



# THE DISTRICT NOTES

District 1  
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International College of Dentists

## Regent's Letter

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District One Regent



I have long admired the commitment and dedication of all fellows of the International College of Dentists and I welcome the opportunity to serve as the 2006-2010 Regent for District One. As cited by essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Our College exemplifies that sentiment; the ICD is great because of you and your enthusiasm.

Leadership is the North Star of the

ICD. Fellows, individually and collectively, strive to promote, develop, and recognize leadership. Making a difference through leadership activities is the heartbeat of ICD and the pulse is visible here in our six New England states, in the USA, and throughout the world.

*For your information, an overview of recent ICD initiatives is as follows:*

**Support of Peace Corps Applicants:** This collaborative project of the ICD and Peace Corps seeks to provide no cost examinations and radiographs for Peace Corps applicants who are without a dentist. Consistent with the global missions of both organizations, this is an exciting opportunity to enhance ICD fellowship. Surveys indicate support will be overwhelming. Kudos to past Regent Steven Tonelli for sparking this idea.

**Humanitarian Outreach Program:** The Humanitarian Outreach Program continues in Laos this year. Future initiatives look to Africa, and more specifically, in Tanzania. Connecticut's past Deputy Regent Howard Bailit serves on the committee that develops ICD's public health initiative. Also in 2006, the Kikuyu Dental Clinic in Kenya received ICD funds totaling \$15,000 to purchase sterilization equipment. Your generous contributions fuel ICD successes.

**Outstanding Dental Leader Award:** Dr. Eric Hovland, Dean of the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, was recognized as this year's Outstanding Dental Leader. The ICD's \$25,000 contribution on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 will help support efforts to rebuild the dental school in New Orleans.

**New ICD Fellows:** District One welcomed fourteen new fellows at a spectacular convocation in Las Vegas. Keynote speaker, Dr. Arthur Dugoni, inspired all who attended. To assure a robust future for the ICD, make a New Year resolution to consider sponsoring someone with significant and meritorious contributions to the profession, education, community or church.

**Prenatal Oral Health Project:** To highlight the importance of oral health care during the prenatal period, District One launched an oral health promotion project targeting pregnant teens in

December. Two hundred and fifty rotary toothbrushes, educational brochures, floss and toothpaste kits were distributed to prenatal clinics by Dr. David Averill (VT), Dr. Bethaney Brenner (CT), Dr. Roland Bryan and LeAnn Haney (NH), Dr. Francis Connor (RI), Dr. Anthony Giamberardino (MA), Dr. Steve Tonelli (MA), Dr. Daniel Kane (RI), Dr. Frank Connor (RI), Dr. Shirley Spater (RI), Dr. Lisa Howard (ME) and Dr. Joseph Kenneally (ME). A generous sponsorship by Proctor & Gamble's Mr. Glenn J. Frishman allowed District One to distribute additional oral health kits for the young women. Response from staff at participating prenatal clinics has been most positive.

**Dental Student Acknowledgments:** In October, District One sent congratulatory letters to the Class of 2007 dental students at Boston University, Harvard University, Tufts University and the University of Connecticut. The communication provided an overview of the ICD and promoted fellowship opportunities. The College presents an annual Dental Student Leadership Award at each dental school. Our District will provide monetary awards to four seniors who demonstrate leadership qualities. Thank you, Deans Frankl, Robinson, Donoff, and Norris for your assistance and support of this endeavor.

**District One Evening of Fellowship:** With terrific District One support, an Evening of Fellowship was convened on November 16, 2006 and attracted thirty participants. Fellow Jim Jackson (SC) and Mr. Al Mason discussed relevant financial advice. The fellows renewed friendships and had an enjoyable evening. Thank you to planners Drs. Vangel Zissi, Steven Tonelli, and Anthony Giamberardino, and all the participants who made the event successful.

**Annual ICD Lunch:** You are invited to attend the annual lunch on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2:00 PM. Friendship and camaraderie develop; new fellows are introduced. The District One Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Dr. Minoru Horiuchi. Japanese Consul General Suzuki and Dr. Domenic DePaola of the Forsythe Institute will join us in honoring "Min." Other notable invited guests include ICD USA Section President James Felix, Secretary General Robert Brady, and ADA President Kathleen Roth. Please join us for this memorable occasion.

