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President's Letter



Dr. Jerry Wees **ODDS** President

Happy August, ODDS members! I hope you have made the most of this summer, both in your professional and personal endeavors. As your new president (I've

never said that before), I will try to inform and entertain you, as I imagine none of what I say will have a profound influence on your lives. A lot of you will skip reading this anyway.

For those of you who don't know me, here is my informal CV: I am married to Connie, a retired cardiac cath lab nurse; I have four kids-Julie (an Omaha orthodontist), Bob (an attorney at Kiewit), Mary (an artist and cook who lives in France), and Frank (a writer/ beer-maker who lives in Chicago). You should also know that I am a music fanatic (mainly loud and punk), a health nut (weight-lifting since grade school), and a carpenter/welder. I like cats, grandchildren, learning, movies, drones, electronics, fixing stuff, making stuff, controversies, and my kids. So, if you have any interest in any of these, I would love to discuss.

I will do my best to be a good president, and with people like Diane Frost, our dedicated Executive Administrator, my job will be an easy one. Dr. Takanari Miyamoto, serving as our Vice President,

already has a great line-up of speakers for our monthly meetings, including our first-ever "professional speaker," a private investigator, certified and specialized in fraud and financial forensics, coming all the way from Canada.

I am particularly thankful for the other members of the ODDS board, including our past president, Dr. Chris Foix, who will guide me when needed throughout the year. Dr. Gene Gaspard, our Board Secretary, who has the thankless job of chronicling everything we do. Our treasurer, Dr. Dennis Anderson, is another hard-working member of the ODDS team. While I struggle with Quicken for my own home accounting, Dennis manages the ODDS budget with ease—all while serving on the Board of Dentistry. Thank these people when you see them.

Lastly, I will try to pass on knowledge that may enhance your life. When I see a good movie or read a good book, I am always inclined to tell everyone about it - now I have the perfect audience to do so! I'll start it off with a book I read that I reference often. "The People Code" by Taylor Hartman explains what motivates and drives different types of people, coding them as four distinct personality types. It has helped my staff and me interact and communicate with our diverse range of patients. Hope you read it and enjoy it as much as I did!

See you at the next ODDS dinner. Don't make me come after you!

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.

AUGUST

7 TUE

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

SEPTEMBER

TUE

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

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

OCTOBER

2 TUE

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

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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. **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.

Oral - Head and Neck Cancer Updates — *Srinivasa Rama Chandra, MD*

In this presentation, Dr. Srinivasa Rama Chandra will discuss updates to the classification, staging, and current state-of-theart in reconstruction of orofacial defects.

Dr. Chandra is an assistant professor in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Department of Surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

DECEMBER

14 FRI

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

JANUARY

TUE

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

15 TUE

ODDS General Membership Meeting $6\text{-}8\text{:}30~\mathrm{pm}$ Anthony Steakhouse, $7220~\mathrm{F}$ 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.

18-22 THU-MON

American Dental Association
Annual Meeting Honolulu, HI.
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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.

APRIL

2 TUE

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

12 FRI

NDA Annual Session The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE. 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.

JUNE

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2019 Dr. Ben Kutler Memorial Golf Tournament More details to come.

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 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 Liebentritt.

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 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.



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www.OmahaDistrictDS.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.

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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Thanks to all who came out for the Omaha District Dental Society's Dr. Ben Kutler Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Pines Country Club in Valley, NE on June 15 this year. It was a great day for golf.

A very special thanks to Dr. Jerry Wees and his team at Midwest Oral Surgery, and all the volunteers who made the day a huge success!

We would also like to acknowledge our sponsors: Delta Dental, Midwest Oral Surgery, REDiTECH, Patterson Dental, Keystone Dental, Henry Schein, Goetze Dental, Dental Designs, Astra/Dentsply Sirona, Premier Bank, Nebraska Academy of General Dentistry, Dr. Kim McFarland, Carestream, Dr. Donal and Nancy Scheidel, Security National Bank, MidMark Corporation, Merrill Lynch, and Body Basics.