

Dr. Garrett Becomes QCDS President

Dr. Ronald Garrett was sworn in as the new Queens County Dental Society president at the start of the Board of Trustees Meeting, held in January at the QCDS Headquarters lecture hall. Nearly every board member was in attendance for this momentous occasion. Prior to the start of the meeting the attendees enjoyed a wonderful Italian Dinner.

Installed along with Dr. Garrett were Dr. Richard Yang, president-elect; Dr. Craig Tischler, vice president; Dr. Prabhakar Koppikar, secretary; Dr. Arelys Santana, treasurer; and Dr. Milan Gandhi, historian.

The QCDS officers were installed by Dr. Chad Gehani, ADA trustee, and QCDS past president. Dr. Gehani presented Dr. Garrett with his QCDS Presidential Pin and gavel. Upon being installed, President Garrett presented a plaque to outgoing President Eric Huang in appreciation for his service and leadership.

Dr. Garrett thanked everyone for their support and discussed his goals of starting a mentoring program for high school students who would shadow dentists during the summer. Dr. Garrett said he looked forward to a fruitful and productive year as president.



Dr. Ronald Garrett outlined the goals for his administration upon taking office as the new QCDS president.



ADA Trustee Dr. Chad Gehani presented Dr. Ronald Garrett with his Presidential pin.



Dr. Ronald Garrett presented outgoing President Eric Huang with a plaque of appreciation.



The 2017 officers preparing to be sworn in. (from l-r: Drs. Gandhi, Santana, Koppikar, Tischler, Yang, Garrett)

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Promoting Mentorship Opportunities

By Ronald Garrett, D.D.S.

I would like to thank QCDS once again for giving me the opportunity to serve as president for 2017. Promoting mentorship opportunities for high school students is an important goal for my tenure as president. It would be great to launch this initiative as a summer program that would allow students to shadow dentists for six weeks. The program could start after the July 4th holiday and end before Labor Day. This is a chance for a young person to explore dentistry as a possible career. For QCDS, this is an opportunity to showcase our commitment to the borough's youth.

My working title for this project is "QCDS Summer Career Shadowing Program." In order for the effort to come to fruition, I ask that QCDS members express interest to volunteer as mentors and determine their time commitments. Some participants might allow a student to shadow a few hours a day, once or twice a week. Students can observe and ask questions about the dental profession and QCDS members can convey their knowledge to future dentists.

Most Queens public high schools have a STEM program, which includes health careers. Among them are: Hillcrest High School in Jamaica, Mathematics, Science Research and Technology High School in Cambria Heights and Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary School in Jamaica, just to name a few. Student participation in our program can be limited to juniors and seniors. School guidance coun-

selors can select the candidates.

Even Mayor Bill deBlasio supports the concept of shadowing. In January, which is also known as National Mentoring Month, deBlasio announced a plan to have 1,110 administrative, managerial and professional-titled city employees mentor youths during their workday. The mayor's effort will start with 150 employees, according to published reports. A recent AM New York article stated "deBlasio hopes to have 14,000 New Yorkers mentor 400 students by 2022." That is encouraging news.

The need to encourage students of color to enter dentistry is crucial. The American Dental Association reported "minorities comprise only 12 percent of students who enter dental school, while minorities make up 25 percent of the general population." The ADA identified

African-Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans as being "underrepresented in the field." Recent statistics from the ADA indicate "58 percent of the population will be comprised of underrepresented groups by 2050."

QCDS could be at the forefront of getting more students of color involved in the field and at the same time raise awareness for better oral health care. Positive interactions with students, other than the ones in our homes or lives, are vital to building a stronger nation. Please consider joining this effort to make the QCDS Summer Career Shadowing Program a reality.

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ADA Trustee Report

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Membership Numbers Are Growing

By Chad Gehani, D.D.S.

Over the last ten years, total number of active, licensed members has remained flat. At the same time, the size of the market has grown. Significantly, the increase in the market size is very diverse. Retiring members are mostly homogenous, while dental students and new dentists are very diverse.

Some good news for the current year is that as of the end of November 2016, we have gained over 1,500 members, our largest growth in ten years. Despite that, because the market is growing so quickly, this still represents a slight decrease in market share. We are very happy with this shift in membership trends, but we need to remember it represents a single data point. We will work to replicate it next year as part of our efforts to develop a positive and identifiable trend.

