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## *Dr. Victor J. Diamond of Encino Spirit of Leadership Awardee*

The California Academy of General Dentistry presented the Dr. Deon Carrico Spirit of Leadership Award to Dr. Victor Diamond at the CDA Anaheim meeting in May. The award is in memory of our revered member and executive director, Dr. Deon Carrico. The recipient is an individual who has been an AGD member for an extended period of time and who has consistently contributed time, effort, and talent for the betterment of the organization. Dr. Diamond has continued to contribute to AGD long after completing his leadership positions with our organization.



**DR. VICTOR DIAMOND**

Vic was born in Los Angeles in 1936. He grew up in East Los Angeles in the small community of City Terrace, attending Woodrow Wilson High School in El Sereno. Vic was on the tennis and basketball teams, graduating in 1955. He then went on to East Los Angeles Junior College and then to Los Angeles City College where he was recognized as the "Most Outstanding Chemistry Department Student" in 1958.

Dr. Diamond is a 1963 graduate of Case Western Reserve School of Dentistry. He served in the Navy Dental Corps for two years at Camp Pendleton and then entered private practice for thirty-nine years on the Beverly Hills Sunset Strip. Because he was, and still is, interested in teaching and cancer research, and in order to further those goals, Vic, once again, became a student and in 1994 he earned his Masters Degree in Oral Biology at UCLA. He currently works one day a week in a friend's office and teaches at UCLA two days a week in the clinic and pre-clinic departments.

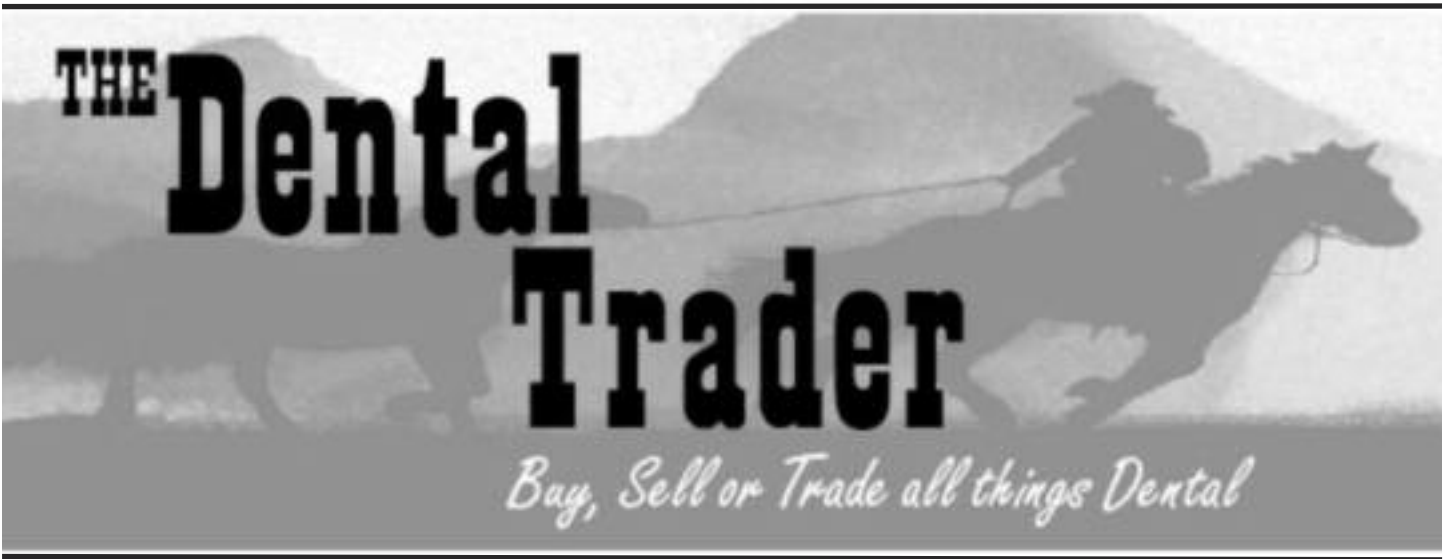
"Teaching at UCLA for the past five years in the Restorative Dentistry Department has been a real pleasure." Dr. Diamond was presented the "Most Distinguished Teacher" award by the Class of 2007. The very next year he was presented the "Excellence in Teaching" award by the class of 2008.

Dr. Diamond tells us that teaching is a big part of his life, saying "The students are like my children and when they graduate, I suffer from kind of an empty nest syndrome until the next class comes in, and then it starts all over again."

