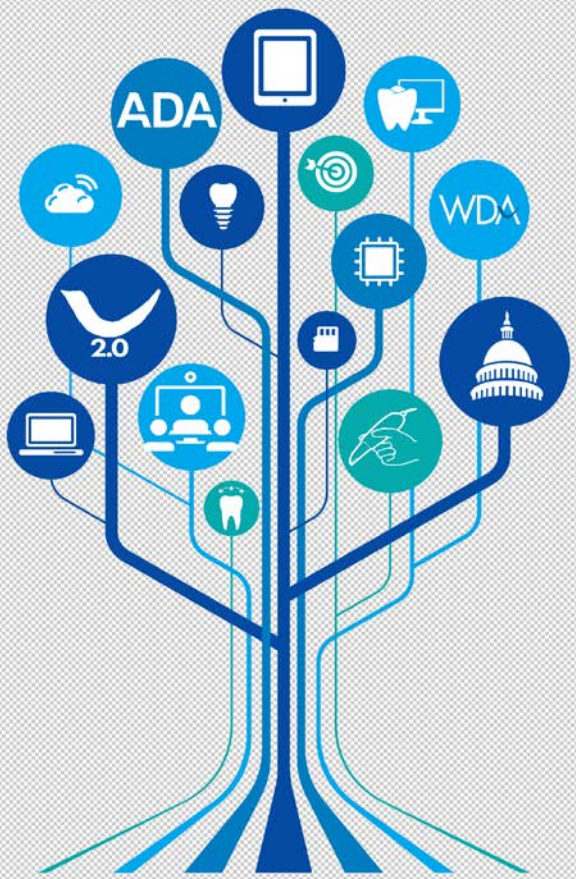

GMDA

Connecting You To Success

President's Message
Dr. Katie Satula

The world's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, did not see his shadow, that means an early spring is on its way. That is good news for us, as GMDA Board has been busy this winter, planning a busy Spring!

However, this winter gave us no shortage of events either. We wrapped up 2023 with our Annual Holiday Party at Bluemound Golf and Country Club. Our host Dr. Susan Freundl-Klein knows how to put on a Party! We had over 100 attendees and raised over $4000 for the Marquette Dental SPEA Students. Be sure to check out their article in the newsletter to see all that this organization does and will do for the students. A huge thank you also goes out to all our sponsors for this event. So many of you stepped up to make this event such a success by sponsoring or providing raffle items.

The GMDA CE Committee started the year off on a high note by hosting Drs Jack Keesler and Mike Waliszewski, who gave a prosthodontic update on FPD: Forgotten Preferred Dentistry. We had a tremendous turnout of general dentists of all age groups, specialists, and reps. Dr. Waliszewski and Dr. Keesler's lecture was highly informative and extremely well received by attendees. Be sure to sign up for our next **CE on Thursday,**

March 28th. Judge Mosley will present to give all members of the dental team the opportunity to have unconscious bias training, “Knowing What You Don’t Know.” Unconscious Bias is a learned stereotype that is automatic, unintentional, deeply ingrained, universal, and able to influence behavior. We all have some form of unconscious bias, and the key is to recognize that we have it and employ techniques to mitigate it. This event is a great low-cost way to get your team together and provide some valuable nonclinical CE credit as the event is open to all members of the dental team.

This legislative year has been a big one for Wisconsin Dentists. Between EFDAs and Dental Therapists, Assignment of Benefits and the Licensure Compact, our WDA Legislative team has certainly been busy. While it is an off year for WDA Legislative Day, your GMDA Board knows how important it is for us to stay connected with our legislators. Join us on **March 7th from 5-7pm at Pourman’s** in Downtown Milwaukee for a Legislative Meet and Greet. Legislators and/or their representatives from all over the Milwaukee area will join us. Our WDA Director of Government Services, Andrew "Gus" Gustafson, and WDA President, Dr. Chris Hansen, will also be joining us to give a brief update on all our legislative dental wins. You will also have the opportunity to donate to WIDPAC- Wisconsin Dental Political Action Committee. Your contributions are what keeps moving Wisconsin Dental Legislation forward!

