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Meeting the Challenge

by Jacqueline M Plemons DDS, MS
President, Texas Dental Association



Well, it has definitely been a challenging beginning to 2020. COVID-19 certainly changed the world, but didn't diminish the dedication of our heroic

healthcare workers or the passion in the hearts of Italians as they sang and played beautiful music from their balconies each evening. We must strive not to let the challenges overshadow the good moments that this year has brought and continues to bring each of us. It's in that spirit that I am humbled and honored to serve as your new President of the Texas Dental Association.

As with most of you, my involvement with organized dentistry started with membership in the Dallas County Dental Society. DCDS has a long and notable history of strong leadership, which says a great deal about member support and mentorship over the years. I'm a proud member of DCDS and I thank you for your support now and in the past.

My main goals as I begin my presidential year include:

- Ensuring that the TDA continues to be a valued resource for the most current information and guidance on COVID-19 issues.

- Beginning real efforts to connect with component societies, to strengthen communication and exchange of ideas and identify and address targeted member needs.
- Supporting the new Strategic Plan 2021-2024 that calls for action in relevance, advocacy and engagement and is grounded in the principle of measurable outcomes of program effectiveness. It is hoped that TDA council and committee members will be inspired and empowered by a renewed sense of purpose and responsibility in their service.
- Supporting legislative issues such as teledentistry and reforms to dental insurance as well as protecting funding for programs such as Medicaid dental, the dental schools, and the State Board of Dental Examiners. Please remember to make your contributions to DENPAC!
- Focusing on increased personal outreach and directing useful practice resources to member dentists. TDA leadership will closely monitor membership metrics to help prioritize and steer these efforts.

It is certainly a privilege to serve as TDA President and one thing I know for sure is that we're all stronger together. We work as one dental community to advance the profession of dentistry, helping all members succeed. Thank you for the opportunity and let's walk this road together.



The Write Stuff

Drew Vanderbrook, DDS, President

DCDS President Address



Maya Angelou once said “We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated.”

This quote exemplifies the challenges we are all facing at this time. Everyone

in the field of dentistry has been affected by COVID-19. From the fourth-year dental students that graduated this year with many uncertainties, to those that have finished practicing dentistry and may be among the at-risk population, we all have been affected in some way. Many of us have had to make difficult decisions that affect our practices, our staff, our safety, and our families.

No one could have predicted the impact COVID-19 would have on us at the beginning of this year. As a society, we have cancelled or rescheduled several of our events. We have transitioned to virtual meetings when possible. Our officer installation this year was held virtually, a first for Dallas County Dental Society in our 112 year history. Under the steadfast leadership of Dr. Brad Crump, our staff members worked hard to provide information and resources to our members. They have my thanks for everything they have done during these trying times. We can also be thankful for technology that allows us to continue the work of our organization without having to meet in person. However, I hope we can return to meeting in person and seeing everyone soon.

I want to take this moment to thank a few people who have helped prepare me for my role this year as DCDS President. It is said that the greatest gift you can give someone is your time; that when you give your time, you are giving a portion of your life that you will never get back. Drs. Jacque Plemons, Danette McNew, Chris Miller, Marshal Goldberg, Todd Baumann, Carmen Smith, Jodi Danna, and Brad Crump have each given so much to our organization and to me personally and I am extremely grateful for their time and mentoring. I also could not do this without the help and support of our executive director Jane Evans. She has

supported me since my time as a dental student and has pushed me to grow as a person and a leader. She lives and breathes everything Dallas County Dental Society and has helped mold our organization into what it is today. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

While we will all continue to be affected by COVID-19, we must move on and adapt to the current environment. Our organization will also have to adapt and support our members during this time.

This year’s Southwest Dental Conference will be affected. At the time of writing this, we are making some difficult decisions about how we can manage a conference and provide CE for our members, our staff, and guests in a safe environment. We must consider our

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options while following local, state, and federal regulations. The decisions we make will have some significant implications that we will work through.

