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July 2016

A Letter from the DC Dental Society President Thomas Sokoly, DDS



Dr. Thomas Sokoly

Dear Colleagues:

As I begin my term as your President, I look forward to serving the DCDS and working with the board, committees and members to implement our strategic plan and continue to realize our mission. I would like to thank immediate Past President Dr. Julian Moiseiwitsch for his service to the Society and his work to facilitate the continued growth and success of our Society.

As your President, I plan to build on the fine work of my predecessor. I will provide regular communications to you with updates on Society initiatives, strategic priorities and important news. I also want to hear your feedback so that we can continue to implement ideas for expanding member benefits with strong utilization. I hope that many of you take me up on this request.

I hope you all will join me during the first week of August for an informal DCDS summer happy hour. The happy hour is a great way to meet and network with fellow dentists in an informal setting and I hope that you can join us. More information on the date, time, and location will be sent out in the coming days by DCDS Staff via email.

We'll be kicking off the 2016-2017 DCDS Educational Program Series on Tuesday, September 13th at the Westin Georgetown. Dr. Steven Wilson will be speaking on "Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office." Dinner will be served at the September meeting. I encourage all of you to visit the <u>DC Dental Society</u> website to view the complete listing of 2016-2017 monthly meeting schedule.

The DC Dental Society Charity Golf Tournament will also be held in September. Join me and your colleagues on September 14th at the Bretton Woods Golf Course in Germantown, Maryland for an afternoon on the links. This exciting

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networking event is open to all individuals and we encourage you to bring your colleagues and friends and play as a team. Net proceeds will benefit the DCDS Foundation, the charitable and philanthropic arm of the Society, dedicated to providing oral health care and promoting oral health literacy in the District. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for the event. Registration for this event is available via the <u>DC Dental Society</u> website.

A portion of our financial resources is spent on activities to address the strategic goals of providing support to our members; optimizing our opportunities to build our culture, leadership, identity, and our financial reserves; shape the future of our profession; and improve oral health for all members of our community.

I'm honored to serve as your President for this upcoming year and hope you have a great summer.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Dokoly

Thomas Sokoly, D.D.S. President, DC Dental Society



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Congratulations Incoming 2016-2017 Board and Committee Members

The DC Dental Society is pleased to announce its incoming 2016-2017 board officers, at-large board members and committee members. Interest was strong, especially from new dentist members (less than 10 years since graduating from dental school). We are thankful to all of the candidates for their willingness to volunteer their time and efforts to benefit the Society.

Board Members

Dr. Carol Blake, President-Elect Dr. Said Mokhtarzadeh, Vice-President Dr. Luis Barr, At-Large Board Member Dr. Michael Blicher, At-Large Board Member Dr. Adam Eskow, At-Large Board Member Dr. James Feldman, At-Large Board Member Dr. Michael Pollowitz, At-Large Board Member

Incoming Committee Members

Advisory Committee to the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting Dr. Michael Blicher Dr. Johanna Huijssoon

> Awards and Nominating Committee Dr. Julian Moiseiwitsch, Chair Dr. Michael Blicher Dr. Said Mokhtarzadeh

> Constitution and Bylaws Committee Dr. Margot Culotta-Norton Dr. Patrick Grogan

> > Education Committee Dr. Adam Eskow, Chair Dr. Michael Pollowitz

Finance and Advisory Committee Dr. Ali Fassihi, Chair Dr. Julian Moiseiwitsch

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Public Relations Committee Dr. Albert Coombs Dr. Steven Price

Strategic Planning Committee Dr. Carol Blake, Chair Dr. Valerie Andrews Dr. Paul Cohen Dr. Said Mokhtarzadeh

Members Celebrate at June Awards Dinner

Last month, the DC Dental Society Annual Awards Dinner gave members and invited guests the opportunity to celebrate this year's Society award recipients while catching up with one another prior to the summer break from regular monthly meetings. In addition to annual Society awards, outgoing President Dr. Julian Moiseiwitsch was recognized for his service and President-elect Dr. Thomas Sokoly was installed as the 2016-2017 Society President.



Top Left: Past President Julian Moiseiwitsch with his wife and daughter, Françoise Seillier-Moiseiwitsch and Nina Moiseiwitsch, respectfully

Top Right: President Thomas Sokoly, his wife Brenda Moreno-Sokoly, and Dr. Margot Culotta-Norton at the networking reception

Middle Left and Right: Members, family, and friends enjoying a few drinks and hors d'oeuvres on the patio during the networking reception

Bottom Left and Right: Members and invited guests enjoyed having the opportunity to congratulate the awardees, celebrate our 150th anniversary, and catch up before the summer break











Top Left: Dr. Luis Barr, recipient of the Committee Member of the Year Award, with presenter Dr. Said Mokhtarzadeh.

