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A Letter from the DC Dental Society President Julian Moiseiwitsch, BDS, PhD



Dr. Julian Moiseiwitsch

Dear Colleagues:

As I wrote last month, the Society accepted an offer to purchase the DCDS property located at 502 C St. NE. I'm happy to announce that the sale officially closed on October 23^{rd.} The property was purchased by the American Society of Agronomy for \$1.55 million. The Society will direct the proceeds from the sale of the building into the Society's investment reserves.

I would like to thank each of you that

volunteered at the 2015 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Meeting as well as the Mission of Mercy Project held in Washington DC earlier this month. Both events were huge undertakings, especially for a relatively small Society such as ours, and your participation was integral to the success of both.

Volunteers are the most important resource we have as an organization. The dedication and hospitality demonstrated by each of you was both appreciated and commended by numerous meeting attendees, participants and patients. Thank you for your support and hard work.

Now that the 2015 ADA Annual Meeting is behind us, the Society's focus has now shifted to reinvigorating our Annual Meeting into the must-attend dental event in the region. The 2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting will occur March 24-26, 2016 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. I'm excited to

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announce that the Delaware State Dental Society has signed on as a partner for this event and we are currently in discussions with other state dental associations to do the same in the coming years. The meeting website www.midatlanticdental.org has launched, the preliminary program is now available and registration will open later this month. Be on the lookout for more information about the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting which will be mailed out to members in the coming weeks.

The Society will also celebrate its 150th Anniversary during the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting. I have convened a task force to develop ideas on how the organization can celebrate such a monumental anniversary. As the task force works through its charge, I encourage members to aid our efforts by contacting the Society if they wish to donate any personal DCDS-related artifacts, such as photos, newspaper articles, or other materials. These items will be joined on display by artifacts from the National Museum of Dentistry at the meeting. Please contact DCDS staff via email at info@dcdental.org if you wish to donate items to be showcased.

Finally, 2016 membership dues renewal invoices will be sent out this month. Both the ADA and DCDS rates will remain unchanged for 2016. I urge you to remit your membership dues payments promptly to avoid any interruption in your membership.

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,

Julian Moiseiwitsch, B.D.S., Ph.D.

President, DC Dental Society

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DCDS Mourns the Passing of Dr. Maurice Conley

It is with deep regret that the DC Dental Society reports the death of friend and colleague Dr. Maurice J. Conley III who passed away on Monday, October 12, 2015.

Dr. Conley was a long-time member of the Society, an active participant in organized dentistry across numerous organizations and very involved in the community. He was passionate to the dental needs of the underserved in Washington, DC, serving as a volunteer at the Spanish Catholic Center Dental Clinic, the S.O.M.E. (So Others May Eat) Dental Clinic, and participating in numerous DCDS Give Kids a Smile Days. Dr. Conley received the DCDS Foundation's Community Spirit Award in 2010.

Dr. Conley is survived by his wife (Pat) and four children, Ellie (Peter), Mo, Michael and Patrick (Bridget), and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hold Redeemer Angel Fund at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 9705 Summit Ave, Kensington, MD 20895.

December CE Meeting: Generational Diversity

The next DC Dental Society monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at the Westin Georgetown and will feature a presentation by Dr. Lisa Phillip titled "Generational Diversity: The Adaptation Strategies." This presentation will offer two continuing education hours.

Members planning to attend the December meeting should <u>RSVP online</u>, by phone at (202) 367-1163, or via email at <u>info@dcdental.org</u> before noon on Tuesday, December 8th.



Lisa Philp, RDH

DCDS December Meeting

Tue, Dec 08, 2015 | 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM

Topic: Generational Diversity: The Adaptation

Strategies

Speaker: Lisa Philp, RDH

Schedule:

5:45 p.m. – Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. – Speaker Dinner to Follow Presentation

Location:

Westin Georgetown 2350 M St NW Washington, DC 20037

Preliminary Program for the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting Now Available

Join the DC Dental Society at the <u>2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting</u>, March 24-26, 2016, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Come get new ideas and make new discoveries and connections to advance your dental practice. The meeting provides you and your dental team the opportunity to receive direct knowledge and training from nationally renowned speakers. There will be a variety of innovative lectures and hands-on workshops that will appeal to different members of your team.

