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## New QCDS President Dr. Chiran Reddy To Focus on Overseas Missions, Membership

By Marc Katz, Publisher

Incoming Queens County Dental Society President Dr. Chiran K. Reddy will bring an emphasis on community service, outreach and global humanitarian engagement with him when he assumes office next month.



Incoming QCDS President Dr. Chiran Reddy

For decades, Dr. Reddy has balanced his Floral Park general dentistry practice with humanitarian missions around the world. He hopes to bring that same spirit of service to the local dental community. Dr. Reddy's humanitarian work began 25 years ago when he served as the only dentist on a Guyana Watch medical mission. He returned to Guyana the following year with a mobile dental unit containing dental chairs to conduct clinics in remote parts of the country. Over time, he expanded the mission by inviting other dentists to participate. His next mission is scheduled for this summer and will include 20-25 medical and dental professionals. A future mission with Drs. Savitha Reddy and Rekka Gehani is now also being planned.

Locally, Dr. Reddy has collaborated with fellow healthcare professionals through the faith-based Dental Outreach Program, a ministry of St. Raphael and St. Thomas Moore Church. The group leads annual community dental outreach programs providing free oral health screenings, hygiene instruction and preventive care to underserved families in the community. It also collaborates with local dental professionals and church ministries to organize oral health education workshops for children, seniors and immigrant families, and mentor's students interested in healthcare careers.

Dr. Reddy has also volunteered as a dentist at camps in India, where he

organized and led mobile dental units to rural areas through the Indian Dental Association.

Currently serving as president-elect of QCDS, Dr. Reddy has been deeply involved in the organization for many years, including having served on the Board of Trustees. He will succeed his wife, Dr. Savitha Reddy, as president, making them what is believed to be the first husband and wife team to hold the office consecutively. Plans are being made for a formal installation ceremony.

Drs. Chiran and Savitha Reddy practice together and are part of a family with strong ties to the healthcare profession. Their daughter, Nena, is a veterinary doctor, and their son, Sunil, is doing a pediatric dentistry residency.

Dr. Reddy is one of eight siblings; six of them are physicians practicing in the United States. His interest in dentistry was inspired by his father, a professor and head of a department of surgery at a hospital in India.

Dr. Reddy earned his DDS degree from the New York University College of Dentistry in 1991, after receiving his Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree from Raja Mutai Dental College and Hospital at Annamalai University, India, in

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Dentists and doctors, with Dr. Chiran Reddy standing at center, recently participated in a mission by Guyana Watch to help South Americans improve both their physical and dental health.



