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## President's Letter



Dr. Chris Foix  
ODDS President

Greetings from your soon-to-be past president, I hope this finds you well and that you are ready to enjoy a summer of cookouts, fellowship, and fun with family and friends.

I really enjoyed attending the state

meeting and hearing the lecture on healthy lifestyle by David Meinz. I've already been sharing what I learned with family and patients, and made a few significant changes to my own diet and supplement routines. Thank you to Bret Thomsen and all those who helped make this event possible for our membership. I am already looking forward to next year's session.

I'm also looking forward to the camaraderie of the Ben Kutler Memorial Golf outing to be held again at The Pines on June 15th. Get your foursomes in right away while there is still room. Please consider paying a staff member and having them "volunteer" to help at this event. You can call or email either Dr. Jerry Wees or Diane Frost, the organizers of this event. Thank you, Jerry and Diane, and to Dr. Cass Pietrok, last year's organizer, for handing off her template for success!

Please note in your calendar the date for the Nebraska Mission of Mercy (NMOM) which will be held at the Brownell Talbot School here in Omaha on March 29-30, 2019. Lots of volunteers will be needed for this event and I am hoping to see many ODDS dentists!

I attended the House of Delegates meeting would like to share some items that were discussed:

- Making a small incremental increase in dues each year (of around \$7) rather than fall behind the times and try to pass a larger dues increase after 8-10 years to try to make up a budget shortfall — this idea was first discussed many years ago but

was never officially implemented. It will be covered again in the fall at the HOD meeting. I welcome any feedback on this or any other issue.

- The process by which the regs and statutes will be written in "legal-ese" regarding the LB18 legislation about expanded functions for dental auxiliaries — I've spoken at some length with state board members, Dr. John Thomas and Dr. Dennis Anderson, and it is interesting to hear how this process works. They do not hesitate to utilize their expertise to help the process reflect the core idea or spirit of the original 407 intent. Dr. Anderson fielded several questions and concerns. At the heart of it all, although there will be some expanded functions, dentists don't want to see any loss of existing functions for current dental assistants. This process will be ongoing and I feel it is in good hands going forward, and that the dentists on the board will continue to contribute their professional expertise to the final outcome of this and all other legislation. There is likely also going to be an *ad hoc* committee to put in writing some suggestions for consideration in the finalizing of LB 18.
- A course on sedation by Dr. Bavitz in the fall — we will keep our membership informed as details become finalized
- Legislative issues and opioids — updates can be found on the NDA website.
- Group health plan — as someone getting blasted by an individual plan, I wanted to know more and I think this would be a fantastic member benefit. I spoke and corresponded with the folks at Harold Diers and Co. It seems there are some limiting factors and I thought I'd share those. The first obstacle is one that may well be changed in the coming months: The Department of Labor may change its interpretation of "employer" to include a qualifying group or association of employers. The next obstacle is that it would need to be a true group plan

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# 2018-2019 ODDS Calendar

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

## JUNE

15 FRI



### 2018 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. For more information, contact Briana Bales at [briana@midwestoms.com](mailto:briana@midwestoms.com) or call 402-397-7777 ext. 222. To download registration form, go to [www.omahadistrictds.com](http://www.omahadistrictds.com) and click Meetings & Events.

## OCTOBER

2 TUE

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

9 TUE

**ODDS General Membership Meeting (Bring Your Dental Team to ODDS)** 6-8:30 pm Anthony Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE.

### Periodontal Maintenance of Dental Implants — *Melissa S. Lang, DDS, MS*

What is the prevalence of peri-implantitis? Which radiograph should serve as the baseline for the comparison of future peri-implant bone levels? Is it safe to use a stainless steel instrument to clean a dental implant? This one hour lecture course will explore the current classification of peri-implant disease, etiology, and evidence-based periodontal maintenance procedures for the prevention of peri-implant disease.

Dr. Lang is an associate professor in the Department of Periodontics at Creighton University School of Dentistry.

## SEPTEMBER

4 TUE

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

11 TUE

**ODDS General Membership Meeting** 6-8:30 pm Anthony Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE.  
**Anticoagulation Medication Management: Characteristics and Concerns** — *Kalin Johnson, PharmD*

In this presentation, Dr. Kalin Johnson will describe the mechanism of action, contraindications, precautions, and monitoring of warfarin and the new anticoagulant agents; discuss the impact of disease states and medications on anticoagulant therapy; and identify management concerns in relation to anticoagulation therapy and surgeries/procedures.

Dr. Johnson is an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, and is also an assistant professor in Dental Diagnostic Sciences, School of Dentistry at Creighton University.

