



GMDA

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President's Message

By Dr. Eddie Morales



I hope this message finds you well and enjoying some of the warmer weather we've begun to experience lately. Spring is a time of blooms, new growth and returning life – a time of optimism. And so it appears that societal life also follows. With optimism, we return to getting together to celebrate, learn and collaborate in person. Please review the *Important Dates* in this issue of the newsletter and save the dates- I look forward to getting together over the next few months!

In other goings-on, the GMDA raised over \$3300 at our Holiday Party raffle! This money will be donated to the MUSOD Special Needs Clinic to help improve access to care. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and purchased raffle tickets.

The WDA/ADA Health Policy Institute Poll is in effect. Those that signed up for this by February 10, will receive surveys in an effort to fully understand the workforce shortage in our state. By working together, we can come up with solutions. If you couldn't sign up for this round, please keep your eyes open for future opportunities in WDA's *the Drill* emails where you can get information on this other news – check your inboxes Mondays at 3:30pm. Speaking of news, the WDA website has been revamped to improve viewing on mobile devices. Check it out if you haven't lately.

As this is my final letter, I'd like to take this time to thank the board of the GMDA for their leadership over the last year. In helping to navigate and guide our association through a changing political and professional landscape, they have helped to ensure that our association remains strong and that our membership numbers continue trending up. If you have an interest in joining our Board of Directors, I'd strongly encourage you to do so.

In addition, please consider representing the GMDA as a delegate at the WDA Annual Meeting and House of Delegates in November in Green Bay. The GMDA traditionally has strong representation, and we need to continue that trend. The business of the WDA is, and should continue to be, MEMBER-DRIVEN. Remember that you have a voice, it is important, and it is necessary. Please contact me to sign up for either of these opportunities.

GMDA Board 2021-22

The board met on February 9, 2022 at Aperitivo in the Pritzlaff Building, 311 N. Plankinton for dinner and a meeting.

Discussions included the planning of social events, upcoming CE (see flyer in this newsletter), a brain storming session to explore less costly electronic payment options for events, reports from Treasurer-Rick Mueller and Trustees-Cheska Avery-Stafford, Angela Lueck and Andy Smith.



Going around the table from left to right: Drs. Emily Eckdahl-board member, Angela Lueck-Region 3 Trustee, Rick Mueller-GMDA Treasurer, Cheska Avery-Stafford-Region 3 Trustee, Nicole Sawatzke-board member, Swathi Golla-board member, Eddie Morales-GMDA President, John Moser-WDA Treasurer, Charlie Stoianovici-GMDA President-Elect, John Triggs-board member, Andy Smith-At-large Trustee, Jim Landon-GMDA Secretary, Tom Shaw-GMDA Past-President and Katie Satula-Vice-President. Not pictured is Yasser Khaled and Bridget Mackey.

Fundamentals of Oral Medicine in Clinical Dentistry

Presented by
Bhavik Desai, DMD, PhD

Thursday, April 7, 2022

5:30 p.m. Social

6:15 p.m. Dinner

7 - 9 p.m. Presentation

Brookfield Conference Center

325 S Moorland Road

Brookfield, WI 53005

2 CE credit hours will be awarded

**Cost: \$85.00 for Members and Member's Staff
\$95.00 for non-Members and non-Member's Staff**

Register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/267856645437>

Or send a check along with names of registrants to:
GMDA, c/o Dr. Rick Mueller, 11230 W. Godsell Ave., Hales Corners, WI 53130

For any program questions, please email Dr. Jim Landon at jimldds@msn.com; for registration questions, email Amy Bastic at abastic@wda.org



BHAVIK DESAI, DMD, PHD: Dr. Desai has extensive training and experience in oral medicine, temporomandibular disorders, and orofacial pain. Upon graduating from dental school in India, Dr. Desai attended the University of Maryland Dental School in Baltimore, MD where he received his PhD in biomedical sciences. He attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in Philadelphia, PA where he received his DMD.

Dr. Desai continued at the Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine where he completed a 2-year residency in oral medicine and went on to teach and practice at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry. He became an assistant professor and postgraduate program director at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine where he taught and practiced oral medicine and orofacial pain. Subsequently, Dr. Desai became the Associate Professor and Section Director of Oral Medicine, at the Dental College of Georgia, where he again taught and practiced oral medicine and orofacial pain.

After almost a decade in academia, he transitioned to full time private practice and is currently in private practice in the Milwaukee area and manages patients with orofacial pain, sleep apnea and oral mucosal lesions.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Identifying common types of oral mucosal lesions in a dental practice
2. Differentiating benign versus malignant oral lesions
3. Management of common oral mucosal lesions and learning when to refer
4. Summarizing diagnosis and management of burning mouth disorder
5. Providing a brief overview on neuropathic conditions affecting the head and neck region.