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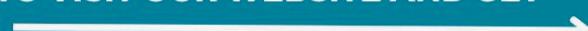
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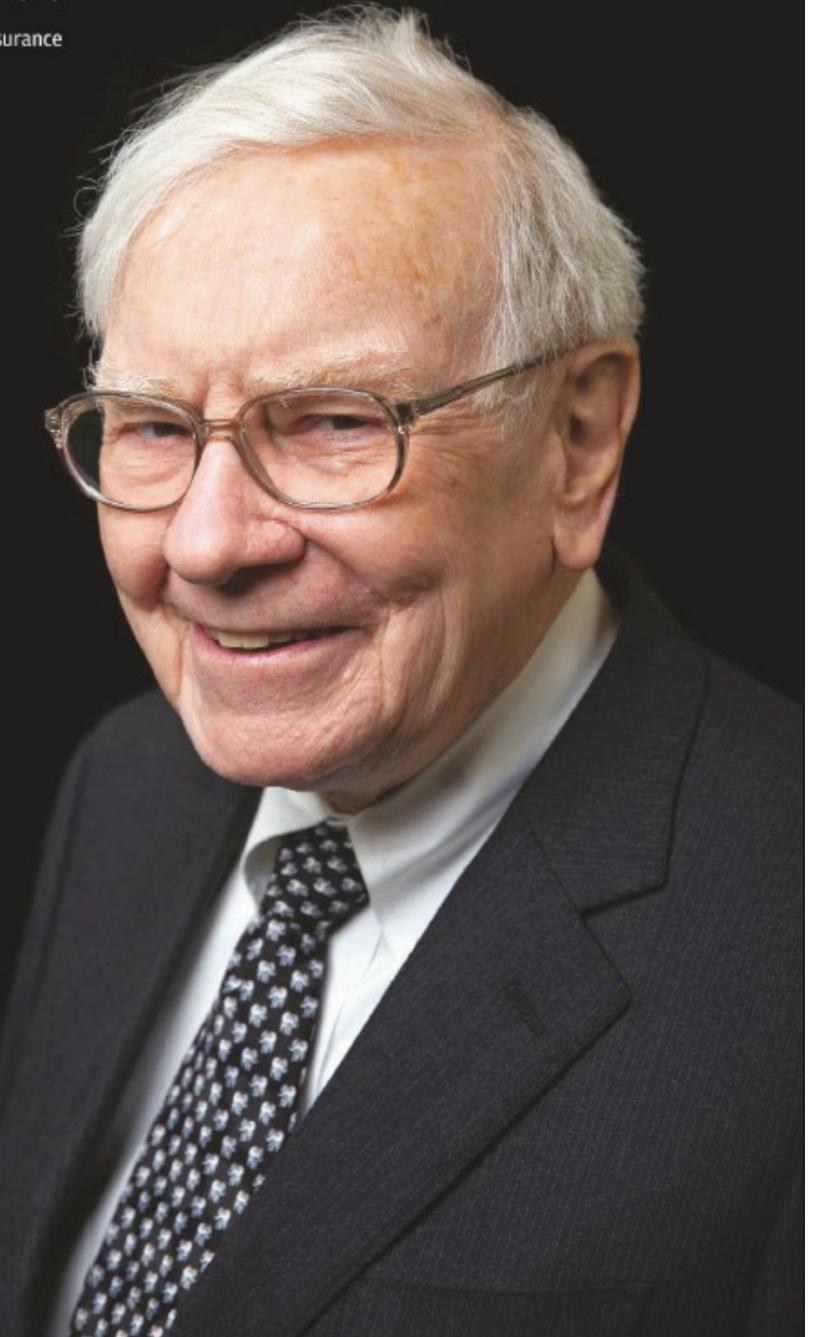
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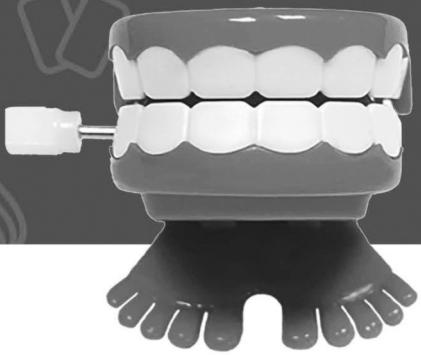
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## From the President

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**Appreciation for Being Your President**  
By Dr. Savitha Reddy

As I approach the conclusion of my term as president of the Queens County Dental Society, I do so with immense gratitude, pride and appreciation for all that we have accomplished together. Serving this remarkable organization has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my professional life. Throughout the year, our collective efforts have strengthened our society, elevated our profession and deepened our impact on the Queens community.

### A Year of Collaboration and Commitment

This year has underscored the exceptional dedication of our leadership team, committees and membership at large. The collaboration among our Board members, committee chairs, volunteers, and staff has been the backbone of every success we've achieved. From advocacy to continuing education, membership outreach to community programming, your hard work has advanced the mission and values of the Queens County Dental Society in countless ways. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to each of you for your professionalism, insight and unwavering commitment.

