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## Regent's Report



**George Stratigopoulos**  
ACD Regent

I bring heartfelt greetings from your national Officers and Regents of the College. I continue to be humbled by the honor of representing all of you. Thank you! At the 2015 ACD Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. we welcomed 284 new Fellows into the College including 11 who practice right here in our own Southern California Section. Congratulations! Today is the most important time ever to be involved in the mission of the College.

One of the reasons the College was established almost a century ago was to keep dentistry as a learned profession, not a trade. The College has been referred to as the "Conscience of Dentistry" by many over the years. It is so important we continue the activities of the College to elevate and support dentistry as a profession and not let our status decline to that of a trade. The continual discussion of ethics in our daily lives furthers that goal. But now "Ethics" is redefining itself is an ever-changing proposition. Really? Should it be? Why? Those are but

some of the questions we are looking into with the comprehensive report on ethics in dentistry currently underway. Very interesting themes are emerging early in the work; some of which do not follow traditional norms. Everything changes, as they say. Stay tuned for more information as the project progresses. Let me urge you to promote ethics, excellence, leadership, and professionalism everywhere, every day.



*Assemblymember Dr. Jim Wood will be the Awardee at the ICD/ACD Anaheim Spring Breakfast on May 13th. A past CDA leader, Dr. Wood was elected to the Assembly in 2014. He's already had 9 bills signed into law. His priorities are healthcare, economic development, environmental protection and fiscal reform. Dr. Wood is a general dentist and forensic dentistry consultant.*

*2015 ACD Section Student Achievement Award Winners  
Andrey Gaiduchik (LLU), Ryan Reid (Western), Regent George Stratigopoulos, Gizella Pera (UCLA), Nehikhare Ogbevoen (USC), Section Chair Gary Carlsen*



## Chairman's Report



**Gary Carlsen**  
Chairman, Southern California Section

A few years ago my friend Bruce Coye asked me if I would be interested in being involved as a board member of the American College of Dentists' Southern California Section. He told me you get to hang out with some really nice dental professionals. When I served as Secretary/Treasurer,

I was in charge of a getting out the invitations and the setup of our meeting room at the Anaheim Hilton for the Spring Breakfast. This is always a nice meeting with breakfast and an inspirational speaker before heading off to the exhibit halls. I really enjoyed the opportunity to present W. Howard Davis his 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award with 50 years of membership. It was also great to honor Paul Johnson, who received the 2015 ACD Section Award. Paul encouraged me years  
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Harriet Seldin

## Dentist Barbie Revisited

Mattel came out with Dentist Barbie in 1997, and according to the Barbie (and ADA) Facebook pages, “When Dentist Barbie put on her lab coat in 1997, 14% of dentists were women. Today, that number is up to 27%.”

I wrote an editorial titled Dentist Barbie in CDA Update in 1997. It was a humorous, upbeat piece, at a time of rapid change in the gender makeup of our profession. A few years earlier, when women were 5% or less of U.S. dentists, I commonly heard patients say I was the only woman dentist they had ever met. Never hear those comments anymore.

My article was reprinted in ADA News in 1998. It was a glory time, I guess both for Barbie DDS and for me. I had recently moved my practice to a new office. On a high shelf, I placed a gift Dentist Barbie in its box. Complete with dental chair and pediatric dental patient. I had positive feedback to the printing of the article in ADA News. A dentist from Alaska sent me an Arctic Barbie.

Over the years, Barbie has been an emotional part of our culture. Some disparage Barbie as sexist and contributing to poor body image and eating disorders. But others see Barbie as empowered and empowering. The world and attitudes have changed since Barbie DDS was published.

I was president of the San Diego County Dental Society (SDCDS) in 2000, the second woman president in the then 113-year history of the Dental Society. The first woman president of SDCDS, in 1900, was Emma

T. Reed. However, it isn’t always a fairytale ending. In 1943, towards the end of Dr. Reed’s life, she was granted a financial need “pension” from SDCDS.

