

A Letter from DC Dental Society President Robert W. Emery, DDS



Dr. Robert Emery

Dear Colleagues:

In my September letter, I announced that a financial analysis was being undertaken on the Society-owned 502 C Street, NE property to aid the board in determining if it should be leased or sold. Upon reviewing the scenarios put together by CBRE, the real estate firm engaged to conduct the analysis, and after much consideration by the board, it has been determined that leasing the property is the Society’s most prudent course of action at this time.

Leasing the property gives the Society an additional source of non-dues revenue and the flexibility to reutilize the space in the future. We are happy to provide the CBRE presentation to you should you wish to see it. Please contact the DC Dental Society Business Office at info@dcdental.org to have an electronic copy of the presentation sent to you.

Our real estate advisors have informed us that it will likely take six to nine months to lease 502 C Street. The process to prepare the building for rental is already underway. I will continue to keep you apprised of the status of the 502 C Street property until it is leased, hopefully sooner rather than later. If you know of any parties who might be interested in leasing 502 C Street, please reach out to DC Dental Society Executive Director Doug Fesler at (202) 367-2341 or dfesler@dcdental.org. *(Continued on page 2)*

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In other news, the volunteer leadership continues to consider member feedback related to the monthly meeting and make adjustments accordingly. Last month we added a dessert reception immediately following the speaker program to give those that were unable to make the pre-reception an opportunity to network with colleagues. We received much positive feedback on this change. November's meeting will follow the same format. For December, the dinner format will return for one month to give us all an opportunity to come together as friends and colleagues prior to the busy holiday season and end of the year. Further details on the December meeting will be forthcoming.

As you may be aware, next year's ADA Meeting will be held in Washington DC, November 5-10, 2015. As the host constituent society, DCDS will be taking the lead to assemble volunteers for both the ADA Meeting and the ADA Mission of Mercy (MOM) Project which will occur on November 8, 2015, at the Washington Convention Center. The ability for dentists around the country to obtain temporary DC licenses so that they can participate in the MOM Project is essential to the program's success. The DCDS has been working closely with the ADA and DC Board of Dentistry to resolve the temporary licensing issue. I'm happy to announce that a solution has been identified and the DC Board of Dentistry has agreed to issue authorizations to any qualified dentist wishing to participate in next year's MOM Project. I want to thank DCDS member and ADA 2015 Local Arrangements Chair Dr. Sally Cram for playing a lead role in helping to resolve this issue. We all want both the 2015 ADA Meeting and MOM Project in Washington DC to be rousing successes. I encourage all of you to keep the 2015 dates on your calendars and to serve as a volunteer for one or both events.

As a result of the ADA coming to Washington DC next year, the Nation's Capital Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting (NCMDM) will take a break in 2015, but planning for the 2016 NCMDM has already begun. A market assessment was conducted earlier this fall to discern what aspects of the meeting that past attendees value most and how the event can be further enhanced to attract more attendees. Further market research is being considered. The NCMDM Committee is using the information gathered to inform the planning of the 2016 meeting.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or anyone on the Society's board should you have any questions.

We are DCDS: passionate about our profession, our community, and our future!

Sincerely,
R.W.

Robert W. Emery DDS
President, DC Dental Society

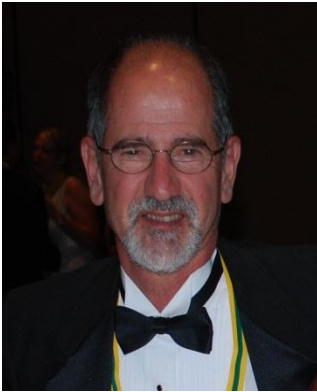
DCDS Mourns the Passing of Dr. Sidney Greenspan

The DC Dental Society is saddened to announce the passing last month of a former president and cherished member, Dr. Sidney Norman Greenspan. He was well-regarded as a pillar of ethics and professionalism within the community of DC dentists. In addition to leading our organization, he was a founder of Maimonides Dental Society and an examiner on the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners.

His passing follows that of his beloved wife, Ruthanne S. Greenspan. His legacy is carried on by his beloved children and grandchildren: Andrew, Rebecca, Dr. Douglas Greenspan, Abigail, Ryan and Alexander. Please share a message of support for or a fond memory on Dr. Greenspan's [guestbook](#).

