



# THE DISTRICT NOTES

District 1  
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International College of Dentists

## Regent's Letter

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District One Regent



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all ICD District 1 fellows and their families a very happy and healthy New Year.

2005 has been a very productive year for ICD both at a National and District level. Under the guidance of our President, Van Zissi, the Leadership Initiative continued to evolve and has become an identifying theme for

the USA Section. Our leadership theme will be supported through such awards as the National Leadership Award, which was given to US Rep. Charlie Norwood, Student Leadership Awards and Journalism Awards. Our website will support the initiative with a variety of leadership articles and suggested reading. The College has also adopted a new byline "Be a Leader...Make a Difference", and it is making a difference. During the ADA meeting, the Board of Regents voted to donate \$25,000 to the ADA Relief Fund in support of those dentists affected by Hurricane Katrina. We continue to support Humanitarian projects in Vietnam and Cambodia, where we support the education of public health dentists, who in turn improve the dental health of people in underserved areas. A new project this year, is our support of the Kikuyu Dental Clinic, serving a population of 500,000 in Africa, where there was previously no dental care.

On the district level, we began the year by honoring our past regent, Dr. Cyril Gaum. Over 105 people attended the luncheon at the Yankee Dental Congress to pay tribute to Dr. Gaum's contributions to not only the ICD but to dental education and the dental community. New Hampshire Deputy Regent Rolly Bryan, and Rhode Island Deputy Regent Frank Connor along with our Vice Regent, Christine Benoit, have been running successful mentoring programs in their respective states at local colleges and universities, prime examples of grass roots Leadership projects that are making a difference. Our District is proud to welcome 13 new members, some from each New England state. You can find their names and a photograph on page two of this newsletter.



ICD USA Section Councilman Joe Kenneally (Tufts D'81) reacquainted with Korean Section Councilman Woong Yang (Tufts D'82) at the ICD International Council Meeting in Taipei, Taiwan in September 2005.

Two of our leaders have been appointed to national committees. Christine Benoit is the Leadership Coordinator overseeing all 50 state coordinators. This group will spearhead the local Leadership Initiative efforts. Joe Kenneally has been appointed to be a member of the International Council that recently met in Taipei, Taiwan. Joe is also our editor of this newsletter, which is the envy of all of the USA section's districts.

Drs. Howard Baillit and David Averill have helped to rejuvenate their respective states, Connecticut and Vermont, by encouraging new fellows and providing the much-needed leadership for the state. Dr. Anthony Giamberardino, deputy in Massachusetts, has not only led our efforts to identify candidates for fellowship, but also has organized our popular Yankee luncheon. To all of our deputies and officers, I would like to thank you for your dedication and effort on behalf of our district and the USA section. You *are* making a difference.

We are all looking forward to honoring Michelle Curtin during our annual luncheon at the Yankee. Her influence in the growth of the YDC over the last 28 years is remarkable, and she will be the first non-dentist to receive our Distinguished Fellow Award. Register early, for this will be a highly attended event.

Finally, I'd like to thank our own Van Zissi, who has served this year as President of the USA section. His leadership and vision will help us create a College that will more effectively meet the mission of the ICD. With the new Leadership Initiative and a future strategic planning session, your College will be reaching for new heights of effectiveness. You can assist these endeavors not only through active participation, but with your sponsorship of those candidates that deserve the recognition of Fellowship.

## Guest Editorial

*Dr. Vangel Zissi,*

**President, USA Section, ICD**

District 1 Year in Review

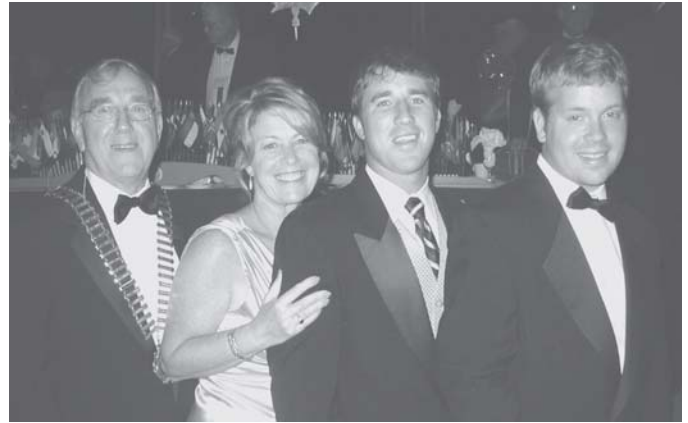
As I complete my year of service to the ICD as President of the USA Section, I can tell you all that it was a tremendous experience working with such a talented group of people. Wow! There is an exciting revitalization within the ICD, and we have accomplished so much on both the District and National level. I expect you all to continue your commitment to serve the ICD. I want to congratulate all of our new inductees and welcome them into fellowship in District 1, the highest profile District in the ICD. I want to encourage them to become involved immediately in the ongoing projects of our District. More and more of our young colleagues are becoming involved, just look at the Fellows of District 1! Our leadership of District 1 is to be applauded for their outstanding contributions to the ICD.