ADA News (January 18, 2016) also revisited Dentist Barbie, as our ACD Section Fellow Carol Summerhays serves as the fourth woman ADA President. The article notes positive changes, but challenges that remain.

A decade ago, as a member of the Dental Board of California, we sponsored legislation (SB 252, Aanested) preventing registered sex offenders from practicing dentistry. There was one Dental Board meeting when I was The Only Woman (DBC member) In The Room during discussions on appropriate license discipline for sexual issues. Hopefully things are changing from a time that these issues were not always taken seriously, and having more women “in the room” helps.

While it is complicated, more women dentists in practice—and in positions to be mentors to our colleagues and our patients—is a good thing for our profession and our society.

## Chairman's Report continued...

ago to get involved with the OCDS and he continues to encourage and nominate prospective ACD Fellow candidacy to promising involved dentists. It appears that Dr. Frank Pavel will likely be honored in 2016 as another 50 year member of ACD.

In 2016 the national ACD Meeting will be in Denver, but before that there will be a first ever meeting of ACD-ICD-PFA at Williamsburg Lodge, Virginia. This should be a great meeting to attend in this historical battlefield area.

Happy New Year to our Southern California Section membership!



*Pua the Golden Retriever with Tuna Crabs at Del Mar Dog Beach, June 2015. A portent of the current El Nino.*



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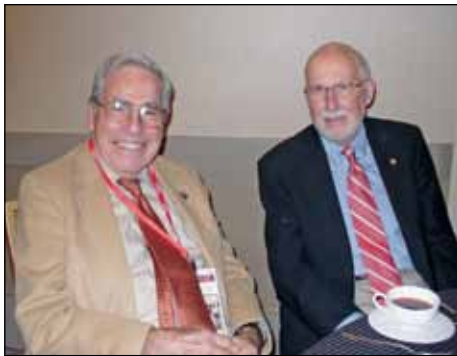
# 2015 ACD Spring Breakfast



Zenny Pera (mom of student), Gizella Pera (dental student), Ron Mito, Darryl Lee



George Stratigopoulos and our speaker and ACD national Editor Dave Chambers



Bruce Schutte and John Lehman



Paul Johnson, George Stratigopoulos, John Lehman



Ron Fritz and Denise Habjan



George Statigopoulos and Howard Davis (50 yr fellow)



ACD Section Award Winner Paul Johnson, Gary Carlsen, George Stratigopoulos.



Andy Severson and Roger Tibbetts



John Lehman and Paul Johnson



Darryl Lee, Doug Cassat, Bruce Toy (ICD Regent)



Dean Steven Friedrichsen and Katrina Eagilen



**94TH Annual Meeting & Convocation  
American College of Dentists  
November 4-5, 2015  
Washington DC**

**2015 New Fellows from Southern California**

**John M. Allen**  
Pomona  
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

**Simona C. Arcan**  
Huntington Beach  
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery—13 years  
Past-pres., Harbor Dental Society  
Medical Director, Skin Savvy Medical Spa

**Cheryl D. Goldasich**  
Torrance  
General Practice—17 years  
Faculty, USC  
Past-Pres., Western LA Dental Soc.  
CAGD Fellowtrack Chair  
Past-Delegate, AGD

**Richard S. Green**  
Moorpark  
General Practice—36 years  
Assoc. Clinical Prof., USC  
Director, USC GPR Program  
Past-Pres., USC Dental Century Club  
Past-Pres., Simi Valley Kiwanis Club

**Robert J. Hanlon**  
Escondido  
Endodontics—18 years  
Chair, CalDPAC  
Past-Pres., San Diego County Dental Soc.  
Voluntary Instructor, UCSD Free Dental Clinic

**Charles D. Hasse**  
Newport Coast  
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery—35 years  
Past-Pres. American College of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons  
Past-Pres., People for Irvine Community Health  
Chair Dept of Surgery, Irvine Medical Center

