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Join the GMDA to support the WDA Foundation with a friendly
Pickleball Competition and Social

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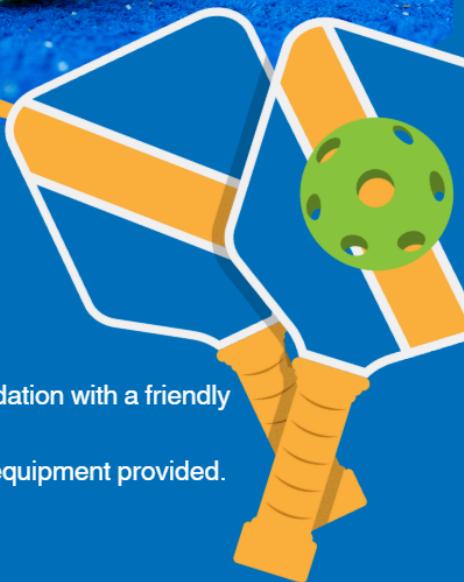


Friday, Feb 6, 2026

12:00pm- 5:00pm



**Pickleball Kingdom
Menomonee Falls**



[Register Here](#)

This past October, I had the privilege of attending the American College of Dentists (ACD) in Washington D.C., a city which I hadn't visited since my teenage years. We were welcomed with gorgeous weather, and I decided to take a couple of hours to stretch my legs and explore the National Mall one afternoon. Even in the midst of the government shut-down, with so many museums and



Dr. Bridget Mackey
GMDA President

sight-seeing locations closed, the city still had a stately and majestic vibe about it. As I contemplate all of the changes we see happening in the landscape of modern dentistry, from the rapid development of AI in front of our eyes, to unforeseen acquisitions such as Delta Dental's purchase of Cherry Tree Dental, I can't help but try to maintain a view of our profession as still-magnificent in the face of these changes.

Developments such as the progression of AI, new models of ownership, and consolidation of things once held separate highlight the importance of remaining informed, engaged, and connected as colleagues and as a profession. While our individual practice settings may differ, we share a common goal: to uphold the highest standards of care, ethics, and professionalism for the patients we serve.

During a lecture at the ACD, the following definition of standards was shared: “Professional standards are expectations that define how individuals within a profession should individually and collectively behave, perform and fulfill their responsibilities.” This connects to the heart of dentistry in so many ways. In dentistry, professional standards are more than guidelines — they are the foundation of the trust patients place in us, and encompass not only clinical competence but also ethical conduct, integrity, and respect for patient autonomy. I challenge us all to lean on this when the changing landscape of dentistry tests us!

Also shared during the same lecture: “When a flower doesn’t bloom, you fix the environment in which the flower grows, you don’t fix the flower.” Just as a flower’s vitality depends on light, soil, and care, so too does our professional and personal well-being depend on the environments we cultivate for ourselves. I encourage you to cultivate the environment of your chosen professional setting to reflect your best self, in light of the changes we see among us. Let’s all keep growing with the changes and remain a part of organized dentistry to further progress our profession together.

I truly hope to see everyone at our events in 2026

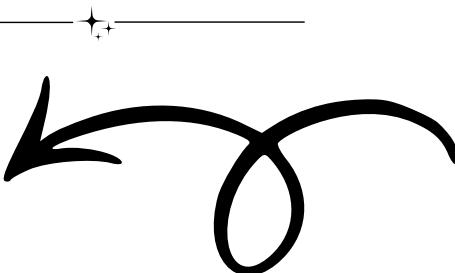
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RENEW
YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

TODAY



Dentistry doesn't stand still...
neither do we!



Check out these awesome
benefits of membership!



Fall Social



Drs Brett Waligora, Colleen Greene, Noah Utesch, Liz Steinmetz, Joan Allaire, Gabby Evers, Tess Reardon, Sunny Khahra, Alex Pentala



Dr. Tom Reid with GMDA Board of Directors Dr. John Triggs, Dr. Geoff Ganzman, Dr. Kaitlin Jasper, Dr. Emily Eckdahl, Dr. Bridget Mackey, Dr. Swathi Golla, Dr. Heather Harris, and Dr. Alan Kimmel



