

QCDS' Dr. Gehani Elected ADA President 'I'll Be Working Hard for You. Let's Work Together'

Queens County Dental Society Past President Dr. Chad P. Gehani, a practicing Endodontist in Jackson Heights, was elected president-elect of the American Dental Association in balloting at the ADA House of Delegates meeting in Honolulu.

The Gehanis are no strangers in The American Dental Association. Dr. Rekha Gehani is a practicing Orthodontist in Jackson Heights and is a Chair of Council on Dental Education and Licensure of the ADA.

"I want to thank you for putting your faith in me," Dr. Gehani told the delegates after his election. "I promise you I will always be what I have always told you I would be: your servant-leader."

Dr. Gehani, who has served as an ADA delegate from 2000-14, is the immediate past trustee of the ADA's 2nd District. He previously served as president of the New York State Dental Association in 2011, the President of QCDS in 2003 and the president of the Indian Dental Association in 1985-1987. He is also a trustee of the New York State Dental Foundation and is on the Board of Directors of the Empire Political Action Committee. In addition to the tri-partite, Dr.



Outgoing President Dr. Joseph Crowley installed Dr. Chad. Gehani as the 157th president-elect of the ADA.

Gehani is a member of the American Association of Endodontists, and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dr. Gehani received his dental degree from Columbia University College of

Dental Medicine. He is the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the Emil Lentchner Distinguished Service Award from QCDS, the Lifetime Achievement Award from Indian Dental Association, the Foundation of Excellence in Com-

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Sixth World's Fair of Dentistry Is Once Again The Largest Dental Event in Queens' History

For the sixth year in a row, the Queens County Dental Society held its World's Fair of Dentistry at Terrace on the Park in September. The event ran for two days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dentists and dental professionals from all over the country were able to earn 18 Continuing Education credits. They also had the opportunity to meet with and learn from nearly 50 vendors. The World's Fair also provided a fantastic networking opportunity for those in attendance, especially during the catered breakfast and lunch.

Admission was open to all dentists, not just those who are members of the American Dental Association. "This was a great opportunity for us to prove the value of organized dentistry to those who are not members and to convince them of the importance of joining the ADA, NYSDA, and the QCDS tri-partite" said Dr. Doron Kalman, chairman of the World's Fair of Dentistry Committee. Dr. Kalman served as the master of ceremonies along with Dr. Richard Yang, president of QCDS.

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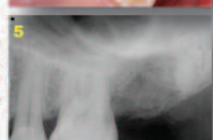
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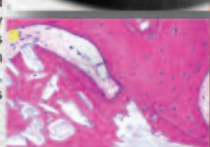
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From the President

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Victory! Victory! Victory!

By Dr. Richard Yang, D.D.S.

First, let's congratulate Dr. Chad Gehani on his victory in becoming the new president-elect of the American Dental Association.

He was elected president-elect at the ADA House of Delegates on October 22, 2018, becoming the first Indian-American president in ADA history.

It has been a long journey for Dr. Gehani to assume the role of our national leader in 2020. Dr. Gehani previously served as president of Queens County Dental Society and New York State Dental Association. He then became a national leader. He served as a delegate from 2000-2014, and he is the immediate past trustee of the ADA second district. While holding state and national offices, he studied public policies and helped our profession to be more influential in the policy world. Starting in 1990, Dr. Gehani and his wife, Dr. Rekha Gehani, a well-known orthodontist, started to volunteer in the dental schools at New York University and Columbia University. They also led the New York State Department of Education in promoting public health and dental hygiene education.

Dr. Gehani is determined and works diligently. Throughout his professional service he has been a prominent leader and a lovable and reputable friend. All of his friends are his strongest supporters. I am one of his followers and glad to consider myself his friend, too. I met Dr. Gehani 15-years ago and he has inspired me and encouraged me to dedicate myself to public service. QCDS will soon hold a victory party to celebrate his achievements.

Our Dental Outreach Is Ongoing

This year, we are working hard to promote oral health and educate the public:

Mexico Mission

TzuChi volunteers—70 strong—went to Mexico for a medical mission in November. These are general volunteers, medical doctors, dentists, acupuncturists, registered nurses, dental assistants, physical therapists, and many more. The volunteers visited three neighboring towns near Mexico City from November 7 to November 13.

I have worked with the TzuChi foundation for a good 15 years. We are organized and experienced with medical missions and helping in disaster relief. If you would like to know more about this medical foundation come to the convention next year, being held from March 27-29 in Los Angeles. Check the website <https://www.tzuchi.us/tima2019/> for additional information.

Local Oral screening for Kids

The Queens County Dental Society teamed up with the Colgate “Bright Smiles, Bright Future Van” once again on November 7 at the Jackson Developmental Center in Jackson

Heights and on November 8 at the Jackson Developmental Center in Astoria. This event aims to provide oral screenings and promote dental hygiene to neighborhood children.

Volunteer dentists are needed for similar future events to provide oral exams and dental hygiene education. The Colgate van provides the dental equipment and supplies.