Top Right: Dr. Margot Culotta-Norton presented the Special Recognition of a Member Award to Dr. Sally Cram.

Middle Left: Dr. John Drumm presented the Sterling V. Mead Award to Dr. Michael Blicher.

Middle Right: Dr. Sally Cram presented the Community Spirit Award to Dr. John Bailey.

Bottom Center: Recipient of the Humanitarian Award Ms. Maria Gomez with presenter Dr. Sally Cram and staff of the Mary's Center.

Swing into Action and Make a Difference



"My colleagues and I greatly enjoyed the 2015 Tournament and are looking forward to spending time on the green with everyone again this year. Let's all support the DC Dental Society Foundation while at the same time enjoying a fun filled day with our colleagues!"

Dr. Robert Emery, 2014-2016 Title Sponsor DC Dental Society Past President

Register today for the 2016 DC Dental Society Charity Golf Tournament, being held Wednesday, September 14th at the Bretton Woods Golf Course in Germantown, Maryland. This exciting networking event is open to all individuals and we encourage you to bring your colleagues and friends and play as a team! Net proceeds will benefit the DCDS Foundation, the charitable and philanthropic arm of the Society, dedicated to providing oral health care and promoting oral health literacy in the District.

Registration is \$150 per person and includes:

- Green fees
- Golf cart
- Networking lunch
- Drinks on the course
- Awards dinner after the round
- Free pass for another round*

Register Today!

Interested in becoming a sponsor for this event? Please contact DCDS Staff to learn more about the available sponsorship opportunities at (202) 367-1163 or <u>info@dcdental.org</u>.

*Free pass only valid for a round to be played during the week.

DC Council Passes LGBTQ Cultural Competency Continuing Education Amendment Act

On April 6, 2016 the LGBTQ Cultural Competency Continuing Education Amendment Act (B21-168) took effect in the District. The new law requires all health care professionals in the District, including dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants, to receive at least two credits of LGBTQ-related clinical or cultural competency training. The new requirement is slated to go into effect starting with the 2018-2019 licensing period. The legislation still must undergo the necessary rulemaking process, which involves a thorough review of the law itself as it relates to other DC rules and regulations.

Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Payment Program

All dentists who serve DC Medicaid beneficiaries are eligible to receive an Electronic Health Records (EHR) incentive payment through the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (MEIP). Dental practices that maintain at least 30% Medicaid patient volume can receive incentive payments for acquiring a <u>Meaningfully Using</u> (MU) Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (<u>CEHRT</u>). Up to \$63,750 is available to meaningfully use Electronic Health Records (EHRs). Nine out of ten dentists serving the District's Medicaid population have yet to avail themselves of this opportunity to leverage EHRs to improve population health and patient outcomes. Please visit the DC <u>State Level Registry</u> (SLR) for more information and to begin your Program Year 2015 attestation, accepted now through September 30, 2016.

In order to register for the incentive payment:

- 1. Register with CMS at <u>Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program</u>. Select "District of Columbia" as the state of attestation.
- 2. Verify your EHR system is <u>CMS-certified</u> at <u>EHR version for Adopt, Implement, and Upgrade (AIU)</u>.
- 3. Register with the <u>District's State Level Registry</u> for incentive payments.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jordan Cooper at <u>Jordan.Cooper@dc.gov</u> or (202) 442-9047 or contact Michael Tietjen at <u>Michael.Tietjen2@dc.gov</u> or (202) 442-9055.

*It can take up to 45 days for <u>DHCF</u> to process and issue your incentive payment.



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- The new member you recruit benefits by taking advantage of all membership has to offer.
- You benefit by strengthening the ADA and sharing the value of membership with another colleague — plus there are incentives and prizes for recruiters! For details visit ADA.org/MGAM.

Recruiting is Rewarding

You will be rewarded with a \$100 gift card for each new, active member you recruit (up to five members or \$500 in gift cards)! Or you may decline the incentive and ADA will contribute \$100 to the ADA Foundation. Please see Campaign Rules for full details at ADA.org/MGAM.

Participate in the 2016 Member-Get-a-Member Campaign and help build the future of our profession!

Don't Delay! For resources to assist your recruiting efforts, plus complete quidelines and rules visit ADA.org/MGAM, send an email to mgam@ada.org or call the ADA Member Service Center at 800.621.8099.