WDA Past President Dr. Tom Reid and GMDA President Elect Dr. Swathi Golla



Dean Kalderian gives an MUSoD update



Mrs. Susie Boldt, Drs Lisa Koenig, Mike Grady, Mike Donohoo, and Mark Bolt



GMDA President Dr.
Bridget Mackey



Drs Monica Hebl, Mike Grady,
Tom Reid, and Eddie Moralas



Drs John Moser, Monica Hebl, Rick Mueller, Sofia Enea, Linh Nguyen, Gracie DeGroot, Angela Lueck, and Cheska Avery-Stafford



WISCONSIN DENTAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

GMDA Delegates

Dr. Bridget Mackey
Dr. Swathi Golla
Dr. Charlie Krenzke
Dr. Katie Satula
Dr. Mike Grady

Dr. Nicole Sawatzke
Dr. Emily Eckdahl
Dr. Rick Mueller
Dr. Geoff Ganzman
Dr. Heather Harris

GMDA Alternate Delegates

Dr. Andrea Emmerich
Dr. Kaitlin Jasper

Dr. Rachel Cook
Dr. Henry Wengelewski



Drs Cheska Avery-Stafford, Eddie Morales, Geoff Ganzman, Henry Wengelewski, Charlie Krenzke, Mike Grady, Rachel Cook, Andrea Emmerich, Angela Lueck, Charlie Stoianovici, Heather Harris, Swathi Golla, Katie Satula, John Moser, Monica Hebl, Bridget Mackey, Emily Eckdahl, Kaitlin Jasper, Nicole Sawatzke, Rick Mueller

- ▶ Dr. Cheska Avery-Stafford elected as WDA President Elect, Dr. Michael Grady elected as Region 3 Trustee, and incumbents Dr. John Moser re-elected WDA Treasurer and Dr. Eddie Morales re-elected At Large Trustee
- ▶ Dr. Rick Mueller and Dr. Bridget Mackey elected to the 2026 ADA House of Delegates 
- ▶ WDA House sets legislative agenda with Minimum Dental Loss Ratio, Network Leasing, Virtual Credit Cards, Care Access for Special Needs Adults, and EFDA Expansion as lead priorities
- ▶ WDA House asks Legislative Committee to review policies on licensure process for international and foreign trained dentists

ADA 9th DISTRICT TRUSTEE Dr. Monica Hebl



Former GMDA President, WDA President, and WDA Speaker of the House

Dr. Monica Hebl installed as ADA 9th District Trustee.

Dr. Hebl will represent Wisconsin and Michigan on the ADA Board of Trustees for the next four years



GMDA Members Inducted into the American College of Dentists



Galaxy S22+

Dr. Bridget Mackey, Dr. Charlie Stoianovici, Dr. Swathi Golla, Dr. Nicole Sawatzke, and Dr. David Mapes

GMDA FALL CE



Drs Dillon Cea, Zachary Marshall, Lihn Tran, and Amanda Lathe



Drs Bridget Mackey, Nicole Sawatzke, Brian Carr, Kelly Fink, and Swathi Golla

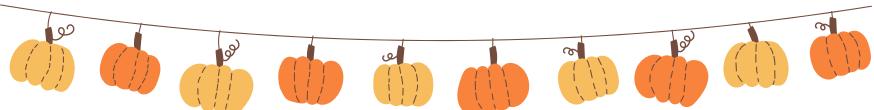
Speaker Dr. Brian Carr



Drs Alan Kimmel and Mark Crego



Mr. Ryan Jones, Dr. Brian Carr, and Dr. Craig Carr





Community
Smiles Dental

WE'RE BRINGING MORE TO MILWAUKEE

25%

of current CSD patients live in MKE county and have to travel to get care. Because of the waiting list at our current locations, these patients often have to wait longer than they should for care.



84,000



kids in the greater Milwaukee area have difficulty accessing a dental home because so few clinics accept medicaid

50%

of kids have dental disease by age 9



**Overall fundraising goal:
\$8 million**

With donations from key donors we are on our way. We need your support to bring CSD to Milwaukee.



With your help we will ...

- Build 12 dental treatment rooms with state-of-the-art equipment
- Reduce the number of children who suffer from Wisconsin's most chronic disease
- Cut the occurrence of new cavities in nearly 2500 new patients
- Provide the long-term stability and sustainability needed to support Milwaukee children

We are building a new Milwaukee clinic location for Community Smiles Dental that ...

Delivers

preventative, routine care to underserved children, including exams, cleanings and fillings

Provides

5000 kids and families in the greater Milwaukee area with easier access to dental healthcare

Edulates

tomorrow's dental professionals by providing training opportunities in partnership with Marquette University School of Dentistry



A Milwaukee Clinic

Our Milwaukee clinic will be part of The Beacon, a Milwaukee care and wellness hub.

