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Chairman's Report



Doug Christiansen
Chairman, Southern
California Section

Greetings Fellows of the Southern California Section. A special welcome to all of the new Fellows who were inducted into the college in Atlanta. The convocation was a splendid sight to see so many dental leaders assembled in one place wearing the lavender color of dentistry. Our profession is represented by very capable and inspiring individuals who are Fellows in the college. The three day meeting included lectures on the subject of professional ethics, updates on the activities of the college, luncheon meetings with colleagues, and an opportunity to get your groove on at the gala dinner/dance on the final evening of the meeting. Next year's annual conclave will be held in conjunction

with the annual ADA meeting in Honolulu. Hopefully, there will be a good number of our Southern California Section members who can visit the islands of our 50th state to attend.

Your recently expanded board of the Southern California Section is blessed to have the addition of several new members who are eager to keep the relevance and prestige of the American College of Dentists alive. Joining the board are Luke Iwata, Janice Sugiyama, Gary Dougan, Raed Fawaz, and Linda Lukacs as your new Secretary/Treasurer. My thanks and appreciation go to these fine dentists for their time, effort

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2017 ACD Southern CA Section Student Achievement Award Winners. ACD Section Chair Doug Christiansen; students Joshua Vert (UCLA), Scott Chen (Western), Kenton Dalen-Gryckiewicz (LLU); ACD Regent George Stratigopoulos at Anaheim Spring Breakfast. Not pictured, Christine Lemon (USC). Photo by Dan Jenkins, Editor and Past-President American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists.

Regent's Report



Gary Yonemoto
ACD Regent

I would like to introduce myself as your new Regent of Regency 7 of the American College of Dentists. I am a practicing Endodontist in Honolulu, HI for the past 37 years. I was born in Sunnyvale, CA and went to dental school at the Authur Dugoni (UOP) School of Dentistry and got my Masters of Science degree in Endodontics at Loma Linda University.

I want to thank our outgoing Regent, George Stratigopoulos, for an excellent

and wonderful term. I know George will still be "active" with your section and will be a fantastic resource for all of us. The ACD meeting in Atlanta was productive. We installed 15 new Fellows from Regency 7. Five of these Fellows were from the Southern California Section. Congratulations. We are planning to have many more new Fellows inducted in Hawaii in 2018. We also welcomed our new ED Dr. Theresa Gonzales.

The ACD and the ACD Foundation are in good financial shape. At our Regency breakout session, we had a

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Harriet Seldin

Dentists & Taxes

In my editorial last year, I was hoping that 2017 would usher in a year of “making dentistry great again.” It doesn’t seem that has happened, instead there is division and divisiveness, and we have to be careful how to speak to our patients about current events. The requirement for dentists to sign up or formally opt out of Medicare Part D and C has been removed, a positive development. However, the State of California is “resisting” the Trump Administration, and the recently signed Federal Tax Law seems to single out people from California and other high tax/high property value states for “redistribution” of our money to people in other parts of the country.

The perhaps unintended consequences of this tax law may be reduced contributions to charities, less discretionary spending (such as for dental care) and budget shortfalls in local government. We don’t know how the removal of the ACA’s individual mandate will affect our patients’ finances and dental insurance.

While the tax law is helpful to some dental practices in terms of expensing more purchases and additional deductions for pass-through business entities, the limitations on the effective use of IRS 1040 Schedule A deductions will affect many dentists and our patients in California. In the final language, which was a compromise, we can be thankful that it isn’t worse than it started out. Initially there were proposals that would have drastically limited or eliminated medical expense deductions, student loan deductions and State & Local Taxes deductions. Now it is, in the words of



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Assemblyman Phil Ting, “less horrible.”

My Congressman, Darrell Issa, voted against the bill. State Board of Equalization Chair, Diane Harkey, opposed the bill. While no democratic Congressmembers voted for the bill, it was not unanimously supported by Republicans. I hope, in the bipartisan spirit of the Chesapeake Bay Retriever dog and Savannah cat that adorn this page, that the tax bill will be improved upon in 2018 and that the unintended consequences can be reversed.



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lively discussion and sharing of ideas on how to encourage interest and participation in all our Sections. We talked about recognizing different “spheres” of dentistry for new Fellows and participation. This would include the Military as well as educators and the organized dentistry community. I encourage you to use our online services: www.acd.org, especially view the ethics dilemma videos, which

can be found on www.dentalethics.org. We also talked about supporting SPEA activities in the dental schools in your area.

I look forward to visiting with your Section several times during my tenure as your Regent. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Warmest Aloha.

2017 ACD/ICD Spring Breakfast



Donna & Irv Silverstein, Ron Mito and Paul Krebsbach (Dean, UCLA)



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ACD Section Editor Harriet Seldin presented with ACD Newsletter Award by 2016 ACD President Steven Chan.