Come together with dental professionals from the Mid-Atlantic region to:

- Earn continuing education credits for the full dental team! With more than 75 workshops and clinics to choose from, there is something for everyone in the office. New for 2016 no fees for flash and capsule clinics!
- Strengthen existing business relationships and build new ones during the three networking receptions.
- Connect with leaders in the dental community and find new products and solutions from one of our 150 exhibitors in the exhibit hall.
- Celebrate 150 years of DCDS! Artifacts dating back to 1866 from the National Museum of Dentistry will be showcased during the meeting.
- Dental Students: Gather information regarding General Practice Residency (GPR) programs from around the country at the GPR Fair.

The <u>preliminary program</u> is now available online. Online registration for the meeting will open later this month. As in prior years, the registration fee for members that volunteer at the meeting will be waived.

For all of the latest information regarding the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental meeting – please visit www.midatlanticdental.org.







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March 24 - 26, 2016

Walter E. Washington Convention Center Washington, D.C.



DCDS CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

Dr. Stephen Tigani Appointed to ADA Council

Congratulations Dr. Stephen Tigani on his recent appointment to the ADA Council on Membership. There are 11 councils of the American Dental Association (ADA), most of which are composed of one member from each of the 17 trustee districts of the Association. Dr. Stephen Tigani is a fourth trustee district member, and will most certainly represent the DC Dental Society well.

Dr. Tigani has been an active participant in organized dentistry since 1992 and a member of the DC Dental Society since 1996. A current ADA alternate



Dr. Stephen Tigani with two of his daughters.

delegate for the District, past-president of the Society, past chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting Program Committee, and recent Strategic Planning Task Force Committee member, he is more than qualified to be a member of the ADA Council on Membership and to act as a decision-maker on issues concerning membership at the national and constituent levels.

Again, congratulations Dr. Tigani!

Support the Foundation's Wall of Wine

The DC Dental Society Foundation's "Wall of Wine" fundraiser will again be included at next year's 2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting, March 24-26, 2016. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help the Foundation sponsor and implement oral health projects in the DC community.

As members of the Society, please consider aiding the Foundation's Wall of Wine preparation efforts by:

- Pre-purchasing \$25 tickets for Wall of Wine pulls at the December 2015, and January and February 2016 DCDS Monthly Meetings
- 2. Pre-purchasing \$25 gift certificates for wine pulls and give them as gifts to your staff, friends, and/or colleagues
- 3. Donating to the DCDS Foundation to supplement their Wall of Wine budget; and/or
- 4. Visiting the Wall during the ADA 2015 and purchasing a pull

Ticket purchases, gift certificates, and donations to the Foundation Wall of Wine are tax deductible as a charitable contribution. To learn more about or Wall of Wine Fundraiser, including sponsorship opportunities, please contact the DC Dental Society Staff at (202) 367-1163 or info@dcdental.org.

New Member Spotlight

Following is a list of members who have recently joined DCDS, along with the dental schools and GPR programs from which they graduated. Welcome new members!

Dr. Dominicque Gray dbgray11@gmail.com

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Howard University College of Dentistry, 2009

Montefiore Medical Center GPR Program

Dr. Danielle Smart-Wiley

<u>Dsmart0925@yahoo.com</u>

Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry, 2010

Indiana University GPR Program

Dr. Lucciola Lambruschini llambrus09@su.edu

University of San Martin de Porres School of Dentistry, 2000

Howard University College of Dentistry GPR Program, 2007

DCDS Enjoys ADA 2015



Top: The Committee on Local
Arrangements having a blast at the ADA
2015 annual meeting!

