



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



Dr. Robert Emery

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all of you that participated in the NBC4 and Give Kids a Smile community outreach events in January and February. The coordinated efforts of dozens of DC Dental Society member volunteers provided more than 600 oral cancer screenings to Washington residents at the January NBC4 Health & Fitness Expo, and the screening and treatment of nearly 300 children from Abram Simon and Kimball Elementary schools through our Give Kids a Smile campaign. Given the size of our Society, these are very impressive numbers and should make us all proud to be members of the District of Columbia Dental Society.

To those who were unable to participate in these recent activities, I would like to extend an invitation to become more involved with the Society, not only in the numerous community outreach events which the society participates in annually, but in the leadership of the Society also.

This year, we have opened up the nominations process for board and committee positions to make it easy for any member to nominate themselves or a deserving colleague for an open board or committee position via an [online nomination form](#). We need you! Volunteer leaders play an active role in developing and leading the dental profession within the District of Columbia. Serving as a volunteer leader is also an excellent way for members to contribute to the Society’s strategic goals, develop crucial leadership skills and make important career connections. To remain vibrant and successful, the Society must be able to attract active and engaged members to serve on the board and committees. I’d like to invite all members, especially our new dentist colleagues (those out of dental school less than ten years) to nominate others or self-nominate. [Online nominations](#) must be received by Friday, March 6th. *(Continued on page 2)*

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As has been customary, nominations for leadership positions will also be accepted at the March 10th monthly meeting. This is your Society and I encourage each of you to be active members.

The Awards & Nominating Committee will review all nominations, vet all candidates for inclusion on the 2015-2016 board of directors ballot (for opposed positions) and make recommendations to the board of directors on committee assignments. Elections will be held in May via electronic ballot with the opportunity for members to vote in person at the June 2nd Awards Dinner.

Finally, I would like to urge each of you to attend the March monthly meeting on March 10th at the Westin Georgetown. Dr. Marvin Fier will be speaking on new composite and bonding materials, and simple procedures to create beautiful and natural restorations. In addition, he will be conducting a Hands-on Workshop prior to the monthly meeting starting at 2:00 p.m. on the same topics. There are still a few spaces available for this three hour workshop. If you're interest in participating in the hands-on workshop, you can register online via the [ADA website](#). The discounted price for current DCDS members is \$265. The non-member price is \$300.

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

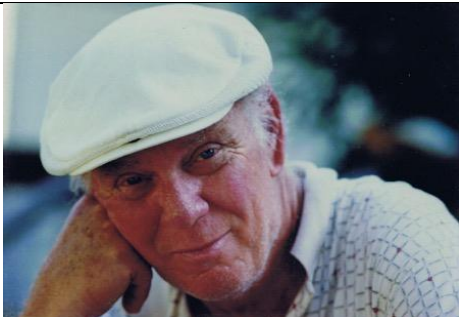
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DCDS Mourns the Passing of Dr. Theodore Miller



Colleague and friend, Dr. Theodore Alan Miller passed away on Friday February 20, 2015. He was the devoted husband of Ethyle; father of Daniel (Bethany), Michael, (Lauren) and Judith. Please share a message of support or a fond memory for his family by signing Dr. Miller's [guestbook](#).

Join us for the March Monthly Meeting and Workshop

Join us on March 10th for a very special monthly meeting featuring Dr. Marvin Fier, Executive Vice President of the American Society for Dental Aesthetics, as he presents both the monthly lecture, as well as a hands-on workshop sponsored by Tokuyama Dental. This is a great opportunity for DC Dental Society members to learn more about new procedures from an industry expert.

The hands on three hour workshop will be held at 2:00 p.m. with limited seating available. DCDS members have the opportunity to register for this valuable training at a rate of \$265. Click [here](#) to register and secure your spot today!