Ever since graduation, Vic has been an ongoing and active member of AGD. He earned his AGD Fellowship, was on the Board of Directors, and eventually became president of the SCAGD, and was on the Board of

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# THE DIAMOND FAMILY

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Vic (three years of age)



Vic (six years old) with sister, Marsha



His tenth birthday . . . pondering his good fortune



Center, Wilson High School, El Sereno, California



Vic and Leile on their wedding day



The Diamonds caring for patients during one month in Israel



Vic's mom, Ida



Dr. Deon Carrico (former Executive Director), Dr. Vic Diamond and JoAnn Carrico



Vic with his dad, Ben



Vic's sister, LaRee



Vic receiving the Maimonides Award with the entire Diamond Family in attendance (two sons-in-law included)



DR. RICH RINGROSE  
Clearlake

*"They went to Washington, D.C., to meet with national lawmakers to make them aware of the AGD's position on access to care and other important issues."*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Be a Difference-Maker!

Several years ago the AGD devised a plan to respond to changes in the future of general dentistry and called it the AGD 2010 Strategic Plan. The core purpose of this plan was to advance the value and excellence of general dentistry. Core values include diversity, continuous life-long learning, camaraderie and mentoring, advocacy/representation, ethical, honest and credible behavior.

2010 is now right around the corner and we have accomplished much within California since the Strategic Plan was written. The CAGD, along with its four components, is putting on thirty-eight days of quality continuing education this year, roughly one every ten days. Our second MasterTrack will be completed and a third started in 2010. Thirty-two doctors will be eligible to apply for their MAGD's and thirty-two more will begin the four-year "Journey Toward Clinical Excellence" next year. Dr. John Diponziano of San Francisco and I went to Chicago in March and helped write guidelines for implant placement to fend off attempts by specialist-influenced groups to limit your access to the education and materials needed to safely place implants.

Advocacy/representation is addressed through our Legislative and Dental Care Committees chaired by Dr. Myron Bromberg of Reseda and Dr. Anita Rathee from West Hills. They went to Washington, D.C. to meet with national lawmakers to make them aware of AGD's position on access to care and other important issues. They are also monitoring issues that affect our members at home including the Red Flag Law and proposed DentiCal cuts.

Dental students in five schools are being mentored in our Fellow Track program which is being run by Dr. Yolanda Mangrum of Sonoma and Dr. Roger Garrett of Calabasas. This program serves as an introduction to the culture of the Academy and the camaraderie that lies within.

CAGD has made these accomplishments, which benefit our members and all general dentists because of the commitment of our volunteer leaders. If you would like to be someone who makes a difference and volunteer for a leadership roll contact me or your component president and let us know where your interests lie.

**Richard J. Ringrose, DDS, MAGD**

# San Diego's Dynamic CE Programs



Elissa Cheney represented Millenium Laser Technologies at a recent CE



SDAGD President Stephen Lockwood (left) presenting service award to Immediate Past President, Dr. Mark Martin (right). Drs. Lockwood and Martin both received their Mastership Awards in 2003 and have been on the board since.



Communications expert, Lorraine Guth, speaks to CE attendees about how to keep patients in our practices. This was at our February meeting on office communication. Dr. Larry Pawl (on the left)



Marni Schmidt represented Nobel Biocare at a recent CE course in San Diego.

Friday, October 9, 2009 (8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m.)



Course: **“Dental Implants and Extraction Site Bone Grafting”**

Speaker: Michael Tischler, DMD, FAGD

Subject: Dental Implants

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 7450 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, San Diego 92108  
(619) 297-5466

This course will present the principles of implant dentistry and bone grafting so you can better serve your patients. Implant dentistry is here to stay and if a patient is a good surgical candidate, implants are an ideal way to replace missing teeth. This course is an extensive overview of these disciplines allowing you to communicate and include these modalities into your practice with more confidence. This course is applicable to all implant systems. Diagnostic Computerized Tomography (CT) imaging and its value will be discussed as well. Additionally, the course will provide attendees with an understanding of the benefits of preserving alveolar bone and attached gingivae by treating extraction sockets with bone graft. General dentists are extracting over 26 million teeth annually and most patients will choose to replace the missing teeth. Through grafting an extraction site, bone can be maintained for periodontal stability of adjacent teeth, increased attached gingivae, prosthetic stabilization, esthetic pontic form, and dental implants. Dr. Tischler will convey the science and principles from the perspective of a general dentist. Hands-on model work is included in the course (CEU will be 7 hours of participation).

Fee: \$250 AGD members; \$275 non-members; \$75 auxiliaries  
(fee includes Continental breakfast and lunch; parking complimentary)

The San Diego AGD continues to put on relevant CE courses, especially in the area of implant dentistry.

Contact Dr. Lockwood for more information: 858-558-3050 or [drsteve330@hotmail.com](mailto:drsteve330@hotmail.com)

## RESERVATION FORM for the Friday, October 9th Course

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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To register: COPY and FAX this form to Dr. Stephen Lockwood with your credit card # to (858) 558-3053 or MAIL with check to SDAGD/Dr. Lockwood at 4150 Regents Park Row, #230, La Jolla, California 92037.