2017 incoming ACD Section Secretary/Treasurer Linda Lukacs with past ACD President Steve Chan



Incoming ACD Section Chair Doug Christiansen with past ACD President Steve Chan



Jim Van Sicklen and Ron Mito



Tom Stewart and Bob Hanlon



Janice Sugiyama, Michael Schneider and Ron Mito



Clelan Ehrler, Sadegh Namazikhah and Judy Wipf



2016 Section Chair Gary Carlsen getting gift from ACD Past President Steve Chan



Beverly Kodama and Denise Habjan



**96TH Annual Meeting & Convocation
American College of Dentists
October 18-19, 2017
Atlanta, Georgia**

2017 New Fellows from Southern California

Edwin L. Christiansen
Loma Linda
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology – 25 years
Profession, Radiology LLU
Past Director LLU TMJ Clinic

Karin Irani
Beverly Hills
General Dentistry – 13 years
Chair, CDA Leadership Development Committee
Vice Chair, ADA Council on Membership

Steven J. Kend
Torrance
General Dentistry – 41 years
Treasurer, CDA
Chair, TDIC

Donna K. Klauser
Arcadia
Periodontics – 17 years
Vice President, Dental Foundation of California
Faculty, Periodontics, UCLA
Past-Chair, CDA Judicial Council

Scott O. Szotko
La Jolla
General Dentistry – 18 years
Board, San Diego County Dental Society
Past-Chair, CDA Council Membership Delegate, ADA

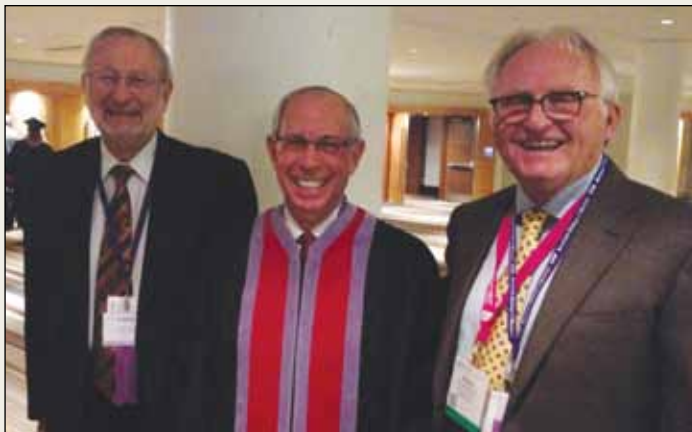
Chuck Wang
Los Angeles
General Dentistry – 27 years
Member, CDA Judicial Council
Past-President, Dental Foundation of California
Past-Pres., Los Angeles Dental Society



Chuck Wang, Karin Irani, Steve Kend, and Scott Szotko



ACD President Bert Oettmeier with New Fellow Scott Szotko



CDA President Clelan Ehrlar, New Fellow Steve Kend, Michael Schneider



New Fellows Karin Irani, Chuck Wang and Scott Szotko at ACD Dinner in Atlanta

Accolades to 15-Year Fellows:

Mary A. Delsol
Dana Point

Gerald I. Drury
Hermosa Beach

Thomas J. Han
Los Angeles

Raymond J. Melrose
Los Angeles

Lane M. Ochi
Beverly Hills

Joseph Oliver, Jr.
Torrance

Anthony L. Perez
Ventura

Clyde L. Roggenkamp
Loma Linda

Fred S. Tsutsui
Torrance

Accolades to 50-Year Fellows:

Alfred L. Frank
Cedar Glen

John J. Lytle
Altadena

Accolades to 25-Year Fellows:

Amir H. Biniiaz
Camarillo

L. Stephen Buchanan
Santa Barbara

Ebenezer Bush
Long Beach

D. Douglas Cassat
San Diego

Victor R. Cuccia
Palm Desert

Gerald A. DeFreece
Aliso Viejo

Alan L. Felsenfeld
Los Angeles

Steven H. Ferriot
Chula Vista

Stephen Flanders
Whittier

Russell E. Haag
San Diego

Eugene V. Manusov
Los Angeles

Mahvash Navazesh
Los Angeles

Clifford J. Ruddle
Santa Barbara

Melvyn S. Schwarz
Torrance

Dates to Remember

**ICD/ACD Southern
California Spring
Breakfast
Anaheim, CA
May 18, 2018**

**ACD 2018 Annual
Meeting
And Convocation
Honolulu, Hawaii
October 17-18, 2018**

**Fellowship Nominations
Due
January 15, 2019**



New Fellow Donna Klauser

In Memoriam:

Ernest S. F. Evans
Los Angeles

Robert L. Ibsen
Santa Maria

Helyn Luechauer
Vallejo

Willis L. Schlenker
Loma Linda

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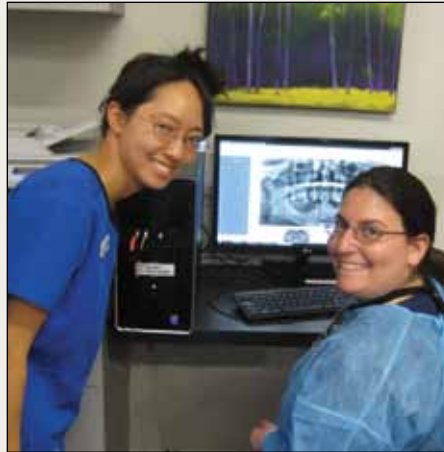
The John Geis Dental Clinic at Veteran's Village of San Diego