Dr. L. Thomas Johnson

Milwaukee - Dr. L. Thomas Johnson passed away on January 9, 2022 at the age of 91. The son of Philip Oliver Johnson, Sr., and Dona Marie (Michaud) Johnson, he was born July 25, 1930 in Muskegon, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan in February, 1953 with a bachelor's degree and a teacher's certificate in secondary education. He then entered the U. S. Air Force and served as an instructor in ground training at the 2473rd Air Force Combat Training Center, 438th Fighter Bomber Wing in Milwaukee.

He married Catherine von Glahn on June 26, 1954 in Muskegon, Michigan.

Following completion of his military service, he entered Marquette University School of Dentistry, graduating in 1961. He subsequently operated a private dental practice for thirty-four years, first on the north side of Milwaukee and then at Bay Shore Mall.

Dr. Johnson served as professor of Pathology, Oral Pathology/Oncology, Fixed Prosthodontics, and Forensic Applications of Dental Science for 52 years at Marquette University School of Dentistry. During

his tenure at Marquette, Dr. Johnson was awarded multiple research grants to further the forensic applications of dental science and published many peer-reviewed papers in the field. He brought closure to hundreds of Wisconsin families through the identification of otherwise unidentifiable decedents for the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner and Wisconsin coroners for over forty years, retiring for the second time at age 83.

Dr. Johnson loved to sail, travel, read, and research his areas of special interest. He was steadfast in his love for his family and his care for his patients. He was a fifty-two-year resident of Whitefish Bay and most recently lived at the Milwaukee Catholic Home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine, his best friend and companion for seventy years; his parents; a sister, Eleanor Ferrell Schrader; and brothers Philip Oliver Johnson, Jr. and Roger Paul Johnson. Survivors include a son, Thomas Johnson; daughters Ann (John) Myers and Margaret (Tripp) Eldredge; and grandchildren Ben (fiancée Shelby Harper) Eldredge, Allison (Frank) Mueller, Linden Eldredge, Jack Myers, and Connor Eldredge.

He was a WDA and GMDA member for 61 years.



Mark Herman Gronemeyer

Passed away peacefully on May 17, 2021 at the age of 72.

He was born to Ken and Lorraine on July 23, 1948. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Marquette University and started his own successful private dental practice. Mark and Mary raised 2 daughters.

Mark enjoyed music and was an accomplished pianist and guitarist. He also had a talent for photography, both in taking pictures and in editing. His kids and grandkids looked forward to the clever birthday cards he made for them. He had an interesting story for each coin in his collection. In recent years, he entertained many with his jokes and other Facebook posts. He loved taking his dog, Buddy for walks through his neighborhood, during which he got to know many of his wonderful neighbors. He was a good listener and could talk on any subject. He was always interested in what everyone had to say. He was so proud of his family. With his positive outlook on life, he was an inspiration to all who met him.

Mark is survived by his wife Mary Lynn Gronemeyer; two children: Lisa Strand (Andrew) and Sheila Guerin (Jason); eight grandchildren: Sydney Gronemeyer, Noah Guerin, Noah Strand, Abigail Strand, Isabel Strand, Elizabeth Strand, Annelise Strand and Emmett Strand, Sister in law: Evelyn Wagner; nephew: Brett Gronemeyer (Lea); niece: Angela Leonardi (Peter). Mark was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Gronemeyer and his parents Kenneth and Lorraine Gronemeyer.

He was a WDA and GMDA member for 48 years.



Dr. Henry Roepke

2/13/2020-1/13/2022

Dr. Henry "Hank" Roepke, passed away in Surprise, Arizona, one month shy of his 102nd birthday. He was with his daughters Cheryl Anderson and Laura Krasinski at the time of his passing.

Hank moved to Milwaukee from Birnamwood, WI at age 19 to attend Milwaukee Area Technical

college to become a machinist. He was hired by Allis-Chalmers and then was drafted after Pearl Harbor into the US Army Air Corps. After scoring well on a mechanical aptitude test, he was reassigned to be a dental mechanic (now dental technician).

After four years of service, Hank came back to Milwaukee and worked in dental labs. He did not like the fact that he never got to see the patients, unlike in the service, so he enrolled in Marquette's pre-dental program, and graduated from MUSoD in 1952. His daughter Laura was a ceramist at Marquette in the early 80's, and then worked with her dad the last 30 years of his career as a lab tech and office administrator. He practiced until he was 92 years old. His wife Carol needed more of his time caring for her. They moved to Arizona, and Henry golfed three times a week. He bought the golf cart in the picture around his 100th birthday.