# What Is the AGD Doing on Behalf of the General Dentist in 2009?

The AGD has retained a new Washington lobbyist firm, Washington Strategic Consulting (WSC), which came on board with the AGD officially on January 1, 2009. WSC has been serving as the AGD's eyes, ears and voice in our nation's capitol, representing the AGD on various legislative coalitions while lobbying for and monitoring issues of importance to general dentists and their patients.

The AGD's 2009 Federal Agenda has been created and will be lobbied on by the AGD's Legislative and Governmental Affairs (LGA) Council.

*The agenda consists of three components:*

- I. Supports increased funding for Title VII health professions programs and other oral health care and dentistry-related public health, professional training, and research programs within the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS).
- II. Urges the U.S. Congress to pass various oral health care and dentistry-related bills aimed at improving access to dental care and addressing dental public health crises.
- III. Advocates for various statutory and regulatory changes aimed at improving access to dental care



Your California AGD and our National AGD organization in Washington, D.C. meeting with staff of Senator Boxer, Senator Feinstein and Senator Waxman (pictured around the table, from the left): Senior staff investigator, Anne Morris from Senator Waxman's Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Spencer Perlman who is AGD's lobbyist in D.C., Dr. Anita Rathee, Dr. Mike Bromberg, Dr. Bill Langstaff and AGD's National President, Dr. Paula Jones (foreground, right).

On March 14, the AGD Implantology Task Force convened in Chicago to put the finishing touches on the *Educational Objectives for the Provision of Dental Implant Therapy by Dentists*, which was approved by the AGD's Board of Trustees and will be considered at the 2009 House of Delegates. The nine general dentists from across the nation, each with substantial experience related to dental implant therapy, engaged in open debate and worked tirelessly to produce the document. The *Educational Objectives* provide guidelines for educational providers to use to develop curricula that will adequately prepare all dentists, regardless of generalization or specialization, to provide safe and appropriate dental implant therapy. The guidelines do not purport to define the curricula.

AGD held its *Third Annual A Great Dentist Goes To Washington Government Relations Conference* on Monday and Tuesday, March 9-10 in Washington, D.C. with nearly sixty attendees from across the nation. The event was chaired by California's Myron J. (Mike) Bromberg, who is the National Chairman of the AGD's Council on Legislative and Governmental Affairs. Conference attendees completed almost 110 meetings with the offices of their Members of Congress and Senators, in some cases having the opportunity to meet with the legislators themselves! Members asked lawmakers for continued funding for Title VII residency programs; they shared the AGD's White Paper on Access To Care and the solutions presented in it; and mentioned the AGD's support of the *Federal Dental Emergency Responders Act and the Meth Mouth Prevention and Community Recovery Act*.

On Tuesday, March 10, AGD hosted a breakfast on Capitol Hill where Dr. David Halpern presented Senator Cardin of with the AGD's Legislator of the Year Award; Dr. Paula Jones presented Senator Thad Cochran with an Appreciation Award; and Dr. Fares Elias presented Congressman Dingell with an Appreciation Award.

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# Continuing Education for 2009

For information and registration, call the SCAGD office at 310-471-4916. Registration 7:00 a.m.

Tuition includes breakfast and lunch. Program from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

July 17-18, 2009 (Friday-Saturday) . . . 14 CE units. Tuition: Dentists @ \$495 (limited to 24 dentists)

## **Implant Placement, Restoration and Bone Augmentation Workshop for All Dentists**

Drs. Gerald Niznick, Dennis Smiler, Muna Soltan, Robert Garfield and MDT, Brian Banton

Locations: Friday in Calabasas; Saturday in Encino

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September 13, 2009 (Sunday) . . . 8 CE units.

## **Introduction To Implant and Restorative Dentistry Now is the time!**

Dr. Jin Kim

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December 6, 2009 (Sunday) . . . 8 CE units. Tuition: AGD members @ \$99; non-members @ \$119

## **Orthodontic Treatment Appliances by GPs . . . How To Treat These Everyday Cases Yourself**

Dr. Rob Vies

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SCAGD regular meetings are held at the Embassy Suites Hotel/Anaheim South, 11767 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove 92840 (just south of Disneyland) Telephone: 714-539-3300

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## **CAGD IN WASHINGTON** (continued from page 7)

A new tool has been created to inform members on issues that are affecting dentists in their state. Members may view regulatory and legislative activities being tracked by AGD for their state, including a synopsis of the bill or regulation and its current status. *The new map can be found on the AGD web site at:*

<http://www.agd.org/issuesadvocacy/hotissues/activity/>

The AGD Access To Care Task Force, which developed the *White Paper on Increasing Access to and Utilization of Access to Oral Health Care Services* reconvened and began its work on devising the legislative and public dissemination plan to implement the access to care solutions set forth in the White Paper. As part of the dissemination plan, a letter signed by AGD President, Dr. Jones, and AGD LGA Chairman, Dr. Myron Bromberg, along with an executive summary was sent to all 535 Members of Congress and U.S. Senators. Additionally, every state legislative chair has been contacted and asked to inform their state legislative chambers' health committee chairpersons about the solutions proposed in the White Paper as access to care is considered at the state level.