Campaign to Promote Dentistry

As we all know, the 2016 House passed a resolution authorizing a campaign to promote utilization of dental services. We have already implemented this program to drive patients to our members' offices. We will be improving Find-A-Dentist, promoting participation to our members, and seeking ways to drive the public to this tool. This will include targeted advertising, currently under development, and work with state and local societies.

U.S. Election Results and Dentistry

The Trump administration is expected to work on ACA changes, tax changes and reversing existing regulations. At this point it appears that there will be some activity to repeal and replace ACA. We expect some current provisions in ACA (addressing pre-existing conditions and allowing some adult children to be covered under parents' policies) to continue under any new version. Our Washington office is prepared to act regardless of the approach to ACA the Trump administration

chooses to follow. The Washington office is also looking carefully at existing regulations. Some of them may be repealed.

Dental Therapy

At the state level, the therapist issue has arisen in at least 20 states. State Government Affairs has been very active, working with the states on this and our efforts have been effective. We will continue to monitor the issue and, in particular, the program in existence in Minnesota which appears to be struggling. Our CDHC (Community Dental Health Coordinator) Program is growing

Board Priorities for 2017

This year, the Board identified three priority areas for its own work. We will focus on the following:

- Addressing the feasibility of shifting budget authority from the House to the Board: The House of Delegates will make a final determination.
- Licensure Reform—Licensure Portability is very important to not only new

dentists, but middle age and even retiring dentists. Retiring dentists may wish to retire in a different state and then choose to practice part time. Initial licensure is another important topic for students.

We have a policy passed by the House of Delegates in 2000, which calls for no live patient examination for initial licensure. New York State was the first state to confirm to this policy by granting licensure with PGY -1, which also helped us in solving access to care issues to some extent.

The study of the ADA business model and potential changes to it: We shall be contracting with an outside consulting firm to study our business model and recommend any changes that can be implemented in order to be current. This will help us decide which services we offer to our clients work, and where the potential opportunities are for new services.

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Meeting the Opioid CE Requirement.

By Oleg Rabinovich

Our phones have once again been ringing multiple times a day with calls from our members asking for an update on the Opioid CE requirement. The July 1, 2017 deadline is coming soon and I know this has caused quite a bit of anxiety for our members. You can take a webinar course through the New York State Foundation. We will also be offering a live course as well, shortly. Whatever you decide, please be aware that if you have a DEA license, you must take the course by July 1, 2017 to maintain your license to practice.

Speaking of CE programs, 2017 is going to be an amazing year for us. We plan on offering more CE programs than ever before. We have over 50 events scheduled on the 2017 calendar. As a member, many of them are free or heavily discounted, so please take advantage of them. In fact, if a member attends all of the free CE courses, they will be fully covered for the 60 CE credit requirement. Be sure to check out our website—qcds.org—to see all of them.

I know that most of you have already renewed your membership, but if you have not already done so, please renew at your earliest convenience. We truly value you as members and hope you realize how valued you are. The lobbying and advocacy efforts of the tri-partite (ADA, NYSDA, QCDS) may not always get

your attention, but without their work to protect patients' and dentists' interests, the profession would be in a much worse position today. The tri-partite leadership is constantly reviewing and

analyzing issues on access to care, Medicaid reimbursement matters and many other important concerns facing your profession. They do this so that your interests and more importantly, the interests of your patients, are made known to regulators and legislators. Without a large unified voice that speaks for most dentists, the interests of our patients and our members would be ignored. Strength in numbers is key to making sure that our voices are being heard. I beseech you to keep your membership and to explain to your non-tripartite colleagues why it is so im-

portant for them to join with us.

If you are having temporary financial issues, do not let this be a reason to drop your membership. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me to discuss options that will allow you to keep your membership in the tri-partite.

Finally, I am very pleased that we have restarted the CitiField Oral Health Day tradition. It will be taking place on May 24th this year. Please come out to support the New York Mets and the Queens County Dental Society. You can purchase your tickets right on our website, www.qcqs.org.

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Now Is the Time to Reserve Tickets for QCDS Oral Health Day at CitiField

The annual QCDS oral health screening program will once again be offered to Mets fans at CitiField on May 24 at 7 P.M., when the Mets play the Padres. Due to member demand, QCDS will have more ticket options this year. Promenade Reserved \$13, Budweiser Landing \$18, Field Reserved \$22, Field Box \$44, and Metropolitan Box 63.