By Lester Machado

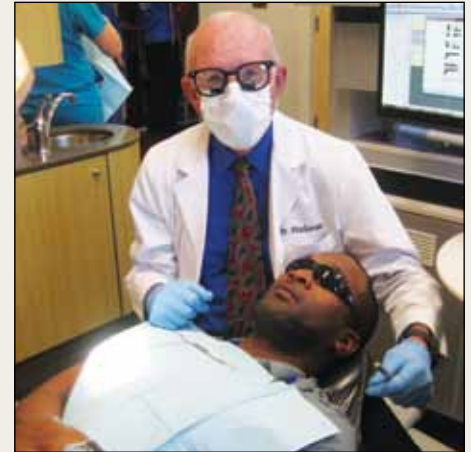
The San Diego County Dental Foundation has opened a dental clinic at the largest local facility for formerly homeless veterans, Veteran's Village of San Diego (VVSD). The clinic is staffed by volunteer dentists and provides comprehensive dental care for residents undergoing rehabilitation at VVSD. The dental clinic was built on the VVSD campus through generous donations to the San Diego County Dental Foundation and grants. It has been named "The Dr. John Geis Dental Clinic" honoring Dr. John Geis, a local leader in organized dentistry in San Diego.

Dr Geis has been very active in Access to Care issues in the San Diego community and worked tirelessly to bring dental care to the underserved.

The Geis Dental Clinic at Veteran's



Village of San Diego is a state of the art two chair clinic. Volunteer dentists are coordinated through the UCSD student run free clinic program. Volunteer pre dental students serve as dental assistants and help run the clinic. Ongoing financial support is provided by the San Diego County



Dental Foundation. To learn more, to volunteer or to donate to the San Diego County Dental Foundation please see our website at sdcdf.org.

Dr. Machado, a Fellow in our Section, is the President of the San Diego County Dental Foundation.

Veterans Smile Day

By Karen Irani

The Veterans Smile Day program was started in 2014 by Drs. Karin Irani, Deryck Pham and Bijan Anvar. Pham, a Navy veteran, realized that veterans don't receive adequate VA dental benefits. Seeing the extent of the need, graduates of the ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership reached out to the dental community. Veterans Smile Day started with 30 doctors in 2014 and now has more than 600 participating dentists throughout United States. More than 5000 veterans have received free dental care through the program. Two big sponsors, Henry Schein and P&G, have been great supporters. This is a small way to show appreciation for the sacrifices veterans make.

When it comes to dental care, many veterans fall through the cracks. According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, veterans have to meet certain eligibility factors to receive

dental care, such as service-related dental disability. There are more than 22 million veterans in the United States and most don't qualify for VA dental benefits.

Some of the goals of Veterans Smile Day include: providing free dental care to veterans, bringing attention to veterans' needs and provide a dental home for veterans.

Dentists can screen and treat veterans in their own offices. They can limit that day to treat veterans only, or opt to see veterans in between their patient schedule. Depending on the number of patients, limited or comprehensive treatment may be performed. Every dentist can give one day a year.

For more information on the event and how to participate this year, contact Dr. Irani at ddsusc03@gmail.com.

Chairman's Report continued...

and devotion toward making our section better for future Fellows and the profession of dentistry.

Finally, I hope to see many of you this spring in Anaheim during the CDA Presents annual dental convention. Continuing a great tradition, the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists will host their annual breakfast get-together. It's a great opportunity to reunite with colleagues around the breakfast table before heading out to attend convention courses. Check out the details on the back page, and plan to attend.

2017 Board of Directors Meetings



Our ACD Section Board of Directors, Board meeting February 25, 2017, Newport Beach Country Club



Our hardworking board is getting ready to eat and meet, February 2017



Linda Lukacs, Doug Cassat and Gary Carlsen at February 2017 board meeting



Janice Sugiyama, Mike Bromberg, Luke Iwata, Denise Habjan at February 2017 board meeting

2018 ACD Section Board of Directors

Our Section is run by a dedicated group of Directors, some who have been involved with the College for many years, and others new to ACD leadership:

Douglas Christiansen, Chair
Linda Lukacs, Sec/Treasurer
Gary Carlsen, Immediate Past Chair
Harriet Seldin, Editor
Mike Bromberg
Douglas Cassat
Bruce Coye
Gary Dougan
Raed Fawaz
Russell Haag
Denise Habjan
Luke Iwata
Greg Johnson
Janice Sugiyama



Linda Lukacs, Doug Christiansen and Janice Sugiyama at August 12, 2017 Section Board meeting at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo

The International College of Dentists
and
The American College of Dentists

Spring Breakfast

May 18, 2018

7:15 a.m. (Tentative time, please verify with us)

Anaheim Hilton

Welcome our speaker,
Lindsey Robinson, DDS
ADA 13th District Trustee

For more information call Henrik Hansen
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ICD/ACD Spring Breakfast

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