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President's Letter



*Dr. Jerry Wees
ODDS President*

Happy cold weather season! Just a few important events to keep in mind.

1. The New Dentist mixer will be on March 7 at the

Flying Timber. Hosted by Patterson, Medic Dental, and Bank of the West, and organized by Dr. Nia Jones and our Executive Administrator Diane Frost. It will be a night of throwing axes and mingling for all dentists who have been out 10 years or less.

2. The Nebraska Mission of Mercy will be on March 29-30, 2019 at the Brownell Talbot School located at 400 N Happy Hollow Blvd, Omaha, NE. Volunteer dentists and staff are needed. Please contact Dr. Bruce Kuhn via email at bkuhn@fsiomaha.com or call 402-330-8460.

3. The Nebraska Dental Association Group Medical Insurance will be available soon! Your help in responding to the Health Insurance Survey has paid off and the NDA Health Insurance Alliance, with the help of AON, has selected United Health Care as the insurance carrier for the NDA Health Plan.

4. This year's Nebraska Dental Association Annual Session is on

April 12 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. The House of Delegates and Trustee meetings will be held the day before, on April 11. Learn more about the speakers on the NDA web site, www.nedental.org.

Now, a few words on membership:

Why are you a member of ODDS? Why is anyone a member of anything? Here are my thoughts.

Most of us are members of more organizations than we even realize, such as religious affiliations, health clubs, Netflix, Costco, or Sam's. We do these things to benefit our spiritual lives, preserve our health, stream unlimited television, and have access to free food samples from time to time.

When it comes to our profession, we should prioritize and utilize membership in ODDS just as we do with any other memberships we have. Membership in ODDS enables us to come together and improve ourselves professionally, meet other members of the Omaha dental community, and ultimately strengthen the profession as a whole.

Ask your non-ODDS friends to consider membership in our organization so they don't miss out on special meetings or upcoming events. Don't leave your friends out in the cold!

2019 ODDS Calendar

These events are subject to change without notice. To avoid disappointment, please call Diane Frost at 402-677-4451 to confirm schedule.

MARCH

5 TUE | **ODDS Board Meeting** 5:45 pm Brazenhead Pub, 319 N 78th Street, Omaha, NE. ODDS members welcome.

7 THU | **Fun Evening with the New and Improved ODDS**
6-8 pm Flying Timber, 1507 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE.
Come spend a fun evening, relieving some tension by throwing a few axes and networking with your peers. Food and drinks will be provided. This event is sponsored by Patterson Dental, Bank of the West, and Medix Dental.

12 TUE | **ODDS General Membership Meeting** 6-8:30 pm
Anthony Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE.
Offutt AFB 55th Dental Squadron AEGD Presentations
In this presentation, residents from the Offutt AFB AEGD program will present brief summaries of their research projects. Presenters include Captain Anthony Ewell-Kollmann, DMD (Harvard University); Captain Melody Ianetta, DDS (The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio); Captain Christopher Jones, DDS (The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio); Captain Robert Koski, DMD (University of Alabama School of Dentistry); Captain Abigail Peters, DDS (University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry); Captain Nicole Searcey, DDS (University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry); Captain Jessica Smith, DMD (Medical University of South Carolina); and Captain Ross Thompson, DDS (University of Minnesota).
This meeting is sponsored by Henry Schein Dental.

29-30 SAT-SUN | **Nebraska Mission of Mercy (NMOM)**
Brownell Talbot School, 400 N Happy Hollow Blvd, Omaha, NE
ODDS members and their dental teams are invited to volunteer at the largest oral health care community service project in Nebraska. For more information, go to www.nebraskamissionofmercy.com or contact Dr. Bruce Kuhn via email at bkuhn@fsiomaha.com or call 402-330-8460.

APRIL

2 TUE | **ODDS Board Meeting** 5:45 pm Brazenhead Pub, 319 N 78th Street, Omaha, NE. ODDS members welcome.

11-12 THU-FRI | **Nebraska Dental Association Annual Meeting**
The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE. House of Delegates and Trustees meeting will be on April 11. NDA Annual Session is on April 12. For more information, contact the NDA at 1-888-789-2614.

MAY

7 TUE | **Responding to the Prescription Opioid Crisis: A Dental Perspective** 6-9 pm Anthony Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE.
In this presentation, Dr. Stephen Coffey will review the current opioid epidemic and discuss the best practice for prescribing opioids. Registration fee for ODDS members is \$25, non-members is \$50. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. CE credit provided. Sponsored by Kettenbach. For more information, contact Diane Frost via email at OmahaDistrictDental@gmail.com or call 402-677-4451.

JUNE

14 FRI | **2019 Dr. Ben Kutler Classic Golf Tournament**
Shotgun start is at 1:30 pm. Registration opens at noon. Dinner, raffle, and award presentations at 6 pm. The Pines Country Club, 7516 North 286th Street, Valley, NE. More details to come.



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2018 Student Awards



Sheng Lee hopes to work as a dental assistant for the Omaha community and to become active in the dental assisting community, like her teachers, where she can make a difference for up and coming dental assistants.



Sara Gengel is a member of Iowa Western Community College's (IWCC) dental hygiene program, Class 2019. She has participated in the Iowa and Nebraska Missions of Mercy. Currently, Sara and her peer are working on implementing their community project, Miles for Smiles, a fun run that will be held April 6 at Walnut Creek Recreation Area to generate funds for IWCC patients. Sara is also involved in researching Moisy, a new product which alleviates discomfort from xerostomia. She will be presenting this research at the March ODHA meeting.