The Beacon's champions include Advocate Aurora, the YMCA and Community Smiles Dental. We still need your support to help bring more smiles to Milwaukee.



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DR. CALVIN GÄNDER

May 30, 1929 – October 2, 2025

Calvin Jacob Gänder, also known to his grandkids as "The Big Mouse," and to many others as the original energizer bunny, left this world doing what he loved most – working outside at his home on Lake Keesus.

Calvin is survived by his son, Dan, daughter, Joy and five grandchildren – Lindsey Halbrooks (Arden), Katrina Ress (Nick), Riley Halbrooks, Taylor Gänder and Jamie Rozzell. He was fortunate to have Jean Schlidt as a loving companion and fellow adventurer for the last ten years. He was predeceased by his wife, Joan, in 2003.



Born in Freeport, Illinois on May 30, 1929, to Ernest and Anna Gänder, Calvin grew up with his folks, and brother, Paul, living in various small communities in the Midwest while his father served as a United Church of Christ minister.

Calvin graduated at 16 from Lexington High School (IL) in 1946, Lakeland College (now University) in 1950 and Marquette University's dental school in 1954. He served as a dentist in the US AirForce from 1954-56, in Bordeaux, France.

Following his return from France, Calvin set up his dental practice on Milwaukee's north side and continued practicing until 2000. In 1957, he met Joan Landa at a YWCA winter social, and they married five months later.

Throughout his life, Calvin volunteered: Director and eventual President of the Greater Milwaukee Dental Association; served on Wisconsin's Dental Examining Board for six years; charter member, director and eventual president of the Unitarian Church West – Brookfield; served at the Rescue Mission, downtown Milwaukee; and provided dental services to indigent people in Milwaukee. He taught Sunday School and taught chess at the kids' schools and served on Dan's Boy scout troop board. In later years he volunteered with Interfaith Conference, providing support to those who were homebound. The list is too long to detail, and Calvin would not approve of the cost to do so.

Calvin was very concerned about the environment and climate change and hoped the world would wake up and realize "it's here." That was in 2017. Throughout his life he supported, and volunteered with, organizations seeking to save Earth from its inhabitants.

A memorial service was held at Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church, Hartland, WI on October 18, 2025.





EFDA
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AUXILIARY)
SPRING 2026 COHORT
NOW OPEN

*Get started on your EFDA Certification coming
April, 2026*



WEEKEND CLASSES,
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
4 WEEKENDS

SESSION 1- APRIL 17 & 18, 2026
8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SESSION 2- APRIL 24 & 25, 2026
8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SESSION 3- MAY 1 & 2, 2026
8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SESSION 4- MAY 8 & 9, 2026,
8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Here is the **registration form**. First come, first served



GMDA HOLIDAY PARTY



Drs Nicole Sawatzke, Emily Eckdahl, Swathi Golla, Andrea Emmerich, and Katie Satula



Community Smiles Dental Director Dr. Sidney Ebert with Tammy Cantillon and Elizabeth Sheehan



Gracie DeGroot, Dr. Angela Lueck, Dr. Dennis Hartlieb, Dr. Charlie Stoianovici, Ryan Jones, Keith Williams, Rebecca Williams, Dr. Laura Gart, and Dr. Cheska Avery-Stafford



Drs Mike Donohoo and Swathi Golla



Drs Timothy Baggott and Matt Midtling



Community Smiles Dental
Director Dr. Sidney Ebert



Steve Satula, Timmie Jo Brown, Dr. Katie Satula,
and Rick Adyniec



Zach Eckdahl, Drs Emily Eckdahl, Ekta Desai,
Andrea Emmerich, Swathi Golla, Vishakha
Ravindra Choudhari, and Sirisha Pulapaka



Drs Nikhita Alsakani, Josephine Hayes-
Birchler, Cheska Avery-Stafford, and Lynn
Lepack-McSorley



Dr. Joe Nencka, Sara Nencka, Fran
Kuglitsch, and Dr. Mark Kuglitsch



Drs Mark Crego and Tom Rainmann, Ciara
Glancy, Kristin Marcks, Mick Dwyer, Dr.
Lynn Lepack- McSorley, Brian McSorley,
Eileen Donohoo

The GMDA Raffle raised almost \$5,000 for Community Smiles Dental



Trustee Report



Region 3 Trustees
Dr. Angela Lueck
Dr. Charlie Stoianovici



We are pleased to share updates from the recent 2025 WDA House of Delegates, held at the Hilton Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton from November 14th to 16th. Region 3 was well represented, with our delegates actively engaging in discussions to ensure that the resolutions passed align with the best interests of our member dentists. Special thanks to Dr. Nicole Sawatzke for her exceptional leadership as Chair of the Reference Committee and her role as a Delegate.

