

Queens Celebrates Dr. Gehani's ADA Victory



Dr. Chad Gehani

In balloting at the ADA House of Delegates, Dr. Chad P. Gehani, a practicing endodontist in Jackson Heights, was elected president-elect of the American Dental Association.

Dr. Gehani, who had served as an ADA delegate from 2000-14, is the immediate past trustee of the ADA's 2nd District. Dr. Gehani had served as president of the New York State Dental Association in 2011, president of the Queens County Dental Society 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 tripartite, Dr. Gehani is a member of the American Association of Endodontists, a fellow of the Inter-

—Continued on page 10

Dr. Craig Tischler Becomes QCDS' Newest President, Pledges Increased Members

By Marc Katz

Craig L. Tischler has set a busy agenda as he assumes the leadership of the Queens County Dental Society.

He said he plans to focus on younger dentists entering the profession and increasing QCDS membership, among other priorities, during his term as the new president of one of the most diverse dental societies in the nation.

"I want to increase participation and allow newer dentists to find a passion for organized dentistry," he said. "We have to encourage new dentists in the region to want to be part of QCDS and lead by example as we inspire them to become active members."

Dr. Tischler said he would like to see QCDS allocate more energy towards younger dentists. "This is how we can influence the future of dentistry for both dentists and their patients."

He said one idea would be to have a QCDS member visit residency programs to talk about the dental society and speak not only about the importance of becoming

a member, but also the personal and professional benefits of becoming involved.

"I would like to allocate more resources to the New Residents Committee, currently headed by Dr. Hermali Ajmera. Our New Residents Night is a fun and successful introduction for the new practicing dentist, but there is so much more behind QCDS membership."

That connection seems to have worked for Dr. Tischler. During the 15 years that he has been a QCDS member he has served on the Board, Peer Review Committee and the Executive Director Search Committee. In 2014, Dr. Tischler became president of the Queens Institute for Continuing Education and this past October he served as an alternate delegate to the American Dental Association convention in Hawaii.

"It was quite an experience to be at the ADA convention and to be present when it was announced that our very own Dr. Chad Gehani became ADA president."

—Continued on page 15



New QCDS President Dr. Craig L. Tischler, center, with residents he mentors from Flushing Hospital Medical Center.

IMPLADENT LTD
 REGENERATIVE SOLUTIONS

86-90 188th St, Jamaica, NY, 11423
 Contact 800-526-9343
 or Shop Online at
www.impladentltd.com

OSTEOGEN® PLUG

ONE STEP BONE GRAFTING SOLUTION FOR SOCKET PRESERVATION WITHOUT THE NEED FOR A MEMBRANE



• **OSTEOGEN® NON-CERAMIC BONE GRAFT**

• **TYPE I BOVINE ACHILLES TENDON COLLAGEN**

At only \$50 per piece, the Impladent Ltd **OsteoGen® Bone Grafting Plug** combines bone graft with a collagen plug to yield the easiest and most affordable way to deliver bone graft for socket preservation. As the graft is completely contained by the collagen, there is no need to use a membrane!



Clinical Case Example Below

Clinical images courtesy of German Murias DDS, ABO/ID

Tooth #15 is set to be extracted



The surgical site was initially debrided to induce bleeding and establish the Regional Acceleratory Phenomenon



Insert Large or Slim sized OsteoGen® Bone Grafting Plugs and allow blood to absorb



Two Slim OsteoGen® Plugs are in place. Suture over top of socket to contain. No membrane is required



OsteoGen® is a low density bone graft and the OsteoGen® Plugs will show radiolucent on the day of placement



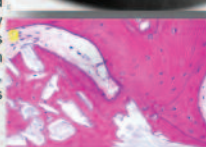
As the OsteoGen® crystals are resorbed and replaced by host bone, the site will become radiopaque.



The collagen promotes keratinized soft tissue coverage while the graft resorbs to form solid bone. In this image, a core sample was retrieved



Implant is placed. Note the histology showing mature osteocytes in lamellar bone formation. Some of the larger OsteoGen® crystals and clusters are slowly resorbing. Bioactivity is demonstrated by the high bone to crystal contact, absent of any fibrous tissue encapsulation



Contact 800-526-9343 or Shop Online at www.impladentltd.com



The NYSDA-MLMIC Program for Dental Professional Liability Insurance

“MLMIC is a
gem of
a company.”

– Warren Buffett, CEO, Berkshire Hathaway



MLMIC is now part of Berkshire Hathaway.

For more than 25 years, MLMIC has been a leader in dental malpractice insurance. The NYSDA-MLMIC Program is New York's #1 dental professional liability insurance program. Now, as part of the Berkshire Hathaway family, we're securing the future for New York's dental professionals.

When it comes to dental malpractice insurance in New York, **nothing compares to MLMIC.**

Learn more at MLMIC.com or call (888) 392-0638.



From the President

info@QCDS.org

Listening and Open to Your Thoughts

By Dr. Craig L. Tischler, D.D.S.

I am sitting down at the start of a new year to write my first article to the members of QCDS as your new president. This newsletter is our way of communicating to you, the all-important backbone, the members of QCDS. There is so much I want to say, but more importantly I want my words to resonate to each one of you—a tall order, and for those of you that know me, I tend to be a man of few words.

I do believe it is important to listen and hear what is being said and asked for by our members. I want to include our email address in this article and encourage all of you to freely email us at QCDS any comments and feedback you have. Our email, in case you didn't know, is: Info@QCDS.org. I want to remind all of you that we are here for you, but we will need to hear from you to be the best we can be.