### Celebrating the World's Fair of Dentistry

One of the standout highlights of the year was our World's Fair of Dentistry. This annual event truly embodies the heart of QCDS—service, education, and compassion. Through our volunteer dentists and the excellent coordination of our team, we provided CE courses, networking and vendors. The turnout and impact of this year's Fair were remarkable, reflecting our society's shared dedication to improving organized dentistry. Thank you to everyone who participated, supported or helped make the event a success.

### Acknowledging Our Board Members

I extend my deepest gratitude to our Board of Trustees and committee leadership. Your guidance, thoughtful decision-making, and steadfast support have been invaluable throughout my presidency. Each of you brings a unique strength to QCDS, and it has been an honor to serve alongside such accomplished and dedicated colleagues.

### A Special Thank You to Our Executive Director, Dr. Chad Gehani

I would like to express particular appreciation to our Executive Director, Dr. Chad Gehani. His leadership, organizational insight and deep devotion to QCDS have been instrumental in the success of our programs and the continued excellence of our society. Dr. Gehani has been a constant source of guidance and support, and I am profoundly grateful for his partnership throughout this journey.

### Looking Ahead: Welcoming the Incoming President

As I pass the torch, I do so with optimism and with full confidence in our incoming president, Dr. Chiran Reddy. His experience, leadership and vision will continue to move QCDS forward with strength and innovation. I encourage all of you to extend the same support and camaraderie to him, as well as the incoming slate of officers, that you so generously offered me. The future of our society is bright, and I look forward to witnessing its continued growth and accomplishments under the capable direction of our new president, officers and Board of Trustees.

### A Heartfelt Thank You

To every member of QCDS, thank you for granting me the privilege of serving as your president. I am grateful for the trust you placed in me, for the friendships built and for the shared dedication to the advancement of dentistry and community service. Although my term is ending, my commitment to QCDS remains as strong as ever and I look forward to staying actively involved in the work that makes our society exceptional.



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# Good, Bad and Ugly: A Market Briefing

By Peter Klein, CFA®, CRPS®, CAP®, CSRIC®

*Editor's Note: The following article is part of a QCDS Bulletin installment series on retirement planning by financial advisor Peter Klein, a principal of Aline Wealth.*

The theme of this article is inspired by the classic Clint Eastwood film "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly," a fitting metaphor for the complex dynamics shaping today's markets. Let's explore what we're seeing—and how we're positioning to help our clients stay on track through the winding road of investing.

## The Good

### • Earnings Resilience

Corporate earnings have been solid, with year-over-year growth nearing seven percent, largely driven by the tech sector. This is a positive signal amid broader economic uncertainty.

### • Political Engagement

We're seeing a more active and assertive administration. While the long-term effects are uncertain, engagement is generally preferable to inertia.

### • Peace Dividend Potential

If geopolitical tensions ease, the resulting peace dividend could be a meaningful tailwind for global markets.

### • AI Infrastructure: The Picks and Axes Play

While AI is the headline, the real opportunities may lie in the second and third-order effects of this technological revolution.

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**Energy** – These facilities are energy-intensive, making power sourcing and efficiency critical. We're asking: "Who's supplying the picks and axes in this gold rush?" That's where we see potential.

### • Emerging Markets & Value

Emerging market stocks have lagged for years, but we believe they're poised for a turnaround. Valuations are compelling, and many companies are fundamentally strong, but underappreciated. This is a classic value opportunity—with a built-in margin of safety.



## The Bad

### • Debt and Deficits

The U.S. national debt has surged to \$39 trillion, with deficits projected in the six to seven percent range. This is unsustainable and deeply concerning.

### • Interest Rates

While a minor Fed rate cut is possible, we don't foresee significant easing. A sharp drop would likely signal economic distress—something we're not currently anticipating.

### • Market Concentration

The top 10 stocks now represent over 40 percent of the S&P 500's market cap. This level of concentration historically signals caution.

### • Valuation Discipline

Price matters. While excitement can drive markets in the short term, long-term compounding requires discipline. Avoiding overvalued assets is key to protecting client wealth.