We have had seven QCDS organized volunteer events this year, a record number for the Queens County Dental Society.

Veterans Smile Event

Established nationally by the ADA's Institute for Diversity in Leadership, the Veterans Smile Initiative is a program in which individual dentists screen and treat veterans in their office on a designated day or days on or coinciding with Veterans Day. It's a great way for the dental profession to give back to our nation's veterans by helping to alleviate the problem that many of them experience in accessing treatment. This year, the Foundation is helping volunteer organizations wishing to treat our veterans as part of Veterans Smile by providing grants. Many people don't realize it, but our veterans do not receive dental care benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs unless they are 100-percent disabled or have service-related injuries to their mouths.

To qualify for consideration submit an application to lbleon@nysdental.org outlining your planned veterans' dental initiative; its date and location; what services will be provided; how many volunteer dentists and auxiliaries will participate; how many veterans you anticipated treating; event budget, amount of New York State Dental Foundation funding requested, and, if applicable, other funding sources; and what veterans group in your area (VFW, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, etc.) can help spread the word and find patients who need our help. If appropriate, a letter of support from a local public health organization or veteran's organization should be included with the application. The New York State Dental Foundation Board will consider all properly completed applications and make funding decisions. This information can be found on the website of the NYSDF.

The Third Victory

Our financial portfolio is standing well, our World's Fair of Dentistry event was a huge success. Historically, this year's event had a record-breaking number of participants. General membership meetings and video study clubs are very successful. We are heading in the right direction. The Queens County Dental Society will not increase dues locally. However, expect that NYSDA and the ADA will increase their fees next year.

Finally, this is my Presidential 2018 year-end report. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you.

Dr. Sanford Blecker, QCDS Member for 36 Years



Longtime Queens County Dental Society member Sanford Blecker passed away at the end of October. Dr. Blecker's funeral was on November 1st at the Weinstein Memorial Chapel in Yonkers and he was interred at Mount Hope Cemetery in Hastings-on-Hudson. The family asked that donations in his name be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at <http://www.michaeljfox.org/tribute/tributepage.php?id=1036&np=true> Dr. Blecker was born on August 27, 1941. The son of Irving and Anne Blecker, he was raised in Brooklyn and later moved to Flushing with his two younger sisters, Lynn and Michele. Following his graduation from Stuyvesant High School in 1959, Dr. Blecker attended Queens College, City University of New York, and graduated in 1963. He met the love of his life, Joann Potaznik, in October of 1962. Following his graduation from college, Dr. Blecker received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from New York University followed by fellowships at NYU and Coney Island Hospital. He went on to complete an oral and maxillofacial residency pro-

Dr. Moe Harris Leichter, 101 A QCDS Founding Member



gram in New York City. Dr. Blecker continued his devotion to the medical field by becoming an attending oral surgeon on staff at New York Hospital Queens. He supervised dental residents and provided lectures on various oral surgery topics. He was a member of numerous professional societies including a fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and fellow of the American College of Oral Implantology. Dr. Blecker was a member of QCDS for 36 years. He was a friend, colleague, and mentor to many dentists practicing in Queens. An avid skier and poker player Dr. Blecker lived his life to the fullest. He traveled the world with his family seeing and embracing all that the world had to offer. Dr. Blecker was devoted to his family and his profession. The world has lost an amazing soul whose kindness was unmatched and whose heart was big enough to encompass everyone who crossed his path. Dr. Blecker will be remembered for his zest for life and ability to make anyone and everyone smile. Dr. Blecker is survived by his daughters Allison and Meryl. He is also survived by many cousins, nephews, and grandchildren who view Dr. Blecker as the patriarch of the family.


It is with great sadness that QCDS reports the passing of Dr. Moe Harris Leichter this past October at the age of 101, just short of his 102nd birthday on October 29. His funeral was held at Menorah Chapel on Staten Island on October 16th and he was buried that day at New Montefiore Cemetery in West Babylon. Dr. Leichter was one of the founding members of the Queens County

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From the Executive Director

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A Busy 2018, and Planning for a Busy 2019

By Oleg Rabinovich

World's Fair of Dentistry

September 29th and 30th were two of the busiest and best days I have had as the executive director of QCDS. I want to thank all the volunteers, members, staff, vendors, presenters, and attendees for making the 2018 World's Fair of Dentistry a remarkably successful event. It was all of us working together that once again created the largest dental event in Queen's history. If anyone has any good ideas or suggestions for the 2019 World's Fair of Dentistry please let me know, as we are preparing for it now.

Amalgam Separators Update

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) web page, which includes the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation requirements for amalgam separators at dental facilities, has been updated. This web page also contains the updated amalgam separator reporting form which applicable dental practices must now send to the DEP. All applicable dental practices are required to submit this form, even if they submitted the previous form, as it specifies new compliance requirements. For more information see the web page: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/businesses/amalgam_separators.shtml

The amalgam separator reporting form can now be submitted online (hardcopy filings are also possible – see the above web page). For further questions, including with respect to submitting the amalgam form to DEP, please email bwt-pre-treatment@dep.nyc.gov (this email address is also contained in the above web page).