I am charging our board of directors with the task of providing resources and helping to meet the needs of our members during this time while we are affected by COVID-19. I have seen first-hand how organized dentistry has helped on a national, state, and local level. On a national level, the ADA has helped organize legislative advocacy efforts leading to over 117,000 dentists sending more than 385,000 emails to legislators, making sure provisions supporting dentists were included in COVID-19 relief packages. On a state level, the TDA provided guidance to the Governor’s office with recommendations to help dental offices control and manage COVID-19 transmission.

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Impressions

Editorial by Shad Hattaway, DDS, Editor

Hello, 2020. I see you.



There is one thing I think we can all agree on—2020 has been one helluva year. Whether it has been for the better or worse, this year will be one we will never forget. During

these times of uncertainty, I think it is essential to take a step back and focus on what good has come from everything that has been going on. For many of us, we have been blessed with the gift of time which seemed to be so unobtainable before our mandated office closures. For me, I no longer had the excuse of not having enough time to put quality thought into problems I had once before counted as trivial or unimportant. Now we can choose where we improve both personally and professionally as a group.

After all of the recommendations and mandates started rolling in, I had a brief period of time to think about how my office set up would be changed—my business model had to change as fast as the environment.

Initially, with our mandated shutdown of operations, I was frantic. I didn't care what time or what day it was, I had the mentality that if a patient called in with an "emergency," (the state of what constituted a dental emergency was still under question), I would rally the troops and take care of that patient immediately. Did a patient just call the office at 9 pm? My immediate response was I am going to see the patient that night. I realized this was an unobtainable goal. First, we had to make sure we have staff available right away. Then we had to make sure all the proper PPE was available. Then we had to make sure we did a proper turning on of all the equipment that

we shut down, not knowing when it would come back on again. After adding all these factors up, I concluded to see a patient for a 30-minute triage appointment; I would have an additional two and a half hours of office things that I had to do. We quickly changed our protocol to have a designated time to see patients one or two times a week. Every patient that called I was able to help with a phone conversation and provide guidance or resources they could use. When a phone call did not suffice, we scheduled them at a time I knew we could adequately care for them, and the office would be available and ready. The simple fact that my business model just wasn't set up to handle 24-hour emergency care was a hard concept to accept because the environment we were in had drastically changed. We made the appropriate changes to my business model to continue to provide care at a reduced capacity, but still keep the value to which my community is accustomed.

During my time of office closure, I had a lot of time for personal reflection and growth. On a professional level, I asked myself: Why am I a dentist? Why do I go to work every day? How am I improving the community around me?

On a personal level, I was able to spend lots of time with my wife. With no rush to be anywhere, we were able to develop meaningful conversations that were helpful and insightful. We had time to listen to each other and see our different perspectives on how to process the global problems that were developing around us. I was able to process my personal complaints and think of solutions. This also helped me process my professional complaints as well.

It is effortless to complain. It is, however, hard to approve of our current circumstances. Once

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we acknowledge the things that are out of our control, we can look for solutions.

With certainty, this is not an event that we solve on our own. When we all get through this, it is going to be because we have come together and developed solutions as a whole. Every one of my professional colleagues is going to have to ask themselves during this unprecedented time: Am I going to separate myself further or further unite myself with my profession? As I stated before, this is not a solution from an individual. The answer will only come from a group effort. I know we cannot expect things to be the same as they were before 2020. That is unrealistic. Now more than ever, we have to look to each other for support and guidance. We have to mobilize and collaborate so there is less of the “I don't know.” If you've come up with solutions to our changing environment, put it to the test with a larger group. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

As we all rush back to normalcy again, just think about what aspects of your previous normal you'd like to return. Let us all remember why we are dentists and focus on coming together to improve our patients' lives. Just as every year before us has come and gone, 2020 will soon be a thing of the past. The upcoming years can be improved by how we react now to our changing environment.



From The Hub

by Jane D. Evans, Executive Director

Breaking News



SWDC

The DCDS Board of Directors along with the upcoming SWDC Chairmen made a difficult decision that it was impossible to hold the 2020 SWDC due to Covid-19. I have been

involved with the Conference since 1989 and it is heart breaking to realize we will not be hosting a Conference this year — but it is the right decision.