**Dora Lee**  
Los Alamitos  
Pediatric Dentistry

**Linda A. Lukacs**  
La Mesa  
General Practice—15 years  
President, San Diego County Dental Soc.  
Professor, Dental Hygiene, Southwestern College

**Veronica McClurkin**  
Corona  
General Practice

**Ravipan I. Smith**  
Seal Beach  
Periodontics—15 years  
President, Harbor Dental Soc.  
Adjunct Faculty, Cypress College, Dental Hygiene School  
Long Beach VA Hospital, Attending Periodontist



*New Fellows Cheryl Goldasich and Richard Green at ACD Convocation*



*ADA President Carol Summerhays and Regent George Stratigopoulos*



*George Stratigopoulos and New Fellow Robert Hanlon*



*Regent George Stratigopoulos, Doug Cassat, New Fellows Bob Hanlon and Linda Lukacs*



*Mauricio Balut Gonzalez (from Mexico), Ray Sugiyama (sponsor), New Fellow Simona Arcan, Ken Kai (sponsor), New Fellows Dora Lee and Ravipan Smith*



## Accolades to 15-Year Fellows:

**John R. Codington**  
San Diego

**P. Thomas Hiser**  
San Diego

**R. David Rynearson**  
Moreno Valley

**F. Paul Senise**  
Glendora

**Gary S. Solnit**  
Beverly Hills

**Steven A. Subject**  
Santa Barbara

**James H. Thompson**  
San Diego

## Accolades to 25-Year Fellows:

**Fermin A. Carranza, Jr.**  
Los Angeles

**Naomi L. Ellison**  
Los Angeles

**Robert M. Laxineta**  
Rancho Palos Verdes

**Richard P. Mungo**  
Huntington Beach

**Stephen E. Needle**  
Santa Monica

**Franklin D. Niver**  
Encino

**Jeffrey E. Persons**  
Tustin

**Melvin L. Rowan**  
Palos Verdes Estates

**Elgan P. Stamper**  
Glendale

**Derick T. Tagawa**  
Whittier

**Dennis-Duke Yamashita**  
Montebello

## Accolades to 50-Year Fellow:

**Frank Pavel**  
San Diego

## In Memoriam:

Alfred T Baum  
Los Angeles

Robert D. Bills  
Claremont

Donald C. Dornan  
Tustin

William L. Holve  
Valley Village

Scott T. Jacks  
Los Angeles

Robert W. Thompson  
Redondo Beach

Leo C. Ward  
Sherman Oaks



*New Fellows Dora Lee, Simona Arcan and Ravipan Smith*



*New Fellow Cheryl and John Goldasich at ACD dinner in Washington DC*



*New Fellows and Oral Surgeons Charles Hasse, Simona Arcan and John Allen*



*New Fellow Simona Arcan (center) and family*

## Fellowtrack: The Future Fellows of the Academy of General Dentistry By Cheryl Goldasich



**Cheryl Goldasich**

When I attended USC in the “90’s, I was a student member of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). There were no AGD clubs. Student membership had minimal value.

Upon graduation I joined AGD and spent ten years working toward my Fellowship. Fellowship in AGD requires three years of membership, five hundred hours of continuing education and passing a Fellowship exam.

Fellowship in AGD was a big deal for me and, like the American College of Dentists, required me to fly to the annual meeting and attend the cap and gown ceremony. For dental students, there are now Fellowtrack clubs in all six California dental schools. In the Fellowtrack, students learn leadership skills and begin what is hoped will be long term involvement in organized dentistry.

Dental students form their own boards

and arrange for speakers. The California AGD donates \$1000 per year to each California dental school to fund “lunch and learns” for students. Students choose faculty to speak to them, for example about practice management, dental photography, oral surgery. Student attendees earn up to fifty hours CE towards Fellowship in the AGD.

As Chair of the CAGD Fellowtrack program I oversee the Fellowtrack clubs. We hold leadership conferences where students learn about networking, team building and their options after dental school. The focus is on continuing education and betterment of the profession. Fellowtrack clubs write articles about their courses for the GP News (the CAGD newsletter).