Continuing Education

Our other Continuing Education programs in September and October were very well attended and we ask that you visit our website, www.qcds.org, regularly to view upcoming programs. Our programs can be offered at nominal fees to our members due to sponsor donations, however sponsors are disappointed if the programs are poorly attended. We would like to continue bringing you quality Continuing Education programs, but we need your continued attendance at these programs in order for them to continue. We are going to be offering nine different CE programs totaling 28 CE credits in November and December. Please pre-register for them as soon as possible. We are also working right now on our 2019 CE calendar. Some of the courses are already up on the website.

Health Screenings

In the past, we have offered oral health screenings at local Queens' schools, where children were screened by QCDS volunteer dentists. I would like to schedule additional programs for the coming year. Please let me know if you would be interested in organizing or volunteering for future events. If a school in your area might benefit from this program, contact me with the information and we will try to schedule a program in your community.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year. We are going to have a very busy 2019 with lots of events going on. Please look at our calendar at qcds.org to see everything we have planned.

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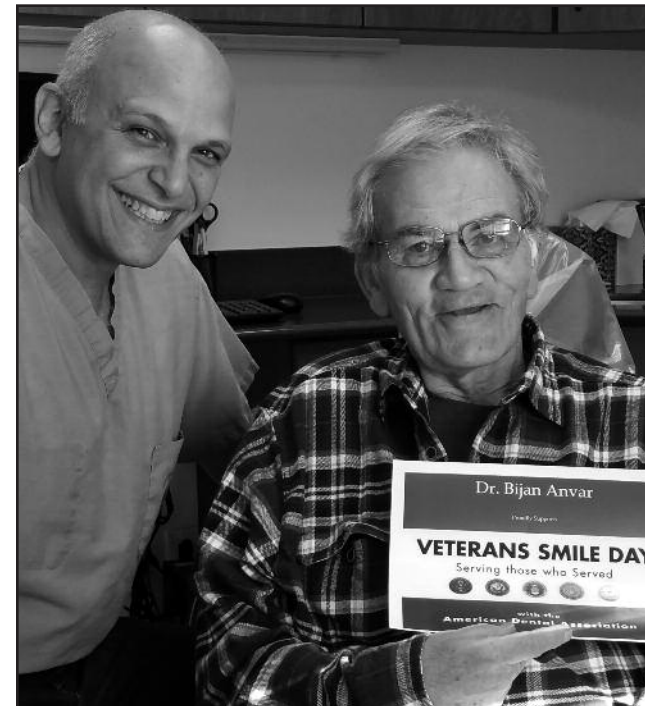
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QCDS Member Scrapbook

Dr. Anvar's Program Brings Veterans 'A Smile,' Looking for Others to Join His ADA Initiative



Dr. Bijan Anvar (left) with Robert Martin, a Vietnam veteran patient.

Veterans' Smile Day was started several years ago as a project of the ADA's Institute for Diversity in Leadership. Dr. Deryck Pham's project caught the eye of a couple of interested dentists. Dr. Karin Irani and Dr. Bijan Anvar both got involved and became champions of the project and helped to make it a national event that now

includes over 1,000 dentists.

Dr. Anvar is proud to be a co-founder of the event. "I love the opportunity of 'serving those who served,' that's our motto," he said. "I'm also impressed by the popularity of our efforts."

Since co-founding the event, Dr. Anvar said that several other states have signed on and are participating. The New York State Dental Foundation has supported the event and has started its own initiative.

Veterans don't usually get dental coverage unless they are 100 percent disabled, leaving many veterans without dental care or a dental home. "We ask our participating dentists to do as much, or as little, as they are comfortable doing. Some practices may only be able to do exams and cleanings, while others have done more," said Dr. Anvar, "all at no charge to the patient."

Dr. Anvar has treated many veterans over the years, providing a variety of services, including exams, restorations, extractions, and root canals. "It's a small way for me to show my gratitude to those who have served."

Dr. Anvar's hope is to have every dentist participate in the event. Dentists usually see patients in their own offices and often have some supplies sent to them by Henry Schien. "Henry Schien has been a great supporter of this program. They have worked very hard to support our efforts. We get more sponsors every year, and, with their support we will continue to grow and help more and more veterans," said Dr. Anvar.

For more information about the program visit veteranssmileday.org or contact Dr. Anvar.

EDPAC Treasurer Dr. Joseph Caruso Meets With State Assemblyman Edward Braunstein

EDPAC Treasurer Dr. Joseph R. Caruso met with New York Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein at a fundraiser for the candidate at the Monahan and Fitzgerald Restaurant in Bay-side in October. Assemblyman Braunstein presented Dr. Caruso with a State Assembly Citation on behalf of the Queens County Dental Society in 2016. The Citation of Merit was given for exemplary service to the Queens community, including a donation of free dental hygiene products to more than 250 attendees at Assemblyman Braunstein's Health and Wellness forum in June 2016.



EDPAC Treasurer Dr. Joseph R. Caruso (left) with New York State Assemblyman Edward Braunstein.