I want to praise Steve Tonelli, who is one of the most highly accomplished Regents in the ICD. In addition to being chair of the Projects Committee, Steve is chairman of the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee. He and his committee have engineered a terrific proposal which is well on its way to becoming a reality ; a long overdue incentive for the ICD. Vice Regent Christine Benoit has been appointed National Leadership Coordinator for state/local arrangements. Deputy Regent Joe Kenneally has been elected to a three- year term as Councilman. Deputy Regent Rolly Bryan has undertaken numerous projects within the NH component, which is flourishing. Deputy Regent Frank Connor has done a masterful job as editor of the Key for District 1, and he has maintained the enthusiasm of the Rhode Island constituency. Deputy Regents Averill of Vermont and Bailit of Connecticut have raised the level of activity and membership in their respective states.

As you are well aware, our ongoing programs and new leadership incentives are progressing nicely, and please visit our website for more information. **Do** make the effort to provide the central office with your email address; we are trying our best to gather contact information for all Fellows to aid prompt communications.

I encourage all of our fellows to attend the free CEC meeting in Halifax (just a short flight) in July 2006 to enjoy the camaraderie of Fellowship. Nova Scotia is a spectacular destination. Once again, I want to thank all of the Deputy Regents (the workhorses of our District) who have been staunch supporters on my behalf for the entire year. You have all contributed to the success of the ICD.

Although it has been a busy and at times hectic year, it will be a year of experience I will always treasure. I take with me many wonderful memories of the friendships I have strengthened with so many of you.



Immediate Past President of the ICD USA Section Van Zissi, his wife Barbara, and their two sons enjoy the Annual Dinner Dance and Convocation in Philadelphia in September 2005.

### *Annual ICD Luncheon at YDC 31*

Friday, January 27

12:00 PM -2:00 PM

Staffordshire Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Westin Hotel

*Come help us honor  
Ms. Michelle Veysey Curtin*

Michelle is the first non-dentist to receive the Distinguished Service Award. Her 28-year stewardship and coordination of the Yankee Dental Congress has helped make it the 5<sup>th</sup> largest dental meeting in the U.S. Come renew old friendships and make new ones as we welcome our new Fellows and honored guests at a YDC tradition.

**Send check for \$55 to:**

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4995 South County Trail, PO Box 850  
Charlestown, RI 02813

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“ICD District 1” by January 20



## Meet Our New Fellows

Our 13 new Fellows from District 1 are:

Ayman Aboushala, DDS, of Reading, MA  
Thomas Brady, DMD, of Westbrook, CT  
David Gelb, DDS, of West Hartford, CT  
Alphonse (Skip) Homicz, DDS, of Antrim, NH  
Daniel Kane, DMD, of Providence, RI  
David Knight, DMD, of Jaffrey, NH  
Barry Saltz, DDS, of Portland, ME  
Joseph Samartano, DDS, of Jamestown, RI  
Robin Santiago, DMD, of West Hartford, CT  
Robert Schaedel, DMD, of So. Portland, ME  
Igbal Singh, DMD, of Braintree, MA  
Kevin Toomey, DMD, of Wellesley, MA  
Doyle Craig Williams, DDS, of Boston, MA

Congratulations to our new Fellows, who have each demonstrated an abiding interest and concern for their profession. We are proud to have these outstanding leaders as members in the pre-eminent international honorary organization in dentistry.



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## Mark Your Calendars!

**The 2006 ICD**

**Continuing Education Conference**

will take place:

**Thursday, July 13 - Saturday, July 15,  
in beautiful Halifax, Nova Scotia.**

*A great program is planned and activities will include golf, whale watching, tours of Cape Breton, and the Bay of Fundy.*

*Watch your mail in March for notification of this exciting offering for ICD Fellows and their guests.*

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## Component Notes

**Maine-** The Maine Dental Association boasts 3 Fellows among its officers; Secretary KARL WOODS, Treasurer ANSLEY SAWYER, and President-Elect LISA HOWARD, who will become the MDA's first woman dentist to assume the Presidency. TONY BATES has announced the completion of his Vinalhaven service project, with the arrival of a permanent dentist on the island. JEFF DOW has been selected to serve as the ADA's 1<sup>st</sup> District representative on the Council on Government Affairs. JOE KENNEALLY was the 15<sup>th</sup> member to be awarded a position on the MDA's Honor Wall, for service to the Association and to the profession.

**Massachusetts-** Several Fellows hold leadership roles in the Massachusetts Dental Society. The current president is ROBERT FAIELLA. Congratulations to ANDREA RICHMAN on her election as Vice President of the MDS. She will assume the role of President in two years as the first woman in that role in the history of the MDS. Also serving as officers are JAMES THIEL as Treasurer and CHARLES GAGNE as Assistant Treasurer. In addition, several Fellows serve on the MDS Board of Trustees. These include ANTHONY BORGIA, ANTHONY GIAMBERARDINO, JAMES CINAMON and DAVID HARTE.