LYNN PETERSON, CAE  
*Oakley*

*“If you have a vision for the future of dentistry, then consider getting involved as a leader.”*

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

# *Do You Have a Vision for General Dentistry?*

When times are uncertain and answers are complicated it can help to have a vision for the future. Dentistry is no exception, and a clear vision of where you are headed can be useful in a professional practice, as well as a professional dental association. From time to time, it is important to take a long look at potential problems and consequences. With a little foresight, positive outcomes during times of challenge and change are always possible. People who can discern a path to move forward increase their probability of a more favorable outcome than those who are satisfied with the status quo. By sitting tight and maintaining the status quo, your future is more likely to be decided by chance. Getting more involved with the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) could be an important step in your career as a dentist and provide opportunities for you to move forward in your profession.

Volunteer leaders are necessary to carry the profession of general dentistry forward. I am fortunate as an association executive to have worked with many leaders in the California AGD over the last ten years. These leaders have had a vision for making the AGD the best dental association, and their ideas, energy, and actions have produced positive results. These leaders would tell you that the knowledge and insight they have gained from volunteering far outweigh their time and energy commitments. Volunteer leaders assist the AGD by planning and conducting local continuing education (CE) courses, participating as members of constituent and regional boards of directors, and serving on councils, committees and task forces.

If you are a member dentist who has a vision for the future of dentistry, then consider getting involved as a leader. It will provide benefits to you and your profession. You will be recognized as a leader who is committed to the profession while you work with your like-minded peers. You will also gain experience through leadership development training that can prepare you for future roles in the association. Innovative ideas are needed to resolve the tough issues facing dentistry, so inventive and non-conventional thinkers are always welcome.

If you would like more information on volunteer opportunities, visit the AGD Web site. You can access volunteer leadership information at [www.agd.com](http://www.agd.com) From the home page, select the Governance tab and then Volunteer for Leadership. You can also contact me directly at 877-408-0738, and I will be happy to speak with you regarding your ideas and interests.

Serving as a volunteer for the AGD can be a very meaningful experience to you professionally as well as be personally rewarding. It can carry you forward and, at the same time, elevate the profession.

Lynn Peterson, CAE, *Oakley*

# California's Member Anniversaries

## 40-Year Members

Frank C. Blair, Jr., DDS  
Victor J. Diamond, DDS, FAGD  
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Allen L. Drapkin, DDS, FAGD  
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Edward K. Ishii, DDS, FAGD  
David J. Paumier, DDS, FAGD

## 40-Year Members (continued)

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Thomas H. Watson, Jr., DMD, MAGD

## 30-Year Members

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Richard M. Brix, DDS, MAGD  
Arnold H. Brokstein, DDS  
Robert E. Chin, DDS, MAGD  
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William J. DiZinno, DMD, MAGD

## 30-Year Members (continued)

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Sam C. Muslin, DDS, MAGD  
James R. Sabuni, DDS  
Abe Waheed, DDS

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Directors, and eventually became president of the SCAGD, and was on the Board of Directors and Membership Chairman of the CAGD.

Dr. Diamond also authored a scientific article in the *GP News*, and at one of the AGD meetings, he presented a table clinic on "Retrofitting an Indirect Restoration under an Existing FPD without Giving the RPD to the Lab."

Vic currently serves as the UCLA AGD student liaison, has given a hands-on workshop for the UCLA AGD students on "An Alternative To Retraction Cord," and recently presented to the UCLA students, sponsored by the UCLA AGD students, a lecture on "How to Survive and Thrive Beyond Dental School."

Vic has also been active with the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, serving on the board and evolving to become president of the Los Angeles Chapter of Alpha Omega and later, Regent. He received the "Alpha Omega Meritorious Service" award and the "Maimonides" award. Vic also served for one month as a volunteer dentist in Israel. At one point, Vic also served as Communications Committee Chairman for the Los Angeles Dental Society and under their auspices has often given dental-care presentations at various schools.

Dr. Diamond's outside interests include tennis, hiking, basketball, biking, and camping. His other interests include spending time with the family (*six children, twelve grandchildren*), working on rental houses in the past, and now working on his mobile home at Paradise Cove in Malibu.

**SPIRIT OF LEADERSHIP AWARD:** *A select few have been honored as recipients of this award in previous years. They are (in order):*

Dr. Deon Carrico, Dr. William Frank, Dr. Robert Garfield,  
Dr. Robert Barrett, Dr. Robert Hubbard, Dr. Myron Bromberg  
and Dr. John Brown.