Following the workshop there will be a networking reception where members can mingle and speak with Dr. Fier, followed by a brief DCDS business meeting, and then Dr. Fier's evening lecture. Dr. Fier will introduce some of the newer composite and adhesive materials and will emphasize simple techniques that will help members to create beautiful, natural tooth colored restorations. He will also cover composite and bonding technology from the past, present, and future trends. Click [here](#) to RSVP for the March monthly meeting today!



Dr. Marvin Fier, DDS, FASDA
Executive Vice-President
American Society for Dental Aesthetics

Afternoon Workshop Topic

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Evening Presentation Topic

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Schedule

Workshop 2:00pm - 5:00pm ET(Registration Required)
Networking Reception 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
DCDS Business Meeting 5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Presentation 6:00pm - 7:30 p.m.

Location

Westin Georgetown
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Member in the News

The DC Dental Society is proud to announce that DCDS member Dr. James G. Richeson, has been selected to serve as moderator of the AGD Oral Health Symposium, occurring Friday, April 24, 2015, in Chicago, IL. At this event, oral health policy/strategy experts from around the country will meet to discuss ways dental organizations can work together to improve the oral health of Americans, by coming up with policy statements and suggestive directives that government leaders can use to realize this goal.

Members Urged to Nominate a Deserving Colleague, Themselves for Open Volunteer Positions

We need you! DCDS volunteers play an active role in developing and leading the dental profession within the District of Columbia. Nominate yourself or a colleague for a leadership position to actively contribute to the Society's strategic goals, develop crucial leadership skills and make important career connections.

The DCDS Awards and Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill open officer and board positions for the 2015-2016 term. The committee is also seeking candidates for appointment to Society committees, including:

Awards & Nominating (2 members)
Constitution and Bylaws (1 member)
Education (1 member)
Membership Benefits (2 members)
Membership (1 member)
Nation's Capital Dental Meeting (4 members)
Professional Standards (1 member)
Public Policy (2 members)
Public Relations (1 member)
Strategic Planning (3 members)

[View the committee charges](#)

Both board and committee terms will begin in the summer of 2015. The DCDS strives for diversity with respect to its volunteer leadership and specifically encourages new dentists to nominate others or self-nominate.

To **nominate a colleague**, please send the following information to the DCDS business office (info@dcdental.org) by **Friday, March 6, 2015**.

- Nominee's name
- Nominee's contact information
- Position for which you are nominating the individual

To **self-nominate**, please complete the [online nomination form](#) by **Friday, March 6, 2015**.

Thank you for your participation in this important process. We value your interest in serving your Society!

Questions? Call the DCDS Business office at (202) 367-1163 or email info@dcdental.org.

Dental Study to Test Referral Follow-Through

Dental researchers will test "an innovative behavioral approach" with 660 parents and caregivers of kindergarten-through-fourth-grade children to assess follow-through on dental referrals to "determine if the child received care."

Researchers at Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine in Cleveland and the University of Washington Northwest Center to Reduce Oral Health Disparities in Seattle plan to launch and test a behavioral intervention this fall to address "misperceptions" some parents may have that dental care for baby teeth isn't important because they just fall out anyhow.

A letter and dental guide for parents and caregivers will focus on dispelling childhood dental myths, Case Western Reserve University said in a press release headlined, "Contrary to popular belief, dental care for baby teeth is vital." The materials will be sent to study participants who have children in elementary schools in East Cleveland, Ohio, and the state of Washington. These are newer study sites than those designated when the project was first funded with a federal research grant.

Suchitra Nelson, Ph.D., professor of community dentistry, will lead the \$1.6 million, two and a half year study funded by the National Institute of Dental Research. She is working with Dr. Gerald Ferretti, chair of the department of pediatric dentistry; Jeffrey Albert, Ph.D., professor in the department of epidemiology and biostatistics at the School of Medicine; Wonik Lee, Ph.D., assistant professor in community dentistry; Dr. Peter Milgrom, professor of dental public health sciences and pediatric dentistry at the University of Washington School of Dentistry, and Christine Riedy, Ph.D., lecturer at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

"We have an opportunity to change the public health standard of practice with this new referral letter and educational materials," Dr. Nelson said.