Each District is distinct and is comprised of fellows who display significant energy and talent. I urge you to read the Deputy Regent reports included later in this newsletter. I also would like to acknowledge all fellows, deputy regents, editors, counselors, leadership coordinators, sponsors, and contributors for the countless, invisible hours that they devote to advancing ICD's mission and leadership.

Dr. Steven Tonelli deserves applause for four years of inspiring leadership as District One Regent.

Let us welcome 2007, a new year full of things that have never been. Wishing you good health, good news, and good times.

## Annual ICD Luncheon at YDC 32

Friday, January 26  
12:00 PM -2:00 PM  
Staffordshire Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Westin Hotel

*Come help us honor  
Dr. Minoru Horiuchi*



*Min's remarkable career began in Kyoto, Japan, where he was born the son and grandson of dentists. ICD co-founder Tsurukichi Okumura was Dean of the Tokyo Dental College when Min received his DDS. He has served as the International President of the ICD, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the American Academy of Dental Science, and he has led more organizations than newsletter print space allows. He has devoted his life to leadership positions in professional organizations, education and clinical practice.*

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"ICD District 1" by January 17*

*For more information and late sign-ups call  
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## Mark Your Calendars!

**The 2007 ICD Continuing Education Conference**  
will take place

**Wednesday, July 18- Saturday, July 21, 2007**  
**in beautiful Atlanta, Georgia.**

*A great program is planned.*

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



## Meet Our New Fellows

**JUDITH FISCH**, (Rutland, VT) Judi, a 1984 Georgetown graduate, is the current President of the VSDS. Following dental school, she spent 4 years in the US Navy at the Great Lakes Training Center and at Pearl Harbor Naval Base. Her interest in dentistry began as a 15-year-old dental assistant, continued through dental hygiene school and later dental school. She currently is a member of the ADA Council on Ethics, By-Laws, and Judicial Affairs. She practices with her husband and dental school classmate David Heaton, and they have 4 children.

**ERIC GHEEWALLA**, (Medford, MA) Eric balances his life as a practicing orthodontist with his work as a faculty member in the Tufts Restorative Dentistry Research Department. His work has been published in the Journal of Clinical Research and the Journal of Clinical Orthodontics.

**ALAN GOLD**, (Pittsfield, MA) Alan is the current President of the MDS. He is an accomplished musician, who plays the organ at both a synagogue on Saturday and a church on Sunday. He has a new klezmer band, he was the vocal director/piano player for a production of *Chicago* in the spring, and in the fall he participated as keyboard player in a band that raised \$18,900 for the Jimmy Fund in a benefit show. Alan is married with a son.

**ROBERT GOODE**, (Boston, MA) Rob, a retired Colonel from the US Air Force is proudest of his service in defense of his country, keeping our soldiers healthy enough to fight. Rob was trained as an oral pathologist and assigned to the world renowned Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, where he diagnosed some of the most difficult cases in the world. His work saved unknown numbers of lives. He further served the Armed Forces Medical Examiner as Chief Forensic Dentist, and he personally identified over 3000 casualties so their families could mourn and mentally heal. After retirement from the military, Rob has continued his service to the profession as a professor of oral pathology, most recently at Tufts University.

**JAMES HANLEY**, (Boston, MA) is an Associate Professor of Periodontology at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, as well as the Assistant Dean of Clinical Affairs. Jim, a 1975 Tufts graduate, is either the Chair or the Director of 6 major school positions. He has been an active member of the Concord, MA, Rotary Club, and he is the former coach of the rowing programs at both Assumption College and Regis College.

**DAVID HARTE**, (Milton, MA) Dave is a 1978 graduate of the Tufts University dental program. In the 1970s, he worked as a dental researcher, and he demonstrated that hard toothbrushes caused 4 times the abrasion of soft brushes, given the same toothpaste. In the 1980s, ABC World News Tonight

highlighted his observation that dental caries was increasing rapidly in fluoridated towns and cities due to a popular newcomer, non-fluoridated bottled water. Dave is the Founder and national spokesman for the Comprehensive CHIP Program, a child ID program using toothprints and DNA swabs. He has been active with the MDS in a number of capacities.

