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## FUTURE MEETING DATES

**September 12, 2014.** Robert Fazio DDS. "Antibiotics in Dentistry." 9am-4pm. Weber's Inn.

**October 9-16, 2014.** ADA Annual Session, San Antonio, TX.

**October 13, 2014.** Craig Start. "Meet the New MDA Health Plan." 6:15pm. Weber's Inn.

**November 10, 2014.** "Stem Cells in Dental Tissue Engineering" Jacques E. Nör, DDS,MS, PhD. 6:15pm. Weber's Inn.

**January 16th, 2015.** Marie T. Fluent DDS & ZingTrain. "OSHA Update (am) & The Art of Great Customer Service (pm)." 10am-4:30pm. Weber's Inn.

**February 6, 2014.** "Friday Night Out Event." TBD.

**March 9, 2014.** WDDS General Meeting. TBD

## President's Welcome Letter

Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to say how much of a privilege it is to serve as president of the Washtenaw District Dental Society. The road thus far has been at times challenging but always fun and positive. I would like to thank all the board members that have served before me and worked so tirelessly in helping me along the way. A special thank you to the board and the executive secretary for all their time, guidance and dedication. Let us not forget all of the committee members and delegates for their time and work as well. It is all the hard working members that help make our dental society one of the best in the state. I look forward to a great year as we continue to offer great educational programs and opportunities for social interaction. People ask me "why do you want to be president?" The answer is simple. I value the opportunity we have in this district, great members, and a strong commitment to seeing the profession of dentistry grow in a positive direction. If we don't take charge, then I assure you others will.

This year we as a board will continue to work hard on your behalf. Dr Sam Malcheff has put together a very interesting and fun educational program. We start the year with the traditional combined program with WDDS and LDDS. Then we move into our local program. This year Dr. Malcheff has managed to put together a half day program as a special treat that involves OSHA training for you and your staff followed by the ZingTrain presentation "The Art of Giving Great Service". Look for more information on these programs in future newsletters. We will of course have our traditional night out with dinner and a play at the Purple Rose Theater. I encourage every member to take advantage of these programs as it is your participation that helps make these programs a success.

We as a board have had a recent focus and commitment to Access to Care. We contin-

ue to encourage our members to support the CDC and Hope Dental Clinical. Please get involved with these programs at any level that you feel comfortable. Donations of time, supplies and money are always appreciated. We continue encourage our members and their staff to get involved with the Mission of Mercy. This year the program was held in Big Rapids at Ferris State University May 29 – June 1, 2014. I hope that you were able to participate.

As president I wish to continue our recent support in growing our membership. I hope that everyone will consider inviting a non-member to come as a guest, so they can see firsthand the benefit to being a member and supporting our local district. The fee for your guest will be paid for by WDDS, so there are no excuses for not inviting a non-member dentist. Growth though our Sponsor a Student program has gained recognition at the ADA level and continues to be an important program.

Members are encouraged to contact Barb Kolling at [bkolling@washtenawdentalsociety.org](mailto:bkolling@washtenawdentalsociety.org) if they wish to sponsor a student. Dr. Betsy Meade and others have worked hard to develop a program that will encourage our younger dentists to get involved. I strongly feel that including our students and encouraging our younger members to participate and get involved in our dental society is the only way we as a profession will continue to thrive. Our future is in their hands and we need them as much as they need us. I look forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Zahn DDS., MS.



## WDDS MOM THANKS

Thank you to all the WDDS Members that participated in the 2014 MOM:

H. Hamerink

J. Hamerink

R. Silvey (& Shirley)

M. Krause

K. Sloan (& Chaz)

J. Kolling (& Barb, Christina & Adam)

N. Betts

R. Maturo

K. May

D. Edwards

S. Haddock (& Tom)

B. Neighbors

J. Hatch (& Suzanne)

M. Snyder

K. Cook

L. Lofstrom

S. Langhorst

-Our apologies if we missed any members, please know your help was appreciated.

-WDDS

## Howard Hamerink's Farewell as Trustee

This is Dr. Howard Hamerink's last year as trustee to the MDA for the WDDS. It was truly a pleasure to have had him on the board. His insight and guidance was invaluable to us as a board over the years. We are sad to see him step down. We are even sadder, that with the new governance restructuring of the MDA, that we may not

even have someone to turn to with help in understanding the issues before the MDA. Howard has worked tirelessly for the MDA and we will miss him and all his hard work.

-WDDS

## Peer Review Update

As Chair of our Peer Review Committee, I attended the MDA workshop during the Annual meeting in Grand Rapids. It was insightful, and I would like to pass along some information. First of all, peer review is a benefit of your membership, and as members we have all agreed to cooperate in its actions.