Currently Dallas County's Public Health Guidelines shows Dallas is code "red" which is the highest level of public health danger under Dallas County's system. Recommendations include eliminate non-essential travel, avoid all group settings or crowded areas at hotels or other facilities and do not eat in shared dining areas. Each year many attendees and speakers travel across the country to attend the Conference and do all of these things. So, after reviewing the county's public health guidelines it was apparent that it is impossible to host the 2020 SWDC. We are excited that the SWDC Scientific Committee has stepped up to the task of potentially developing a SWDC Virtual CE Program.

Shred-a-Thon

DCDS Team looks forward to the annual Shred-a-Thon and to having lunch with many of you who come in to socialize and enjoy Mr. Hamburger Man. This year with social distancing the Shred-a-thon was drive by and drop off your shredding and electronics. Hopefully next year we will be back to having lunch with you.

Installation

To continue practicing social distancing DCDS installed the 2020 Officers virtually via Zoom. Hopefully next year we will be back to our normal installation dinner.

Board Meetings

DCDS Board meetings are currently being held virtually. We will continue this for the foreseeable future.

TDA House of Delegates

Many of us that attend the TDA Annual Session each May were saddened when the meeting was cancelled. Those that are involved with planning a Conference to the magnitude of the Texas Meeting realize all the work that went into planning for the event. This also meant no TDA House of Delegates. They immediately began preparing for a virtual TDA HOD, which was held June 13, 2020.

Virtual Connectivity

As you can see, most of the above could not have been possible without connecting virtually.

- DCDS staff was able to work successfully while sheltered with virtual capabilities that enabled our home computers to talk with our office computers.
- DCDS Leadership was able to use Zoom meetings and online communications to stay connected and make decisions swiftly.
- The tripartite was able to relay information quickly to components and members during the pandemic, including via online conferencing and training webinars.
- Students across the country were able to finish the school year via virtual classes (although DCDS Dental Assisting School students had a CPR class and externship hours to complete in person during June before their certification was complete).

It is amazing how many times a day you hear the word virtual. Virtual doctor appointments, meetings, CE programs, happy hours, families getting together, and hugs, etc. I hope each of you continue to practice social distancing and consider sending a virtual hug which may not be the real thing but could mean a lot to the other person. I get a virtual hug from my granddaughter occasionally via FaceTime and it makes my day!



Serving over 100 vehicles in three hours, Action Shred of Texas assisted DCDS members as they disposed of old paper records, radiographs and outdated electronics.

New Dentists

News and perspective from dentists under 10 years of practice

by Brent DeSutter, DDS

Disengaged Dentistry



My first few years in private practice were good. I'd even say fun? I was getting paid to do dentistry, and I was getting faster and better as time went on. And, for the first time, people

assumed I knew what I was doing...or at least they signed the treatment plan. It was so easy to not want to not push myself to learn more about dentistry. I was kind of 'over' studying and I think a part of me felt entitled to relax outside of the work day. The first time I mentioned feeling bored I had someone ask me what I was learning and I realized: I had become stagnant in my practice.

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I saw CE as a requirement. I'd go to a convention and try to knock out as much as possible. Please don't misunderstand—I got a lot out of some of the courses, and I still enjoy going to dental conventions. It is rare to have such easy access to a huge variety of high-quality speakers. The problem was that the majority of my learning for the year was focused on one weekend. After a whirlwind weekend like that, very little lasting change would affect how I practiced over the next year.

So how do you get lasting change?

DCDS. By the nature of you reading this article you probably understand at least some of the value of being involved. What surprised me about DCDS wasn't the CE (although, that's why I went in the first place), it was being part of organized dentistry. I was used to seeing dentistry through my own perspective. But getting to experience the profession through the eyes of a diverse group removed me from the echo chamber with which I had grown comfortable.

Study Clubs. This is probably the biggest investment financially, but completely worth it. Every good group provides two things. A solid education and a group of people who are interested in learning. Surrounding yourself with other individuals that want to grow along with you is incredibly helpful. Multiple times I've mounted a case and brought it to members



of my study club to discuss treatment options. Every time I've come away with ideas that I wouldn't have thought of on my own.