## 20-Year Members

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**MY VIEWPOINT:**

# The Implant Wars Continue

Mark Miller, DDS, MAGD, *Tustin*



*Many are quite easy to do.*

*Don't fall for the propaganda!*

A previous article in CAGD GP News expressed my opinion as to where we are in implant dentistry with respect to generalists and specialists. Let me reiterate those thoughts and then tell you how I see things in the new economy. A brief history of implants is important to understand. When Branemark discovered the beauties of titanium in the early sixties and the osseointegration properties, the protocol was only for oral surgeons to place implants and only oral surgeons place abutments. This protocol was prudently correct given the knowledge we had at the time. It should be pointed out that prior to Branemark's work, implant dentistry in the United States was done by generalists. These were blade implants, subperiosteals, etc., done by great visionaries like Leonard Linkow, et al. We did not have root-formed endosteal implants yet.

So Branemark started the endosteal smooth surface titanium implants as we know them today. There was only one abutment that was placed by the oral surgeon. A dear friend of mine made a very good living back then manufacturing abutments that were not provided by Branemark. As time went on, periodontists began placing implants. We began to see that implants were not simply a way to have a high water implant-supported denture for our patients, but that we could do single tooth implants. Esthetics had not been an issue at all. Integration was all the rage and we realized we could get these things to integrate to bone. For the first time in human history since the Big Bang, we can replace a natural tooth with something artificial that resists periodontal disease, doesn't decay and remains stable for decades? *Who among us wouldn't choose this technology for our own mouths?*

Once we got past the integration issue, we realized that these things could look good too. So, naturally, periodontists became involved. Periodontists are all about tissue levels, esthetics, etc. This was great for our profession. The oral surgeons became better 'periodontists' and the periodontists became better 'oral surgeons.' This benefitted our patients a lot. Sort of like Tiger Woods showing the golfing world what could be done. [Any of you old enough to remember Roger Bannister? He is still with us, born March 23, 1929. He was the first human to run a mile in under four minutes. His time was three minutes, 59.4 seconds. The event was staged at Iffley Road Track in Oxford, England and witnessed by 3,000 spectators on May 6, 1954. Interestingly enough, Bannister quit soon after that race to pursue a career as a neurologist. Bannister raced only once more. Since that day, over 700 have broken the four-minute mile. The current record is held by Hicham El Guerrouj with a time of three minutes, 43.13 seconds, in Rome, in 1999].

Back to implants. We have seen in recent years a shift back to generalists placing implants. This trend has met with some resistance from the specialist community. Implant companies, such as Nobel, have seen their sales decrease with some specialists because those companies were teaching generalists to place implants. The specialists felt that placing implants was their turf and generalists were not qualified to place, shouldn't place, and didn't know what they were doing. And, certainly, some of this is true. In my perfect world, there would be exams/tests by organized dentistry that would have to be passed before a professional could qualify to do certain dental procedures including, but not limited to, placing implants.

So what has happened in the new economy since Lehman Brothers folded in September of 2008? Our economy has tanked (*at least temporarily*), auto companies are filing for bankruptcy, homes are being foreclosed and even vacant ones torn down, and generalists are placing implants and specialists are restoring implants. *Yes, you read that correctly.* If you care to e-mail me, I can give you case specific examples on all of the above. There are some cases of specialists restoring the cases because the implants were placed less than ideal. There are cases where the generalists know so little about implant dentistry that the specialists threw up their hands and restored the cases, as well they could have.

I had a recent case that illustrates some of these issues. I have restored implant cases since 1985 and have placed implants since 2001. In my own journey, I feel that I have mastered implant prosthetics to the level of cases I choose to treat and I am gaining knowledge and competence in placing and knowing my own limitations. Each of you deal with those same issues in whatever field of dentistry you choose, be it endo, crown and bridge, pedo, implants, cosmetics, etc. *My recent case?* My patient, twenty years old with congenitally missing lower second bicuspids, had implants placed by a specialist. Three months later, fixture level impres- 11  
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THIRTIETH ANNUAL SKI *and* LEARN SEMINAR  
of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ACADEMY of GENERAL DENTISTRY

# Snowmass/Aspen, Colorado

FEBRUARY 6-13, 2010

Our Thirtieth Annual Ski and Learn Seminar will be held in Snowmass/Aspen, Colorado from February 6-13, 2010. Our seven night program will begin with a Sunday Night Wine and Cheese Party. There will be a mid-week Nastar Race. The final event will be our Friday Night Awards Banquet.

We will be staying at the Top of the Village Condominiums, a ski-in, ski-out location. Our accommodations will be largely two- and three-bedroom units. The units will have daily maid service, VCRs, DVDs, washers and dryers in each unit, outdoor pools, whirlpools, sauna, steam room, fitness center and daily coffee service, free shuttle service . . . *to name only a few of the amenities.*

The trip will include round-trip air and bus transportation, seven nights lodging and lift tickets for five out of the six days. The cost for the trip will be \$1550 per person, the same as the last two years.