I, along with your newly installed Board members, are committed to making our organization user friendly and a place where we can come together, grow together, learn together and even have fun together—something that about 150 of us just did on January 20th at the Annual Installation of QCDS Officers. It was a festive, wonderful afternoon where members and an impressive list of dental dignitaries gathered together to honor QCDS, its new officers and our members. It was a feel-good afternoon in the midst of a potential weather disaster, compliments of mother nature. I am happy to say mother nature surprised us with a calm day. Our members that attended were dressed to the nines, ready willing and able to have a good time. Listening to the biographies of the newly installed officers reinforced to me what a remarkable group of men and women the members of QCDS really are.

I hope you all know that I plan to tap into the impressive membership of all of you in the upcoming year. I am stealing a quote from Harold "Hal" Sydney Geneen, an American businessman most famous for serving as president of the ITT Corporation: "Every company has two organizational structures: The formal one is written on the charts; the other is the everyday relationship of the men and women in the organization."

Membership in QCDS is one of the most important professional gifts one can give to yourself. A Dentist in

Queens that becomes a member of QCDS instantly becomes part of a network of other dentists of all ages, all backgrounds, with different strengths and experience. We all have our livelihood attached to the hustling and bustling borough of Queens. Queens has a rich history and a strong future: we are all neighbors that work together.

“

*Membership
in QCDS is one of
the most important
professional gifts
one can give
to yourself.*

”

As you all know, since you have taken the steps to become members in QCDS, you are part of the tripartite of important professional branches. In addition to being members of QCDS you are instantly connecting yourself with the New York State Dental Association and the American Dental Association. If nothing else, becoming a QCDS member is a rather efficient move! As dentists, whether you are fresh out of school or looking to move on to greener pastures, you owe yourself and your profession at least that kind of a commitment. I am grateful to every one of you for being that professional.

Don't get nervous but, I wouldn't be presidential if I didn't ask you to take your commitment to QCDS a step further. I am simply asking that each one of you talk highly of your organization, talk from your heart and try to recruit just one Queens Dentist who is not part of our world to become a member. There is no other commitment necessary—just joins us. This alone will strengthen our organization and allow us to do good work for the dentists of Queens.

I am also asking anyone who is interested in being a more active part of our society, interested in taking even a small step toward more involvement with us, to let us know. We will be happy to tap into your strengths. Use that email and let us know how you think you could help us make a difference. Don't assume it has to be a huge commitment.

We are listening, interested and open to your thoughts, ideas and yes, your assistance. As Henry Ford once said, "https://www.quotes.net/quote/6038Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

I am looking forward to a very successful year for all of us at the Queens County Dental Society.

QCDS Mourns the Passing of State Senator Jose R. Peralta



Senator Jose R. Peralta
By Viren Jhaveri, D.D.S.

The Queens County Dental Society mourns the sudden and devastating passing of a great friend, Senator Jose Peralta. He was a friend of organized dentistry and a guardian of the public who brought hope to hundreds of thousands of residents of the County of Queens. To the Senator, Queens was always his home.

He grew up in a very dentally conscientious family. In fact, his godmother, former QCDS President Dr. Mercedes Mota Martinez, is still a practicing dentist in Queens and has served on the QCDS Board of Trustees for more than 30 years. Senator Peralta was so endeared by the residents of his district that they graciously elected him as the first New York State Senator of Dominican descent.

José Rafael Peralta was born on November 10, 1971, in New York City to parents who had emigrated from the Dominican Republic. He attended public schools in Queens and graduated from Queens College, where he studied psychology and sociology and

served as student body president. Senator Peralta was invited and graciously accepted numerous invitations to attend the QCDS officers' installation banquet year after year. Not only did he speak directly to the membership at these events, but also recognized leaders by providing multiple citations to them boosting their morals and encouraging younger leaders to step up to the plate and serve their community and organized dentistry. Besides being a friend of organized dentistry, Senator Peralta championed the Dream Act. He worked on making schools in Queens safer by advocating for extended speed camera times and much, much more.

His colleagues took to Twitter. Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo called him "a dedicated public servant" and a "relentless advocate" for Queens.

Adriano D. Espallat, who was the first Dominican-American elected to Congress, called Mr. Peralta a "loving husband and brother who adored and protected his family."

And Mayor Bill de Blasio wrote on Twitter: "Jose Peralta was a proud son of Queens and the Dominican Republic. He worked his way up from the grass roots, with heart and tenacity."

The Honorable Senator Peralta was one of the most gracious, kind, compassionate, and family oriented men—and above all a humanitarian like no other.

Mr. Peralta is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and two sons, Myles, 13, and Matthew, 21. He will be truly missed.

Editor
Boris Arbitman

Co-Editor
Gina Cucchiara

Executive Director
Oleg Rabinovich

Administrative Assistant
Guadalupe Rodriguez

2019 Officers
Craig L. Tischler, *President*
Prabhakar Koppikar, *President-Elect*
Arellys Santana, *Vice President*
Milan Gandhi, *Secretary*
Hemali Ajmera, *Treasurer*
Hanette Gomez, *Historian*

Board of Trustees

S. Akhtar	M. Greenberg	R. Olan
C. Berkman	A. Gulum	A. Queen
D. Bhagat	D. Kalman	R. Samuels
M. Bhuyan	S. Kesner	V. Shah
H. Biller	K. Khakhar	D. Sidhu
J. Caruso	J. Kouzoukian	R. Singla
A. Feigenbaum	N. Lalani	J. Trivedi
C. Gehani	L. Lehman	
	A. Lighter	

NYSDA Trustee
V. Jhaveri

NYSDA Delegates

R. Gehani	M. Mota-Martinez	R. Yang
V. Jhaveri	R. Shpuntoff	
J. Ledner	B. Vallejo	

Past Presidents

Richard Yang	Sudhakar Shetty
Ronald Garrett	Bijan Anvar
Eric Huang	

ADA Delegates

Rekha Gehani	Jay Ledner
Alternate Delegate:	Viren Jhaveri

Institute for Continuing Dental Education

Adam Lighter, <i>President</i>
James Kouzoukian, <i>Vice President</i>
Doran Kalman, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>

The *Bulletin* is published six times a year, bimonthly. It is the official publication of the Queens County Dental Society. Neither the Society nor the *Bulletin* assumes responsibility for the points of view or opinions of its contributors.