Dental Conventions. Yep, piling on CE at conventions like Southwest Dental Conference can be a bit of information overload. But only if that is the start and end of your learning. One of the reasons I most look forward to CE events now, is the discussion I'll have with my colleagues afterwards. The after-class part of these big shows (i.e. dinner with friends, happy hours, etc) is where my classroom learning really moves into usable knowledge. It's those conversations that truly change the way I practice in the coming months.

While creating lasting change may look different from person to person, the overarching theme is that learning shouldn't be your job, it should be part of your lifestyle.

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Following TDA's round-the-clock work fueled by input from members, the Texas State Board of Dental Examiner's emergency rule allowed dentists to safely reopen their dental practices on May 1, 2020. The TDA was also able to advocate to supply dentists with much needed PPE: 50 N95 masks shipped to each member for a nominal shipping fee. Our tripartite will continue to work on your behalf to support you as we move forward.

One goal I would like to accomplish this year is to increase our presence and support of the students at Texas A&M College of Dentistry. The

school graduates around 100 new dentists each year, with many of them staying in Dallas to work. I would like to invite them to our meetings, support them, and show them how organized dentistry can be a valuable resource to them throughout their career.

Another goal I have is to support both our DCDS Foundation and DCDS Dental Assisting School (DCDSDAS). Our Foundation board led by Dr. Michael Rainwater has been active and held a wonderful Give Kids A Smile event recently that had members volunteer their time at over 20 DISD elementary schools. I hope

you will continue to support their work. I plan to work with the DCDS DAS Board of Directors and Advisory Committee to help manage the challenges affecting them by this pandemic and help get them operating and continuing to grow.

This year we will face many new challenges and at times may seem overwhelming--please reach out to me if I can help. I've outlined a few of my goals but am always open to suggestions or concerns. I'm confident we have the right staff and members involved to achieve our goals, and I look forward to serving as your DCDS President. Thank you and stay well!

DCDS Member's Message Board

Upcoming Events

September 15, 2020 – General Membership Meeting

November 17, 2020 – General Membership Meeting



Welcome New Members!

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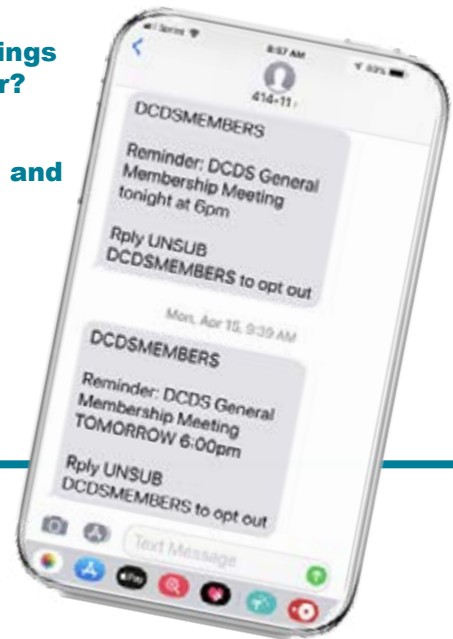
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Doctors obtaining 50 years of continuous membership with the Texas Dental Association.

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Doctors obtaining Good Fellow status have maintained 25 years of continuous membership with the Texas Dental Association.

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Dr. John Bercier

Dr. Paul Buxt
Dr. Brian Clark
Dr. Abraham Cohen

Dr. Richard Garcia
Dr. Pamela Moore
Dr. Helena Neville

Dr. R. Eric Schorn
Dr. Melody Stampe

2019 Installation of Officers

DCDS Inducts 2020-2021 Board Members via Zoom Meeting

For the first time in the long history of the Dallas County Dental Society, the Board of Directors changing of the guard took place electronically, rather than in person. Social distancing safeguards due to the Covid-19 pandemic prompted the induction of members into their new roles via a Zoom meeting.