Henry flew his Cessna to Canada, to his cabin on Donald Lake in Ontario, pontoons in place for water landings. Henry loved hunting, fishing, golf, Marquette basketball and teaching dentistry. He had well over 100,000 slides. In addition to teaching at Marquette and the VA at Wood, WI, Henry was

known to invite dentists to his house for an evening of CE in his basement.

He was friends with Willi Gellar, the porcelain master in Austria, and was able to stack porcelain that was incredibly lifelike, with colors layered deep in the restoration coming together to mimic nature. He was a member and past-president of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry. He was a member of the GMDA for 70 years.

When asked how he stayed so young, Henry would say “Never let your body know how old you are!”

The Greater Milwaukee Dental Association would like to invite you all to consider running for WDA leadership. More information can be found on WDA.org or by contacting WDA Executive Director, Mark Paget 414-755-4100.

- **OFFICERS | *Deadline June 1, 2022***
 - President-elect (one-year term)
 - Vice president (one-year term)
 - Editor (four-year term, may serve unlimited terms)
 - Speaker of the House (one-year term, may serve unlimited terms)
 - Treasurer (three-year term; may serve unlimited terms)
- **AT LARGE TRUSTEE | *Deadline June 1, 2022***
 - At-large trustee (three-year term, maximum of two terms)
- **REGIONAL TRUSTEE | *Deadline April 1, 2022***
 - Region 3 trustee ((three year term, maximum Of two terms.)

Congratulations to Greater Milwaukee Dental Association members, Bridget Mackey and Emily Eckdahl following their completion of the WDA Leadership Academy. The leadership academy serves to help members develop leadership skills, network with other member dentists and solidify their path in organized dentistry. Both Bridget and Emily are currently on the GMDA Board of Directors and thus we are excited for them to continue their leadership journey in organized dentistry!

TRUSTEE REPORT

By Drs. Cheska Avery-Stafford and Angela Lueck

Recently installed WDA President, Dr. Cliff Hartmann, has acknowledged the workforce challenges facing Wisconsin dental practices and has pledged to address this issue during his presidency. While the nation is facing a shortage of dental hygienists and dental assistants, Wisconsin has been impacted to a greater extent. These workforce shortages along with the Omicron surge over the past two months, has resulted in a decrease in patient visits across the state.

The WDA has created a dental workforce stakeholder group in an effort to collaborate with other associations and state agencies in search of solutions for this crisis. Part of finding a solution will entail gathering data in order to gain a better understanding of what practitioners are facing. The ADA Health Policy Institute (HPI) is conducting monthly polls of U.S. dentists to measure the economic impact of the pandemic and resulting workforce shortage. We urge WI dentists to please register to be a part of HPI's polling panel. Dentists of all specialties and practice types are encouraged to participate.

<https://www.ada.org/resources/research/health-policy-institute/economic-outlook-and-emerging-issues>

Thank you in advance for your participation! We will keep you updated as we receive more information.



Dentist Position Available

Job Duties

- Examine current oral health trends and needs within a community to determine what areas need improvement.
- Develop new oral health policies that can improve dental health
- Implement those policies and monitor them to ensure they have the right results
- Develop and improve oral health issues. This could be free or reduced-cost dental clinics, PPO dental services, educational programs, or any number of other things.
- Perform oral examination of patients in the community, analyze dental health problems, and develop appropriate treatment plans.

Job Requirements

- Education: Licensing as a Dentist in the State of Wisconsin
- Skills and Experience: Previous experiences as a Dentist
- Able to work 20 hours or less per week. This is a paid position.

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
March 10	Spring Social at Black Sheep
April 2	WDA/MUSOD/PFA Mentorship Program Spring CE
April 7	GMDA Spring CE Evening
May 12	GMDA Annual Meeting
July 25	GMDA Golf Outing at the River Club Mequon
Nov 10	WDA Continuing Education and Networking Event
Nov 11-12	WDA House of Delegates



RIDE FOR THE ARTS 2022

Please join us on June 5th

The UPAF Ride for the Arts, Sponsored by Miller Lite, is more than just a ride - it's an opportunity for friends, families and coworkers to have fun and support our region's world class performing arts organizations.

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at www.UPAF.org



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The truth is that tomorrow's oral health leaders need today's state-of-the-art technology. The Wisconsin Dental Association is partnering with Marquette University's School of Dentistry to launch an \$18 million effort to totally rebuild the facility's clinics with the latest high-tech equipment. With your help, we will carry on our tradition of dental excellence well into the future.

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