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Graduation season is upon us and as new graduates enter the workforce, we wanted to remind our members of DCDS' partnership with SoFi, the market leader in student loan refinancing. Whether you are a parent who has taken out loans for a child or a graduate with student loans, SoFi refinances student loans at low rates, creating meaningful savings for their borrowers.

Benefits of SoFi's student loan refinancing program include:

- **Bonus:** 0.125% rate discount* for members, their friends and family upon refinancing through <u>SoFi.com/DCDS</u> (must use the link!)
- **Savings:** SoFi dental borrowers save \$49k¹ on average over the life of their loans when they refinance.
- Low Rates: Variable rates start as low as 2.15% APR and fixed rates start as low as 3.50% APR (with Autopay).²
- **Simplicity:** Refinance and consolidate all student loans (both federal & private) into a single loan with one monthly payment.
- No Fees: No application fees, no origination fees, no disbursement fees, no prepayment penalties.
- **Perks:** SoFi offers career strategy services, member events, a referral program, and more.

The application process is simple and begins with a pre-approval to determine the rates and terms available to you. To find out if you or a family member qualifies for refinancing, go to <u>SoFi.com/DCDS</u> and apply. Pre-approval will not affect your credit score and rates are not binding.

Looking for a Mortgage? The SoFi Mortgage is designed to help applicants compete in a robust housing market and secure a home (or save money on the one they already own through refinancing). With an all-digital application process, SoFi offers flexible down payments ranging from 10-50% and no mortgage insurance (PMI). SoFi mortgages are available for primary owner-occupied residences and second homes. To find out your rates and to qualify for a \$500 welcome bonus**, apply through <u>SoFi.com/DCDSMortgage</u>.³

For more information and important disclaimers, please visit the website.

New Member Spotlight

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

Nicolas Kindred rafael1845@gmail.com Howard University, 2009 Frances Sam fesam@howard.edu Howard University, 1997 Eunlim Lee <u>kristyleedds@gmail.com</u> New York University, 2011

September

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Continuing Education Event Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office" with Dr. Stephen Wilson

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Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Bretton Woods Golf Course Germantown, Maryland

October

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Continuing Education Event Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Adhesive Dentistry Updates" with Dr. Edward Swift

20 – 25 ADA 2016 – America's Dental Meeting in Denver, CO

November

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Continuing Education Event Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"Risk Management" with Andrew Gerner and John Murphy

2016 – 2017 *Upcoming Events*

All continuing education events or monthly meetings, including the annual Awards Dinner, will be held at the Westin Georgetown located at 2350 M Street NW. To register, or find more information, visit <u>www.dcdental.org</u>.

December

13 Continuing Education Event

Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. "Health and Wellness" with Dr.

January

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Continuing Education Event Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Stay Out of Jail: The Top Coding Errors" with Dr. Charles Blair

February

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Continuing Education Event Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"A Hierarchy of Restorative Space Considerations for Implant Dentistry" with Dr. Joseph Carpentieri

March

14

Continuing Education Event Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Sleep Apnea" with Dr. Paul McLornan

April

11 Continuing Education Event Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"Conservative Approaches to Treating Common Esthetic Dilemmas" with Dr. Harald Heymann

May

5-6 2017 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting in Washington, DC

June

6 Annual Awards Dinner Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Membership to Vote in September on Revisions to DCDS Bylaws to Allow Mail and Online Balloting

At the request of the DCDS Board, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee has drafted amendments to the Society's bylaws to allow eligible members the opportunity to vote by mail or online ballot. Currently, all DCDS members must appear in person to cast a ballot for contested Society leadership and ADA House of Delegate positions. The recommended changes to the bylaws strive to modernize the Society's voting process and give more members the opportunity to participate in the democratic process of electing officers and in deciding issues. The membership will be asked to approve these bylaw changes at the September 13th Monthly Meeting. Members are encouraged to share any comments or questions they may have to the DCDS Business Office at info@dcdental.org.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Recommend Updates to DCDS Bylaws

13.0 CHAPTER XIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

13.10 PROCEDURE

13.11 Nominations for elections to any position or office with the exception of the President and General Chair of the NCDM shall be made at a designated business meeting and the election shall be held at a following appropriate announced meeting.

13.11.1 An eligible member may vote by mail or online ballot, or any other means of electronic transmission approved by the Board of Directors.¹

13.12 All members of the Society must be notified at least two (2) weeks before the election of the names of the candidates nominated of the various elective offices and positions.

13.13 A ballot sheet, when required for a contested election shall be printed made available with the names of the candidates nominated for the various elective offices and positions.²

13.20 TIMES OF NOMINATION

13.21 Nominations for elective offices of the Society shall be made at a business meeting at least two months prior to any election.