Dr. Brad Crump, 2019-2020 DCDS President, gave the call to order, trailed by an invocation and induction of new members by Dr. Danette McNew. Following his induction as DCDS President for 2020-2021, Dr. Drew Vanderbrook spoke briefly, thanking Dr. Crump and exiting Board Members for their eventful year of service.

On page 10 of this document is the listing of the 2020-2021 DCDS Board of Directors. Individual photos can be viewed on the DCDS website by clicking [here](#).



Dr. Vanderbrook takes oath.



New board members are sworn in as returning board members and staff watch.



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Texas A&M University College of Dentistry

By Carolyn Cox and Kathleen Green Pothier

2020 Teachers of the Year Awards

Texas A&M College of Dentistry recently named its 2020 Teachers of the Year.

This award, which is presented annually by the college's alumni association, recognizes a dental and dental hygiene faculty member whose mentoring styles, personalities and expertise make a lasting impact on their students' education. Here's a look at why these two outstanding faculty members were overwhelmingly selected by the student body.

Dr. Bernard Hennessy

Encouragement and a team-focused approach to clinical instruction have caught Dr. Bernard Hennessy's third- and fourth-year students' attention. Qualities like these prompted students to select him as Dental Teacher of the Year.



"I am humbled to receive this award, knowing how many talented and dedicated faculty members I work with side by side," says Hennessy, assistant group practice leader and clinical associate professor in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry. "When I look around me, all I see is positive faculty whose philosophy is similar to mine."

Hennessy joined the College of Dentistry in 2013 after a 27-year career with the U.S. Army Dental Corps. He initially split his time between the General Dentistry and Diagnostic Sciences departments but soon transitioned full time to diagnostic sciences, where he served in the Oral Diagnosis Clinic. In summer 2019, he joined the newly established comprehensive dentistry department.

"I try to treat students as the professionals they are," he says. "Every patient is different; every situation is different. I try to offer guidance and to be as helpful as possible, because I want learning to be as positive an experience as it can be."

As a member of the Admissions Committee for several years, he now has the opportunity to see some students poised to graduate whom he interviewed on their way in. "These dentists-to-be are an impressive group," he says. "They are overall just a very positive group of people. They make the job of teaching truly a rewarding experience."

Hennessy is a 1986 graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry. He completed a two-year AEGD program at Fort Hood, Texas, in 1998. He subsequently served in program director roles for several of the Army's one-year AEGD programs, where he provided advanced general dentistry instruction to new dentists. Along the way, he worked with several Army dentists who ended up teaching at Texas A&M College of Dentistry.

He is an American College of Dentists fellow and a diplomat of the American Board of General Dentistry, where he serves on the board of directors. In 2018, he received Mastership status in the Academy of General Dentistry. He has authored or co-authored several dental journal articles and serves as a contributor to the Merck Manuals on three dental-related subjects.

Dr. Faizan Kabani

The past two years have been particularly noteworthy for Dr. Faizan Kabani, an assistant professor in the Caruth School of Dental Hygiene, as he picked up a slew of prestigious awards. But being named Dental Hygiene Teacher of the Year by far means the most.



"I hold this unique honor particularly close to my heart," he says. "This distinguished award is voted on and presented by the student body and, in my opinion, is a measure of success an educator can be immensely proud of."

Given the challenges that students navigated after COVID-19 prompted a transition to online

classes, Kabani says their vote of confidence is especially significant.

"I have been able to develop special bonds with each of my students as we endeavored through these uncharted times," he says. "I feel blessed and humbled by their recognition of me."

The college has become a special place for Kabani, both professionally and personally. In addition to bonding with students and alumni, he has built "warm rapport" with colleagues. He relishes inspiring future dental professionals and helping them become "culturally and clinically competent, evidence-based practitioners."

The spark to educate others was instilled during his five-year stint in the special needs dental clinic at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Along the way, those teachable moments motivated him to shift his career track.

Kabani earned his doctorate in public health in 2017 from the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. He has a master's degree in health care administration and a master's in business administration from the University of Texas at Arlington. He received his bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from Texas Woman's University in Denton in 2011.