28 FRI

**NDA House of Delegates Meeting** 3-5 pm Younes Conference Center, 416 W Talmadge Road, Kearney, NE

18-22 THU-MON

### American Dental Association Annual Meeting Honolulu, HI.

For more information, go to [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org).

## NOVEMBER

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, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE.

## DECEMBER

14 FRI

**ODDS Holiday Party** Omaha Country Club, 6900 Country Club Road, Omaha, NE. More details to come.

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and only Medica is offering ADA-compliant plans in Nebraska, so would they carve out a special plan JUST for Nebraska dentists and their employees? Good question. Finally, would the sheer numbers support a group plan? Probably not unless the federal government allowed the sale of plans across state lines where Nebraska could join with other dental associations. Otherwise, a self-funded plan regulated by the state would be too costly. Personally, I don't understand why in the United States of America we are HELPLESS to come up with something better than what we have. Certainly the polarization of politics doesn't do us any good. We aren't ALL switching fully to the left or right anytime soon (or ever). So, maybe we can relearn to accomplish something through

compromise as was done so successfully for so long in America? Not holding my breath on that one.

Fortunately, in our association, we can come to solutions much more easily, though not without some spirited back and forth at times. I'm thankful to be a member of ODDS, the NDA, and the ADA and privy to all the benefits that they entail including the camaraderie of our general membership meetings.

Congrats to Dr. Gene Gaspard who will take over for Dr. Debra West as Speaker of the House. Deb is going to become the VP of the NDA (Congrats Deb!). Great to see Omaha dentists represented. Hope to see you at the golf outing!

## JANUARY

8 TUE

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

15 TUE

**ODDS General Membership Meeting** 6-8:30 pm Anthony Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE.

**How to Outsmart an Embezzler** — *David G. Harris, CFE, CPA, CMA, CFF, MBA*

Dentistry's embezzlement expert, David Harris, will provide an inside look into the world of embezzlement that is not available anywhere else. Using real-life embezzlements as teaching tools, David will treat this difficult topic in a way that is both informative and entertaining.

Mr. Harris founded Prosperident, the world's largest firm investigating financial crimes against dentists, in 1989, after what could only be called "a happy twist of fate."

## FEBRUARY

5 TUE

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

12 TUE

**ODDS General Membership Meeting** 6-8:30 pm Anthony Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE.

## MARCH

5 TUE

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

12 TUE

**ODDS General Membership Meeting** 6-8:30 pm Anthony Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha, NE.

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. Hundreds of volunteers make this event possible whether it is through hands-on dental care, patient intake, sterilizing instruments, or even directing traffic. For more information, go to [www.nebraskamissionofmercy.com](http://www.nebraskamissionofmercy.com).

## APRIL

2 TUE

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

TBA

**NDA Annual Session**  
For more information, contact the NDA at 1-888-789-2614.

## MAY

7 TUE

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

## Iowa Western's Hygiene Program

We are looking for dentists who will supervise the clinical sessions at Creighton School of Dentistry beginning this fall. Clinic hours are: Wednesdays 8-12; Thursdays 1-5; and Fridays 8-12. Although we currently have one dentist for each session, it is best that we have two per clinic. If interested, please contact Melissa Kouba at [mkouba@iwcc.edu](mailto:mkouba@iwcc.edu) or call 712-388-6808.

## Nebraska Mission of Mercy

The Nebraska Mission of Mercy will be held **March 29-30, 2019** at the **Brownell Talbot School** located at 400 N Happy Hollow Blvd, Omaha, Nebraska. We are looking for many volunteers for this very busy two-day event. If you or any of your staff, family, or friends would like to help, we would love to have you. We have volunteers to lead the following areas: Oral Diagnosis/Triage—Dr. Steve Wegner; Radiology—Dr. Tim Walker; Pedodontics—Dr. Lisa Strunk; Oral Surgery—Dr. Cory Auch; Prosthetics—Dr. Paul Sheridan; Hygiene—Teresa Siwa; and Endodontics—Dr. Caci Liebenritt.

We will need to have many more doctors and hygienists to help supervise and treat patients in each area. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Bruce Kuhn, MD, DDS, NMOM 2019 Chair, via email at [bkuhn@fsiomaha.com](mailto:bkuhn@fsiomaha.com) or call 402-330-8460.

We also need volunteers to check people in, serve food, transport patients, run errands, etc. Please come and help us support those in our community improve their dental and physical health and wellbeing. For the most up-to-date information, please go to [www.nebraskamissionofmercy.com](http://www.nebraskamissionofmercy.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 Diane Frost at 402-677-4451 or email [OmahaDistrictDental@gmail.com](mailto: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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