We will wrap up the Spring with our Annual Spring Social. We are pleased to bring back this event in conjunction with MUSoD D4 Signing Day! This is the day we will welcome the D4 class at Marquette into Organized Dentistry! It is a great way to network, mentor, and connect with colleagues! As always, we are looking for sponsors for the event, if you or your practice have interest, please reach out to me directly at ksatuladds@gmail.com

With the above mentioned events and others this spring and summer – our annual meeting and annual golf outing—the GMDA Board has streamlined all event registration! We created our own formal Gmail account and linked it to our own Eventbrite account. In addition, we purchased a QR code that you will see posted on all events that will take you to our Eventbrite at any time. This QR code makes it easy to scan and see what events are coming up!

Register Here

Lastly, this is my final President's message. Its hard to believe nearly a year has gone by. In taking on this role I promised to shake things up a bit, really focus on what members want, engage members across all demographics and practice modalities, and bring value to your membership. In conjunction with your outstanding GMDA Board we have brought low cost CE of value to members, engaged our legislators and WDA legislative team, provided free networking and socializing opportunities, and bridged the gap between the GMDA and MUSoD by bring student representatives to our board. All while still keeping many of our tried and true traditions you have come to expect from the GMDA. This profession and this organization truly mean a lot to me, and it has been an honor to serve as your president over the last year. I hope some of the changes I have made continue and improve.

I encourage anyone wanting to get the most value for your membership to consider a leadership position in this great organization. Thank you for your trust in me and support over the last year. I look forward to continuing to serve our organization in other ways in the future.

Looking to get involved???

Board of Directors

The GMDA Board of Directors meets monthly. The boards primary goals are to plan and implement events, discuss, strategize, and act on important local and state dental issues, and serve our members by bringing value to members.

House of Delegates

The WDA House of Delegates meets yearly to discuss and implement all policies of the WDA. Elected GMDA delegates meet once prior to the house to discuss resolutions and attend all scheduled delegate responsibilities during the house.

November 8-9, 2024 in Eau Claire, WI

Committee Member

Your GMDA Board is always looking for individuals who want to serve on committees. Whether it is a one-time role or reoccurring, there's room for any level of involvement on our continuing education, membership, and social/events committees.

If interested in being a part of GMDA Leadership, contact GMDA President Katie Satula at ksatuladds@gmail.com

Holiday Party December 7, 2023
Bluemound Country Club

Drs. Nicole Sawatzke, Mike Donohoo, Katie Satula and her protégé, Ms. Anna Misky D1 MUSOD student

Dr. Lynn Lepak-McSorley, Dr. Brian McSorley with Hosts Dr. Chuck Klein and Dr. Sue Fruendl-Klein

Drs. Mike Grady, Tim Baggott and Bill Baggott

Drs. Emily Eckdahl and Andrea Emmerich

Mrs. Pat and Dr. Kevin King

Drs. Joe Stiglitz,
Joe DeGuzman and
Ms. Pam Stiglitz

Ms. Gina and Drs. Bill Crinzi, Katie Satula, Tom Raimann
and Ms. Mick Dwyer

Ms. Stephanie Goeckermann, Drs. Jared Frisbie and Rob Goeckermann

Dr. Cheska Avery-Stafford, Ms. Sara Nencka,
Drs. Joe Nencka, Cristina Smith and Sofya Kats

MUSOD Faculty with Dental Students: Ms. Anna Misky, Ms.Sher Michaud, Drs. Lisa Koenig, Tom Raimann, Mary Cimrmancic, Mike Grady, Ms. Nicole Peters, Ms. Alex Pentala, Ms.Caroline Miller and Dr. John Moser

Dr. Lynn Lepak-McSorley, Ms. Eileen Donohoo, Ms. Nancy and Dr. Dan Holzhauer

Dr. Stanley Sehler, Mr. John Bodenbach, Drs. Lisa Koenig and John Moser

Dr. Burton E. Goodman

Passed away peacefully at his home in Mequon on Jan. 15th at age 102 surrounded by family and loved ones. He is survived by his life partner, Harriet Bocksenbaum; children, Brooke (Peter) Cohen, Bret (Sue Peterson) Goodman, and Blane (Judi) Goodman; Amy (Mark) Kleinerman and Kurt (Leah) Bocksenbaum; granddaughters, Bevan Cohen, Sydney and Mara Kleinerman, Elizabeth Bocksenbaum and Elizabeth Goodman, and grandsons, Andrew and Charlie Goodman. Further survived by great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Beverly (nee Altman) Goodman, mother of Brooke, Bret and Blane; by his parents, Harry and Marcelle (nee Erenske) Goodman; and by his brother, Fred Goodman.