Just this year, Kabani also has received the Betty M. Unterberger Award from Texas A&M University, the Heart to Hands Award from Philips and RDH magazine and Texas Woman's University's Hallmark Alumni Award, as well as being inducted into Sigma Phi Alpha dental hygiene honor society by the Caruth School of Dental Hygiene. Last year, he accepted the Teaching Award for Interprofessional Excellence from Texas A&M Health Science Center, Junior Faculty Award from the American Dental Education Association and Texas A&M University College of Dentistry's Teaching Excellence Award. In 2018, he won the prestigious Educator of the Year Award from the American Dental Hygienists' Association.

Kabani is a fellow of the American Dental Education Association's Leadership Institute and a fellow of the American Academy of Dental Hygiene. He belongs to the American Dental Education Association, American Dental Hygienists' Association, American Association for Dental Research, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, and Special Care Dentistry Association.



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Insights

New Straight Wire



Dr. Pedetta, a devotee of Dr. Larry Andrews, has assembled in this paperback opus an amazingly large collection of excellent illustrations to guide readers in understanding this new approach to the use of the Straight Wire Appliance®. The instrumentation has not changed; that is, the bracket metrics, antirotational additives, power arms and extraction antitipping features still exist as originally planned. What has changed is the diagnosis and treatment planning it now relies upon, which is a variant of the venerable Steiner Box that mathematically clarifies the space available and space needed for resolving malocclusions.

The new SWA relies on establishing an optimum position for the maxillary incisor by relying on the glabella line, an idea that Dr. Andrews began developing four decades ago. A line drawn from glabella perpendicular to the Frankfort Horizontal line ostensibly touches the facial

surface of the maxillary central incisor, and establishes an optimal position for the maxillary incisor and subsequently creates the anterior limitation for the entire dentition. Dr. Pedetta contends this measurement is the same for all races.

Although the brackets do not differ in the New Straight Wire, the recommended wires greatly differ as it uses more round wires to tip the teeth rather than move them bodily with edgewise wires. Seemingly, this avoids putting the roots of the teeth against the cortical plates of their osseous confinements and reduces root resorption. When this technique advocates the use of edgewise wires, it commends .018 x 025 dimensioned wires in a .022 bracket, which allows 18° of rotation and thus little three-dimensional control.

Dr. Pedetta believes that the bulk of CI II corrections must come from retraction of the maxilla, and he subsequently advocates the use of extraoral traction via the headgear supplemented during the day with CI II elastics so as to keep a continuous force against

the teeth. He contends that teeth must have continuous force to move.

Dr. Pedetta displays some misunderstandings regarding functional therapy by stating it started with Frankel's work in 1969. Functional appliances predated that date by more than a half century. Further, he states that while these appliances work, they do so entirely by restricting maxillary growth and are indicated only in patients with maxillary protrusions. This belief varies considerably from the work by Pancherz, DeVicenzo, Valant and many others.

This beautifully illustrated text offers what readers have come to expect from Quintessence books, ie, thick durable pages, readable fonts, impressive artwork with clear and unequivocal narratives. It suffers from a lack of bibliographies and clinical therapies that could validate the theory of the New Straight Wire.



New Straight Wire: Strategies and Mechanics for a Programmed Approach to Orthodontic Treatment

Francesco Pedetta, MD, DDS

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Your DCDS Foundation at Work!

We are excited to spotlight two of our Charity Summit 2020 organizations, the Agape Clinic and Union Gospel Mission. Dallas County Dental Society Foundation works with these and many other organizations that improve the lives of Dallas County citizens every day.