## The Ugly

### • Speculative Froth

Meme stocks, crypto hype, AI mania, and IPO exuberance are heating up. We've seen this before. It rarely ends well.

### • AI Spending Without Returns

Hundreds of billions are being poured into AI and data centers. But what's the ROI? We're not yet seeing the productivity gains to justify the spending. That's a red flag.

### • Energy & Infrastructure Strain

Data centers consume massive amounts of energy. We're analyzing where they're being built, what energy sources are available and how to invest accordingly. This is a critical, often overlooked, part of the AI story.

### • Stagflation Risk

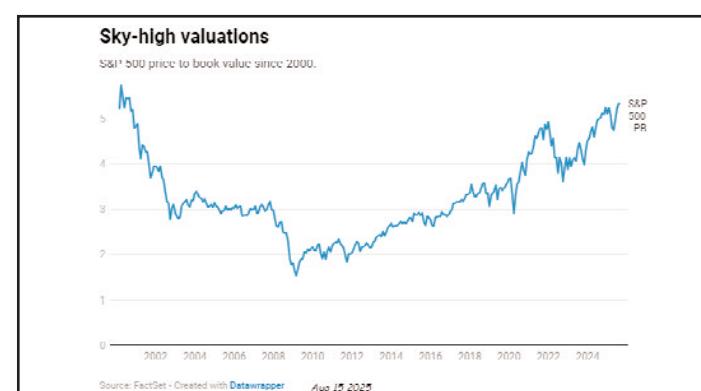
We may be entering a light stagflationary environment—sluggish growth paired with sticky inflation. This puts the Fed in a bind: stimulate the economy or fight inflation? Either way, it's a tough spot.

### • Inflation Pressures

Tariffs are rising, and someone has to pay—likely the consumer. This contributes to persistent inflation, which is bad news for equity investors.

### Valuation Matters More Than Ever

We're seeing stretched valuations, especially in the S&P 500 and the so-called "Magnificent Seven." Net income growth for these companies is slowing, yet their multiples remain sky-high. That's a disconnect.



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## From The Executive Director

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# Meeting Dental Licensure Requirements

By Dr. Chad P. Gehani

Requirements to be a New York State certified dentist are many. To make sure all are familiar with mandated requirements, here are some important licensure regulations.

Dentists holding a New York State license are required to fulfill the following continuing education requirements under New York State Law:

- 60 continuing education credit hours every three-year registration period, of which 18 can be home study and 42 must be "Live/ Interactive".

- New York State mandated Ethics and Jurisprudence course (once in your lifetime).

- New York State mandated Tobacco Cessation/Oral Cancer course (once in a lifetime).

- New York State mandated Child Abuse Course (new rule/course as above, update!).

- New York State mandated Infection Control course (once every four years).

- New York State mandated Opioid Prescribing Course (Once each license cycle)

- CPR course: you must maintain a current certification (varies

1-3 years). CPR must be taken in person.

- All New York State Employers are required to have Sexual Harassment Training

- The New York State Department of Education does not accept Practice Management courses and they cannot count toward the 60 credits needed for licensing renewal

### Updated and New Child Abuse / Mandated Reporter Training

All participants should note that they are attending a continuing education (CE) course. The NYSDA CE registry is no longer accepted by the New York State Department of Education.

As part of NYSDA's ADA CERP provider program, here's what you need to know to document your CE credits: After the Course

- Certificate of Completion: You'll receive a certificate from QCDS confirming your attendance.

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# Annual QCDS World's Fair of Dentistry Draws Record Breaking Crowds Once Again

Once again, attendance at the Queens County Dental Society's recent World's Fair of Dentistry broke attendance records. Many hundreds in the dental community participated in the two-day education weekend, which featured scores of exhibitors, informative presentations by prominent speakers, a wide range of raffle prizes, and an opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow dental professionals.