We will have four outstanding scientific sessions:

**Brant Bradford**, Col., USA, Chief of Prosthodontics, Ft. Irwin National Training Center, California

TOPIC: *Clinical Prosthodontics: Past, Present and Future*

**Jefferey Forester**, Col., U.S. Army, Ret., Walter Reed Hospital, Maxillofacial Prosthodontist,  
Potsdam, New York

TOPIC: *Oral Sedation: A Means To Make Dentistry Less Stressful and More Productive*

**Philip O. Mendelovitz**, DDS, Clinical Professor of Hospital Dentistry, UCLA School of Dentistry

TOPIC: *Incorporating New Techniques and Ideas in Your Dental Practice*

**Bruce Houser**, DDS, MS, Board Certified, Periodontist, Scottsdale, Arizona

TOPIC: *Periodontology 2010 Update: Current Directions in Periodontal Regeneration, Implants, Periodontal Plastic and Pre-Prosthetic Surgery*

Our last ski seminar held at Beaver Creek, Colorado in February, was a great success, enjoyed by all (*see photos on the next page*). Reservations can be made now for the upcoming trip to **Snowmass/Aspen, Colorado 2010**.

**Ski.com**, once again, will be handling our travel arrangements. They can be reached at **800-525-2052**, Ext. 3045. Ask for Martha Perez. For reservations, send a deposit of \$300 to **Ski.com** at 2349 Honolulu Avenue, Montrose, California 91020. *Mark it to the attention of Martha Perez.*

*Tuition fees are to be sent to **Ski.com** (formally Sportours) or contact Dr. Robert Garfield, Executive Director, SCAGD at 2720 Aqua Verde Circle, Los Angeles, California 90077*

**12** *or call 310-471-4916.*

**Bob Barrett**, DDS, MAGD, *Ski Seminar Chairman*

A LOOK BACK AT OUR LAST TRIP

# "Ski and Learn Beaver Creek, Vail 2009"



Bob and Patti Barrett puttin' on the Ritz . . . at the Carlton, that is!



The slopes, right out of our front door at Beaver Creek



Patti Barrett along with the two Bobs in a scenic setting



Proud skiers showing off their race medals at the Farewell Party on the last night



Warming their backsides at the Ritz-i fireplace



Chairman Bob Barrett congratulates Race Chair, Don Truex



Happy faces at our Welcome Party



David and Linda share a tranquil moment



Clinicians (left to right) James Crine, Joseph Cain, Paul Lambet



Eager skiers ready to tackle the slopes



Keith Anderson and friends in the chow line

# Sacramento-Sierra AGD News

Sireesha Penumetcha, DDS, SSAGD, *President 2009*

The Sacramento-Sierra AGD Board started off the year with our annual planning meeting in Monterey on February 7th, preparing the calendar of events for our component. We are continuing with our treatment planning dinner meetings, Glo-Ball Golf Tournament and BBQ, and our annual hands-on participation course. Drs. Vahid Farayar and Arina Hung have completed their two-year terms as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The duties of Secretary are performed by Board members as Acting Secretaries. Our new treasurer is Smita Khandwala. Of course, our Immediate Past President is Dr. Kevin Kurio. The CE chairs will be Dr. Jim McNerney and Dr. Guy Acheson.

**Your Board of Directors during the SSAGD Annual Planning meeting at the Monterey Plaza Hotel in Monterey.**

*Pictured are (back row): Dr. Eric Wong, Dr. Guy Acheson and Dr. Smita Khandwala; Seated are: Dr. Jim McNerney, Dr. Sireesha Penumetcha, Dr. Kevin Kurio*



Thanks to Drs. Jim McNerney, Smita Khandwala, Kevin Kurio, Guy Acheson, Eric Wong and Executive Secretary Terri Wong for volunteering their time.

This year's main focus is on getting new members, retaining existing members, and providing more accessible and affordable continuing education. We also plan to research and develop web-based seminars and CE teleconferences.

We have started our own Facebook group 'SSAGD' and have a growing number of local dentists communicating efficiently through this network. Check us out on Facebook. We post pictures of our dinner meetings and updates regarding our upcoming meetings. Our website is now more current and will be updated with pictures and news frequently. We are also proud of our "California AGD Dentist of the Year" recipient, Dr. Guy Acheson, for his service and continued commitment to the AGD.

Our first treatment planning dinner meeting was held in March at the Mayflower Restaurant in Sacramento. The meeting was well attended with over thirty members and guests participating in the treatment planning case presented by Dr. Acheson. The cases involved complex history, caries risk assessment, fluoride benefits, and ethical considerations in the treatment planning of the patient. Appreciation goes to Drs. Kevin Kurio and Eric Wong for the arrangements and organizing the dinner meeting. Dan Clementino, a sponsor from Milestone, presented an interesting approach to single tooth anesthesia, and members were pretty intrigued about the new STA system.



Drs. Acheson, Arina Hung, Vahid Farahyar, Eric Wong, Susanna Kurk, Kayee Siu, and Brenda Boyte



Drs. Acheson, Alan Golshanara, Vahid Farahyar, and Arina Hung discussing the case.



