dental education

### Student Responsibilities:

Each student is assigned a mentor the summer preceding his or her second year of dental school and is asked to communicate at least monthly with the mentor (telephone, lunch, office visit, social, recreational, etc.).

### Student Expectations:

1. Honor and attend the invitations extended or set up alternate arrangements if it is not possible to attend
2. Learn to ask questions about the profession, practice management, or other areas of interest
3. Express your expectations for the relationship and define what you hope to gain
4. Provide feedback to your mentor

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## Mark Your Calendars for the September 24th DC Dental Society Golf Tournament

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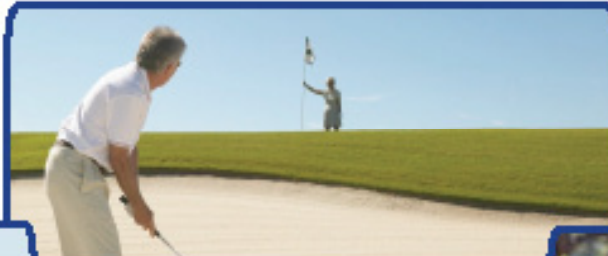
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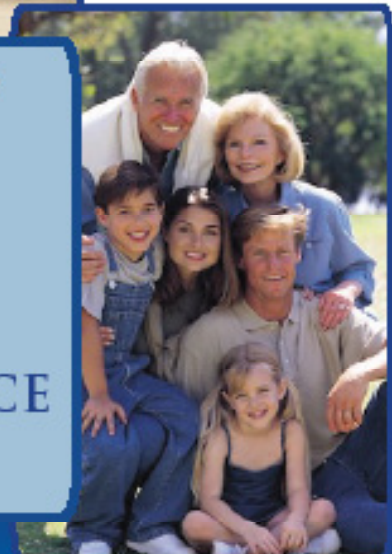
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