DCDS November Meeting:

Medical Insurance for Dentists: We are all Oral Physicians



Dr. Ronald Brown

***Medical Insurance
for Dentists: We are
all Oral Physicians***



The next DCDS monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11th at the Westin Georgetown and feature a presentation by Dr. Ronald Brown entitled *Medical Insurance for Dentists: We are all Oral Physicians*.

The networking reception will start promptly at 5:15p.m., and will feature hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. A brief DCDS business meeting will be held at 6:15p.m., followed by Dr. Brown's presentation at 6:30p.m. A second reception will be held after the presentation and will include coffee and desserts.

Members are encouraged to invite a non-member colleague. CE will be offered for Dr. Brown's presentation. Members planning to attend the November meeting should RSVP [online](#), by phone at 202-367-1163, or via email at info@dcdental.org before noon, Tuesday, November 11th.



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DCDS Board Corner

This month's installment of the DCDS Board Corner addresses concerns expressed by several members regarding the October meeting's sponsored speaker whose presentation not only deviated from the topic which was to be covered, but was also deemed by many to be commercially bias. The DCDS Board, as well as the Education Committee shares the membership's concerns regarding the speaker's presentation. In response, the Chairman of the Education Committee, Dr. Said Mokhtarzadeh, sent a strongly worded letter to the sponsoring organization to communicate its disappointment.

The DC Dental Society has strict guidelines for presenters of CE activities to refrain from presentations that are biased towards a specific product. All presenters are expected to abide by these guidelines upon acceptance of a Society invitation to speak. Unfortunately, this was not the case with last month's presentation. The Education Committee is currently considering revisions to the DCDS speaker guidelines and speaker agreement, as well as looking into other actions it may take to minimize the chances of a similar occurrence in the future.

Have a question that you would like to see answered in an upcoming newsletter? Email DCDS at info@dcdental.org or call 202-367-1163.

Dr. Carol Summerhays Elected President-elect of ADA



Carol Summerhays, D.D.S.

The American Dental Association (ADA) announced the election of Carol Summerhays, D.D.S. as its new president-elect during last month's meeting of the ADA House of Delegates in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Summerhays served as Thirteenth District Trustee to the ADA House of Delegates. Some of her previous positions include serving as president of the California Dental Association as well as a board member of the Dentists Insurance Company and the CDA Foundation. She has also held positions with the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) and was a board member for ten years at the Pankey Institute.

Dr. Summerhays graduated from the University of San Francisco with a bachelor's degree in biology and earned her dental degree from the University of Southern California School of Dentistry in 1978. She attended dental school on a full scholarship through the Armed Forces Health Professions program. Dr. Summerhays served four years on active duty in the Navy Dental Corps and 11 years of inactive duty rising to the rank of lieutenant. She started a full time private practice in 1982.

She is a Fellow of the American College of Dentistry, the International College of Dentistry, the Academy of Dentistry International, the AGD and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Additionally, she earned a Master in the AGD and has received the AGD Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition. She and her husband of 31 years, Soames, have two sons, Giles and Bryce.

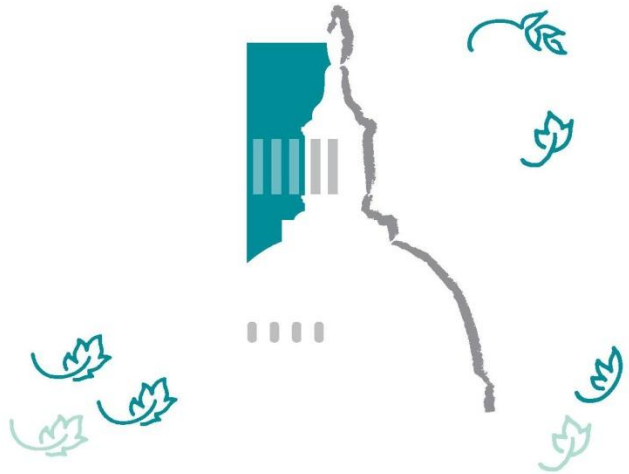
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Member Spotlight: Dr. Gunther Heyder



Dr. Gunther Heyder

Dr. Gunther Heyder is a relatively recent arrival to the DC area. He was raised in North Carolina and received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry at Chapel Hill and his Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from North Carolina State University. He currently works at Tsaknis Dental Group in Washington DC. Prior to this, he worked at a public health clinic and in private practice in North Carolina. In his practice he prides himself on compassion and establishing caring relationships with each patient.