Help Our Members Grow Their Patient Base

Please consider running this article in the next issue of your dental society journal. Contact Leslee Williams at the ADA at williamsle@ada.org or 312.440.2592 and let her know what format you prefer to receive the article and image.

Prepare for New Patients

3 Ways to Get the Most from the ADA's Find-a-Dentist Campaign

The ADA launched a **digital consumer advertising campaign** to get more patients in members' chairs. This campaign is designed to address the "busyness" gap identified by the ADA Health Policy Institute (HPI). As part of their research, HPI found that ADA member dentists have the capacity to see more patients. It also identified 19.6 million potential patients who believe in the importance of dental visits but for various reasons are not following through to make an appointment.

To capitalize on this opportunity, paid search and digital ads targeting these potential patients will direct them to the new **ADA Find-a-Dentist®** tool to book an appointment.

The new Find-a-Dentist tool provides consumers with a user-friendly experience and additional search fields to easily find an ADA dentist. Prospective patients will be able to search by payment options, benefits accepted, dental specialty and zip code. They can then contact the practice via phone or email to make an appointment.

The ADA is encouraging members to make the most of this opportunity. Here are some ways you can benefit from this initiative.

1. Update Your Profile at ADA.org/MyADA

Completed profiles appear at the top of the search results in the new Find-a-Dentist tool, so get yours ready to go. Updating your profile is easy and only takes 5 minutes. Start by visiting ADA.org/MyADA and login using your user ID (ADA member number) and password.

My ADA member profiles have been updated with new fields of information based on feedback from patients on what they look for when they search for a dentist. You'll be able to add multiple business addresses and business hours, practice focus, types of patients you treat and which forms of payment and benefit plans you accept. Making it easy for potential patients to get the information they're looking for benefits both the patient and the dentist.

Be sure to include a practice description, website and email so your future patients can learn more about you and easily connect.

2. Add a Recent Profile Photo

If you don't have a photo, add one today! Profiles with photos get 11 times more clicks than those without, and they show up higher in search results.

If you do have a photo, make sure it's current and a close-up. (Think about a passport photo: Include your head and shoulders — but unlike a passport photo, you can smile!) Your My ADA profile has a cropping tool, but zooming in too much on a photo taken from far away can affect the quality of the image.

3. Bookmark ADA.org/findadentist

Visit today for all the latest updates about the campaign, as well as resources to help you communicate with patients and promote your practice.

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RISK MANAGEMENT ALERT



DENTAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE UPDATE

Topic: Managing the Risks of Maxillary Molar and Premolar Extractions

Professional Advice

Maxillary molars and premolars are located in proximity to the maxillary sinus, and their extraction can result in a perforation and oral antral communication. Although rare, the potential for a fracture of the maxillary tuberosity must also be considered before initiating an upper molar extraction. To help manage the risks associated with maxillary posterior extractions, a thorough pre-operative examination should be performed, inclusive of a review of diagnostic radiographs and an updated medical history. A sober assessment must then be made regarding a referral to a specialist.

A referral should always be made to an oral surgeon if the tooth to be extracted is impacted, there is significant curvature or angulation of the roots, it is severely infected, bone appears thin, fused to roots or ankylosed, roots are in the sinus, and/or the sinus lies low. A referral should also be made if the general practitioner lacks skills necessary to perform a complex surgical extraction, and does not have immediate access to a specialist. For, it is not uncommon for a posterior maxillary tooth to appear capable of a simple extraction, but turn out to require root sectioning or significant bone removal.

As a matter of routine, practitioners recommending an extraction should document the rationale for the procedure, and note any pain complaints and symptoms. The patient chart should also reflect that informed consent was obtained and that the risks of the extraction were discussed and alternative treatment offered. At minimum, patients contemplating a maxillary molar or premolar extraction should be advised of the following risks: pain; swelling; bleeding; fracture of the tooth and/or surrounding bone; possible injury to adjacent teeth and structures; sinus perforation and complications; infection; dry socket; and the need for further treatment.

In the event of abnormal movement suggestive of a tuberosity fracture, the practitioner should immediately stop the attempted extraction and refer the patient to an oral surgeon. A referral to an oral surgeon and an ENT should also immediately follow identification of a sinus communication, or any suspicion of same.

Practice Points

Focus: Before undertaking an extraction of an upper posterior tooth, a general dentist should determine that a referral to an oral surgeon is not indicated, and that informed consent is properly obtained and documented.