Drs. Arina Hung, Vahid Farahyar, Eric Wong, Susanna Kurk, Kayee Siu, Brenda Boyte, Upen Patel, Maryam Saleh, Ashkan Alizadeh, and Archana Wakode enjoying the meal.



Milestone rep, Dan Clementino, trying to use chopsticks with Drs. Rina Ambaram, Nancy Welch, Kevin Tran, and Ed Ishii listening to Dr. Acheson



Drs. Rina Ambaram, Nancy Welch, Kevin Tran, Duke Zander, and Ed Ishii after dinner. Dan Clementino still using his chopsticks.

We held our Membership Appreciation Night on May 21st at the Priya Restaurant in Roseville. The evening was a successful event with comprehensive CE, good food, a raffle, and of course, camaraderie with fellow dentists. We send flyers out for all our meetings well in advance. *We hope to see you at the next one...!*

**FOR ALL DENTISTS**

# ***Implant Placement, Bone Augmentation and Restoration***

✳ *Saturday, November 7, 2009*

✳ *Crown Plaza in Garden Grove*

✳ *Raymond Choi, DDS*      ✳ *Muna Soltan, DDS*

✳ *Jerry Peck, DXLT*

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*For registration information, please call Lynn Peterson, CAE, at 877-408-0738 or call Robert Garfield, DDS, at 310-471-4916*

*This program is made possible by sponsorship of the California AGD, Delta Dental and IMTEC, a 3M Company*



# *Add Facial-Lingual Dimension To Resorbed Alveolar Ridges for Dental Implant Placement*

Robert Garfield, DDS, FAGD, Los Angeles

Dental implants survive and maintain cervico-crestal bone integrity best when there is at least 2 mm of cervical bone width on the facial and on the lingual of the implants. Less bone volume in these vulnerable areas can result in resorption due to a lack of adequate blood supply to the bone. After tooth extractions, alveolar ridges can resorb and lose two-thirds or more of their width. Traditional bone augmentation methods, using a variety of very costly materials may be phasing out in favor of simpler methods that stimulate the body's own osteoblasts to produce more bone where it is needed.

**For example:** A “DET” augmentation on a narrow, horizontally resorbed edentulous area #19, but it could pertain to almost any edentulous horizontally (facial-lingual) resorbed alveolar area.

1. Make a 1 cm vertical incision down to the bone at the mid root position of #20. Start the incision about 4 mm apical to the gingival margin and terminate it in the vestibule. This is the only incision we will make. The "tunnel" has a dead-end at the mid-root area of tooth #18.
2. Carefully detach the periosteum with a thin, blunt elevator shaped to the task at hand. Keep the elevator firmly against the bony surface to avoid tearing the periosteum. Fan out to include a wide area and be sure to elevate slightly over the alveolar ridge crest just barely onto the lingual surface. Make sure that there are no snags or adhesions to the bone surface left in this pouch/pocket.
3. Decorticate the bone surface with a bone scraper or slow #8 HP bur, entering through the vertical incision. Protect the elevated periosteum from the bur with a large cement spatula that has been given a 45 degree bend, or use a proper tissue protective retracting instrument.
4. Pack the pouch/pocket with body warmth setting mineralized bone matrix material. Alternatives such as beta-tri-calcium phosphate, calcium sulfate and systemic blood or stem cells aspirated from the anterior iliac crest can be used, however, a full flap reflection may be necessary. Shape with external finger palpation and suture the incision. No membranes are needed unless periosteal laceration has occurred. An intact periosteum is the best barrier membrane. All of these materials, including the hip and arm aspiration syringes and Flagyl, an antibiotic effective against anaerobic bacteria, are available as commercial products from NuBone, Inc., in Encino, California.
5. You can treat almost any sized defect that you can confine the matrix material into. Of course, access becomes limited the larger the tunnel. More vertical access incisions could be necessary. Elevating maxillary sinuses can be done in a similar manner working through the drilled osteotomy channel, and pushing the sinus membrane and cortical bone superiorly using an osteotome with a series of light mallet blows, then placing the patient's own bone chips and/or matrix material and the implant to act as a "tenting" pole. This procedure, known as the "Robert Summers Sinus Lift" has been around for over twenty years and requires at least 4 mm of existing bone between the oral cavity and the maxillary sinus to provide stabilization of the implant. This sinus augmentation takes only three to five minutes and may use no additional materials at all.

Every implant-placing dentist has his/her favorite bone regeneration recipe. However, as we know, the underside layer of the periosteum contains an osteogenic layer of cells. If the periosteum is carefully elevated off of the bone surface, and tearing and scratching of it are minimized, and the space thus created can be held away from the bone by a matrix that will not resorb for at least four months, then bone will probably grow into this mass from both the osteogenic layer of the periosteum and the decorticated bleeding surface of the bone itself.