In addition to his work in the office, Dr. Heyder has dedicated himself to helping those without access to healthcare. Dr. Heyder is the founder of [A Reason To Smile \(ARTS\)](#), an organization that looks to provide dental care to underserved rural populations throughout West Africa. ARTS plans on sending teams of dentists and staff to Senegal twice a year and eventually helping to develop self-sustaining clinics run by locally trained dentists and staff. To learn more about ARTS, please visit [A Reason to Smile](#).



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Highlights from the 1st Annual DCDS Golf Tournament



Last month the DC Dental Society hosted its first annual golf tournament at the Bretton Woods Golf Course in Germantown, Maryland. Attendees were treated to a fun day of golf and casual networking with colleagues. This inaugural event was a great success and could not have been achieved without the support of our sponsors—Drs. Emery, Ryan and the Capital Center for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, R.K. Tongue, Patterson Dental, Benco Dental, Dr. Steven A. Guttenberg, Care Credit, and Sheehy Auto Stores.

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ADA Issues Guidance to Dental Professionals on the Ebola Virus

A person infected with Ebola is not considered contagious until symptoms appear. Due to the virulent nature of the disease, it is highly unlikely that someone with Ebola symptoms will seek dental care when they are severely ill. However, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the ADA Division of Science, dental professionals are advised to take a medical history, including a travel history from their patients with symptoms in which a viral infection is suspected.

Any person within 21 days of returning from the West African countries Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea may be at risk of having contacted persons infected with Ebola and may not exhibit symptoms. If this is the case, dental professionals are advised to delay routine dental care of the patient until 21 days have elapsed from their trip. Palliative care for serious oral health conditions, dental infections and pain can be provided if necessary after consulting with the patient's physician and conforming to standard precautions and physical barriers.

An elevated temperature (fever) is often a consequence of infection, but Ebola is not the only infection that may have similar signs and symptoms. The most common signs and symptoms of Ebola infection are: fever (greater than 38.6°C or 101.5°F) and severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain or unexplained bleeding or bruising.

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ADA Issues Guidance to Dental Professionals on the Ebola Virus

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You are advised not to treat dental patients if they have these signs and symptoms for Ebola. If a patient is feeling feverish and their travel history indicates they may be at risk of Ebola, dental professionals and staff in contact with the patient should:

- immediately protect themselves by using standard precautions with physical barriers (gowns, masks, face protection, and gloves)
- immediately call 911 on behalf of the patient
- notify the appropriate state or local health department authorities
- ask the health department to provide you and your staff with the most up-to-date guidance on removing and disposing of potentially contaminated materials and equipment, including the physical barriers.

The Ebola virus is spread through **direct contact** (through broken skin or mucous membranes) with blood and body fluids (urine, feces, saliva, vomit and semen) of a person who is sick with Ebola, or with objects (like needles) that have been contaminated with the virus. Ebola is not spread through the air or by water or, in general, by food. Again, **there is no reported risk of transmission of Ebola from asymptomatic infected patients.**

Information and resources on Ebola are posted on the CDC's website at cdc.gov. A [checklist for healthcare providers](#) (PDF) specific to Ebola is included on the site. Please visit ADA.org/ebola for continued updates on this important public health issue.

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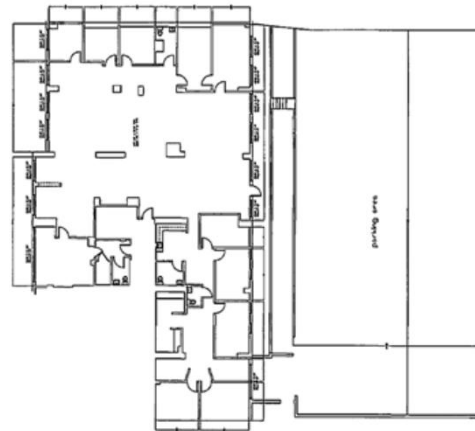
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