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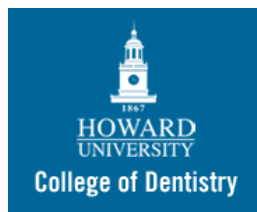
Society Participates in GKAS at Howard University

DC Dental Society members and volunteers had a great time providing free dental treatment to Abram Simon and Kimball Elementary school students at this year's Give Kids a Smile Day which occurred on February 6th at Howard University. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all of the members, sponsors, Howard students and faculty who made this day a possibility.

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Register Now for May 1st Pediatric Dentistry Symposium

The Pediatric Dentistry Program at Children’s National Medical Center and DC Academy of Pediatric Dentistry invites DCDS members to attend a continuing education course and resident research symposium on May 1, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. featuring Dr. Arnie Weiss on tips for success in pediatric behavior management. Attendees will receive 4-5 continuing education credits. Lunch will be provided. For more information about this event and to register, please email dcchapteraad@gmail.com.

Study: Phage Therapy May be Effective Prophylaxis for E. Faecalis Infection Following Root Canal Procedures

[Medical News Today](#) (2/20, Paddock) As concerns about so-called superbugs grow, researchers are considering using a method to kill bacteria that involves infecting them with bacteriophages. Specifically, a new study from researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem’s Faculty of Dental Medicine published in the journal *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* found that a phage called EFDG1 – isolated in the Jerusalem sewage system – “could be an effective way to kill a very stubborn, drug-resistant bacterium called *Enterococcus faecalis* that can sometimes cause infections following dental procedures.” The study found that EFDG1 “was highly effective at eliminating *E. faecalis* in tissue examples of root canal infection, suggesting that phage therapy using EFDG1 might be an effective way to prevent *E. faecalis* infection following root canal procedures.”

Nearly Two-Thirds of US Adults Over 30 Have Periodontitis

The [MLive](#) (2/18) A new [study](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirms that nearly one out of two U.S. adults age 30 and over—64.7 million Americans—has periodontitis, the advanced form of periodontal disease. The study was published in the *Journal of Periodontology*, and its findings “also indicate that prevalence is highest among ethnic minorities, with 63.5 percent of Hispanic-Americans, 59.1 percent of Non-Hispanic Blacks and 50 percent of Non-Hispanic Asian Americans affected by periodontitis.”

ADA Suggests Improvements to Proposed EPA Amalgam Separator Rule

The ADA has submitted comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that it cannot support the agency’s proposed rule requiring amalgam separators as written and has filed suggestions on how to eliminate areas of ambiguity and inconsistencies,” [Dr Bicuspid](#) (2/23) reported. Dr. Bicuspid added, “The ADA supports a ‘reasonable national pretreatment standard for amalgam waste’ and has filed comments with the EPA with specific suggestions on how to improve the proposed rule and “eliminate several areas of ambiguity and internal inconsistencies.”

The [Dentistry IQ](#) (2/21) reported, “the ADA will continue working closely with the EPA on crafting a suitable and workable amalgam separator rule that balances protecting the environment and the concerns and needs of dentists and their patients.” Dentistry IQ added that “even without separators, 78% of dental amalgam is captured by chair-side traps and vacuum filters, while 95-99 percent of the rest is captured by treatment plants. Very little—less than 1%—of the mercury released into the environment comes from dentistry.”

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The Oral Cancer Foundation(OCF) will be holding a 5K walk/run on April 18, 2015 in Meadowbrook Park in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The OCF is hoping to raise awareness, promote early detection and support all of those who have had to deal with this horrifying disease. To learn more about this event please visit the OCF Event Page at www.peterswalkrun.com or the Facebook event page at www.peterswalkrun.com/facebook.

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