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Happy fall GMDA members!

As summer winds down, it's hard to believe how quickly 2025 is passing by. I hope each of you found time to enjoy the warm weather with family, friends, and some well-deserved relaxation. Just as the summer seemed to pass in the blink of an eye, fall promises to be equally full and fast-moving—with several exciting opportunities for us to



Dr. Bridget Mackey
GMDA President

connect, learn, and grow together as colleagues. Let's take a glance ahead to the rest of 2025...

We are kicking off our fall calendar on September 24th with an always special event: our Fall Social, which will also include a visit from WDA President Dr. Tom Reid, as well as the MUSOD Dean Dr. Elsbeth Kalenderian. Taking place at South Second, this will be a wonderful opportunity to network, share stories about our summers, and to hear firsthand updates and insights from our leadership at the state level. Please bring any meaningful questions you might have, as there will be an opportunity for Q&A with President Reid. If you haven't registered yet, please do so!

The WDA Mentor Program will kick off a new season with the annual Mentor Dinner on Thursday, October 9th. If you've been curious about becoming a mentor but haven't jumped in yet, there is a place for you--please reach out to Candice Wegner at cwegner@wda.org for more information.

On October 16th, we will welcome oral surgeon Dr. Brian Carr for the fall GMDA Continuing Education program, again being held at Central Standard. His presentation on 8 key takeaways for dental implants is sure to sell out, so register soon!

November brings the WDA House of Delegates, where important decisions are made for the future of our profession in Wisconsin. This year's HOD is taking place in Appleton, with many of our colleagues dedicating their time, energy and resources to represent us. We thank them for their service and commitment.

In December, we come together for our annual Holiday Party--we are so excited to be hosted by the Bluemound Country Club again this year! This gathering is always a highlight, with a focus on camaraderie and giving back. Please mark Thursday, December 4th on your calendars--I hope to see you there.

The pace of the year reminds us just how valuable it is to pause and connect with one another. I encourage you to join us for these upcoming events--you'll find they are not only enjoyable, but also enriching both personally and professionally.

I look forward to seeing you this fall!
Dr. Bridget Mackey

GREATER MILWAUKEE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

GMDA FALL SOCIAL & PRESIDENT'S VISIT

SPECIAL GUEST - WDA PRESIDENT, DR. TOM REID

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

SOUTH SECOND - 6PM

WDA UPDATES

SOCIAL

DRINKS

HEAVY APPETIZERS

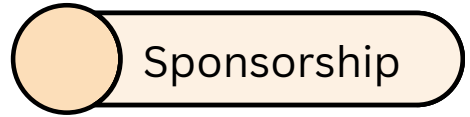
RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 10



Our GMDA Board subcommittees are looking for members to help behind the scenes, requiring very little time commitment.



If you've got ideas or a desire to get involved without giving up much of your schedule reach out to GMDA Secretary Katie Satula at ksatuladds@gmail.com



Sponsorship Opportunities



Are you a specialist looking to support your local organization?



Do you have recommendations on companies or reps that might be interested in sponsoring GMDA events?

CONNECT WITH US

Reach out to GMDA Secretary
Katie Satula at ksatuladds@gmail.com

WISCONSIN DENTAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

2025 WDA House of Delegates

The Hilton Appleton, 333 W. College Avenue, Appleton, WI
Friday, November 14 & Saturday, November 15, 2025

GMDA Delegates

Dr. Bridget Mackey	Dr. Nicole Sawatzke
Dr. Swathi Golla	Dr. Emily Eckdahl
Dr. Charlie Krenzke	Dr. Rick Mueller
Dr. Katie Satula	Dr. Geoff Ganzman
Dr. Mike Grady	Dr. Heather Harris

GMDA Alternate Delegates

Dr. Andrea Emmerich	Dr. Kaitlin Jasper
Dr. Marybeth Francis	Dr. Sirisha Pulapaka
Dr. Rachel Cook	

WISCONSIN DENTAL ASSOCIATION SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, November 13, 2025



The Passion-Centered Practice
Keynote Speaker Gary Zelesky

Afternoon breakout sessions for
the entire team



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Delta Dental of Wisconsin acquires Cherry Tree Dental

Information provided by Executive Director Mark Padget and WDA President Tom Reid

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More detailed
information and the
latest Q&A and Myth vs
Facts can be found in the
latest **HOT ISSUE**



**STATE SETS OCT. 2
HEARING DATE ON
DELTA/CHERRY TREE
PURCHASE**



Updates related to Delta Dental's recent acquisition of Cherry Tree Dental:

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance: WDA submitted written comments to the state Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, which is reviewing corporate restructuring plans filed by Delta Dental of Wisconsin that appear to be related to the Cherry Tree purchase. Our letter details concerns about potential conflicts of interest and questions whether the purchase of dental practices is an appropriate use of the premiums paid to Delta by consumers. A July 2 statement from the ADA was also shared outlining the American Dental Association's concerns about the purchase. The OCI will hold a public hearing on Delta Dental's filing. As soon as we know a time, date and place, that information will be shared so that concerned dentists may attend and share their thoughts.

There will also be an opportunity to submit written comments, and those details will be shared, as well.

Legislative Advocacy Committee: The Delta/Cherry Tree transaction was the subject of a great deal of discussion at the last meeting of the WDA Legislative Advocacy Committee. WDA's government affairs team and member dentists have spoken with several state lawmakers who share our concerns, and we have options to explore related to legislative protections for patients and providers. More information will be shared as the WDA's legislative strategy progresses.

Department of Justice: The WDA submitted a letter to the Wisconsin Department of Justice asking that attorneys monitor the OCI review process. The letter requests that DOJ keep close watch to ensure that the business arrangement does not result in unfair disadvantages for patients or providers.