✓ **DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHIC STUDIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO A PRE-OPERATIVE ASSESSMENT, and should be liberally utilized. Patients should be referred for outside testing as needed.**

✓ **PROTOCOLS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED TO ASSURE THAT APPROPRIATE ORAL SURGERY REFERRALS ARE MADE. General dentists should not perform an extraction if they have any reservation regarding its complexity, or their ability to respond to unanticipated complications.**

✓ **EVEN THE MOST SKILLED GENERAL DENTISTS SHOULD ADVISE PATIENTS OF THE OPTION TO HAVE AN EXTRACTION PERFORMED BY AN ORAL SURGEON, and the option of a referral should always be reflected in the patient chart.**

✓ **BOTH VERBAL AND WRITTEN CONSENT SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED.**

✓ **IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE PATIENT IF A COMPLICATION IS ENCOUNTERED AND MAKE ALL APPROPRIATE REFERRALS.**

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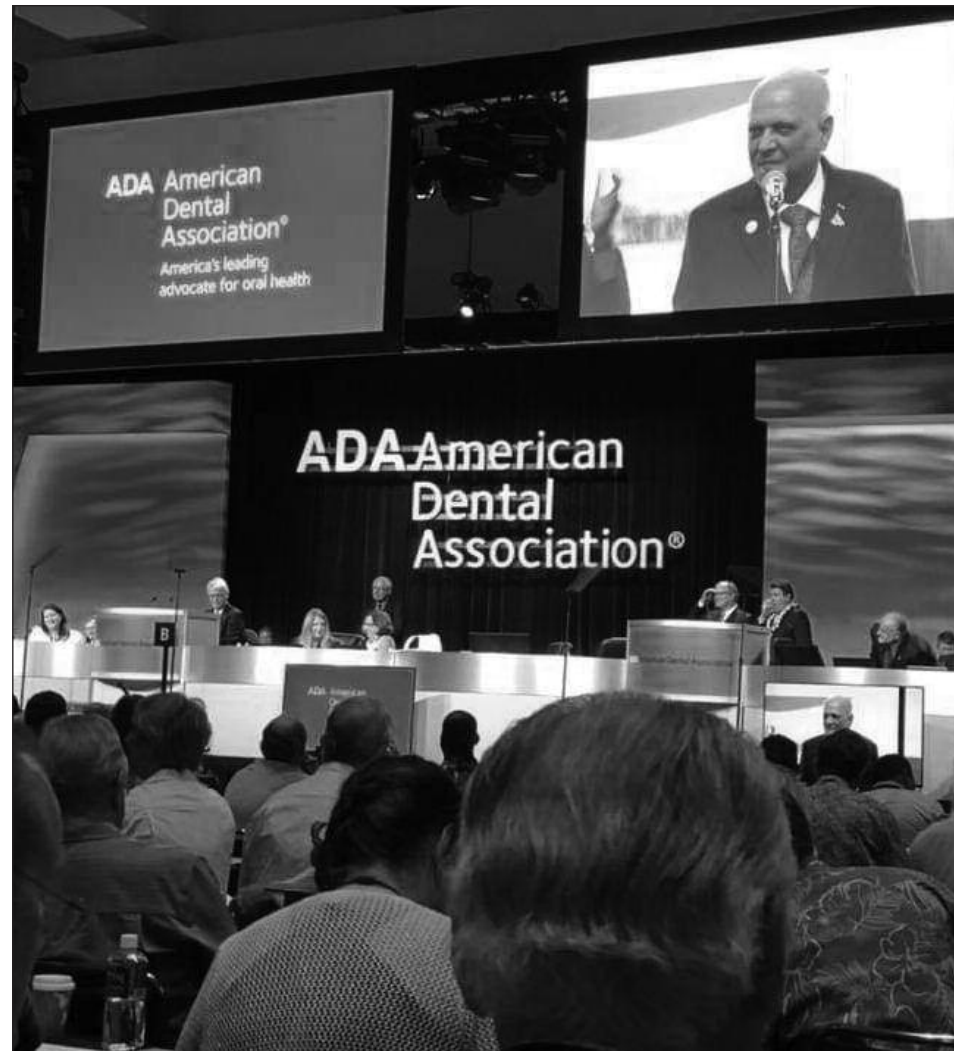
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Dr. Chad Gehani, Dr. Rekha Gehani, Dr. Prabha Krishnan, and Sushil Kumar campaigning.



Dr. Chad P. Gehani speaks to the ADA House of Delegates following his election as president-elect.



Dr. Chad Gehani addressed the very large House of Delegates floor.

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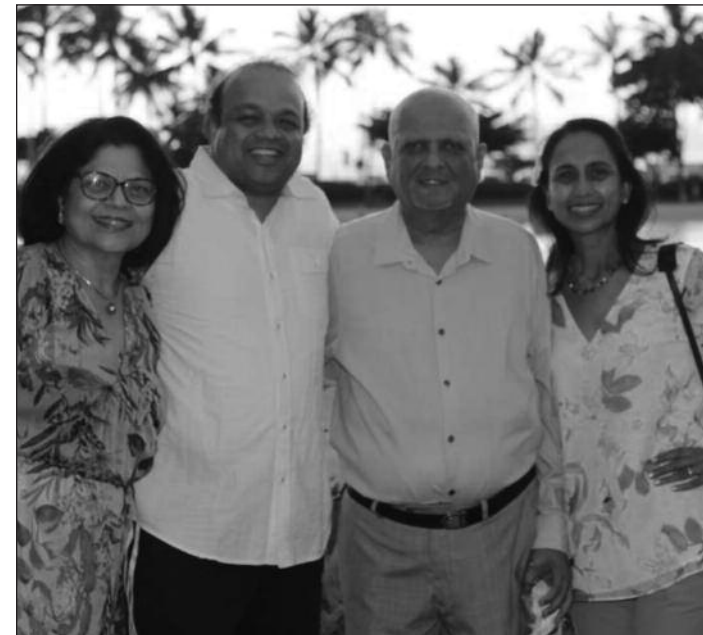
munity Service from the New York State Dental Foundation and the International College of Dentists Award for International Dental Service.