The Mets continue to be a hot team and these prices will go up. If you are interested in participating, please order tickets right away. Tickets can be purchased by you, friends, family, and patients or provided by you to patients as a sign of gratitude. Even if you are not a baseball fan or a Mets fan, this Mets event provides a relatively inexpensive night out with the family.

QCDS has had a great initial run of orders. Don't wait to order, as this pricing won't last. Ticket prices will go up the closer the game gets. Save money, order now!

You can purchase tickets with a credit card by going to <http://www.qcqs.org/events/new-york-mets-citifield-oral-health-day/>, by calling 718-454-8344 or by mailing a check made payable to QCDS to Queens County Dental Society, 86-90 188th Street, Jamaica, NY 11423.





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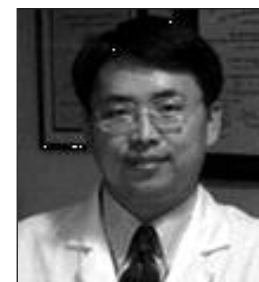
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Getting to Know Your 2017 QCDS Officers



Ronald Garrett
President

Dr. Ronald Garrett is the new president of the Queens County Dental Society and the new president of the Institute of Continuing Dental Education. He graduated from Howard University College of Dentistry in 1988. Prior to studying at dental school, he attended Queens College and has been practicing for over 20 years. Dr. Garrett completed a residency at Harlem Hospital and remained on staff for six years. He is currently on staff at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx. His private practice has been located in Springfield Gardens since 2001. Dr. Garrett is a faculty member at Albert Einstein Medical College, where he is involved with HIV/AIDS research in children. Dr. Garrett is married to his wife, Claire, and the couple has three children, Bryan, Brandon and Blair.



Richard Yang
President-Elect

Dr. Richard Yang is the new president-elect of the Queens County Dental Society. Dr. Yang graduated from the Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery. He was later trained as an oral surgery fellow in the Bronx Veterans Hospital and Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York. Dr. Yang started his private practice in 1997 and has managed two private dental clinics ever since. He served as the president of the Chinese American Dental Society, New York Chapter, from 2006 to 2008 and has been an active member of QCDS since 2004..



Craig Tischler
Vice President

Dr. Craig Tischler is the new vice-president of the Queens County Dental Society. Dr. Tischler graduated from the SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in 1985. He completed an advanced training fellowship in oral pathology and oncology. Dr. Tischler is also a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and is a fellow of the International College of Dentists. He maintained his practice in Rego Park for the past 29 years. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Tischler enjoys teaching and has been involved in training new dentists at Maimonides Medical Center and at Flushing Hospital, where he currently holds an attending position.



Prabhakar Koppikar
Secretary

Dr. Prabhakar Koppikar is the new secretary of the Queens County Dental Society. Dr. Koppikar is a 1979 graduate of Bombay University Dental. He is also a 1996 graduate of the New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Koppikar has been involved with residency teaching programs since 1998. He is currently in private practice in Flushing



Arelys Santana
Treasurer

Dr. Arelys Santana is the new treasurer of the Queens County Dental Society. She completed her undergraduate education and dental degree from the Universidad Central del Este in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery certification from the New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Santana continued her post-graduate training by completing a GPR residency at Brooklyn's Woodhull Hospital. Dr. Santana established her private practice in Jackson Heights 20 years. She has served as a member and trustee of QCDS, as a member of the New York State Dental Society, the American Dental Association, the Dominican Dental Association, and the Puerto Rican Dental Association. She previously served as the president of the Spanish-American Medical Dental Society of New York and the Hispanic Dental Society Chapter of New York and is a member of the Hispanic Dental Association New York chapter.



Milan Gandhi
Historian

Dr. Milan Gandhi is the new historian of the Queens County Dental Society. He came to America as a young dentist from Bombay, India, when he was only 21 and graduated at age 24 from New York University. Dr. Gandhi finished his residency at Seaview Hospital on Staten Island. He has been in private practice in Richmond Hill for the last 25 years and lives in Old Brookville, NY. Dr. Gandhi has a passion for sports and is part of a tennis, bowling and golf league. Although Dr. Gandhi is a general dentist, he does not limit himself to general dentistry. He places implants and does minor orthodontics, as well.