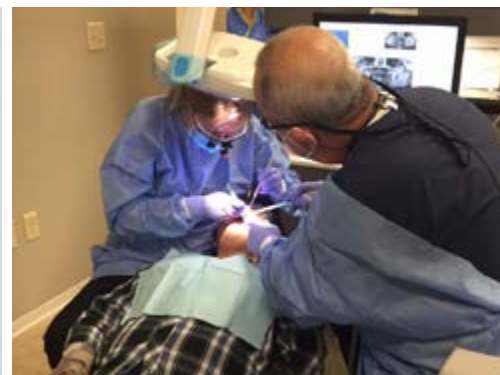
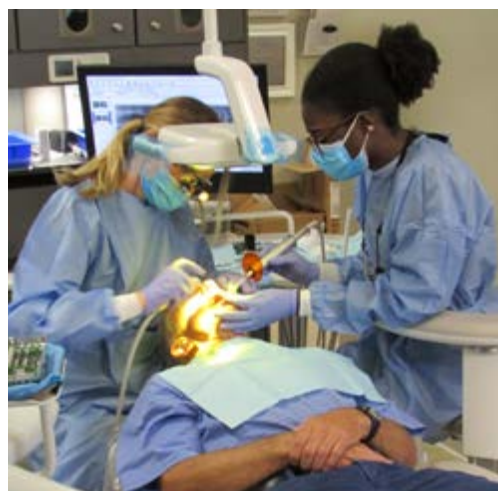


The mission of the **Agape Clinic** is to provide quality healthcare services unconditionally to underserved people. The Clinic provides medical and dental services to all people who ask for help, regardless of where they live or their ability to pay for care.

It would not be possible to offer dental services without the collaborative partnership with Texas A&M College of Dentistry. Faculty and students from the College of Dentistry staff the clinic and provide dental services such as comprehensive oral examinations, cleanings, fillings, extractions, dentures and partials, plus pediatric dentistry as well as some endodontic

services. Services are provided by the Public Health Services Department, led by department chair, Dr. Daniel L. Jones.

Each year the faculty and staff of Texas A & M College of Dentistry partner with the Park Cities Rotary Club's Dentistry with a Heart program and the Agape Clinic to host a large-scale day of service. Over 40 patients annually from local nonprofits are served on Dentistry with a Heart day, which equates to \$40,000 worth of care completed in a single day.



In 2019, more than 4,500 dental visits were provided to members of our community. Services are limited currently due to Covid-19 precautions and student staffing limitations, but dental is operating Monday through Friday.

Please visit the Agape Clinic's website for additional information regarding services and accessing care at www.theagapeclinic.org.

(above l-r) Agape Clinic located just north of Texas A&M College of Dentistry, at 4104 Junius Street Dallas, Texas 75246; Texas A&M College of Dentistry students treating patients at Agape Monday through Friday; Dr. Dan Jones working with dental students.

Union Gospel Mission began in 1949 as a street ministry that has grown to two shelters; Calvert Place Men's shelter and Center of Hope Women and Children's shelter that sleep



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Union Gospel Mission Dallas is the largest faith based provider of continuous emergency shelter services in Dallas. Offering our homeless community both short and long-term housing solutions. To learn more about Union Gospel Mission, our community impact, programs, opportunities to volunteer and ability to donate, please visit our website at ugmdallas.org.

(below l-r) Union Gospel Mission serving families in our community; Union Gospel Mission is transforming lives to end homelessness one person at a time.



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TDA House of Delegates

by Brad Crump, DDS, MS

The Texas Dental Association House of Delegates, as the legislative and governing body, is the supreme authority in the Texas Dental Association. As such, it speaks for the dentist members of the Association and for the dental profession in the State of Texas. The 2020 TDA House of Delegates is composed of 139 voting members, which includes duly elected and installed delegates from each of the 26 components of the Texas Dental Association and the 15 voting members of the Board of Directors. The Speaker of the House of Delegates is the presiding officer and is without vote. The TDA secretary-treasurer is also a non-voting officer of the House of Delegates and serves as the secretary of the House. Finally, there are 3 student delegates, each elected and installed by their respective dental school; student delegates have full privilege and access to the floor of the House of Delegates, but are without the right to vote and may not introduce resolutions.

The House meets once a year, during the TDA Annual Session, usually held in May. During the meeting of the House of Delegates, the House discusses and votes on policy resolutions/statements of the Texas Dental Association.

The delegates of DCDS are elected in accordance with the DCDS Bylaws with the President of Dallas County Dental society serving as Chairman of the Delegation.