"I will be working hard for you. We are the leading authority of dentistry, not just in the United States, but globally," he said. "Let's work together."

Dr. Gehani ran his campaign on the following platform: "The way we practice dentistry in the United States is continually being challenged. Every day it seems another problem arises. It is up to us, as ADA leaders, to protect the public in maintaining the highest quality of care possible. With evidence-based science, advocacy and an ethical, moral basis for deciding what is the best path forward, our ADA can protect the delivery of dental care. As your ADA president-elect, I pledge to work hard so that together we can ensure that the ADA remains the single most important advocate for our profession and resource for our patients. The ADA must be the go-to source for answering the critical questions before us:

- What are the dangers of patients purchasing kits to administer "Do-It-Yourself" dentistry based upon a self-diagnosis?
- Should non-dentist-owned corporations weigh in on treatment planning for patients, or should they be kept at arm's length? What will the dental team of the future look like?
- Is there a place for the practice of mid-level providers?
- How do we define a "Simple Dental Procedure?"

I will fight for our values as I have done every day since I came to this great country. Safe dental care must be provided only in a dental facility by a dental team, with a dentist as the leader of the team. As part of my leadership experience, I had an active hand in the passage of state legislation which stopped corporations from setting quotas for care. We had the New York State attorney general



Enjoying a beautiful Hawaiian sunset were (left to right, Drs. Rekha Gehani, Viren Jhaveri, Chad Gehani, and Prabha Krishnan.

stop dental service organizations from interfering with the doctor patient relationship, and we stopped insurance companies from ranking dental offices based upon their fee schedules. I am decisive, a man of action who will listen to you and work collaboratively with you—our leaders—so that together we can recommit to our bedrock principles. We cannot foresee how clinical practice will evolve in the future, but with our guidance, we will continue to be proud that American dental pa-



Enjoying a luau were Drs. Prabha Krishnan, Chad Gehani and Rekha Gehani.

tients receive the very best care by the very best workforce. I ask for your support, so we may continue to build a future that can protect our profession for generations to come."

Elected along with Dr. Gehani were Dr. Craig W. Herre of Leawood, Kansas, second vice president and Dr. Ted Sherwin of Orange, Virginia, treasurer. Dr. Paul R. Leary replaced Dr. Gehani as the new ADA trustee for the Second District. Dr. Jef-

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The New York delegation to the ADA meeting celebrated the victory of one of their own.

World's Fair of Dentistry Is Once Again the Largest Dental Event in Queens' History

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Attendance at this year's event was much higher than it was last year. "We had over 550 people in attendance on each day. Both days sold out. It was by far the biggest dental event in Queens's history. Every year's World's Fair of Dentistry event is bigger than the last," said Oleg Rabinovich, executive director of the Queens County Dental Society.

Admission to the World's Fair of Dentistry for ADA members was \$135 for one day and \$195 for both days. However, admission was free to dental residents and dental students. "It's vital to have the next generation of dentists included in the tri-partite, so we invite them as our guests" said Dr. Hemali Ajmera, Young Dentist Committee chair.

From electric tooth brushes to gift certificates to Google homes to dental equipment, over 60 items were raffled off throughout the event. "We wanted the World's Fair to be fun and educational. Every attendee got the chance to join in the raffle. It was our intention to provide the best value, while still providing plenty of useful information, as well as an enjoyable weekend" stated Dr. Bijan Anvar, QCDS past president.

On Saturday attendees heard presentations from:

- Tom Viola on Pharmacology Declassified: An Overview and Update for Dental Professionals"
- Dr. David Sirois and Rebecca Strong, R.N., B.S.N. on "Pemphigus and Pemphigoid— The Unique Role of the Dental Professional"
- Dr. Kristin Oliver on "Preventing Oropharyngeal Cancer with the HPV Vaccine: The Dentist's Role"
- Dr. Daniel Pompa on "To Pull or Not to Pull (Updated for 2018)"

Dr. Deryk Pham opened the program on Sunday morning by updating the attendees on the Veterans Smile program.

On Sunday attendees heard presentations from:

- Dr. Shlomo Eisenberg on "Fundamentals of Guided Implant Surgery"

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At the World's Fair of Dentistry were QCDS officers (left to right) Drs. Prabhakar Koppikar, Risa Samuels, Jay Ledner, and Arelys Santana, Executive Director Oleg Rabinovich, and Drs. Richard Yang, Craig Tischler, Charlene Berkman, Doron Kalman, Hemali Ajmera, Bijan Anvar, and Eric Huang.