QCDS Volunteers Provide Oral Exams For Queens Elementary School Students

Volunteer dentists from the Queens County Dental Society provided free oral exams and education on oral hygiene to students at PS 201, in Pomonok recently.

The Queens County Dental Society partnered with Colgate and the Tzu-Chi Foundation for the event. Colgate provided the Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Colgate Van for the screening.

The Tzu-Chi Foundation provided volunteers for the event. The Foundation started the "Happy Campus" program at PS 201 in 2012. This program includes promotion of humanity, education, and weekend food bags for children in need. "Once a week," Tzu-Chi volunteer Chiang San San said, "we deliver various activities to each classroom. The activities, such as music, sign language, videos and storytelling, are used to promote subjects including helping people, environmental awareness, balanced diet, and health care issues."

Dr. Frank Di Blasi spoke with the students about oral health in the school auditorium. Afterwards, the children were escorted to the Colgate Van where they were given oral exams and re-

ceived an oral health report card to bring home. The team on the Colgate Van consisted of Drs. Richard Yang, Arelys Santana, Stuart Kesner, Hemali Ajmera, Marina Isakova, Risa Samuels, and Stella Tan.

Oral screenings, oral hygiene instructions and oral hygiene kits were given to 165 children. Of those, 92 had no visible dental problems, 49 had mild dental problems, 19 had severe dental problems, and 5 required emergency dental treatment. Those who needed further dental treatment were asked to return to their dentists for a follow-up.

This event was part of the National "Give Kids A Smile" program, a national endeavor by the American Dental Association which gives a way for dentists across the country to join with others in their community to provide dental services to underserved children. The ADA's Give Kids A Smile program enhances the oral health of large num-



Drs. Kesner, Isakova, Samuels, Tan, Yang, and Martins prepare to see the students.

bers of needy children.

"It is important for the development of their teeth, the development of their smile and to keep teeth healthy, because the teeth help them with many major components of their life" said QCDS Board Member Dr. Stuart Kesner.

New York 1 News was on-hand to cover the event. The news segment can be seen at <http://www.ny1.com/nyc/queens/news/2017/02/13/queens-dentists--give-a-smile--to-local-students.html>

Dentists interested in volunteering for this program next year, should call QCDS at 718-454-8344.



Drs. Kesner, Isakova, and Martins see a patient while New York 1 films.



Drs. Tan and Samuels see a patient.



Dr. Di Blasi talks to the students in the auditorium.



Drs. Ajmera and Santana see a patient.

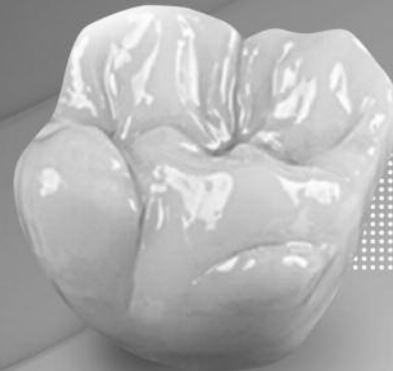
QCDS Receives Citation of Merit From Assemblyman Edward Braunstein

New York State Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein recently presented QCDS member Dr. Joseph Caruso with a State Assembly Citation on behalf of the Queens County Dental Society. Dr. Caruso presented the Citation of Merit to the QCDS Board of Trustees in January. The Citation was given for exemplary service by QCDS to the Queens Community, including its donation of free dental hygiene products to the over 250 attendees at Assemblyman Bruanstein's Health and Wellness Forum last year.



QCDS members Drs. Prabha Krishnan, Chad Gehani, Ronald Garrett, Joseph Caruso, Viren Jhaveri, and Eric Huang were all on hand to accept the Citation of Merit on behalf of the Queens County Dental Society from State Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein.

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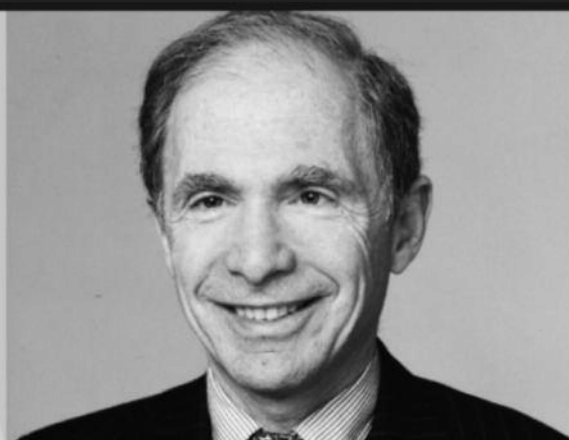
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Speaker: Dr. Bijan Anvar
Free admission to all members. Non-QCDS Members by invitation only. Dinner is included.

