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President's Address

Matt Bloomberg DMD MS

I would first like to thank Dr. Greg Komyathy for his service as President of the Central District Dental Society for the past two years. Greg has served as President of the CDDS three times and has been wealth of knowledge at board meetings as well as a great mentor. Around this time last year, Greg's Presidential Address reviewed the recent changes to the by-laws election process that made getting involved in the Central District more volunteer friendly. With these changes, we are excited to welcome some of the younger members in the area to our Board. After serving a Vice President last year and participating in the MDA House of Delegates the past two years, I am excited for my new role as President.

After speaking with several of our members last year, there was some discussion about reviving CDDS Golf Outing from years ago. I was excited to have the opportunity to bring this back to life. The outing was September 20th, 2019 at Forest Akers West Golf Course at MSU. We had a beautiful day for golf, followed up with a lunch reception with raffle. There was a good turnout this year, but I would love to see the participation increase in years to come. This is a great opportunity to get out with your fellow colleagues in a fun and relaxing environment.

For those who are on Facebook, I have created a Facebook group for the Central District Dental Society. Next time you are on, please search for the group and ask to join. This is a private group to which only CDDS members will be accepted. This is a great and easy tool for us to keep members informed about upcoming social events and CE courses as well as share ideas or concerns.

I thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your President and I want to thank all of the other members that are volunteering in a position or on a committee. Without all of you, the CDDS would not be able to function.

Sincerely,

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Pictured Above: Matt Bloomberg, President

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 24, 2019:

CE and Elections meeting at Kellogg Center

Speaker: Dr. Allan Padbury Jr on

“Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases
and Conditions Classification Update”

Winter CE Meeting 2020:

TBA

Winter:

New Dentist Event

TBA

April 29 thru May 2:

MDA Annual Session in Grand Rapids, MI

Central District Board Meetings

(Kellogg Center):

November 12, 2019

January 21, 2019

March 24, 2019



Pictured left: Central District Delegation
at American Dental Association meeting
in San Francisco, CA

Review of 2019 ADA Conference

Our District Dental Society was well represented at the American Dental Association meeting in San Francisco this year sending five delegates. As delegates to the ADA House we are called to represent the profession and act to ensure a successful future of our organization, a bright future for dentistry, and help ensure quality care and outcomes for our patients.

This year in San Francisco the House of Delegates (HOD) worked hard to review over ninety resolutions ranging from how the different entities of the ADA are run, our membership dues, policies of the ADA, and other intricacies of running a successful organization. I hope to quickly highlight a couple.

- Membership News- the most discussed resolution comes in our membership categories and discounts. After reviewing the sustainability of our organization, we saw a need to review the discounts in dues we give. The HOD passed a resolution to remove the dues discount for active life members (those 65+ and working) and shorten the dues decrease for new dentists. Active Life members will be full dues paying members starting in 2020. New dentists will now change to getting zero dues year 1, 50% off year 2, and full dues year 3.
- The ADA will be trying to develop policy and gather research on cannabis on the oral health of our patients, so we have better information to work on
- A new specialty for Geriatric Dentistry and Special Needs patients may be in the future as concerns for the care of these populations are apparent.
- The ADA is working on policy on use of Silver Diamine Fluoride for preventative and carious lesion treatment
- Regarding Dental Benefit Companies
- ADA Supports Dental Benefit Companies to report their Medical Loss Ratio (ratio of premiums to amount spent on clinical services)
- ADA supports that it is unethical to formulate or alter a treatment plan without the dental examination of the patient by a licensed dentist (relevant for dental benefits companies and direct to consumer companies)
- ADA has a Fight Insurer Interference Strategic Taskforce (FIIST) which is pretty cool. They are tasked to help states pursue legislation to reduce/stop interference of third-party companies in our daily practice. They are helping state work in legislation for Assignment of Benefit, Disallow Clause, Most Favored Nation, Retroactive Denials, and Network Leasing.

Hopefully you can appreciate the work the ADA, staff, and its volunteer members are doing. These are just a taste of the work that was just done at the ADA HOD this year.

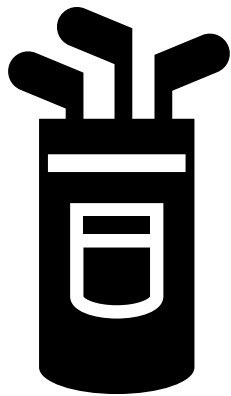
Also, I want to let everyone know there are opportunities to serve in the MDA and ADA House. Each year Delegates are elected at our MDA Annual Session. If you have interest in applying and want more information- reach out to me!

If you have wondered what organized dentistry is doing for you and your practice, I'd like to invite you to also reach out and I'd love to share what I see the benefits are.

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RECAP OF GOLF OUTING.....

The Central District Golf Outing was held on Friday, September 20, 2019 at Forest Akers West Golf Course on the campus of Michigan State University. A great time was had by all members and guests. The golf played ranged from virtuoso excellence to merely present. Great excitement was shared by all as Dave Harkema and Van Anh Peters bounded to glory by winning the furthest drive contest and Greg Grady showed pinpoint accuracy in winning closest-to-the-pin. Paul Rashid carried the day winning the longest putt. While some investigation to authenticate the win is still outstanding, the team of David Harkema, Brian Ruster, Don Burkhardt, and James Peters seized victory over the field with a score of -14. President Matt Bloomberg capped off the excitement with a hole-in-one on the 18th. An excellent event of camaraderie and fellowship came to a close with an outstanding lunch. It was a great event and President Bloomberg reports that it is one that will likely return as an annual staple of the Central District.



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