**JAMES PICONE**, (Groton, MA) Jim practiced dentistry for over 45 years, but for the past 11 years, he has also been involved in procuring personnel, supplies, equipment, funding, and an organized group of volunteers for *Cape Cares*, a dental-medical mission in the mountains of central Honduras. Three teams a year presently visit this uniquely-equipped 5-chair site. A Rotarian of over 35 years, Jim worked with the Rotary Foundation to secure the money and personnel to supply pure drinking water to several villages and schools in Honduras.

**JOSEPH PICONE**, (Southington, CT) Joe is the Chair of the Continuing Education Council of the CSDA, and a delegate to the American Dental Association House of Delegates. He has served the CSDA on its Annual Meeting Committee, its Budget Committee, and he did a great deal of work on the Building Committee that recently completed the new CSDA headquarters building. Joe is the Co-Founder of the National Italian-American Medical Society. He is married with 3 children, who he has coached in soccer.

**ALBERT PRICE**, (Falmouth, MA) Albert, a 1970 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, interned at the Eastman Medical Center and then received his specialty training in periodontology from Boston University in 1974. In addition to his private practice in Falmouth and Cambridge, Albert serves on the staffs of the Cambridge Hospital, the Jordan Hospital, and the Falmouth Hospital, and he is an Associate Professor in the Department of Periodontology at Boston University. He is a well-known researcher in bone graft biology and he has lectured widely on implantology, with presentations in Germany, Israel, Taiwan, and Korea. Al scuba dives in his spare time.

**CHARLES SAMARAS**, (Andover, MA) Charlie is a well-known lecturer and contributor to several dental publications, including the Dentists' Money Digest, Dental Economics, Compendium, and Contemporary Esthetic Restorative Practice. He has served as the Director of Practice Management at Tufts since 1999. Charlie has recently moved to North Carolina, and District One wishes him well.

**DENISE THERIAULT**, (Portland, ME) Denise is the complaint officer of the Maine Board of Dental Examiners, and she serves as a frequent examiner for the Northeast Regional Board. After starting her career as a dental hygienist, Denise graduated from both the undergraduate dental program and the graduate school of periodontology of Boston University. She enjoys hiking, ocean kayaking, and serving as a mentor to young dentists in Southern Maine.

**THOMAS TORRISI**, (Methuen, MA) Tom is a 1970 graduate of the dental program at Georgetown. He currently serves the Massachusetts Dental Society as its Secretary.

**RICHARD WALSH**, (Charlestown, RI) The Immediate Past President of RIDA, Rick is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, where he played varsity lacrosse, and Northwestern University Dental School. Rick is very active in his

community and is largely credited with introducing youth lacrosse into Rhode Island schools. He has also served as President of the RI Interscholastic Lacrosse Association.

**ROBERT WILSON**, (Winchester, MA) A 1974 graduate of Case Western Reserve Dental School, Bob went on to receive his certificate in orthodontics from Tufts in 1976. He holds the rank of Assistant Professor in the PG orthodontic program at Tufts, and he maintains a full-time orthodontic practice in Winchester, MA. He is the co-author of three orthodontic textbooks, and 11 articles for the Journal of Orthodontics. Bob has served on a number of school boards, and he was active as a youth sports coach in both soccer and basketball for many years.

## Component Notes

**Connecticut-** BETHANEY BRENNER has taken over the position of Deputy Regent from HOWARD BAILIT, who is staying on as Counselor. Howard presided over the CT ICD Annual luncheon at Mohegan Sun in May. The luncheon honored retiring CSDA Executive Director Noel Bishop, who served in this capacity for 17 years. Howard is presently working on having UConn dental students participate in the ICD Student Exchange Program. Under this program, two UConn students would spend two weeks at a dental school in another country, while two students from that country would be spending two weeks at UConn. It provides both groups of students the opportunity to experience dental education and delivery systems in other countries.