13.22 Nominations for delegates and alternate delegates to the American Dental Association House of Delegates shall be made at a regular business meeting immediately after the annual ADA House of Delegates meeting and at least two (2) months prior to the election. which will take place at a business meeting.³

¹ New amendment to permit mail and online ballot for any Society election with the Board of Directors responsible for setting election-/ballot-related policies

² Copy revised to be in conformity with 13.11.1

³ Copy determined erroneous as it repeats copy found in 13.11

HVO Recruiting Dentists for Haiti Project

Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) is seeking volunteers to help Haiti's only dental school — the Faculté d'Odontologie in Port-au-Prince — by supporting the school's mission to graduate dentists who are able to work independently to serve the Haitian population.

Volunteers will provide both clinical and didactic training to dental students. They will also conduct faculty development seminars and train-the-trainer courses. Those with specific expertise may conduct professional development seminars open to the wider Port-au-Prince dental community, and some may have the opportunity to accompany students and faculty to outside seminars and outreach activities. In addition, volunteers will provide technical assistance to faculty as they seek to restructure the school's curriculum.

The new project will seek to strengthen the Faculté d'Odontologie's capacity to serve as a resource for the people of Haiti and the Haitian dental community.

Volunteers must be licensed general dentists or board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeons with three to five years of clinical experience. Volunteers must have prior international health experience in a developing country similar to Haiti. Assignments are not to exceed one week in length and will be scheduled between mid-October and mid-April. Interested dentists seeking more information should contact Barbara Edwards, HVO senior program officer, at 1-202-296-0928 or <u>B.edwards@hvousa.org</u>.

Member News

Starting in this issue of our monthly newsletter, we want to recognize the professional achievements of our members. Be sure to submit announcements about recent awards, appointments, achievements, and other news for publication to info@dcdental.org.



Dr. Edward Mopsik, a DC Dental Society member, was recognized on May 5, 2016 for his longtime support and financial contributions to the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He has been named to the Capital Campaign Committee, a select group of five members, with the goal of helping to raise \$8 million dollars to

allow the school to fund scholarships to students in need as well as to assure that the international missions of the school continue to prosper. The DC Dental Society congratulates Dr. Mopsik on this well-deserved honor, and wish him a successful campaign.

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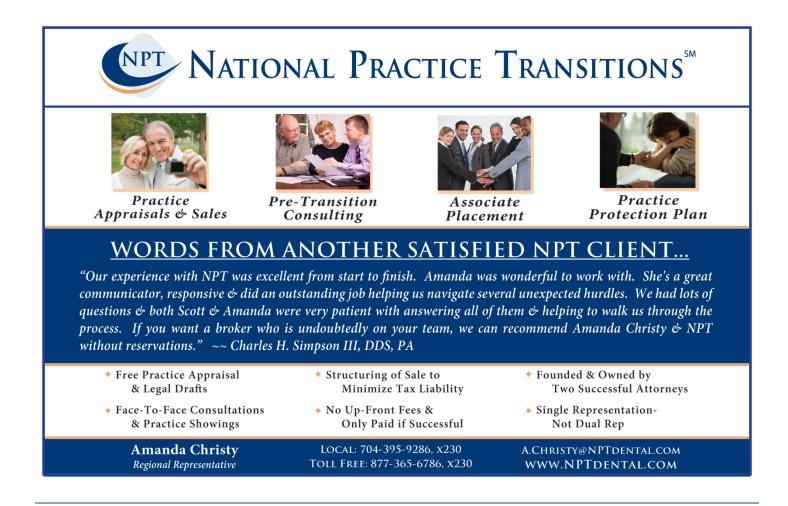
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POSITIONS OPEN – An established three dentists, modern, nine operatory dental office located in Alexandria, Virginia is seeking a part time associate dentist with two or more years of private practice experience leading to potential ownership involvement. Dentist must be good at endodontics, extractions, dentures, and crowns. Send Curriculum Vitae (CV) to <u>nvadentist@yahoo.com</u>.

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Classified ads in the DCDS Newsletter are easy to coordinate. Simply fill out an <u>advertisement contract</u> and email the completed contract and your ad to <u>info@dcdental.org</u>. We will then send you an invoice and request payment information. Without the payment, your ad will not run.

Pricing is as follows: Members: \$30

Non-Profit Organizations: \$50

Non-Members: \$100

Dental Students and New Graduates: Free! You must be a member of the ASDA or DCDS to qualify.

Deadlines:

The Newsletter is distributed on the first Wednesday of every month. Therefore, ads are due to the Society two weeks in advance in order for them to appear in the next newsletter.