Please congratulate the following individuals as they serve in their new roles:

- Dr. Leo Huck - Ethics and Dental Relations Committee.
- Dr. Swathi Golla - House Nominating Committee, with Dr. Charlie Krenzke serving as the alternate.
- Dr. Rick Mueller – 9th District ADA Delegate.
- Dr. Bridget Mackey – 9th District ADA Alternate Delegate.

Ms Brenna Sadler spoke for the first time as Executive Director of the WDA at this year's house. We will be in great hands. She has the history, knowledge and experience of inner workings of the WDA and will bring fresh ideas and great energy to the role.

This year's resolutions largely focused on updating the WDA's Policy Guide to maintain its accuracy and relevance. Most were passed, with the exception of the Comprehensive Policy on Dental Licensure, which has been referred back to the Legislative Advocacy Committee for further consideration. The House supported implementation of a limited group membership test for 2026 and will use that data and insights for the development of a broader group membership strategy for 2027.

The House also voted yes for the WDA to create a membership category for businesses, institutions and organizations that support the association's mission and values. Dental practices and insurance companies are excluded. These groups are not eligible for traditional membership and will have no voting rights.

The 2026 budget has been approved. Like many organizations, the WDA is facing challenges due to reduced membership numbers (60.9% market share) and rising costs. The Finance Committee, alongside the WDA team, is diligently working to find cost-saving measures. The Sourcebook will transition to an email format, while the WDA Journal will continue to be mailed to active members, however retired members will only receive it for an additional 3 years. Members will see a dues increase despite these and other budget cuts.

The Dental Licensure Compact will be effective in Wisconsin in 2026. We are one of 13 states participating in the Compact. The dental compact creates a system for licensed dentists and dental hygienists to practice in multiple participating states without needing a separate license in each one. This interstate agreement reduces red tape, lowers costs and increases access to care.

Our WDA lobby team remains committed to the following advocacy initiatives:

- Virtual Credit Cards – Bill authored by Representative Clint Moses and Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara.
- Provider Network Leasing – Bill authored by Representative Nancy Vandermeer and Senator Felzkowski.
- Special Needs Legislation – Bill authored by Representatives Barb Dittrich and Karen Hurd, with Senator Rob Stafsholt.
- Supragingival Scaling – This procedure was previously excluded from the EFDA bill but will be a focus for re-inclusion in 2026.

Dr. Emily Eckdahl, Chair of WIDPAC, proudly reported that those attending the HOD contributed over \$50,000 to support our lobbying efforts.

We all got to meet and hear our new ADA President Elect, Dr Thomas Paumier. He put his name in from the floor at the most recent ADA HOD in Washington DC. His message to us was clear and concise- he is going to put the focus back on members, the most important part of the ADA. He stated that although he has been a solo-practitioner in Ohio for over 35 years, he never practiced alone because of his involvement in organized dentistry.

As I, Dr Angela Lueck, complete my second term as Region 3 Trustee, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve our members over the past six years. This position has been both challenging and immensely rewarding, allowing me to learn and connect with many dedicated colleagues striving to enhance the WDA's impact for all members. The WDA remains a supportive force that truly cares about us.

Looking ahead, the WDA's message for 2026 is clear: "Dentistry doesn't stand still, and neither do we." We encourage each of you to not stand still but consider volunteering your time to support this vital organization. Your new Region 3 Trustee, Dr. Michael Grady, along with your ongoing Trustee, Dr. Charlie Stoianovici, will step up to continue advocating for you, the members of Region 3.