Individuals wishing to serve as delegates should be ethical and honest; possess leadership skills; oriented toward the DCDS mission; decision maker; progressive and innovative; team player; possess the ability to communicate; professionally and organizationally knowledgeable; hardworking; involved in the community. If you are interested in serving as a delegate or alternate delegate please contact the DCDS staff to express your interest.



The TDA welcomed DCDS Member Dr. Jacqueline Plemons as the new TDA President during the online House of Delegates meeting.

2020 DCDS Delegation to the Texas Dental Association

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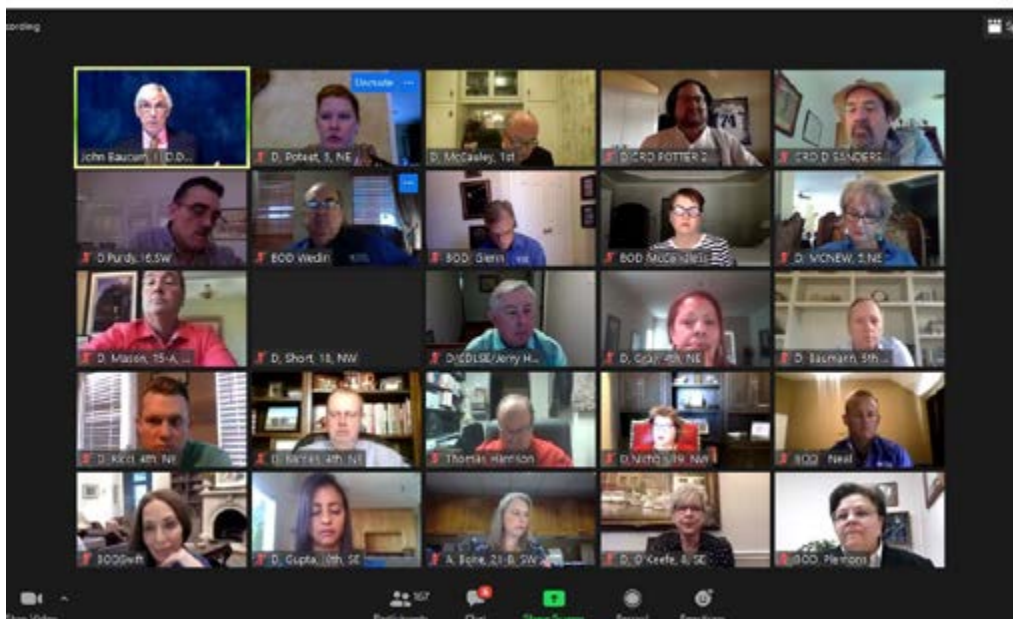
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Dr. Missy Jaynes



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It is ironic that our SWDC theme, Vision 20/20 Dentistry, has been played in a year of twists and turns that no one could possibly have seen coming for the dental industry! The latest twist is that we have determined the SWDC could not be held in-person safely or legally during this summer of pandemic. Please click here to see the letter sent out earlier this month to our DCDS members that fully explains the reasoning. Preserving a future, one that allows holding many more events, is more important than putting our guests and the general public at risk.

Throughout the 92 years that the Southwest Dental Conference has taken place in-person, the SWDC has proven itself as the premier dental conference in the southwest.

Dallas County Dental Society has been proud to host this annual event that features superior education and CE opportunities, exceptional speakers discussing the latest in the dental community and an Exhibit Hall featuring the most advanced dental equipment and technology.

We hope that in this 93rd year (this twisting-turning-socially-distant year!) we can still provide an essence of the original Conference plan, through online courses given by the originally scheduled speakers and possibly through an online Exhibit Hall.

The SWDC's Scientific Committee is currently addressing the various strategies required to implement this virtual Conference. We will be sending out updated information as soon as becomes available.

If you were among the many who had already registered for the in-person Conference, we thank you for your patience as we hash out details for reimbursement or transference of your registration and course fees.

We appreciate your continued support of the Southwest Dental Conference, and look forward to seeing everyone at our online courses. Stay strong, and stay safe!



Dr. Missy Jaynes
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