These student AGD members are the future leaders of organized dentistry and future Fellows of the American College of Dentists. They see the value of hard work, ethics and continuing their dental education after they graduate from dental school.

In a time when many dentists are not joining dental organizations, it is encouraging to see future dentists involving themselves in education and attaining Fellowship in AGD. These are the dentists who will be the next leaders of our great profession, and I am very proud to be a part of their journey into organized dentistry.

*Cheryl Goldasich, DDS, FAGD, FPFA, FACD, a New ACD Fellow, is a Clinical instructor- Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC*

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to communicate with  
Southern California Section  
Fellows via email.

## California has Fallen Behind in Saving Lives By Robert Hanlon

The state of California has fallen behind in saving lives and the Save Lives California Coalition is looking to put an end to that. The coalition is made up of the American Lung Association, American Heart Association, Cancer Action Network, California Hospital Association, California Medical Association and I'm proud to say the California Dental Association. Tobacco related deaths are the single most preventable cause of deaths in the state. Every year nearly 40,000 Californians die from tobacco related disease. The healthcare cost of tobacco use is \$13 billion a year in the state. There are approximately 3.4 million adult smokers and 200,000 youth smokers in the state. 90% of adult smokers started in their teens. Each year 21,000 youths become addicted to tobacco. One out of

every two youth who start smoking will die of a tobacco related disease. Dentists throughout the state are on the front line and see the oral consequences of tobacco use including periodontal disease, delayed healing following tooth extraction, dental implant failure, and oral cancer. 90% of individuals with cancer of the mouth, lips, tongue and throat are tobacco users.

The Save Lives California Coalition is moving ahead with a ballot measure for the November 2016 election. *The California Healthcare, Research, and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016* will raise the current tobacco tax by \$2 per pack from the current 87 cents. California, has not raised the tobacco tax since 1998 and has fallen to 35<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states. For comparison New York State's current tax is \$4.35 per

pack. This initiative would reduce the number of teen smokers. For every 10% increase in the cost of a pack of cigarettes, teen smoking drops 6.5 percent. It is estimated that the tax increase will raise approximately \$1.5 billion that will help expand treatment services for Medi-Cal patients with tobacco related illnesses, support programs to prevent youth from using tobacco, and increase funding for medical research into new treatments. It will also include \$30 million annually to the Department of Public Health, specifically for the state dental plan and oral health programs overseen by the new CA state dental director, Jay Kumar DDS, MPH.

*Dr. Hanlon, a new Fellow of the College, is the Chair of CalDPAC*



## 2015 Board of Directors Meetings



*August 29th Section Board Meeting. Board member Russ Haag, 50-yr Fellow Howard Davis (honoree, not board member), Board members Doug Christiansen, Doug Cassat, George Statigopoulos, your editor Harriet Seldin, Bruce Coyle. Not pictured here, also serving on our Board are Gary Carlsen, Denise Habjan, Mike Bromberg, Greg Johnson and Paul Johnson.*



*Your hardworking ACD Section Board of Directors at March 31 Board meeting.*



### **Lindsey A. Robinson, DDS**

Dr. Robinson will be the Anaheim Spring Breakfast speaker. She is a pediatric dentist, and serves as 13th District ADA Trustee. She is a past president of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry and the California Dental Association.

## Dates to Remember

### **ICD/ACD Southern California Spring Breakfast**

Anaheim CA  
May 13, 2016

### **ACD 2016 Annual Meeting & Convocation**

Denver, Colorado  
October 19-20, 2016

### **Fellowship Nominations Due**

January 15, 2016

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# Spring Breakfast

*Honoring Assemblymember Jim Wood, DDS*

**May 13, 2016 • 7:00 a.m.**  
**Anaheim Hilton • Capistrano Room**

**Welcome our speaker,**  
**Lindsey Robinson, DDS**

Trustee, American Dental Association

Speaking on "Dentistry in the 21st Century... Defining the New Normal"

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## ICD/ACD Spring Breakfast

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