Dr. Deryk Pham discussed Veterans' Smile Day.



Dr. Dan Pompa conducted a popular presentation.



QCDS President Dr. Richard Yang was interviewed by New York 1 News.



Celebrating another successful World's Fair of Dentistry were (left to right) Dr. Jay Ledner, Administrative Assistant Guadalupe Rodriguez, Executive Director Oleg Rabinovich, and Drs. Arelys Santana, Richard Yang, Doron Kalman, Hanette Gomez, and Bijan Anvar.



Dr. Bhuiya won a raffle prize from Philips.



Tom Viola led a discussion on Saturday morning.



Dr. Jonathan Bregman made a presentation on Sunday morning.



Lots of attendees participated in discussions.



Dr. David Azar led a lively discussion.



A packed exhibit hall drew great interest.



Dr. David Sirois presented to a packed lecture hall.



Participants enjoyed a gourmet lunch during Dr. Kristin Oliver's presentation.



Dr. Shlomo Eisenberg discussed guided implant surgery.

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QCDS' Dr. Chad Gehani Elected ADA President

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frey M. Cole of Wilmington, Delaware, also took office as the 155th president of the American Dental Association for 2019. Dr. Gehani will begin his tenure as ADA President in 2020.

Dr. Gehani was accompanied to Hawaii by a delegation of QCDS members including Drs. Rekha Gehani, Prabha Krishnan, Viren Jhaveri, Craig Tischler, Jay Ledner, and Arelys Santana.

Dr. Gehani's election is not just a momentous occasion for him, but it is a huge occasion for the entire Queens County Dental Society membership. Congratulations Dr. Chad Gehani.



Drs. Chad and Rekha Gehani were congratulated by many well-wishers following the election.



NYSDA Trustee Dr. Prabha Krishnan and her husband celebrated the election of Dr. Gehani.

QCDS member and ADA Delegate Dr. Jay Ledner and his wife enjoying their time in Hawaii.



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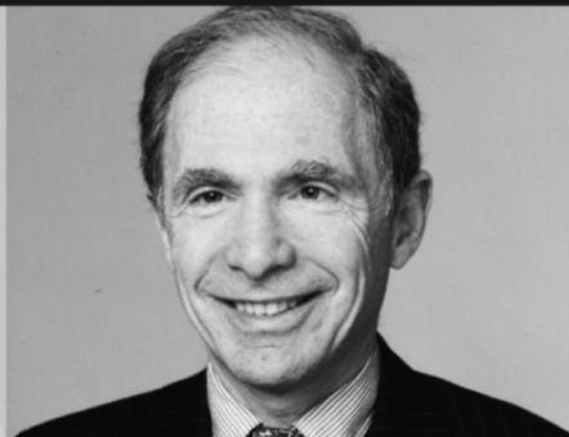
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Instructor: Dr. Al Gulum

Tuition: QCDS Members: Free Non-QCDS members (one time): \$100 Non-QCDS members (VSC annual pass): \$350

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

Saturday, December 15

8:30 a.m.

Topic: Incorporate Digital Guided Surgery into Your Practice

9 C.E. Credits

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Doctors will learn how to incorporate Digital Guided Surgery into their practice. They will learn about the technology, workflows and clinical applications of Digital Guided Surgery. Doctors will ultimately be able to increase their scope of work and perform more predictable implant surgery via Guided Surgery methods.

Instructor: Dr. David Chong

Tuition: ADA members: \$100 ADA-member staff: \$100 Non-ADA members: \$200

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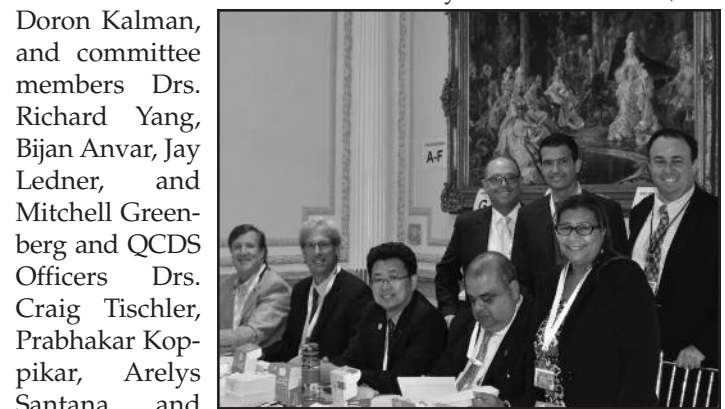
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- Dr. Jonathan Bregman on "The Future of Dentistry is NOW...What Is New This Year"
- Joe Fay on "Understanding Your Association Benefit Plans and Complimentary Options"
- Dr. David Azar on Crown-Down Implant Dentistry, Implant Treatment Planning from a Restorative and Biological Perspective"

Saturday and Sunday also featured a professional photographer who was taking head shots for ADA members to post on their ADA Find-A-Dentist listing. This was provided for free as a member benefit.

