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



**Dr. Robert Emery** 

Dear Colleagues,

My thanks go out to all of our members who nominated themselves or a deserving colleague for consideration to serve on the Society board or a committee for the 2015-2016 term. As you all know, volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization, and I'm glad to see so many of our members, both new and established, stepping up to fill these roles. The Awards & Nominating Committee is currently reviewing all nominations and will send their formal recommendation to the board later this month and an announcement made to the membership shortly thereafter.

Both the Society and Foundation are seeking nominations for its esteemed awards, including the Sterling V. Mead, Community Spirit and Humanitarian Awards. I urge each of you to consider nominating a deserving colleague or member of our community for one of these awards. A description of each award, including eligibility requirements is available on the <u>DCDS website</u> and you can submit your nominations via the <u>online nomination form</u>. Nominations must be received by Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's awards recipients will be honored at the Society's annual awards dinner which will occur on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Westin Georgetown Hotel.

The DC Dental Society recently cohosted with TD Bank a seminar on handling post-graduate debt. At this event, DCDS member panelists, including Drs. Paula Russo, Margot Culotta-Norton, Larry Bowers, Jonelle Grant and Adam Eskow, spoke to Howard University dental students about their own early-career experiences. I would like to personally thank the panelists and DCDS members serving as formal mentors to Howard University students this year through the Foundation's Mentorship Program for making this event and the program a great success. I would also like to thank our cosponsor, TD Bank, for their support. (Continued on page 2)

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We are excited to serve as the host city for this year's ADA Annual Meeting which will be held November 5-8 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Be sure to save the dates for this exciting event! The DCDS will be coordinating the volunteer efforts for this year's meeting. Be on the lookout for an email in early May providing information on how you can sign-up to volunteer for the November 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

## Join us for the April Monthly Meeting

The next DC Dental Society monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Georgetown and will feature Dr. Alan Brodine speaking on *Dental Implant Complications: Prevention and Management*. Dr. Brodine will be emphasizing the importance of prevention, early recognition and intervention in minimizing adverse outcomes.

Members planning to attend the April meeting should RSVP <u>online</u>, by phone at 202-367-1163, or via email at <u>info@dcdental.org</u> before noon, Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.



Alan Brodine, DMD

#### **Presentation Topic**

Dental Implant Complications: Prevention and Management

#### Schedule

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Reception 5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Presentation 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Reception

#### Location

Westin Georgetown 2350 M St NW Washington, DC 20037 \*CE will be offered for the April Meeting

## **DCDS Mourns the Passing of Dr. Marc Doctors**

The Society mourns the loss of member Dr. Marc Doctors who passed away in late February. Dr. Doctors is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth Bell Doctors, daughters Jennifer (Jamie Pell), Maggie, Anna (John Delli Carpini), and his brother Lawrence. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, Dr. Doctors' family asks that contributions be made in his name to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, <a href="http://tinyurl.com/marcdoctors">http://tinyurl.com/marcdoctors</a>.

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## Oral Cancer 5K Walk/Run for Awareness

The DCDS Foundation is pleased to support and sponsor the Oral Cancer Foundation's (OCF) upcoming 5K walk/run on April 18, 2015 in Meadowbrook Park in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The 5K Walk/Run is being held in memory of Peter McGee Hoffman, a young man from the area who passed away from tongue cancer at the age of 24. The OCF is hoping to raise awareness, promote early detection and support all of those who have had to deal with oral cancer. To learn more about this event please visit the OCF event page at <a href="www.peterswalkrun.com">www.peterswalkrun.com</a> or the Facebook event page at <a href="www.peterswalkrun.com/facebook">www.peterswalkrun.com/facebook</a>.

## Nominate a Colleague for a DC Dental Society Award

DCDS and the DCDS Foundation are now accepting nominations for the following awards.

- Sterling V. Mead Award
- Special Recognition of a Member Award
- Committee Member of the Year Award
- Community Spirit Award
- Humanitarian Award

Complete details for each award are available on the <u>DCDS website</u>. Recipients of this year's awards will be honored at the June 2nd DCDS Awards Dinner at the Westin Georgetown Hotel.

To nominate a colleague, please complete the online nomination form by Wednesday, April 15th.

## DCDS/TD Bank Host Workshop for Mentorship Program



On March 26<sup>th</sup> the DC Dental Society Foundation in collaboration with TD Bank cohosted a workshop targeting D3 and D4 Howard University students on the topic of handling post-graduate debt. DCDS members Drs. Paula Russo, Margot Culotta-Norton, Larry Bowers, Jonelle Grant, and Adam Eskow served as panelist for the workshop and shared their own early-career experiences with dental students. Adrian Soto, a D3 Howard University dental student said "I really enjoyed the workshop and the opportunity to speak to dentists in the DC area. It was great to talk with them about their experiences as new graduates from dental school and to get the chance to ask them for advice." The Foundation and TD Bank will cohost additional workshops in 2015 targeting dentists at different career stages. Stay tuned for the dates and topics for these future workshops.

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## Register Now for May 1st Pediatric Dentistry Symposium

The Pediatric Dentistry Program at Children's National Medical Center and the DC Academy of Pediatric Dentistry invite DCDS members to attend a continuing education course and resident research symposium on May 1, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dr. Arnie Weiss will provide tips for success in pediatric behavior management. Attendees will receive up to five hours of continuing education credit. Lunch will be provided. For more information about this event and to register, please email dcchapteraapd@gmail.com.

## ADA Offers Resources for Dentists Considering Opting In/Out of Medicare

The American Dental Association (3/12) reported that the ADA Center for Professional Success offers a number of online resources for dentists as they decide whether or not to opt out of Medicare, a "sometimes complicated and confusing process." The article explained that dentists who prescribe drugs covered by Part D to Medicare beneficiaries may either "enroll in the program either as a provider of Medicare services or as an ordering/referring provider, or opt out in order for prescriptions they write to be reimbursed by Medicare, according to the federal government." Dentists who fit the program's requirements "must take action by Dec. 1."

Additional resources are provided in the following articles: <u>Dentists must choose to opt in or out of Medicare</u> <u>enrollment</u> and <u>ADA offers Q&A primer on opting in or out</u> of Medicare.



## ADA Seeking Fourth District Nominations for Council and Commission Appointments

The ADA Fourth District is seeking nominations for the following council and commission appointments: Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), Commission on Continuing Education Program Recognition (CERP), ADA Fourth District appointments to the ADA Council on Communications, and the ADA Council on Membership. Members interested in consideration for one of these positions should complete <a href="the nomination and conflict of interest forms">the nomination and conflict of interest forms</a> and send them along with your CV to the DCDS Business Office by April 15, 2015.

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