Deadlines for manuscripts is six weeks prior to the date of publication. For example, the deadline for March/April issue is January 10th. All Submissions must be typed as a word document and emailed to QCDSBulletin@gmail.com.

For more information about advertising, contact the Business Manager at 86-90 188th Street Jamaica NY 11423 or call (718) 454-8344. Inclusion of an advertisement does not imply endorsement of any firm, goods, or services unless such endorsement is specifically stated.

Subscription is included in the annual membership dues of the Queens County Dental Society. The Subscription rate for non-members is \$30 per year, or \$5 per issue.

The QCDS Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month (Except July and August) at QCDS Headquarters. For information about the Society, Call QCDS at (718) 454-8344.



Queens County Dental Society

86-90 188 Street | Jamaica, NY 11423
718-454-8344 | fax: 718-454-8818
www.qcde.org | e-mail: info@qcde.org



A NYSDA Tradition: ADA President

By Prabha Krishnan, D.D.S.

Without a doubt, the highlight of 2018 for the New York State Dental Association was the election in October of our very own Chad Gehani to the office of ADA president elect. Many of you were very much involved in Chad's campaign, and on behalf of the NYSDA Board, I wish to heartily thank you for your support. New York State has a solid history of strong ADA leaders, including Dr. Richard Mascola, Dr. William Calnon and, of course, Dr. Mark Feldman. Chad's reputation and experience will only burnish this already stellar record of accomplishment.

Membership recruitment and retention continues to be a matter of huge consequence—and opportunity—for the organization. This year, the ADA began a pilot program with NYSDA to waive its \$30 dues for postgraduate members. As a result, NYSDA transferred 1,059 graduate student/resident members into NYSDA and into their respective components at the end of September. According to NYSDA and ADA Bylaws, graduate students/residents are not active members. Therefore, they do not count toward representation, but are eligible to receive all other member benefits. These graduate students/residents can elect to become active members of the tripartite, but they must first call the Association to change their category and then they will begin paying dues in their appropriate category. It is now up to us to welcome these new resident members and mentor them and make them feel welcome.

Earlier this year, NYSDA began a pilot project that has started to allow for membership approval and invoicing to take place immediately, rather than the current time-consuming process. The delay has been problematic and could account for the gap between candidates who apply

for membership and those who actually follow through and become members.

These are just two ways in which NYSDA is seeking to enhance overall membership value.

“

...the highlight of 2018 for the New York State Dental Association was the election...of our very own Chad Gehani to the office of ADA president-elect.

”

those of you who can take the time to attend these sessions, which are not only informative in terms of governance but also provide a great opportunity to network.

If you haven't done so, update your photo for the ADA Find a Dentist campaign. Those profiles with photos are getting many more hits by potential patients than those without. The Find a Dentist program is a free benefit for our members. For more information on how to do this, contact Ms. Grazia Yeager, NYSDA Assistant Executive Director for Membership and Communications, at gyeager@nysdental.org.

Join me in wishing Ms. Beth Wanek, NYSDA associate executive director, the very best in her retirement. Beth has been an integral part of NYSDA since 1982; those of you who have worked with her in any capacity can attest to her excellent attention to detail and thorough professionalism.

NYSDA and Legislation

In the legal/legislative arena, NYSDA is actively monitoring multiple investigations, including one by the New York State attorney general that is underway into DIY orthodontics. Elsewhere, we are seeking a new sponsor for the bill to amend the definition of dentistry to allow for dentists to do many of the cosmetic procedures that they are now trained to do, as former sponsor Assemblyman Joseph Morelle is now serving as Congressman for the 25th congressional district.

Upcoming NYSDA annual sessions will be in Buffalo (2019), Binghamton (2020) and New Jersey (2021). I look forward to seeing

For the latest Society events and news
be sure to check the QCDS website: www.qcde.org

QUEENS COUNTY - DATC DENTAL ASSISTANT COURSE

Starts Friday, March 8, 2019

The Queens County Dental Society in conjunction with the Dental Auxiliary Training Center, is pleased to announce the **34th year** of continuation of the comprehensive dental assistant training course offered for the auxiliary staff of the QCDS membership.

FUNDAMENTALS of CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASSISTING

To meet the demand for trained dental assistants, the dental society co-sponsors this course to assist interested students who have a desire to prepare and work in this exciting career field. Dental assistants who have been trained on the job can significantly improve their job and skills performance with this training.

The course is designed to train:

- * already employed dental assistants who have limited or no formal training.
- * those who are interested in preparing to take the DANB Exam.
- * students who are interested in preparing to enter the career field.

This comprehensive course will augment the on-the-job learning experience by giving the theoretical background of the profession of dental assisting and also provide hands-on-training in a classroom setting. The course has been structured in such a way that the total time required for completion is only 15 sessions totaling 45 hours plus a 15 hour independent study project. The course is a total of 60 hours.

Topics covered include:

Dental Terminology	Charting	Disease Transmission
Infection Control	Sterilization	Operative Dentistry
Dental Specialties	Anesthesia	Dental Instrumentation
4-Handed Dentistry	Dental Materials	Radiology
Dental Office Emergencies	Dental Anatomy	Preventive Oral Hygiene

*COURSE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT WILL BE GRANTED UPON
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF REQUIRED COURSE WORK, ATTENDANCE, & FINAL EXAM*

COURSE NUMBER: QC101-5 (Friday Evenings)
TIME: 6:30 to 9:30 PM
COURSE DATES: MARCH 8, through JUNE 21, 2019
PLACE: Queens County Dental Society Headquarters Building
86-90 188th Street, Jamaica, New York 11423

Tuition: \$1100.00

Text, Ins. & Lab Fees: \$645.00

PLEASE CALL DATC TOLL FREE 1 (888) 595-3282

TO REGISTER FOR THIS PROGRAM.