The World's Fair of Dentistry even made the local news. The event was featured on NY1 News, New York City's 24-hour news channel. The story can be seen at: <http://www.ny1.com/nyc/allboroughs/news/2018/10/01/dentists-brush-up-on-their-craft-at-annual-dental-event->

The event would not have been possible without the hard work of the World's Fair of Dentistry Committee Chair, Dr. Doron Kalman, and committee members Drs. Richard Yang, Bijan Anvar, Jay Ledner, and Mitchell Greenberg and QCDS Officers Drs. Craig Tischler, Prabhakar Koppikar, Arelys Santana, and Hemali Ajmera,



A QCDS contingent staffed the front desk.

and QCDS Executive Director Oleg Rabinovich and Administrative Assistant Guadalupe Rodriguez.

At the conclusion of the two-day event, the organizers heard rave reviews. Multiple exhibitors stated that they had done more business here than they had done at Greater New York. Many of the vendors have already told QCDS that they will be back next year. Attendee evaluation of the courses and the speakers was nearly unanimous in their commendations.

Planning on the 2019 World's Fair of Dentistry is well underway. It is scheduled to take place on September 21-22, 2019.

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Dr. Moe Harris Leichter, A QCDS Founder, Age 101

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Dental Society. He was born in 1916 and graduated from NYU Dental School in 1940 and completed his residency at Harlem hospital 1941.

He was called into service in the Army Air Force following completion of his residency. He joined as a captain and served as an oral surgeon. He was discharged from active duty in 1946 and was promoted to the rank of major in 1947, serving in the Armed Forces Reserves before his final honorable discharge in 1953. He was decorated with the American Campaign Medal, the World War 2 Victory Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

As a civilian, he worked in a dental practice in Manhattan and then opened his own general practice in Rockaway Park, where he practiced for more than six decades.

Dr. Leichter married his childhood sweetheart, Blanche, and was married for almost 66 years. The couple had one son, Marc. He instilled good moral values in his son as well as his son's friends. His humanity and compassion were noted in his practice, family and community.

Two years ago, on his 100th birthday, Dr. Leichter was presented with letters of congratulations from the American Dental Association. Oleg Rabinovich, executive director of QCDS presented Dr. Leichter with a plaque that read: "The Board of Trustees of the Queens County Dental Society recognizes Dr. Moe Harris Leichter on the occasion of his 100th birthday for serving the dental needs of his patients in Queens." Dr. Leichter had been a member of the tripartite for 79 years.

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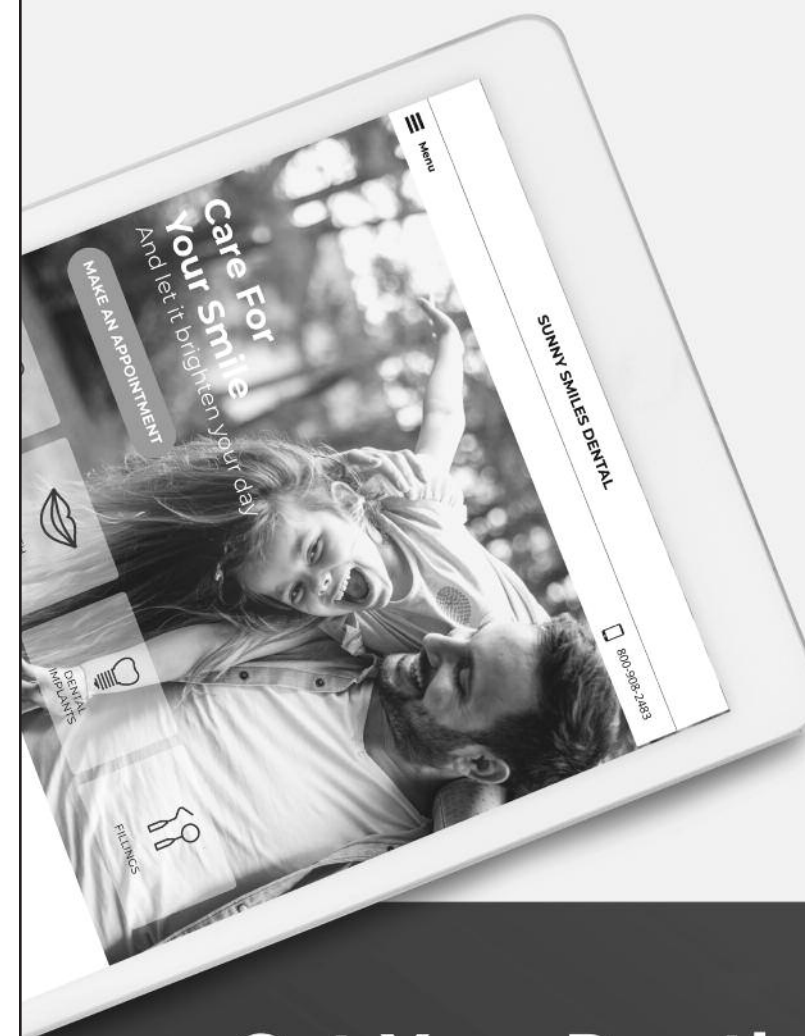
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