Among the many topics covered by a wide array of speakers were Digital Workflow in Implant Dentistry and Same-Day 3D Printing, Immediate Implant Placement Made Easy,

Endodontic Technology and Trends, Safeguarding Wealth Asset Protection and Tax Strategies, Transition Planning for Dental Practice Success, Managing Patient Expectations, and Management of Odontogenic Infections of the Head and Neck.

QCDS Executive Director Dr. Chad Gehani said "World's Fair attendance has grown significantly every year recently because of the improved quality of speakers. We pay close attention to securing great speakers and the dental community has responded positively."



QCDS leadership gathered at the annual World's Fair, including President-Elect Dr. Chiran Reddy, Dr. Tinnysha Chopra, President Dr. Savitha Reddy, Past President Dr. Pratix Shroff, Executive Director Dr. Chad Gehani, Administrative Assistant Lucy Chabria, and Past President Dr. Doron Kalman.



A large turnout of Queens County Dental Society members heard presentations on a wide variety of topics at the World's Fair of Dentistry.



A talk by Dr. Richard Young about anterior composite restoration drew a large World's Fair attendance.



"Where Dentistry is Going in the Future" was the topic of a presentation by Danielle Brown of Reddy Dentistry. She discussed the impact of cutting edge technologies in the dentist's office.



QCDS Executive Director Dr. Chad Gehani, left, a former president of the organization, discussed QCDS leadership with Immediate Past President Dr. Pratix Shroff, center, and President-Elect Dr. Chiran Reddy.



Dr. Richard Harwood's presentation on esthetic dentistry attracted a large number of attendee's at the World's Fair of Dentistry.

## New QCDS President

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1988. He opened his private practice in 1998 and is licensed to practice general dentistry in both New York and India. He is an active member of the ADA, NYSDA and the Indian Dental Association.

He said a goal of his incoming administration, in addition to fostering participation in international missions, will be to increase Queens County Dental Society membership as well as increasing attendance at QCDS-sponsored continuing education courses.

Dr. Reddy has received a Huanitarian Award for his service in Guyana from Guyana Watch. Summing-up his feelings about volunteerism upon accepting the honor, he said: "I do this work because it gives me great personal satisfaction and I look forward to others joining me."



QCDS President Elect Dr. Chiran Reddy, to the left of the seated patient, discussed proper dental care with her while on a recent healthcare mission to Guyana.

## Licensure Requirements

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certificates for at least six years for audits or credentialing purposes.

- Optional: Use CE Navigator-NYSDA's CE Navigator helps you track of CE and generate transcripts for your three-year registration period.

You are not required to use CE Navigator, nor is it connected to the New York State Education Department.

- Log in or create an account (scan the QR code)
- Enter course details from your CE Certificate
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- Stay on top of CE requirements and set important reminders

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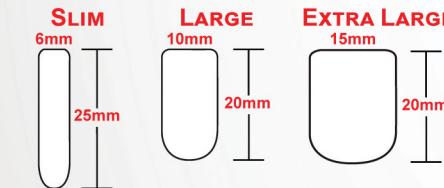
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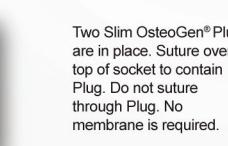
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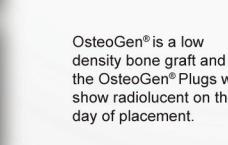
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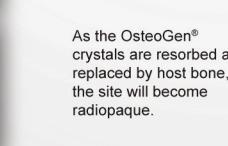
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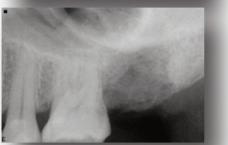
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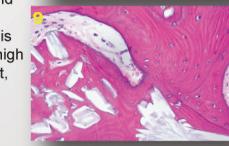
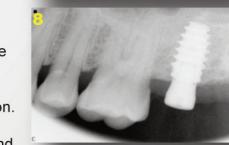
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