A graduate of the University of WI, Madison and the Marquette School of Dentistry, Dr. Goodman served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy at the base hospital in Samar, Philippine Islands, as well as on the USS Fulton, a submarine tender, and on San Francisco's Treasure Island.

After his military service, Dr. Goodman's dental practice focused on helping non-ambulatory and geriatric patients, often going to their homes to treat them, which he did well into his 90s. He was affiliated with Mount Sinai Hospital for over 20 years, including serving as the dental department's Chief of Staff.

Dr. Goodman went on to operate Goodman-Bensman Funeral Homes, the first exclusively Jewish funeral home in the state of WI, which was founded by his father, Harry B. Goodman, in 1927.

Dr. Goodman had a great passion for life. He was an avid bridge player, accomplished pilot and had a love for all sports, including golf, tennis, skiing, among many others. His second love other than his family was animals. His smile and generous spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May his memory forever be a blessing.

He was a WDA and GMDA member for 78 years and happened to be the WDA's oldest living member.

Dr. Thomas S. O'Malley

Tom passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at the age of 91.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Ruth (nee Gutenkunst) and was the proud and loving father of three sons Dr. Glen, Kevin (Nadine) and Tim (Julie). He was a devoted grandfather and cherished by nieces, nephews, extended family and countless friends.

Dr. Tom loved his career as a Dentist. He took great pride that he carry on and grew the practice his father Stan had founded in 1926, but also was able to celebrate his son Glen's success. Reflecting on three generations of O'Malley Family Dentistry always brought a smile to his face.

He considered himself fortunate to have served many organizations throughout his life, including the US Public Health Service (lieutenant junior grade), Mitchell Field Rotary, as a Shriner, the Tri-County JayCees, Heiliger Huegel Ski Club, Pewaukee Lake Yacht Club, Bilge Puller, Chenequa Country Club, Association of Independent Dentists, his Friday Dental Group, and the "Rusty Zipper" Club.

Along with his career, Tom was known to all as a craftsman, horseman, hunter, sailor, skier, golfer, pilot and lifelong learner, who loved his country. Always quick with a joke and a story with beer in hand, he was a true Irishman!

In addition to thanking family and friends for their love and support, the family would like to thank the team at BrightStar Care, especially special friend, Elicia for her compassion and beautiful spirit in caring for dad.

He was a WDA and GMDA member for 54 years!

THE GREATER MILWAUKEE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE

Meet & Greet

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1127 N Water St,
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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MAR | 7TH | 2024

5-7PM

Contact GMDA President Dr. Katie Satula at ksatulaDDS@gmail.com with questions

THE GREATER MILWAUKEE DENTAL ASSOCIATION HOSTS

Unconscious Bias Training for the Dental Team

Presented by Judge Derek Mosley

March 28, 2024

Bucyrus Club

6pm-9pm

GMDA Members and Staff: $20
Non GMDA Members and Staff: $35

OBJECTIVES

- Learn to assess and measure unconscious bias
- Be able to define unconscious bias
- Learn the history of unconscious bias in America
- Learn how subconsciously, decisions are being made in your mind
- Learn how unconscious bias affects everyday life
- Finally, learn ways to mitigate your bias

2 NonClinical CE Credits

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JOIN US FOR THE

Greater Milwaukee Dental Association Annual Meeting

HONORING
INCOMING PRESIDENT

Dr. Nicole Sawatzke

Thurs, May 9, 2024 | *6-9 p.m.*

Gather at Deer District
333 W Juneau Ave Ste B,
Milwaukee, WI 53203

Mark your calendars
Registration and details to follow

GMDA Golf Outing

Mark your calendars! The annual golf outing is scheduled for **Monday, July 29, 2024**.

It will be held at the prestigious **The Legend at Merrill Hills in Waukesha.** The outing will kick-off with a 1pm shotgun start and dinner to follow in their newly renovated facilities.

There will be numerous hole and raffle prizes. Call your colleagues, organize a four-some, and spend an afternoon out of the office at one of SE Wisconsin's best golf clubs.

Email invitations and registration information to follow.

Cheers,

John Triggs

RADIATION REGULATIONS

Recent changes in state inspection procedures have made certain radiology safety documentation more important.