A PAYMENT PLAN OPTION IS AVAILABLE.

ALSO: CALL US TO DISCUSS the DATC "SPECIAL PATHWAY" for
BECOMING A New York State LICENSED "CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANT".

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A DENTAL ASSISTANT?

The Dental Auxiliary Training Center Fundamentals of Chairside Dental Assisting course that started in October will end in January, graduates will be ready for employment. As a service to the QCDS dentist members, DATC has a placement service to help dentists find trained prospective employees. We will be happy to discuss your job requirements, and help you find a mature, responsible, motivated, dental assistant. Your job information can also be anonymously posted on the Dental Auxiliary Training Center website page. Our students and graduates search this page to find out about current dental assistant positions. If candidates are interested they will contact you directly via the email address you provide us to put in the job posting. To view current job postings, visit us on the web at www.datcny.com, click on the JOBS page to see how we can post your job opening. As has been our policy for the last 34 years, there is never a fee for this service. Please call DATC Director, Lisa Lyle, at 1(914) 564-3774 for more information.

From the Executive Director

ed@qcds.org



Paid Family Leave Changes for 2019

By Oleg Rabinovich

The new year is bringing important changes to New York State's Paid Family Leave Act ("PFLA").

The PFLA became effective in 2018 and provided for a period of partially-paid leave for employees in New York to care for a family member with a serious health condition, for birth or adoption of a child, or to relieve family pressures when a family member is called up to active military duty. It is similar in some ways to the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA"), with some important differences. For example, it applies to employers of any size (unlike FMLA, which requires an employer to have at least 50 employees to be covered), and it does not cover the employee's own serious health condition (only family members). Unlike FMLA, the PFLA provides for payment of benefits (generally through a rider on the employer's disability insurance

policy), which are paid for by employee payroll deductions.

Several important changes arrived on January 1. First, the amount of leave an employee can take increases from eight weeks to 10 weeks in a 12 month period. (On January 1, 2021, this will go up to 12 weeks.)

Second, the monetary benefit to employees will increase from 50% of weekly salary to 55 percent, capped at 55 percent of the New York State Average Weekly Wage ("SAWW"). The State has announced the SAWW for 2019 is \$1,357.11, so the maximum benefit is \$746.41 per week. Finally, the employee contribution is increasing to 0.153 percent of the employee's weekly wage. The yearly cap is \$107.97. Employers will need to adjust employee withholdings starting with the first pay period of 2019.

Got taxes?

Join Altfest at at one of our upcoming events in Queens, Long Island or Manhattan to make sure you're not missing out on any tax reduction opportunities. Register at link below.

As the Wealth Management Provider for **NYSDA** members since 2010, Altfest specializes in investment management and financial planning services for dentists and their families. So what are you waiting for? To learn more, visit:

go.altfest.com/dentists

(212) 406-0850
inquiry@altfest.com

445 Park Avenue, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10022



Personal Wealth Management



Congratulates The Newly Elected 2019 Officers and Board

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2019

President: Craig L. Tischler
Vice-President: Arelys Santana
Treasurer: Hemali Ajmera

President Elect: Prabhakar Koppikar
Secretary: Milan Gandhi
Historian: Hanette Gomez

ADA Delegates

Rekha Gehani Jay Ledner

ADA Alternate Delegate

Viren Jhaveri

NYSDA Trustee

Viren Jhaveri

NYSDA Delegates

Rekha Gehani
Viren Jhaveri
Jay Ledner
Mercedes Mota-Martinez

Sudhakar Shetty
Robert Shpuntoff
Beatriz Vallejo
Richard Yang

NYSDA Alternate Delegates

Bijan Anvar
Eric Huang

QCDS Board of Trustees

Shazia Akhtar
Charlene Berkman
Deepak Bhagat
Mohammad Bhuyan
Harold Biller
Joseph Caruso

Arthur Feigenbaum
Chad Gehani
Mitchell Greenberg
Al Gulum
Doran Kalman
Stuart Kesner
Kaushik Khakhar

P. Krishnan
James Kouzoukian
Naushir Lalani
Lawrence Lehman
Adam Lighter
Robert Olan
Alan Queen

Risa Samuels
Vinit Shah
Daljeet Sidhu
Raj Singla
Jayesh Trivedi

ICDE

President: Adam Lighter Vice President: James Kouzoukian Secretary/Treasurer: Doran Kalman

Board

Bijan Anvar, Charlene Berkman, Deepak Bhagat, Mitchell Greenberg, Eric Huang, Jay Ledner, Lawrence Lehman, Alan Queen, John Schaf

Getting to Know Your 2019 QCDS Officers



Craig L. Tischler
President

Dr. Craig L. Tischler is a graduate of the SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine with a minor in periodontology, class of 1985. He completed an advanced training fellowship in oral pathology and oncology at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Tischler chose to participate in a residency program at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn, a level one trauma center, 34 years ago. He is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and a fellow of the International College of Dentists. In 2014 Dr. Tischler was the president of the Queens Institute of Continuing Dental Education. For the past 30 years Dr. Tischler has maintained a private practice in Rego Park. He enjoys teaching the newest members of the profession and has been an attending at Maimonides Medical Center. He presently holds an attending position at Flushing Hospital Medical Center.



Prabhakar Koppikar
President Elect

Dr. Prabhakar Koppikar is a 1979 graduate of Nair Hospital Dental College, Bombay University, India. He is also a graduate of New York University College of Dentistry. He is currently teaching at Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center. He is also in private practice in Flushing. Dr. Koppikar was elected as a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the International College of Dentists. Dr. Koppikar is currently the president of the Indian Dental Association and has also served on the alumni board of the NYU College of Dentistry.