Right: Volunteers and DCDS staff working the Foundation's Wall of Wine at ADA 2015



Left: Several
DCDS members
celebrating Dr.
Culotta-Norton's
Appointment as
President of the
International
College of
Dentists - USA

Renew Your DC Dental License Before It's Too Late!

All dentists practicing in the District must <u>renew his or her DC dental license</u> by December 31, 2015. In order to renew your license, per the <u>DC Board of Dentistry's Municipal Regulations for Dentistry</u>, you must submit proof of having completed twenty-five continuing education credit hours, which shall include current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for health care providers ("CPR certification") and four hours of infection control in approved continuing education programs within the two-year period preceding the date the license expires.

Please review the DC Board of Dentistry's Municipal Regulations for Dentistry to learn more about qualifying continuing education credits. If you fail to submit proof of having completed the continuing education requirements by December 31, 2015, you may renew your license up to sixty days after expiration by submitting proof of these requirements and by paying the required late fee.

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Oral Cancer Foundation Run in April



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To learn more about the event please visit Peterswalkrun.com or Facebook.

Foundation Needs Members to Serve as Mentors

Due to high demand, the DCDS Foundation is looking for additional members to volunteer their time and serve as mentors to students from the Howard University College of Dentistry.

Full details about the program are available on the DCDS Foundation website. If you are interested in volunteering to be a mentor, please contact the DC Dental Society office at (202) 367-1163 or via email at info@dcdental.org.

DC Family & Medical Leave Act (DCFMLA)

Seven members of the DC City Council have signed onto proposed legislation that would significantly amend the DC Family and Medical Leave Act of 1990 (DCFMLA). The goal of this proposed legislation is to allow employees in the District to have up to sixteen weeks of paid leave to address family emergencies or other health conditions. Unlike the federal act, the DCFMLA applies to all DC employers regardless of size.

It would establish a new government administered Family and Medical Leave Fund which would receive its main revenue via a payroll surcharge of .5 to 1% of the annual payroll of each covered employee.

The amount of family and medical leave benefits for covered employees would be 100% of the eligible average weekly wages up to \$1000 per week plus 50% of average wages in excess of \$1,000 up to a maximum weekly benefit of \$3000. They would be entitled up to sixteen weeks of benefits per twelve month application period.

Every dental practice in the District that employs individuals would be impacted with an additional payroll surcharge of .5 to 1%. The DCDS and our society's legislative advisor is actively monitoring this legislation. It is currently before the Committee of the Whole waiting for a hearing to be called. It is anticipated that this will occur in January. At that time, hearings will be called and interest groups will be called upon to submit testimony on possible impact of this legislation on local businesses.

Similar legislation has passed in only three other states for significantly less paid leave time. We will be partnering with aligned organizations, like the DC Chamber of Commerce who believes that this legislation is "too much, too soon".

Have You Experienced a Delay in Obtaining a DC License/Registration?

DCDS Wants to Hear From You! The DC Dental Society is actively engaging the DC government to rectify what it sees as an excessive lag in the amount of time it currently takes for some individuals to obtain dentist and hygienist licenses, and dental assistant registration in the District of Columbia. The Society believes that though it is important to ensure that all individuals that practice dentistry in the District are appropriately credentialed, the amount of time it takes for someone to obtain a license or registration in DC must be in-line with our surrounding jurisdictions.

If you, a colleague or someone in your practice has encountered what they deem to be an excessive delay in obtaining their District of Columbia dentist or hygienist license or dental assistant registration, we want to hear from you. Please complete this <u>online form</u> or contact the DC Dental Society Business Office at (202) 367-1163 or <u>info@dcdental.org</u>. The data collected will be used to identify the flaws in the current system and put together the Society's recommendations to the DC Government on how the system can be improved.

Thank you to those who volunteered at the 2015
ADA Annual Meeting and to those who provided
free dental services at the Mission of Mercy Project!



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Employment Opportunity

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- Current, active DC license
- Minimum of 1-2 years' of experience
- Nitrous Oxide certification preferred



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I look forward to meeting future dentists and working as part of their dental team.

Contact: (301) 502-4227 or oates86@gmail.com

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