Sincerely,
Drs Angela Lueck and Charlie Stoianovici



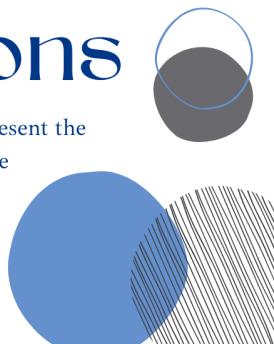
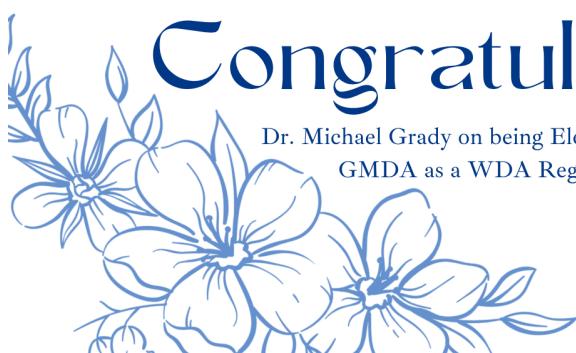
Thank You

Dr. Angela Lueck for your 6 years of service
representing the GMDA as a WDA Region 3 Trustee



Congratulations

Dr. Michael Grady on being Elected to represent the
GMDA as a WDA Region 3 Trustee



Marquette University School of Dentistry Update



For the second time in school history, the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and the Dental Examining Board held their meeting at Marquette University School of Dentistry



Check out this years
MUSoD ASDA Music Video

[WATCH VIDEO](#)



MUSoD hires Liz Schropp, its first Health and Wellness Counselor for students.



Five International Dental Students have joined the Class of 2028

GMDA Members participate in the MUSoD/Pierre Fauchard Academy Mentor Program



Dr. Nicole Sawatzke and Protege Caryn Brakke



Dr. Bridget Mackey and Protege Katherine Jemian



Dr. Katie Satula and Protege Anna Miskey



Drs. Angela Lueck and Sofya Kats with Proteges Grace Oliver, Grace Wombura, Kaitlyn Michalek, and Cynthia Martinez



Drs. Monica Hebl, John Moser and Chris Johnson with their Proteges Brenna Hogan, Lauren Craig, Nicole Marsh, Lilly Betts, and Anna Nguyen



Dr. Andrea Emmerich and Kydra Johnson



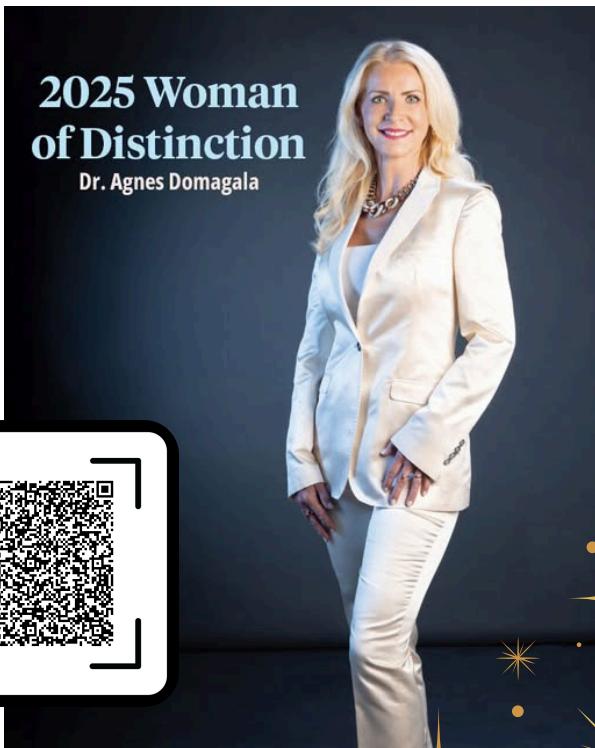
Steve Satula, Dr. Katie Satula, and Anna Miskey



Katie Lakkides and Dr. Marybeth Francis

Congratulations

GMDA Member Dr. Agnes Domagala named a
2025 Woman of Distinction by Milwaukee Magazine



Have you or someone you know received an award, participated in a dental service trip, or just have a really neat story to share.

We'd love to feature it in our GMDA newsletter!

Contact editor Katie Satula at ksatuladds@gmail.com



Join us for **2026 GMDA Events!**

really cool
(watch for registration links!)



- ▶ **Wed, Jan 28: Student Loan Planner Webinar**
- ▶ **Thursday, March 5: Spring CE -- Inspiring topic, TBA!**
- ▶ **Thursday, April 23: Spring Social and WDA Pres. Visit**
- ▶ **Thursday, May 14: GMDA President's Party**
- ▶ **Monday, July 27 (tentative): Annual Golf Outing!**



**STUDENT LOAN
PLANNER**

Free Online CE Webinar

Wednesday, January 28th

6:00-7:00 PM

REGISTER BY 1/26



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