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# President's Message

By Dr. Angela Lueck



Happy Holidays GMDA members! It is hard to believe that another year is almost gone. I hope that we can all look back on 2017 with sincere thanks for all that we have.

The holidays are always such a busy time that we often forget to pause and reflect on all the blessings in our lives. We have a wonderful state to call home. We are surrounded by our non-traditional family, which consists of our friends, co-workers, patients, and colleagues, and we practice in a field that allows us to help the community and make a difference. We have so much to be grateful for.

I would like to acknowledge a few individuals in our region that recently received awards at the Pyramids of Pride dinner associated with the 2017 House of Delegates meeting in Stevens Point just few weeks ago. Dr Colleen Green received an award for New Dentist Leadership and I can see why. She is a highly intelligent, well-spoken individual who I am certain we will be seeing more of in the future. Our WDA treasurer, John Moser received the very prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. As most of you are aware, Dr Moser was my mentor in dental school, and like many of you, I have witnessed his tireless efforts to improve our profession. His passion

for dentistry and for all things financial certainly motivated many persons to become more involved in organized dentistry at a local as well as a state level.

We also congratulate a long-time GMDA member, Dr Tom Raimann for stepping up even after retiring from general practice to join the succession in becoming WDA president.

The GMDA has a lot to be proud of this year. Our membership numbers are up with 547 active and retired members and 20 associate members. I would like to welcome all our new members and hope that we can get a chance to meet you at our annual Holiday Party on December 7<sup>th</sup> or at a future GMDA event.

On a state level, Wisconsin's Dental Medicaid Pilot Program has just finished its first year. Brown, Marathon, Polk and Racine counties have been testing the effect of increased reimbursement rates on access to dental care for low-income patients enrolled in the state program. Please check out this video to see the positive impact it is making: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFqDFH9Btlk>

We have a lot to look forward to in 2018. Join us at Legislative Day on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Let's show the representatives in Madison how much we care for our profession and continue the discussion about our access to care issues throughout our state.

One of the biggest events occurring for the first time in our region is the Mission of Mercy, which takes place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please volunteer and make a difference to somebody in our community. There are multiple ways to serve and I hope to see many of our members there.

Remember during this holiday season to pay it forward. Whether that is a financial gift to your favorite charity, volunteering at a shelter, or simply sharing a smile with a stranger, every little bit can bring cheer to another individual.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year!

# WDA WISCONSIN DENTAL ASSOCIATION Legislative Day™

Thursday, January 25, 2018 • 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Monona Terrace, Madison

## 2018 Individual Registration

Name:  E-mail:

Home Address:  Home City:

Home State:  Home Zipcode:

## Marquette Dental Students

Marquette D2 and D3 dental students will be joining us for the day. All students need to be matched with a dentist "host" for afternoon capitol visits. Student fees are covered by WDA and students are transported to and from Madison via bus. Dentist hosts are not responsible for student transportation or registration fees. Please consider hosting two students for the afternoon session.

➤ Are you a mentor?  Yes  No

➤ I am willing to host:  2  1  0  More than 2  
Marquette dental student/s on my capitol visits

➤ Please list the names of any protégés  
or student requests

## Meals

➤ Do you require a vegetarian meal?  Yes  No

## Fees and Payment\*

➤ Number of attendees (don't count students)  X \$25

➤  I have enclosed a check payable to WDA  
 Please charge my credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover)

CCD #:  Expiration Date:

CVV Code (3 digit):

Signature:

Return to: WDA Legislative Office, 122 W. Washington Ave., Ste. 600. Madison, WI 53703 | Fax: 414-755-4135  
Questions? Contact the WDA Legislative Office at 888-538-8932, or e-mail [dponce@wda.org](mailto:dponce@wda.org)

*\*Due to food and beverage guarantee requirements no refunds will be issued for cancellations unless they are made a week or more prior to the conference date.*

# Legislative Day January 25, 2018

Click on the link to sign up or use the registration form in the booklet. All GMDA members that attend will be reimbursed.

<https://goo.gl/jnqtGq>

## GMDA Social at Great Lakes Distillery Wednesday August 30, 2018

It was great being back in Milwaukee catching up with old friends. As a visitor to the August 30 GMDA Social I cannot thank you enough for your hospitality. I must congratulate you on the great success of that evening as well as tell you how impressed I was with the evening and in particular with the number of enthusiastic dental students and young dentists who were in attendance, many of whom I had a chance to chat with. The vitality of the entire GMDA group was palpable. As one of the officers in the Association of Army Dentistry we face the same struggles all dental organizations face - how to attract and retain new dentists. You and the GMDA have found the key to solve that mystery. Kudos to you and the GMDA leadership. I sincerely appreciate your showing me it isn't as difficult as it appears at times. The night was a great learning experience. Thank you once again for your hospitality and your guidance.