Non-members are not afforded this service. As stated by the MDA the need for peer review has decreased markedly over the last few years...so that's great. By far the biggest action that leads a patient to start the process is COMMUNICATION. They are unable to speak with the doctor about a concern and are blocked by "well meaning" staff from getting through or you don't call them. Unfortunately this is how they know that they will get through to you and have your attention..

In short peer review has two phases the first is mediation. I or a member of our committee will call the patient and listen to their side of

the story and see what could resolve this for them; we then call the you and get your side, explain what the patient is concerned about and what could resolve it for them. At this time they may agree or counter with another resolution, we mediate between the parties and try and seek agreement, and resolution. At any time either party may ask for a review, a more formal procedure, where three members of the committee will meet, interview and do a clinical review of the patient concern. We then will interview you. The members will deliberate and a consensus report will be written and sent back to the MDA. If you disagree you have the right to have your case reviewed at the state level. Remember this is not a legal procedure, the results are not reported to the National Data Bank. I would be happy to answer your questions. e-mail-

[walcottddental@aol.com](mailto:walcottddental@aol.com)

-Wayne Walcott DDS

## TRUSTEE REPORT

Happy summer to all!

As we moved from winter to summer in one weekend I would like to share my thoughts on four days in paradise. I am referring to the 2014 MDA Mission of Mercy at Ferris State University in Big Rapids. It was four days of 80+ temperatures, sunny, in an ice arena and up north!!!! Wow that sure sounds like fun and it was!

I would like to frame my thoughts using the **Three C's** I feel were manifested at the event.

### Concern:

Every one of us is concerned with the oral health of the citizens in our State of Michigan. We demonstrate this everyday when we care for our patients and we advocate for prevention, care, education and volunteerism. Our record is clear and documented!!!! We showed this in action over these four days others talk we DID!!!

### CARE:

We really do this in so many ways from treating patients

with compassion on a regular basis to reaching out to share our skills and knowledge. We donate our time and office employees' time at a myriads of events and ways throughout our careers. We like no other profession has consistently since our inception tried to put ourselves out of business. Please read the report on what we did this year at the MOM.

### COMRADESHIP:

I think and feel this really makes the event so special. There is only one other time in a year that our entire membership can band together, that is at Annual Session. We work the other 360 days or so absent of statewide peer contact. I know how it feels to walk into offices around the state from Brimley to Monroe and every location between because I am Program Manager for the University of Michigan School of Dentistry Outreach. My colleagues and I share and discuss many aspects of life and practice while focusing on patient care and teaching our successors.

I witnessed this same spirit as MDA Members were working side-by-side long hard days with a smile on our faces and a song in our hearts.

No Whining!!!!

### JUST POSITIVE RELENTLESS ACTION!!

To me this opportunity alone is a great reason to hold the event.

-Howard A. Hamerink DDS



# MDA/WDDDS/LDDDS ONE DAY SEMINAR Friday, Sept. 12, 2014

## **WEBER'S INN**

3050 JACKSON RD  
ANN ARBOR, MI 48103

**Robert Fazio, DDS**

**Antibiotics in Dentistry— AM**

**Medicine, Dentistry, and Drugs- PM**

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration at 8:30 a.m.

**Fee:** \$259/Dentists; \$139/Staff and Life Member Retired Dentists; \$359/Nonmember dentists

**CE Credits:** 6

**NOTE:** This class covers the state's required one-hour credit for pain management.

In the morning session the speaker will discuss the changing antibiotic options in dentistry for acute infections and prophylaxis for old and new antibiotic categories and formulations. The current American Heart Association at-risk patients and the inconsistencies for the ADA/Orthopedic Surgeons 2014 recommendations will be discussed. What is recommended for patients already on, or recently on, an antibiotic? New data and designs dictate a new approach to cardiac and vascular stents. What is the bottom line on prophylaxis for vascular repairs, the four approaches to renal dialysis, IVC filters, Hickman catheters, portacaths and the VA vs. VP hydrocephalus shunt. What medical conditions will affect antibiotic selections?

In the afternoon the speaker will cover how the dentist is faced with an aging population with a myriad of medical problems and physician-prescribed medications. Medical problems like diabetes mellitus, hypertension therapy, anticoagulant therapy and the drugs for a myriad of cardiovascular diseases directly affect dental treatment-planning and prescriptions written by the dentist. This course will provide the dentist with a framework for choosing antibiotics, analgesics, local anesthetics and other top-50 dental prescriptions in the context of potential drug-drug interactions and disease-related complications of the medically compromised patient.

Dr. Fazio is associate clinical professor of surgery at Yale University School of Medicine.

This course is free to Washtenaw and Livingston District Dental Society members.

(Free entry limited to the first 150 registrants from these districts.)