**Maine-** The Maine Dental Association boasts four Fellows among its officers; Secretary KARL WOODS, Treasurer ANSLEY SAWYER, Vice President JAMES SCHMIDT and President LISA HOWARD, who is the MDA's first woman dentist to assume the Presidency. The Maine Board of Dental Examiners has a number of fellows as members, including President JERROLD COHEN, Complaint Officer DENISE THERIAULT, and new member DAVID MOYER. The Maine ICD component honored outgoing MDA President Moe Convey and Dr. Howard with the gift of books on leadership at the annual luncheon at the Samoset Resort. The component is involved in helping the MDA with several mentoring programs for prospective dentists in the state. Maine was also able to provide toothbrushes and dental care kits to pregnant teens at Southern Maine Medical Center's pre-natal clinic in Biddeford.

**Massachusetts-** Several Fellows hold leadership roles in the Massachusetts Dental Society. The current president is ALAN GOLD, President Elect is ANDREA RICHMAN. Andrea will be the first woman dentist to serve as President of the MDS. MILT GLICKSMAN is the Vice President, TOM TORRISI is the Secretary, CHARLES GAGNE is Treasurer, and DAVID SCHMID is Assistant Treasurer. ROBERT FAIELLA was elected to serve as the next Trustee of the First District of the ADA. Our sincere congratulations and warmest thanks go out to STEVE TONELLI, who completed his 4 year term as ICD Regent for District One. In his last year as Regent, Steve set up a mentoring program for Tufts undergraduates interested in dentistry, and organized a project to provide electric toothbrushes and dental care kits to young low-income expectant mothers in New England. Steve has

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been elected to serve as a Councilman of the College at Large, as has VAN ZISSI. These two, with Maine's JOE KENNEALLY, give our District three representatives on the 34 seat International Council.

**New Hampshire-** NH ICD's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner was held at C.R. Sparks in Bedford on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. 65% of the Fellows attended to hear Mr. Mark Gonthier, Associate Admissions Dean of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine speak about the school's admissions process. Next year's dinner, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at C.R. Sparks, will feature dentist/attorney Dr. Bradley Stolzer. For more information, contact Deputy Regent ROLAND BRYAN. NH's mentoring program at UNH under the guidance of James Pollard is expecting another exciting program as it enters its 5<sup>th</sup> year. Leanne Haney is assisting in the distribution of electric toothbrushes and educational dental care kits for low-income teenage mothers-to-be, as part of the District-wide project.

**Rhode Island-**CHRISTINE BENOIT became the Regent for District One following the Annual Meeting of the ICD in Las Vegas. RAY GEORGE, SR. was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the American Association of Orthodontists at their annual meeting this spring. NICK BARONE is the President of the RI affiliate of Donated Dental Services. RI DDS is approaching the \$3 million mark in donated treatment since the inception of the program. RIDA's officer corps includes RICK WALSH, Immediate Past President, CRAIG VAN DONGEN, President, ROGER TURKEL, President-Elect, and Deputy Regent FRANK CONNOR, Secretary-Treasurer.

**Vermont-** This fall District One began a program to deliver oral health care information and materials for expectant teens. Vermont was able to provide Oral B rotary tooth brushes, supplies and dental health information packets to the Lund Family Center. The Lund Family Center is Vermont's only residential treatment center for pregnant teens. For over 115 years the Lund Center has had a positive impact on the lives of families. The Lund Center was most appreciative of the gift and our concern for the dental health of the teens.



ICD USA Section President Leon Aronson presenting a certificate of appreciation to Past District One Regent Steve Tonelli. New Regent Christine Benoit looks on.

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## In Memory of Deceased Fellows

District One wishes to express condolences  
over the loss of four of our Fellows  
since our last printing.

They are: Dr. Paul Lustig and  
Dr. Herbert Schilder of  
the MA Component,  
Dr. Charles Lambrukos of the NH Component,  
and Dr. Albert DiPrete of the RI Component.

*All will be sadly missed.*