WDA online TOWN HALL

Sept 25 | 6pm-7pm

Registration Required



WDA leadership will provide an update and answer questions about the Delta/Cherry Tree situation. Participants can submit questions with their registration and will also be able to enter questions into the chat during the Town Hall. Scan the QR Code to register.



Save the Date!

Eight Key Takeaways for Dental Implants

Two credit CE presented by:
Dr. Brian Carr, DMD, MD
Oral Surgery Associates of
Milwaukee

Thursday, October 16th

- Location: Central Standard,
The Mix room, second floor
- 5:30– 6:30: cocktail hour
(2 drink tickets included)
- 6:30–8:30: dinner & lecture
- 8:30–9:00: Q&A
- \$20 for GMDA members
- \$35 for non- GMDA members



Registration link
coming soon!

Trustee Report



Region 3 Trustees
Dr. Angela Lueck
Dr. Charlie Stoianovici



A lot has occurred since our last trustee report that has frustrated our members. We all were shocked when we learned that Delta Dental purchased Cherry Tree Dental and we wondered how this could have happened. Aside from dealing with the effects of COVID, I have never heard from more individuals in Region 3.

The WDA stepped up to the plate to answer the numerous phone calls and questions from our members during these tumultuous times and kept members informed every step of the way. Many of us were surprised to hear that the law to allow non-dentists to own dental practices passed over 30 years ago and that we were one of only a handful of states in the U.S. that allows this practice. The WDA has emailed all members excellent Q&As to help all of us better understand the situation. They have explored all avenues in ways we can get involved; keeping open lines of communication with the ADA General Counsel, the Attorney General, the DEB, and the DOJ, and have also explored avenues to propose new legislation that might affect this process in the future. The most important thing is to ensure that this new ownership does not change or impede patient care in any way. The WDA will continue to keep its members informed.

The ADA has also come under much scrutiny and the Interim Executive Director Betsy Shapiro is working tirelessly to “right the ship”. Betsy Shapiro, the ADA Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee, are working together to deliver a balanced budget. The ADA President Elect, Richard Risoto has a good vision for the future of the ADA; we will be in good hands moving forward.

Again, we applaud the team at the WDA for their ability to navigate and manage everything from communications to member renewals while dealing with the Salesforce/ Fontiva database transfer- the WDA has maintained excellent membership numbers throughout this process and they will continue to work hard behind the scenes for all members. Our wonderful Executive Director, Mark Paget, has announced his retirement after almost 20 years in the role. After the board reviewed and interviewed multiple applicants, we have offered the job to a very worthy applicant. Stay tuned to hear the big announcement in upcoming weeks. The new ED will be a good fit for the WDA- someone that brings fresh ideas, who is passionate about our organization, and will continue to provide value to the members of the WDA. We are excited to see what the future holds.

The WDAISC Board has been interviewing candidates for President as Mara Roberts is also retiring at the end of this year. The two finalists were interviewed at the August 8th WDAISC Board meeting and the new President will be announced shortly.

We hope that many of you were able to enjoy a day at the Milwaukee County Zoo. We have many upcoming events, so please check the GMDA calendar and join in the fun. We hope to see many of you at an event in the near future.

We also ask any who are not currently involved in the Mentorship Program at Marquette to consider giving your time to encourage a student as they navigate through school and beyond and enter this great profession of ours.

And remember that we are always available to answer questions and to bring things to the board that might be concerning you. Reach out anytime.

Sincerely,
Dr's Angela Lueck and Charlie Stoianovici

2025 MOM Recap

- Over 650 volunteers and donors
- 750+ patients seen
- \$800,000+ in free dental care given

THANK YOU!

**to all our GMDA
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Dr. Sofya Kats volunteers
at the 2025 MOM



Save the Date

Annual GMDA Holiday Party
Thursday, December 4, 2025
Bluemound Country Club

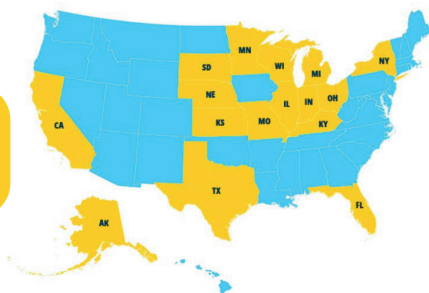
Marquette University School of Dentistry Class of 2029

3, 106 Applicants

3.75 avg undergrad GPA

480 interviews
195 accepted students
100 total class size

16 States and 45 colleges & universities represented



42% Men | 58% Women
19-26 age range

14% first generation
college students

12% underrepresented
minorities

2025 GMDA Golf Outing



Merrill Hills



Dr. John Triggs for a birdie putt



Dr. Allie Jones with the Golf Ball Cannon from Milwaukee Oral Surgery and Implants



Mr. Nick Jones, Drs. Katie Satula and Allie Jones, and Mr. Steve Satula



Dr. Judd Smith and



Drs Brian Carr, Pete Wagner,
and Alan Kimmel



Outing Organizer and MC
Dr. John Triggs



Drs Monica Hebl, Mike
Grady, Alan Kimmel, kkk,
and Allie Jones



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Tim Baggot

Congrats to our Winners

 Dr. Baggot
Dr. Tim Baggot
Mr. Scott Syrjala
Mr. Paul Sackmann



SAVE THE DATE

July 27, 2026
Merrill Hills Country Club

A graphic featuring a green golf green with a white flag on a pole and a white golf ball. A blue banner with the text "SAVE THE DATE" is positioned above a white rounded rectangle containing the date "July 27, 2026" and the location "Merrill Hills Country Club".



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