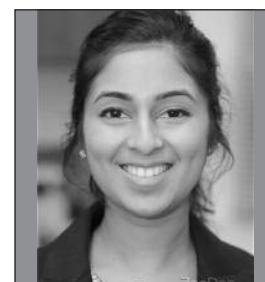
Arelys Santana
Vice President

Dr. Arelys Santana completed her undergraduate education and received her dental degree from the Universidad Central del Este in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic. Dr. Santana received her Doctor of Dental Surgery certification from New York University College of Dentistry and continued her post-graduate training by completing a GPR residency at Brooklyn's Woodhull Hospital. Dr. Santana established her private practice in Jackson Heights, where she has provided dental care for more than 20 years.



Milan Gandhi
Secretary

Dr. Milan Gandhi 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 past 25 years. In addition to his practice a general dentist who does not limit himself to general dentistry. He places implants and does minor orthodontics.



Hemali Ajmera
Treasurer

Dr. Hemali Ajmera is a graduate of the prestigious Bronx High School of Science. Dr. Ajmera attended New York University's accelerated seven year B.A.-D.D.S. program and completed her general practice residency at Flushing Hospital Medical Center in 2009. She is practicing general dentistry at two family owned and operated private practices. Dr. Ajmera is the chairwoman of the NYSDA New Dentist Committee.



Hanette Gomez
Historian

Dr. Hanette Gomez received her dental degree from the Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo and her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from New York University College of Dentistry in 1990. She has offices in Corona and Howard Beach. She currently holds the position of vice-president of the Dominican Medical Dental Society and is also the president of the Hispanic Dental Association, New York Chapter. Dr. Gomez said she loves to give back to her community and underserved country. Every year she goes to the Dominican Republic with the Dominican Medical Dental Society to provide free dental services to those in need. She also participates in several foundations including the Drug Free World, which educates children and families about the use of drugs, and The Mustard Seed Foundation, which helps and supports abandoned children with disabilities. Dr. Gomez received a certificate of recognition from the office of the City of New York Chief Medical Examiner for her outstanding service and extraordinary, unselfish efforts in identifying victims of the September 11, 2001 attack and the crash of American Airline Flight 587.

QCDS Membership Celebrates Dr. Chad Gehani's Victory as ADA President-Elect



A large turnout of QCDS members celebrated the election of Dr. Chad Gehani as ADA president-elect at Terrace on the Park.



Dr. Viren Jhaveri, right, congratulated Dr. Gehani during his presentation.

—Continued from page front page

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

In honor of Dr. Gehani's election, the Queens County Dental Society hosted a victory party for him on November 30th at Terrace on the Park. All QCDS Members were invited to the party free of charge. The event included an open bar and multiple buffet stations for the guests to enjoy. More than 100 QCDS members and their guests attended. Current NYSDA Trustee Dr. Prabha Krishnan served as MC for the evening and congratulatory speeches were made by QCDS President Dr. Richard Yang, NYSDA Executive Director Dr. Mark Feldman, 2019 NYSDA Trustee Viren Jhaveri, ADA Chair of Council on Dental Education

and Licensure Dr. Rekha Gehani, ADA Delegate Dr. Jay Ledner, EDPAC Treasurer Dr. Joseph Caruso, Executive Officer of the Dominican Dental Association Dr. Amarilis Jacobo, and QCDS Past-President Dr. Ashok Dogra.

Dr. Gehani then thanked everyone for their support and pledged to serve all dentists to the best of his abilities.

After all the speeches were concluded, the attendees continued to enjoy the evening with food and drink.

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



Attendees enjoying the evening in celebration of Dr. Gehani's election.



QCDS President Dr. Richard Yang congratulates Dr. Gehani when he spoke at the celebration.



Dr. Joseph Caruso congratulated Dr. Gehani upon his ADA election.



Dr. Prabha Krishnan, served as MC.



Drs. Charlene Berkman, Arthur Feigenbaum, Executive Director Oleg Rabinovich, and Dr. Gehani, left to right, at the celebration.



Dr. Chad Gehani addressed the attendees as Drs. Viren Jhaveri and Neal Gehani looked on.

QCDS Volunteer Dentists Instruct and Screen School Children in Jackson Heights, Astoria

Volunteer dentists from the Queens County Dental Society provided free oral exams and education on oral hygiene to young children at the Jackson Developmental Centers in Jackson Heights and Astoria on November 7th and 8th respectively. This was the first time in recent history that QCDS members worked with a mostly special needs children population.

The Queens County Dental Society partnered with Colgate for both of these events. Colgate provided the Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Colgate van on which the children were screened.

Volunteer doctors first spoke with the children about oral health in the school. Afterwards, the children were escorted to the Colgate Van where they were given oral exams and received an oral health report card and oral hygiene kits to bring back home.

At the Jackson Heights location, the team of volunteers included Drs. Meg Mahoney, Anna Oirksa-Dyczek, Marina Isakova, Frank Di Blasi, Natasha Kapoor, Kristen Ho, Nadia Rodriguez, and Paul Martin. The team saw 51 children. Of those, 29 had no visible dental problems, 16 had mild dental problems, four had severe dental problems, and one required emergency dental treatment.

