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President's Letter



Dr. Chris Foix
ODDS President

Hopefully, this newsletter finds you well. The holiday season is upon us and I hope to see you at the ODDS Holiday Party on December 8 at the Champions Club. This event has grown in popularity due to the great venue, food, and drinks. It is personally my favorite social event of the year (although Bret Thomsen has organized a cocktail hour at the NDA annual session that stands a decent chance of eclipsing it). Looking very forward to both and the unique camaraderie of my dental peers!

Here is an update on distributions of funds raised by the ODDS primarily through the Ben Kutler Golf Tournament and its sponsors for 2016 and 2017. The ODDS has issued a press release to announce this to the local news media.

In 2016, the ODDS presented a \$7000 monetary donation to the Creighton University School of Dentistry. In 2017, this amount increased to \$9500. These donations are intended to help provide dental care to those who can least afford it.

Additionally in 2017, the ODDS will be donating \$1000-worth of toothbrushes and toothpaste to the Food Bank for the Heartland.

Finally, \$3100 check donations will be given to the Charles Drew Dental Clinic, the UNMC Pediatric Dental Clinic, and the OneWorld Dental Clinic.

The PR also included some language on oral hygiene—like how to *Find A Dentist* online as well as the importance of seeing an ADA member twice a year. I added this bit of marketing because of the discussion we had at the last NDA Board of Trustees meeting. Personally, I'd love to see national and local marketing that instructs the public about the essential nature of oral health, hygiene,

and periodic visits to ADA member dentists. Statistics indicate that a huge number of people have not been to the dentist in years. I also believe that any dental supplier would like to support this vision. If dentists are busier seeing that vast unmet need, then suppliers can sell more of everything from cotton balls to CBCT machines. The way I see it, the public gets inundated with ads about whitening or ads for national chains but there seems to be a void regarding PSA type ads that are instructive, fun, and consistent with the altruistic goals of the dental profession regarding oral health. This is just my musing but I'd love to see a Super Bowl ad with Jerry Seinfeld and Bryan Cranston talking about the value of oral health and the need to see an ADA dentist regularly. On a local level, I'd love to challenge our member dentists to come up with a viral video in the vein of the "Teach Me How to Brushy" (see on YouTube) done by the Oregon Dental Society a few years back. Any creative dentist or someone from the dental industry who has expertise in digital media, please contact me.

Thank you again to the organizers of the ODDS/Ben Kutler golf outing and our sponsors of this event. Dr. Jerry Wees is chairing the upcoming June 15th golf outing. If you would like to volunteer or know of a sponsor for the golf outing, please contact Diane Frost or Dr. Wees.

Also, just a reminder that the NDA Legislative Reception will be on January 23, 2018. Please consider attending. And, if you personally know a local politician, please contact Dr. Scott Morrison.

Lastly, please note that January and February ODDS general membership meetings have been moved from their usual spots to Jan 16 and Feb 20 to avoid conflicts with Bluejays basketball games.

I hope everyone has a safe, happy and prosperous holiday season and New Year!

2017-2018 ODDS Calendar

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

DECEMBER

8 TUE **Holiday Party** Champions Run Golf Course, 13800 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha, NE. More details to come.

JANUARY

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

16 TUE **ODDS General Membership Meeting** 6-8:30 pm Anthony Steakhouse, 72nd and F, Omaha, NE.
The Link Between HPV and Oral Cavity/Oropharyngeal Cancers



Dr. Andrew Coughlin

This presentation will explore the relationship between Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and oral cavity/oropharyngeal tumors in the head and neck. We will review the pathogenesis of the disease, discuss trends over the past 20 years, and then go on to discuss treatment and outcomes of the disease process.

Dr. Coughlin was born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa and graduated Valedictorian from St. Albert High School. He received his Undergraduate degree at Nebraska Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, where he received highest distinction upon graduation.

Dr. Coughlin next attended the University of Nebraska Medical Center for his medical degree, again graduating with distinction. In 2004 he was accepted into the Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery residency program at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Dr. Coughlin is now part of the Otolaryngology – Head and Neck team at the Nebraska Methodist Hospital Estabrook Cancer Center specializing in head and neck cancer, extensive reconstructive surgery as well as skull base disorders.

This meeting is sponsored in part by Dental Designs.



23 TUE **Nebraska Dental Association Legislative Reception** 5-8 pm Renaissance Room, The Lincoln Marriott Hotel, 333 S 13th Street, Lincoln, NE. For details, contact the NDA at 1-888-789-2614.

FEBRUARY

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

20 TUE **ODDS General Membership Meeting** 6-8:30 pm Anthony Steakhouse, 72nd and F, Omaha, NE.
Student Presentations
Students from the Creighton University School of Dentistry and residents of the UNMC GPR and Pediatric Dentistry program will present the results of their research projects. We will also present scholarships to students in area dental assisting and dental hygiene programs. The scholarships are provided by Midwest OMS.



MARCH

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

13 TUE **ODDS General Membership Meeting** 6-8:30 pm Anthony Steakhouse, 72nd and F, Omaha, NE.
Offutt AFB 55th Dental Squadron AEGD Presentations
Residents from the Offutt AFB AEGD program present brief summaries of their research projects. More details to come. This meeting is sponsored by Bank of the West.



APRIL

26 THU **NDA House of Delegates** Embassy Suites, La Vista, NE. For more information, contact the NDA at 1-888-789-2614.

27 FRI **NDA Annual Session** Embassy Suites, La Vista, NE. For more information, contact the NDA at 1-888-789-2614.

JUNE

27 FRI **2018 Dr. Ben Kutler Classic Golf Tournament** The Pines Country Club, 7516 North 286th Street, Valley, NE.

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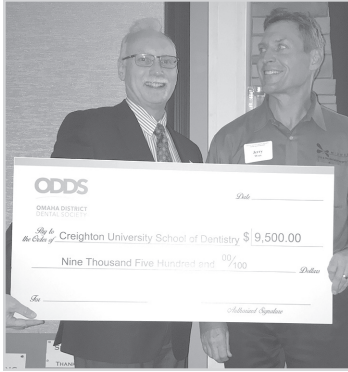
ODDS members and their dental teams are invited to volunteer at the largest oral health care community service project in Nebraska. Hundreds of volunteers make this event possible whether it is through hands-on dental care, patient intake, sterilizing instruments or even directing traffic. More information to come.



For more information, updates, and useful links, go to OmahaDistrictDS.com

ODDS News

The Omaha District Dental Society (ODDS), in partnership with sponsors of the ODDS Ben Kutler Memorial Golf Classic Tournament, made several charitable contributions in 2017. Below, Dr. Jerry Wees presenting the checks to Dr. Timothy Durham from Creighton University, Kenny McMorris from Charles Drew Health Center, Dr. Spencer Buxton from OneWorld Dental Clinic, and Dr. Zach Houser from UNMC.



Notice of 2018 ODDS Elections

Slate of Nominees

Elections to be held at the January 16 General Membership Meeting.

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SAVE THE DATE — Annual Golf Tournament

2018 Dr. Ben Kutler Class Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2018

The Pines Country Club (Valley, NE)

All ODDS Members and their guests are invited.
Hope to see you there!



2017 HOLIDAY PARTY

Please join us for some delicious hors d'oeuvres and free drinks as we celebrate the Holidays and the coming New Year.

Friday, December 8

6:30-10:00 pm

Champions Run

13800 Eagle Run Drive
Omaha, NE 68134

**RSVP by December 1 to
Diane Frost**

OmahaDistrictDental@gmail.com



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 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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