Friday, April 7 9:30 a.m.

Video Study Club: 2 C.E. Credits
Preparing for your Next Medical Emergency

You never know when a medical emergency will happen in an office. Oftentimes, it has nothing to do with planned treatment. This presentation includes diagnosing and dealing with many potential emergency medical problems, including loss of consciousness, respiratory distress, allergies, chest pain, and other life-threatening situations. The following example “medical emergencies” are simulated with live patients for you and your staff to analyze and determine appropriate emergency treatment: vasodepressor, syncope, angina pectoris, mild allergy, postural hypotension, seizure, asthmatic attack/bronchospasm, hyperventilation, epinephrine reaction, insulin, shock/hypoglycemia, sudden cardiac arrest, anaphylactic reaction, myocardial infarction, and swallowing/aspirating an object

Speaker: Dr. Al A. Gulum
Tuition: QCDS Members: Free Non-QCDS members (one time): \$100

A \$15 late fee will be assigned to those who pay and/or register on the day of the event. Dinner is included. Pre-registration is required. Call 718-454-8344 to register. A light breakfast is included.

Sunday, April 30 9:00 a.m.

CPR - Certification 4 C.E. Credits
Topic: Basic Cardiac Life Support

Basic Cardiac Life Support Certification will cover 1 and 2 rescuer CPR, Heimlich maneuver, child CPR, and AED. The ability to recognize the signals of a heart attack and provide stabilization of the victim at the scene of a cardiac arrest is a priceless commodity. Life over death may someday become a reality to someone you know or care for. Be prepared to help save a life.

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Instructor: Eric Zalewski, BLS Instructor
Tuition: ADA member/staff: \$105 Non-ADA member: \$260

Tuesday, May 2 7:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting 2 C.E. Credits
7:00 p.m. Make Implant Surgery a Reality
In Your General Practice

Dental implants have added another dimension to how we can re-

store patients to optimal esthetics and function. As techniques and imaging have vastly improved, implants have grown in predictability and popularity. This has allowed many GPs to add implant surgery to their services. This course takes doctors through the didactic information, hands on learning and clinical execution of implant surgery. A skilled surgeon will then walk you through procedure in your office on your patients to learn at your own pace. This gives doctors the knowledge and confidence to effectively add implant surgery to their daily practice.

- Learn the Principles of atraumatic extraction – the foundation of implant dentistry,
- Apply clinical uses of allografts, xenografts and synthetic grafts,
- Learn to read cone beam CT scans with the anatomical knowledge you already have as a clinical dentist,
- Understand the biological basis of implant surgery,
- Crown-down implant planning utilizing cone beam and CAD technology.

Speaker: Dr. Robert Mikhli
Free admission to all members. Non-QCDS members by invitation only. Dinner included.

STUDY CLUBS

Dr. Fialkoff Study Club

CONTACT DR. FIALKOFF 718-229-3838
APR 19 7:00 -10:00 p.m.
Topic: “Implants and Conservative Sinus Grafting-New Innovative Techniques for Case Acceptance”
Speaker: Dr. Bernard Fialkoff
Location: 47-10 Bell Blvd., Bayside
MAY 17 7:00 -10:00 p.m.
Topic: “Routine Periodontics and When Patients Should Be Referred to a Periodontist”
Speaker: Dr. Dale Rosenbach
Location: 47-10 Bell Blvd., Bayside

Kalman Study Club

CONTACT DORIS 718-897-5400
APR 5 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Topic: “The TMJ/MPD Lecture You’ve Always Wanted But Never Gotten”
Speaker: Dr. Robert L. Shpuntoff, D.M.D.
Location: 60-70 Woodhaven Blvd., Unit C-2, Elmhurst

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Both of the above changes are applicable to returns for years beginning after 12/31/2015

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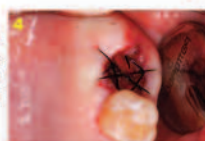
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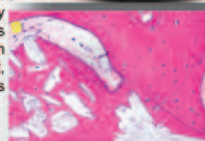
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