Please register with the Michigan Dental Association at [bdroste@MichiganDental.org](mailto:bdroste@MichiganDental.org) or call [\(517\)372-9070](tel:5173729070)

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**WDDS GENERAL MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014****WEBER'S INN**

3050 JACKSON RD

ANN ARBOR, MI 48103

**“Meet the New MDA Health Plan: The Right Choice for You & Your Practice”**

PRESENTED BY:

**Craig Start****6:15PM REGISTRATION/SOCIAL HOUR, 7:00PM DINNER/BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM**

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL BY NOVEMBER 1, AND RESERVE YOUR GENERAL OR VEGETARIAN ENTRÉE. RESERVED VEG MEAL CARDS WILL BE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE FOR PICK UP.

**NO COST to WDDS ACTIVE & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS****LIFE, RETIRED AND LIMITED TIME PRACTICE MEMBERS \$30.00****GUEST FEE \$35.00 & \$0 fee for non-member DDS's (limited number)****CE CREDITS: 1****Speaker Bio:**

Craig Start has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and an MBA from Wayne State University. He is an insurance expert who has spent countless hours analyzing the Affordable Care Act and its impact on MDA members. He is recognized as a national leader in organized dentistry in the field of subsidiary operations. He has been president of MDA Insurance & Financial Group for the past twenty years.

**Course Overview:**

Meet the New MDA Health Plan: The Right Choice for Your Practice

Access to a proprietary health insurance plan is one of the most valued benefits of MDA membership. Learn about how the MDA Health Plan has evolved under the Affordable Care Act. Our new plan offers the best solution for you and your employees. In addition to details about our new health plan, we'll share information on other plans that are available on and off the online marketplace, how we can help with determining subsidy eligibility. In Addition to the Affordable Practice Act, we will explain:

- Plan design options
- How the plan will control its costs and its premiums
- How you can attract and retain quality employees with our health insurance plan
- How to participate and how and when to enroll

- \* An update on the Affordable Care Act and its impact on the health insurance market
- \* Who qualifies for subsidized coverage under the Affordable Care Act



WDDS GENERAL MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014

**WEBER'S INN**

3050 JACKSON RD  
ANN ARBOR, MI 48103

**“Stem Cells in Dental Tissue Engineering”**

PRESENTED BY:

**Jacques E. Nör, DDS, MS, PhD**

**6:15PM REGISTRATION/SOCIAL HOUR, 7:00PM DINNER/BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM**

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**CE CREDITS: 1**

**Speaker Bio:**

Jacques is the Donald A. Kerr Endowed Professor of Dentistry (Dept. of Cariology, Restorative Sciences and Endodontics), Professor of Otolaryngology (Medical School) and Professor of Biomedical Engineering (College of Engineering) at the University of Michigan. He is the Co-Director of the University of Michigan Head and Neck SPORE grant funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), has served as a member of National Institutes of Health (NIH) study sections, and has been the principle investigator for several NIH grants. Jacques is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS), and recently received the Distinguished Scientist Award from International Association for Dental Research (IADR). He is currently the President of the Michigan Section of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR). Jacques is Associate Editor of the Journal of Dental Research and a member of the editorial board of several journals, including the Journal of Endodontics, Operative Dentistry, and Stem Cells in Oral Medicine. His research interests are in angiogenesis and in stem cell biology. His current research foci are the study of the pathobiology of stem cells and endothelial cells in head and neck tumors, and the study of dental pulp stem cell differentiation in the context of dental tissue engineering.

**Course Overview:**

"Stem cells hold the potential for tissue regeneration and have been used therapeutically in many fields of Medicine. The recent discovery of the existence of dental tissue stem cells has raised the possibility of exploiting the regenerative potential of these cells to make new dentin, engineer a dental pulp, or rebuild periodontal tissues. In this seminar, we will discuss the state-of-the-art in the field of dental tissue regeneration with stem cells, and will present our vision for the future clinical use of stem cells in General Dentistry".

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## Report from the MDA House of Delegates

At the May MDA House of Delegates meeting in Grand Rapids, seven of our member Delegates, and Trustees participated and approved major changes in the association's governance. Changes are designed to improve operational efficiency expertise and responsiveness. These include:

-Make the MDA Board of Trustees the governing body of the association, with the House serving in an elective and representative capacity:

-Reduce the number of trustee positions from 17 to 9 and made them all at-large positions, no longer elected by trustee districts but instead by the House itself.

-Create a House nominating committee to select all candidates for MDA officers, MDA trustees, Delegates/alternates to the ADA meeting and the ADA 9th District Trustee.

-Combine the secretary and treasure officer positions on the Board.

-Eliminate the vice-president officer position.

-Give the House and Board the authority to suspend or remove Board members.

-Give the Board the authority to form an Executive Committee as needed, to be comprised of the association's officers.

-Create a House of Delegates Bylaws Committee.

-I would refer you to the June 2014 MDA Journal page 23 for additional details of House actions.

Wayne Walcott, Chair of WDDS Delegates