By Dr. Bob Stieneker,  
Association of Army Dentistry Secretary

The event was sponsored by Old National Bank and organized by Eddie Morales and the Social Committee





Drs. Mike DeWan, Bob Steinecker and Charlie Lenarduzzi



Mr. Kevin Anderson, Dr. Eddie Morales and Ms. Krystal Finkbeiner  
Sponsors from Old National Bank



D4 student Ms. Naimi Shah and Dr. Ann Marie Brobson



Group waiting in line to go on the distillery tour Drs. Lynn Lepak-McSorley, Lisa Koenig, Mike Donohoo, Ms. Eileen Donohoo, Ms. Sara Nencka, Drs. Jim Landon and Joe Nencka



Dr. Joe Nencka, Ms Sara Nencka, Drs. Paul Luepke, Amie Hurley and Mr. Matt Hurley



Drs. Mike Donohoo and Jim Luetzow



Drs. Lynn Lepak-McSorley  
and newly elected WDA  
Vice-President, Tom Raimann



Drs. Gary Stafford, Sarah Blair and  
Cheska Avery-Stafford



## GMDA Pyramid of Pride Award Winners



Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Dr. John Moser with proteges Sameet Koppikar, Cheska Avery-Stafford, Angela Lueck, Tanya Drummond, Lisa Skutak and Elaine Barlan



New Dentist Leader Award Winner Dr. Colleen Greene  
With ADA President Dr. Joe Crowley

# WDA House of Delegates

## Stevens Point Nov 3 and 4, 2017



Region 3 House of Delegate Representatives

Front row: Drs. Tom Raimann, Henry Wengelewski, Angela Lueck, Mark Crego, Second row: Joe Nencka, Colleen Greene, Katie Satula, Jim Landon, Lisa Teel, Tim Baggott, Cheska Avery-Stafford, Eddie Morales, Rick Mueller, Mike Grady, Lynn Lepak-McSorley, Third row: John Moser, Treasurer and Monica Hebl, Speaker (not pictured: William Lobb and Russ Dunkel)



Dr. Joe Nencka, Chair of the WDA HOD Reference Committee

# Mentor CE



Drs. Estella Irelan, Kyle Everson (Waupaca, WI), Karen Kasinski (Chicago, IL), Katie Satula (Hales Corners, WI), Noemi Garcia Beiersdorf (Manitowoc, WI), Rieck Beiersdorf (Plymouth, WI) and Angela Lueck

By Dr. Estella Irelan

Saturday Nov. 11, 2017 the Mentor Program hosted its fall CE course: “What you may want to know, but have been afraid to ask,” sponsored by Old National Bank. The panel included dentists from a range of practice backgrounds and from all over the state of Wisconsin. The event was a great success with collegial discussion and dialogue among the 70 mentors and their protégés. Additionally, great financial information was shared by bank representatives, Kevin Anderson and Paul Sackmann. We look forward to seeing our mentors and protégés together again on January 25 in Madison for Legislative Day!

Future events: **January 25, 2018 Legislative Day Madison**

Saturday Feb 3, 2018 MU BB game vs. Providence

Saturday April 7, 2018 CE Jeffrey T. Bonk General Practitioner



***We are excited to share that **Mission of Mercy** is back and will be in Milwaukee June 21-23, 2018. In addition to our traditional fundraising efforts we have created a YouCaring page to help us fundraise this year. YouCaring is a free crowdfunding platform that focuses on compassionate causes and humanitarian efforts. Our link is here:***

***[www.youcaring.com/wdamissionofmercymilwaukeee](http://www.youcaring.com/wdamissionofmercymilwaukeee)***

***We are looking for your help in many different ways.***

- 1. Donate- Visit our page. Donating is simple and user friendly.***
- 2. Spread the word- Share the YouCaring page with your friends, colleagues, patients, and family. You can do this by sharing directly from the YouCaring page on Facebook, creating a post with the link, or by simply sharing the link via an email or flyer.***
- 3. Share your experience- we are also looking for people who would like to share their MOM experiences and story on the YouCaring page. If you had a great experience and would like to share please contact us at [www.MOMinfo@wda.org](mailto:www.MOMinfo@wda.org) and we will get your story out to everyone.***

***In addition to help with the YouCaring page, we are looking for contacts/connections at companies that may be interested in donating to MOM or may have resources that can help put on a successful event. Please contact [www.MOMinfo@wda.org](http://www.MOMinfo@wda.org)***

***Thank you for your help!***

## Dr. Richard Bence obituary

Bence, Richard Survived by his loving friend and faithful companion, Francesca Millunzi. Father of Sherri Zagar (deceased), Michele Ballantyne, Diana (Daniel) Swillinger, Jamie Bence (Michael) Rose and seven beloved grandchildren. Survived also by his brother, Jerome "Chip" (Carrie) Bence; and his treasured niece and nephews. Further survived by his golfing buddies, sailing and North Lake friends, and longtime work friends. Richard graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry and Loyola School of Dentistry and served in the United States Air Force (Captain). He practiced endodontics in the Milwaukee area for 36 years, authored several books (one of which was published in five languages), and enjoyed competitive sailing, golfing, and traveling. A private celebration of Richard's life will be held by his family members. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Richard's name are appreciated to the Special Olympics. Additional information and guest book may be found at [www.myrhum-patten.com](http://www.myrhum-patten.com).

Many of us were touched by Dr. Bence either directly or indirectly through his textbook. He was a very active figure in the local and national endodontic community. His important contributions are appreciated.



# SAVE THE DATES



Nov 30, 2017 .....GMDA CE evening



Dec 7, 2017 .....GMDA Holiday Party



Jan 25, 2018 .....Legislative Day



Apr 5, 2018.....GMDA Social @BlackSheep



Apr 13, 2018 .....CE w/ Lyndon Cooper



June 3, 2018 .....Ride for the Arts



June 22-23, 2018 .....Mission of Mercy

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