At the Astoria Location, the team of volunteers included Drs. Pat Chu, Shireen Malik, Hemali Ajmera, Anna Omirsk-

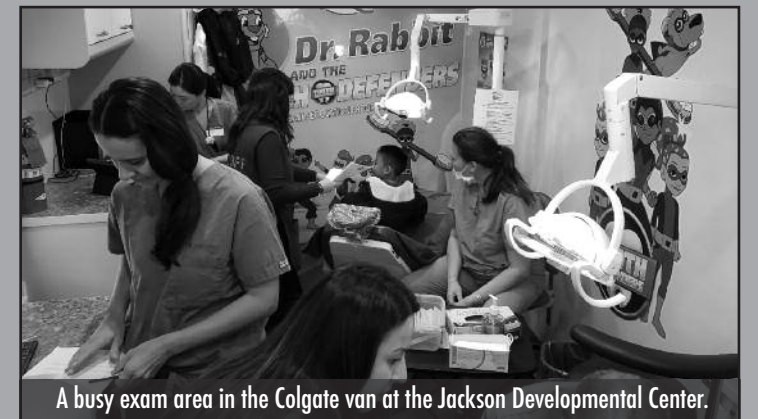
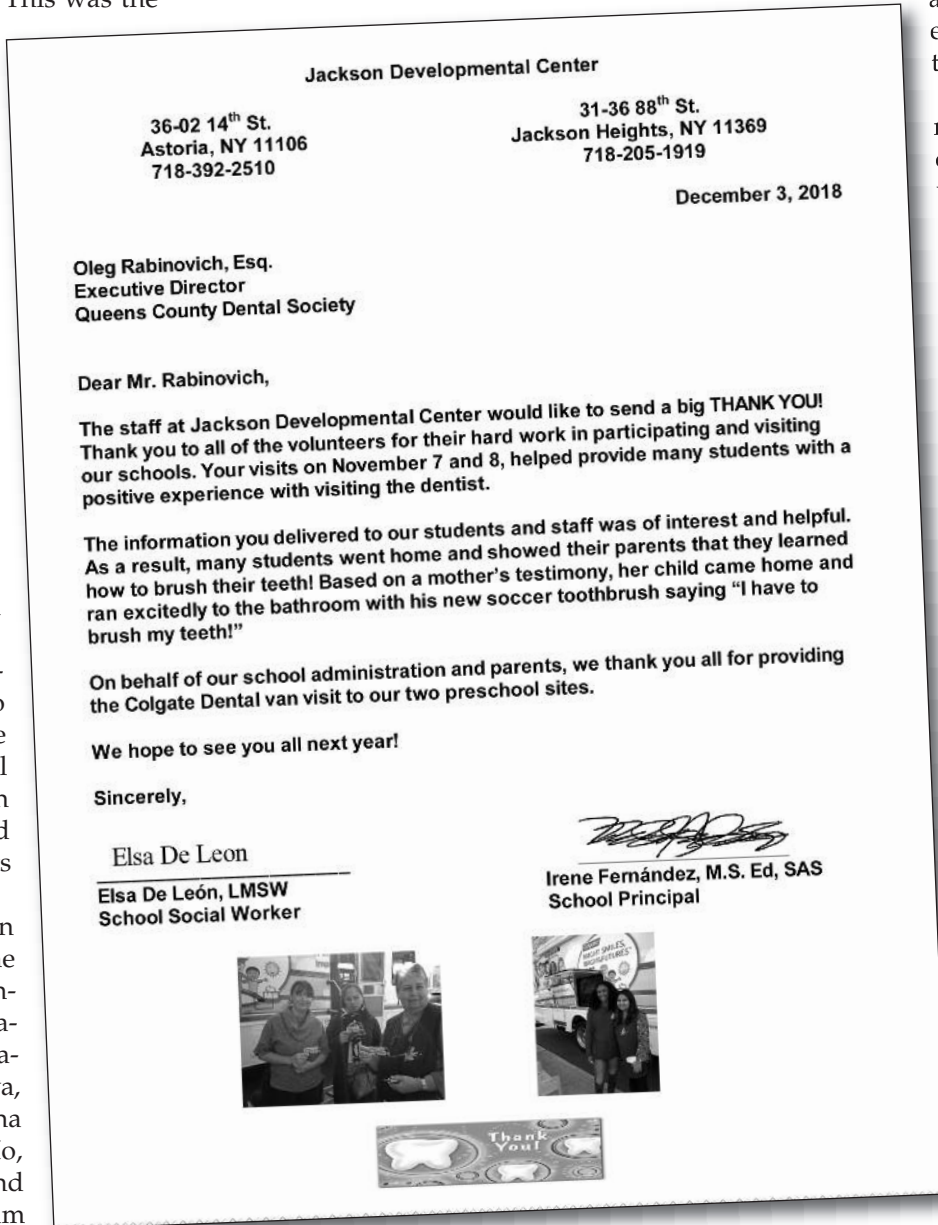
Dyczek, Karen Watson, Lauren Ballard, Mitchell Adler, Lauren Ballard, Riddhi Mehta, and Paul Martin. The team saw 61 children. Of those, 42 had no visible dental problems, 13 had mild dental problems, five had severe dental problems, and one required emergency dental treatment.

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 enables 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 numbers of needy children.

"It is important for the develop-

ment of their teeth, the development of their smile, and to keep teeth healthy, because teeth help children with many major components of their life," stated Dr. Hemali Ajmera, a Queens County Dental Society Board Member.

To volunteer to participate in this program in the future call QCDS at 718-454-8344.



Insurance Planning for the Healthcare Professional

"Taking You from Residency to Retirement"™



- Individual Disability
- Business Disability
- Life Insurance
- Group Insurance
- Office Insurance
- Malpractice Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Retirement Protection
- Financial Planning
- Employee Benefits



Eric S. Studley & Associates, Inc.