Many Fellows also have prominent roles in the upcoming Yankee Dental Congress 31. Serving as co-chairs of the educational programs are JEFFERY HUTTER, NICHOLAS DELLO RUSSO and ANTHONY GIAMBERARDINO. In addition, other Fellows serving on the Core Committee include KEVIN TOOMEY, RICHARD LOGUERCIO, KEVIN MCNEIL AND KATHLEEN O'LOUGHLIN.

Our sincere congratulations and warmest thanks go out to VANGEL ZISSI as he completes his year as President of the ICD - USA Section.

**New Hampshire-** The Wayfarer Hotel in Bedford was the site of the NH Section's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner in September. Tufts Dental Dean LONNIE NORRIS gave an enlightening presentation on the cost, curriculum, and educational process facing today's dental students. UNH Senior DANIEL LOMBARDI won the Annual Pre-Dental Award, and was presented a certificate and monetary gift. DAVID FROST has been making his rounds collecting used dental equipment and journals for Vision International Missions. Rev. Ken Whitten offers his sincere thanks to all who participate. ROBERT FREMEAUX is trying to initiate a mentoring program for pre-dental students at St. Anselm's College, and would like to hear from anyone interested in helping.

**Rhode Island-** ICD Fellows are well represented in the leadership of the Rhode Island Dental Association. CRAIG VAN DONGEN serves as President, ROGER TURKEL is Vice President, JOHN UNDERHILL is Immediate Past President, and BOB BARTRO is the Long Term Delegate. ICD Vice Regent CHRISTINE BENOIT recently completed her two-year term as chair of the RI Department of Health's Oral Health Professional Advisory Council, and ED MEHLMAN serves on that council. MARTY NAGER received the James Kershaw Award for Leadership from the RIDA. SHIRLEY SPATER was given the Outstanding Service Award from the RI section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and she again serves as the state coordinator for Give Kids a Smile Day.

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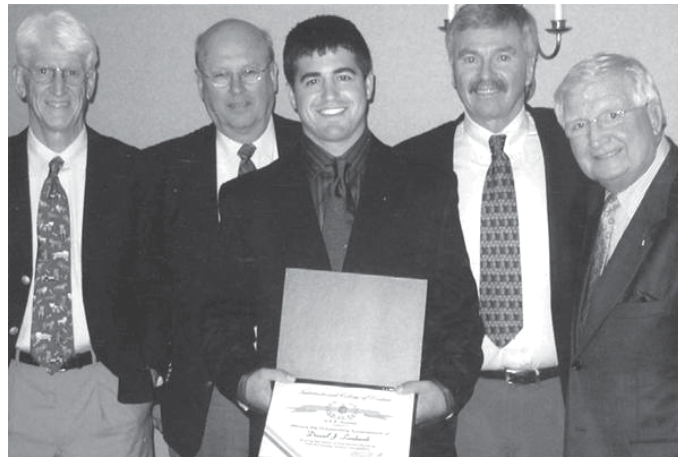
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## Pre-Dental Scholarship

The New Hampshire section held its 4th Annual Dinner. University of New Hampshire student Daniel Lombardi won the Pre-Dental Scholarship from the Section. Pictured from left, Dr. James Pollard, Dr. Don Johnson, Mr. Lombardi, Dr. Bob Haney, and Deputy Regent Roland Bryan.

## Necrology

District One of the ICD is sad to announce the passing of two wonderful Fellows, Dr. Nathan Dubin of West Hartford, Connecticut, and Dr. Philip Molloy of Framingham, Massachusetts. The insight and energy of these two outstanding dentists will be greatly missed by the College, the profession, and their communities. We send our most sincere condolences to their families and friends.

## Improve Your Leadership Skills

In order to be a strong leader, it is important to have an understanding of the nature of leadership. The ICD USA Section Leadership Initiative Committee, of which our District 1 Regent Steve Tonelli and Vice Regent Christine Benoit are strong members, has come up with a reading list of books on leadership. Try some of these if you get a chance.

Let's Roll, by Lisa Beamer

Managing the Dream: Reflections on Leadership and Change, by Warren Bennis

How to Win Friends and Influence People, by Dale Carnegie

Ethics: The Heart of Leadership, by Joanna B. Ciulla

The Other 90%, by Robert K. Cooper

First Things First, by Steven Covey

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, by Steven Covey

The Millionaire Next Door, by Stanley Danko

The Sky's the Limit, by Wayne Dyer

Leadership and the Culture of Trust, by Gilbert Fairholm

Leadership, by Rudolph Giuliani

The Servant, by James C. Hunter

Talking Straight, by Lee Iacocca

Quest for the Best, by Stanley Marcus

Martin Luther King, Jr. on Leadership, by Donald T. Phillips

The Art of War, by Sun Tzu

The Winner Within, by Pat Riley

See You at the Top, by Zig Ziglar

The entire list can be found online at our website, [www.usa-icd.org](http://www.usa-icd.org)