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FUTURE DATES

March 2022. New Dentist study club. "Oral Surgery/ Pedito."

May 9, 2022. "WDDS Virtual Committee Meeting." 6:30pm-8pm

April 28-30th. "MDA Annual session." Suburban showcase. Novi.

September 9, 2022. MDA/WDDS/Livingston General Meeting.

October 3, 2022. WDDS General Meeting.

November 1, 2022. WDDS General Meeting



President's Farewell Letter

It is hard to believe that I am already at the end of my Presidential year! Time has really flown by and it seems like just yesterday (actually four years ago) that Kristin Johnson asked me to step up to the plate and join the Washtenaw District Executive Board. I have been amazed at the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes, so to speak, on behalf of our local dentists and dental society!

The last year has been great to get back to in-person meetings. I think we all love the camaraderie of being with people we know and have a lot in common with. We have all been dealing with the ramifications of COVID and now the Omicron—these all hopefully will come to pass and we can get back to the new normal.

I have enjoyed working with the

team on the Executive Board...David Schmidt—past President, Matt Healy—President elect, Leen Khatib—Treasurer, John Hamerink—Editor and Elizabeth Hatfield—Secretary. Special thanks to our "ROCK" at the Washtenaw District Dental Society, the one and only Barb Kolling! She makes it all happen and has been giving her time and talent for years. THANK YOU!!!! She is stepping down this year—talk about big shoes to fill! I'm sure she will be around if needed by the dental society.

Thanks to everybody and look forward to seeing you all at future meetings.

Sincerely,

Eric Brust

Health Plan Tips

Getting the most out of your health care plan is important to every subscriber. Here are the top five tips to help you maximize your plan in the new year:

Tip #1: Get preventative care and exams without charge. Affordable Care Act-compliant plans provide free mammograms, colonoscopies, prostate exams and other preventive care, free of charge without a deductible. Be sure you take advantage of these services!

Tip #2: Stay in network. Choose health care providers that are in your plan's network, so your co-insurance is minimized.

Tip #3: Request a prescription for 90 days for maintenance drugs. Typically, you'll pay only two co-pays for a three-month supply rather than filling a prescription each month and having three co-pays.

Tip #4: Download the applicable subscriber app. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Priority Health both have subscriber apps, where you can access your insurance card, check your claims, deductibles, find discounted products and services and more.

Tip #5: Schedule needed procedures early in the year. Meeting your plan's individual or family deductible early in the year means fewer out-of-pocket dollars expended the rest of the year for health care needs. Get those elective or postponed surgeries done early if you have the option.

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Dr. Frank Spear
FOUNDER OF SPEAR EDUCATION



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Featuring: Sarita Maybin
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Annual Session Coming to Novi April 27-30

Registration is now open for this year's MDA Annual Session, coming to Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace April 27-30. You can discover all the speaker, course, and social event details at

annualsession.michigandental.org.

This will be the MDA's first "in person" Annual Session since 2019, so don't miss it!

The MDA Annual Session is Michigan's largest CE and dental exposition event, with courses and activities for every member of the dental team. This year's CE lineup includes more than 50 courses and speakers.

The 2021 Annual Session keynote speaker will be the well-known Sarita Maybin, presenting her program, "If You Can't Say Something Nice, What Do You Say? Practical Solutions for Working Together Better." This free session is designed for all members of the dental team and will take place on Thursday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m., with one CE credit.

The MDA Exhibit Hall returns in 2022 as well. A special dentists-only Exhibit Hall hour will take place Friday, April 29 from 7:30 until 8:30 a.m. Regular exhibit hours will be 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29, with no exhibits on Wednesday or Saturday.

A pre-session day will take place on Wednesday, April 27, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. featuring memory expert Paul Mellor and his program, "Brushing Up on Your Memory." This special return visit by Mellor to the MDA Annual Session is part of a Leadership Track of courses designed for all members of the dental team.

Special events include the "Presidents' Party" Friday night, April 29, honoring the past three MDA presidents – Dr. Margaret Gingrich, Dr. Steve Meraw, and Dr. Mike Maihofer. All Annual Session attendees are invited to attend. Other events include alumni luncheons for Detroit Mercy Dental and the University of Michigan School of Dentistry; the MDA Foundation's Recipient Thank You Reception on Wednesday, April 27, ACD/ICD/Pierre Fauchard events; and a welcome reception in the Exhibit Hall on Thursday, April 28.

Dr. Frank Spear heads the 2022 educational tracks, with his program, "Interdisciplinary Treatment Planning in Patients with Complex Dental Problems Involving Esthetics and Function," on Friday, April 29. The education courses include a leadership track, new dentist track, table clinics, as well as courses for Certified Dental Business Professional candidates, and more.

Make your plans now for this year's MDA Annual Session. It's going to be great!

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New Dentists! Join Your Colleagues at Annual Session

Once again this year the MDA has scheduled a group of CE courses at Annual Session of special interest to new dentists. Although everyone is welcome at these sessions, they're especially recommended for new (and newer) practitioners – here they are:

~“Financial Moves Dentists Should Make in the First Five Years of Practice,” with Ted Schuman II (Thursday, April 28, 8:30-9:30 a.m., one CE credit).

~“Own or Be Owned – Your Guide to Practice Ownership,” with Jeff Cornell and Nick Rulli (Course #15, Thursday, April 28, 1-2 p.m., one CE credit).

~“Creating and Sustaining a Positive Work Life,” with April Callis-Birchmeier (Thursday, April 28, 1-3 p.m., two CE credits).

~“Interdisciplinary Treatment Planning in Patients with Complex Dental Problems Involving Esthetics and Function,” with Frank Spear, DDS (Friday, April 29, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., six CE credits).

~“Achieving Extraordinary,” with Ankur Gupta, DDS (Friday, April 29, 2-5 p.m., three CE credits)

~“Demystified: Cracked Teeth and Vertical Root Fractures: Diagnosis and Treatment Planning,” with Stephanie Tran, DDS (Saturday, April 30, 8:30-11:30 a.m., three CE credits).

~“Fundamentals of Leadership: Building a Solid Foundation,” with Jodi Schafer (Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m.-noon, three CE credits).

~“Diagnosing and Treating Employee Issues,” with Jodi Schafer (Saturday, April 30, 1-4 p.m., three CE credits).

Special for new dentists! Register for any of the above courses and you'll receive free admission to the New Dentist Network Lounge on Friday, April 29 from 5 'til 7 p.m. Join your colleagues for relaxation and good conversation, just steps away from your afternoon CE class, at the Fire-side Lounge at Suburban Collection Showplace.

Register now at annualsession.michigandental.org.