234 West Jericho Turnpike, 2nd Fl.
Huntington Station, NY 11746

P: 631-673-9496 | F: 631-673-9497
E: Insurance@DrEricStudley.com

www.DrEricStudley.com

JACOBSON GOLDBERG & KULB, LLP Attorneys and Counsellors at Law

585 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, New York 11530

(516) 222-2330

- Office of Professional Discipline
- Purchase & Sale of Practices
- Partnership, Employee, Independent Contractor Agreements
- Business Transactions
- Medicaid
- Third Party Audits & Termination
- State & Federal Criminal Proceedings
- Administrative Hearings
- Estate and Real Estate Matters

Amy T. Kulb
Daniel M. Goldberg
Jeffrey A. Granat

Committed To Teaching and Learning The Latest Guidelines Developed From Evidence-Based Research . . .



... Whatever It Takes
We Are The Medical Emergency Experts
Serving Dentists For Over 25 Years

Have Dummy Will Travel, Inc.
595 Route 25A, Suite 13
Miller Place, NY 11764
(631)-849-4978
www.havedummy.com



HAVE DUMMY
Will Travel

Support
QCDS Bulletin
advertisers.
They support
QCDS!



Dr. Craig Tischler Becomes QCDS President, Pledges to Increase Members During Term

—Continued from page 1

ident-elect. It was a wonderful moment for both QCDS and for me personally," he said.

Dr. Tischler has had a general practice in Rego Park for more than 30 years, with an emphasis on children and families, as well as implants and cosmetic work. "I enjoy all aspects of dentistry," he said. "I am now seeing the children of patients who started out as patients themselves when they were children. Many of my patients have been with my office for more than 25 years."

A 1985 graduate of the SUNY Buffalo Dental School, he completed a residency at the Interfaith Medical Center, Brooklyn. He has been an attending at Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, and is currently an attending at Flushing Hospital Medical Center.

He is a fellow of the American Cancer Society in Oral Pathology and Oncology, a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and a fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Dr. Tischler said he especially enjoys teaching residents. "It is an honor to learn from them and have them learn from me. I enjoy advising, educating and leading them. They ask thought-provoking questions, and I particularly enjoy being their advisor."

He and his wife, Lori, have two children, Michael, who works with a private equity firm in New York City, and

Amanda, who is a third-year dental student at the University of Pennsylvania Dental School.

Taking office with Dr. Tischler will be Dr. Prabhakar Kopikar, president-elect, Dr. Arelys Santana, vice president, Dr. Milan Gandhi, secretary, Dr. Hermali Ajmera, treasurer, and Dr. Hanette Gomez, historian.

"I am looking forward to working closely with the 2019 officers and for us to continue to lead this organization in the same exceptional manner as our past leaders," Dr. Tischler said.

He said he has seen how, over the years, every past president has brought a piece of themselves to QCDS and he plans to do the same. "It is an honor to be the 2019 QCDS president," he said. "I owe a debt of gratitude to QCDS as an organization. For many years QCDS has been there for me as I have grown from being a new dentist in Queens to having an established dental practice for more than three decades."

Reflecting on his many years of participation in QCDS activities, Dr. Tischler said: "It has been a pleasure to watch QCDS thrive, especially during the last six years. The quality of our programs is second to none. Each year our World's Fair of Dentistry is a bigger success than the previous year; our membership enthusiasm continues to impress me."

"But," he quickly added, "you are only QCDS president for one year and there is so much we can accomplish by working together."

Dental Fill-Ins™

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

We've Moved To A Larger Office To Accommodate Our Growing Agency

- Dentists
- Hygienists
- Assistants
- Receptionists

We place temporary and permanent staff

NYS LICENSED
Serving our community since 1999

212-421-9009
631-421-9006
WWW.DENTALFILL-INS.COM

We screen your dental temps, so you don't have to.

Let us take care of your staffing needs.

QCDS CLASSIFIEDS

THINKING OF RETIRING? Established GP Dentist with 20+ years' experience seeks practice in Eastern Queens/Western Nassau for satellite/second office. I will take good care of your patients. Call: 718-404-7364 or email: Queensdentist@aol.com

ASSOCIATE WANTED: Opportunity for an associate with a following to join us in our Oakland Gardens general practice with the goal of ownership. Email: Toothman68@aol.com or call/text 516-456-5418

MASPETH / MIDDLE VILLAGE: Seeking dental specialist or specialists to lease former orthodontic office. Contact owner at 917-304-4702 or mlcorteg@gmail.com for details.

TAXES/ACCOUNTING YOUR OFFICE OR MINE: Business/personal, specialty dentists, personable CPA, references. Stuart A. Sinclair, CPA 516-935-2086 stusinclair@yahoo.com

EXPERIENCED DENTIST LOOKING TO SUBLET A P/T DENTAL OFFICE: 4 miles outside Hempstead area, Nassau County preferred. If you have a partially open dental practice and are looking to supplement any day that you are closed (not including Sunday). Also open to buyout a small dental practice. Please contact me at brabredent@hotmail.com or 516 526 4607.

DENTAL SPACE FOR RENT: 3-4 operatories, shared waiting room with 37-year old podiatry practice. Busy corner Valley Stream off Southern State Parkway. Call 516-825-5552.

HOME OFFICE FOR SALE: Located in Manhasset hills, Suburban woods colonial, Great Neck schools. Is in mint condition, fully equipped, unique opportunity. Please call 516-627-3769 or email h.kantro@gmail.com for more information.

OFFICE FOR SALE: An extremely busy Queens general practice of 20 years. On Liberty Ave. with great visibility! 2 ops, digital x-rays. Close to public transport and on a busy crossroads. Turn-key practice, just bring your loupes. Please call 516-592-1555 for more information.

GOLD DENTAL LABORATORY: Highly quality work, full service, prompt service, competitive prices, quality control, over 20 years experience. Office is located at 69-04 Fresh Meadows Lane, Flushing, NY 11365. Please call at cell-347-738-3338 or tel- 718-696-4331 or email nutudent@gmail.com.