For those that would like to handle this in house, you can go to Radiation Protection | Wisconsin Department of Health Services website and click on the link for the guide at | Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

All registrants are required to have a radiation safety program and written radiation safety policy. This policy should establish procedures that will minimize exposure to employees. A point person, Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), must be designated and an annual review of these procedures undertaken. A “Notice to Employee” document must be posted in an employee accessible area. The guide at the link above includes appropriate training subjects and Individual Radiation Monitoring Requirements.

All radiation exposure should follow the ALARA (As Low As Reasonable Achievable) principle. No x-ray exams shall be taken unless ordered by a dentist. DHS 157 in the state statutes has more information. Wisconsin Legislature: DHS 157.86

GMDA was recently contacted by Reagan Saxe and Jennifer Bjork from Strategic Dental Imaging regarding their services. Their information is included for anyone interested in using their state site visit consulting. “Preparing for a state site visit is crucial to ensure your dental office complies with safety regulations. Recent changes in state inspection procedures have made certain radiology safety documentation more important. Recognizing these shifts and ensuring that your office is adequately prepared is essential. Comprehensive support is available to meet your office's needs, including calibrating technique charts, developing your annual radiation safety training, and writing radiation protection programs. Strategic Dental Imaging can help you navigate these evolving regulatory expectations and safeguard the well-being of your patients and staff.” Contact them through their website or via email: info@strategicdentalimaging.com

Strategic Dental Imaging

TRUSTEE REPORT

Drs. Cheska Avery-Stafford and Angela Lueck

We hope that 2024 has been off to a great start for our fellow colleagues! We are happy to report that the Wisconsin Dental Association's legislative efforts recently resulted with several bipartisan bills being signed into law by Governor Evers. The bills were part of a package that includes the WDA's main legislative priorities. The package included Act 87 - Dental Therapy, which will now go the Dental Examining Board for implementation, Act 88 – Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact, Act 89 - $20 Million for technical college oral health programs, Act 90 – Marquette Rural Scholarships, and Act 91 - Assignment of Benefits which is scheduled to go into effect on September 1, 2024. By signing Act 88 – Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact, Wisconsin became the fourth state to support this nationwide effort, behind Iowa, Tennessee, and Washington. This legislation is pending in several states. The compact will become operational when a minimum of seven states have adopted the legislation. It is important to keep in mind that the above legislative wins for the state of Wisconsin occurred following the tireless efforts of WDA member dentists working with lawmakers from both parties with the intention of positively affecting oral health.

By now, we hope that everyone is aware of the WDA Savings Club initiative and encourage everyone to sign up. The WDA Savings Club is not a dental insurance plan, it is a modern dental savings plan that will make dentistry more convenient and affordable for patients. The savings club boasts higher fee schedules, which will be updated annually, faster payments and access to more than 1 million consumers in the state of Wisconsin. Registration is

seamless and there are no contracts to sign, meaning you can end participation at any time.

The Wisconsin Dental Political Action Committee (WIDPAC) needs the support of member dentists. Positive relationships established through WIDPAC ensure that the WDA remains a trusted resource for state lawmakers. It is critical that we continue to foster a political environment where dentists are contacted and included in the conversation for legislation that affects the profession of dentistry. Financial contributions from WDA dentists are directed to state-level candidates with solid records of supporting dentistry and oral health. WIDPAC support is bipartisan and seeks to support candidates who support dentists. Please consider contributing.

Dr. Cheska Avery-Stafford will complete her second three-year term in November of 2024 and is therefore not eligible to run again. Deadline for applying for the WDA Region 3 Trustee seat is April 1, 2024. Those interested need to complete an online application, as well as submit a CV and headshot on wda.org.

Please plan to participate in the scheduled virtual WDA Town Hall meetings. The first town hall was held on February 21st while the two remaining town halls are scheduled for June 25th and September 19th . WDA Leadership and guest speakers will share the latest news on what is happening in the state as it pertains to dentistry. We are in a time of significant movement in many aspects of dentistry including new legislation and disruption in the dental insurance marketplace. We are pleased to report on these positive achievements in the state of Wisconsin and hope to continue to shine light on the value of membership in organized dentistry.

GMDA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

spring/summer 2024

7 Mar — Legislative Meet and Greet
5PM-7PM, POURMANS PUB

11 April — Spring Social
6PM-8PM, APERITIVO

28 Mar — CE Event
Unconscious Bias Training with Judge Mosley
6PM-9PM, BUCYRUS

9 May — Annual Meeting
6PM-9PM, GATHER

29 Jul — Golf Outing
Merrill Hills

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