Aren Rowland is also a member of IWCC's dental hygiene program, Class 2019. Her community project is with the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program at Charles Drew Health Center, where she and her peer will educate clients on planning nutritious meals on a limited budget, while also educating mothers about healthy snack and beverage choices for their families. A focus on baby bottle tooth decay will also be presented. Aren has researched a new product called the Foreo Issa, a silicone toothbrush, made in Sweden, that utilizes sonic technology that uses a USB cord instead of a docking station for charging. Aren will be presenting her new product research at the March ODHA meeting.

FRI, JUNE 14 / THE PINES COUNTRY CLUB

OMAHA DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY
DR. BEN KUTLER CLASSIC

GOLF TOURNAMENT

7516 North 286th Street, Valley, NE



SEE YOU ON THE GREENS!

SHOTGUN START IS AT 1:30 PM.
REGISTRATION OPENS AT NOON.

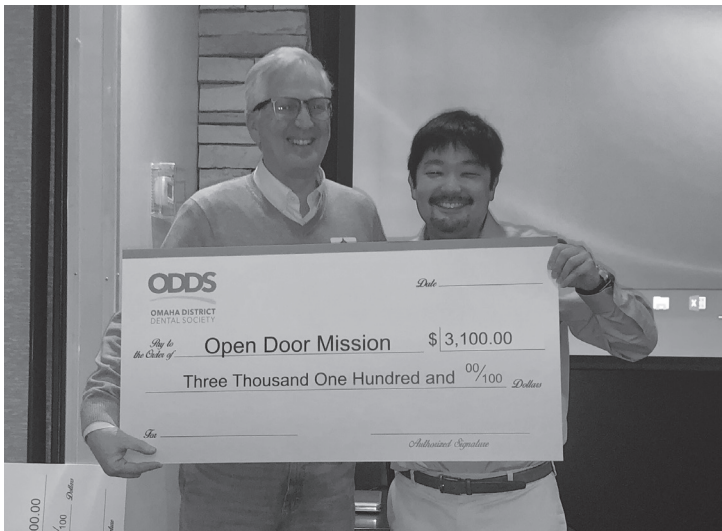
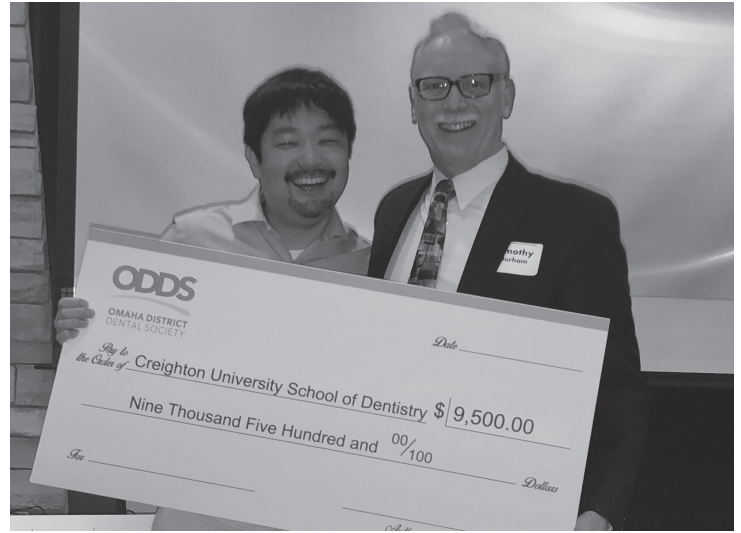
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2018 ODDS/Dr. Ben Kutler Golf Tournament Proceeds

The ODDS was honored to disburse almost \$22,000 from the proceeds of the Dr. Ben Kutler Golf Classic Tournament. ODDS donated \$3,100 to the Charles Drew Health Center (top-left); \$9,500 to the Creighton University School of Dentistry (top-right); \$3,100 to the Open Door Mission (bottom-left); \$3,100 to the Mission of Mercy (bottom-right); and \$3,100 to the UNMC Pediatric Dentistry (not pictured).



About ODDS meetings:

The General Membership meeting begins at 6:00 pm with registration and social period. The CE begins promptly at 6:30. Dinner is served at 7:30, followed by a brief business meeting.

Please RSVP by the Friday before any event. Call Diane Frost at 402-677-4451 or email OmahaDistrictDental@gmail.com.

PLEASE sign in on the sheets of paper at the name tag table. That sign-in sheet is your record of attendance in case you need CE certification for license renewal. If you do not sign in, your attendance is not confirmed. If your plans change at the last minute, you are welcome to attend the General Membership meeting without a reservation. Just be sure to sign in so we have a record of your participation.

Certificates of Continuing Education will be available after every presentation. It is your responsibility to maintain proof of your CE hours.

We are pleased to serve a quintessential Omaha steak dinner at ODDS meetings. If you prefer a chicken, fish (usually salmon), or vegetarian meal, please communicate that when you register. Please be sure to pick up the poker chip for your meal choice at the registration / name tag table. **It is your responsibility to let your wait staff know your meal preference; if you do not, you will receive steak.** Thanks for your help in making sure we have an accurate count and are not charged for uneaten dinners.

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