SUNNYSIDE DENTAL PRACTICE FOR SALE: Part-time 2-days per week, grossing \$200k. Dentist needs to sell for medical reasons, 3 operators with potential for 6. Great opportunity for a new dentist to start and build a practice. Convenient location. Insurance and fee for service, no Medicaid or Capitation. Call/ Text 914-844-8405.

TAX TIPS FOR DENTISTS

The due date for form 1065 U.S. Partnership Income Tax will be the 15th day of the third month following the close of the partnership's tax year. Previously, partnerships were due by the 15th day of the fourth month. The due date for form 1120 U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return is changed to the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the tax year. The deadline was the 15th day of the third month.

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

Stuart A. Sinclair CPA

1120 Old Country Road • Plainview, NY 11803
Phone (516) 935-2086 Fax (516) 935-1787
website: DenTaxSolutions.com
e-mail: StuSinclair@yahoo.com

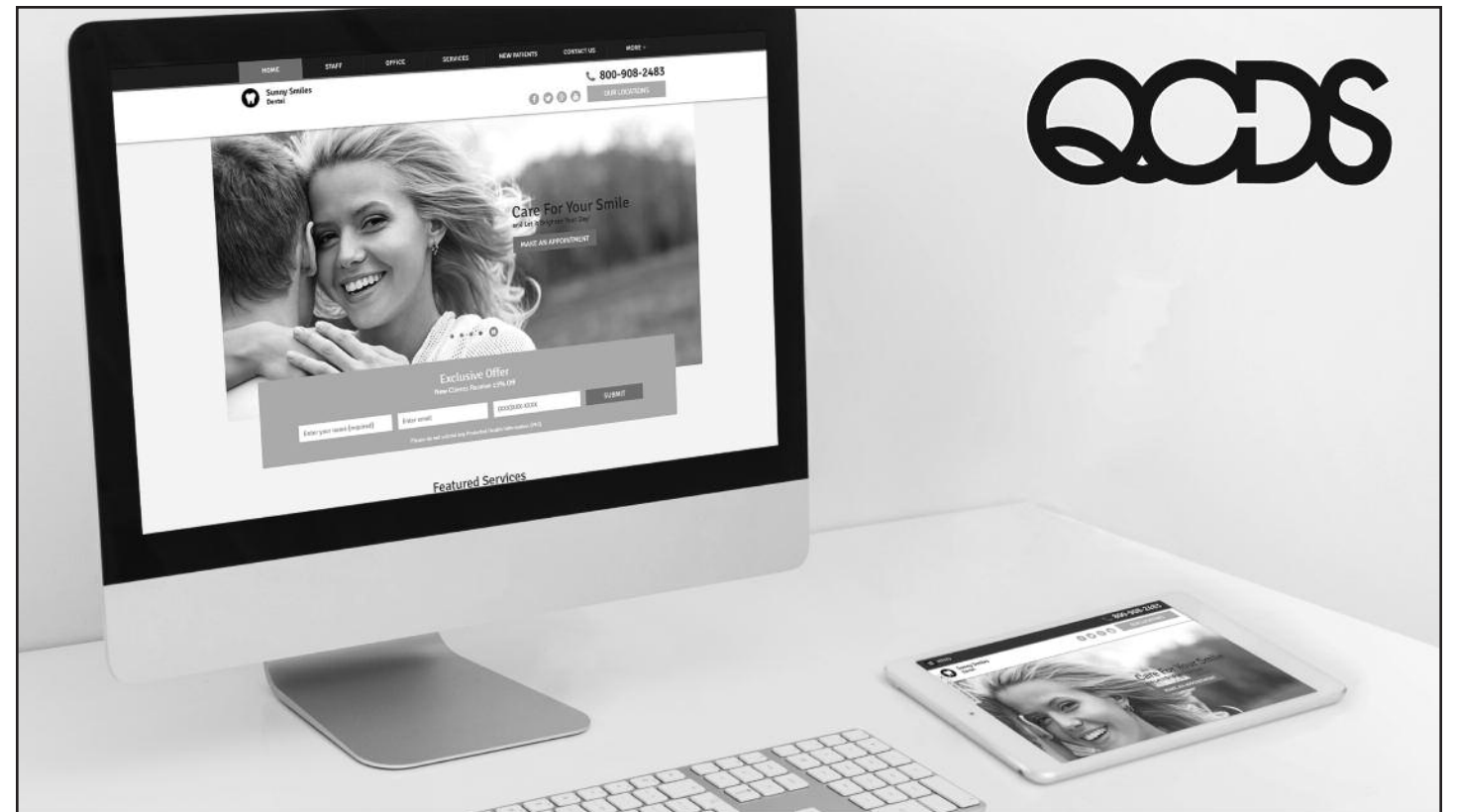
What Image
Does
Your Practice
Project?

We are specialists in public relations, marketing, advertising & direct mail.

Call us for a no-obligation, confidential consultation.

Katz Communications

25 CUTTER MILL PLAZA • GREAT NECK
516.482-6551



Websites and Digital Marketing for Dental Practices

Officite has been providing dentists with effective online marketing strategies since 2002. We help your practice grow with a full, robust Web Presence that goes beyond the website to bring new patients to the door.



MOBILE RESPONSIVE WEBSITES

Every Officite website is designed for perfect performance on all the most popular devices, including smartphones, tablets, and desktops.



SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION

Our team of SEO experts work together to push your practice to the top of Google's search results. Programs are tailored to your area, budget, and level of local competition.



SOCIAL MEDIA

We help you turn Facebook into a constant source of referrals. Our content can help you bring new patients to the door, and we even include multiple blogging options.



PREMIUM PATIENT EDUCATION

Good patient education increases your patients' knowledge, prevents complications, and boosts treatment acceptance. Our Patient Education suite is built with expert content that will help your patients get all the information they need from a trusted source – you.

Call or visit 866-619-2987 | QCDSB.season4savings.com

HENRY SCHEIN **ONE** | Officite