Dr. Michael Bloch, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who teaches at Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, says he has been using mineralized material successfully for several years in a tunneling technique. Dr. Dennis Smiler, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Encino, California, and his research associate, Dr. Muna Soltan, a general practitioner in Riverside, California, like to use bone marrow stem cells harvested from the anterior iliac crest in a simple non-morbid office procedure, and introduced into this mass in a 50-50 mix. Both clinicians teach hands-on workshop courses on this subject to various dental groups and to the Southern California



Southern California AGD Presents a Repeat of the March and April Workshops

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✳ **Instructors: Dennis Smiler, DDS, MSD; Muna Soltan, DDS; Gerald Niznick, DDS, MS; Brian Banton, MDT; Robert Garfield, DDS**

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**Encino Location:** 134 Fwy., 5 Fwy. or 405 Fwy. to the 101 West ("north"). Proceed toward Encino. Exit on Hayvenhurst Avenue. Proceed south to Ventura Boulevard. Right on Ventura Boulevard to Petit. Right on Petit and into the parking lot for 16661 Ventura Boulevard.

**HOTELS/MOTELS:**

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<b>Tokyo Princess Inn Motel</b> , 17448 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA 91316	818-788-3820	\$85

All of these hotel/motels are within one mile of the Encino location. The Calabasas location is about seven miles west ("north") on the

## MASTERTRACK

# Pathway To Clinical Excellence

With the ending of the current and second MasterTrack, "Pathway to Clinical Excellence" in the fall of next year will come the beginning of the third program. MasterTrack provides the difficult to attain 400 hands-on hours of CE necessary to meet the requirements to become a Master in the Academy. The group meets twice a year over a four-year span. Each session lasts for four days with a total of sixteen subjects covered. The cost of the program will be \$2,800 per year . . . a very economical \$28 per unit of participation CE. If you are interested in participating, and are not already on the waiting list, please call our Executive Director, Lynn Peterson at 1-877-408-0738.

Richard J. Ringrose, DDS, MAGD, Course Director and CAGD President

### CURRICULUM YEAR 4-----*First Session, October, 2009*

#### *October 22nd*                      **Oral Surgery Protocol Presentations**    Dr. Michael Leizerovitz

The participants will give a short presentation to the group and will be moderated by Dr. Leizerovitz. Pertinent comments and questions will be raised by the group or the moderator. Those who attended the previous lectures in March, and who participate and present, will be given up to 40 hours hands-on credit in Oral Surgery.

#### *October 23rd and 24th*            **Implant Workshop**    Moderated by Dr. Robert Garfield *Sponsored by Implant Direct*

This will be a customized course using various speakers prominent in the field of implant dentistry. This lecture and hands-on workshop is designed to provide the GP with the ability to treat the simple implant dentistry indications seen in their practice. Topics to be covered include: Patient Communication and Motivation, Diagnosis and Treatment Planning, Radiograph and CT Scan Interpretation, Record Keeping and Failure Avoidance. Surgical Placement and Restoration of Implants will be taught using live case videos and bench model simulations.

AGD's new "Educational Objectives for the Provision of Dental Implant Therapy by Dentists" will be discussed. Dr. Garfield is a former Assistant Professor of Fixed Prosthetics at UCLA and currently conducts an implant instruction and technology service for dentists. These two days of 16 lecture hours provide with presentation, 40 hands on credit in Implant Dentistry

#### *October 25th*                      **Occlusion/Fixed Prosthetics**    Dr. Terry Tanaka

This session will serve as an introduction and form a foundation for the three day program in April. Topics to be covered include: Differential Diagnosis of Head and Neck Pain, TMD and Occlusion (*how and when are they related*), Medications and Splint Therapy Used To Effectively Treat TMD, Management of Occlusal Forces, Tooth Wear, Parafunction and Bruxing. There will be a review of the literature and a discussion on articulator selection.

Participants are urged to bring mounted study models of potential patients for discussion with Dr. Tanaka and the group. Dr Tanaka is a Clinical Professor at USC School of Dentistry, Department of Graduate Prosthodontics. He is the founder and director of the "TMD and Restorative Dentistry Study Groups." He has published numerous articles and is widely recognized as a research anatomist and for his teachings in advanced restorative procedures. Dr. Tanaka holds Fellowships from the Academy of Dentistry International, American and International Colleges of Dentists and is a Master of the Academy of General Dentistry. He is a Diplomate, American Board of Oral Facial Pain and a member of numerous other restorative and prosthetic-related societies and academies. He maintains a private practice in Chula Vista.

### CURRICULUM YEAR 4-----*Second Session, April, 2010*

#### *April 8th*                              **Implant Presentations**    Dr. Robert Garfield

Attending the March workshop and lecture will give 40 hours of hands on CE credit in Implant Dentistry for those who present to the class and moderator. Presentations may be either on the Prosthetic or Surgical aspect of implant dentistry or a combination of both. *(continued on the next page)*

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## MASTERTRACK *(continued from adjacent page)*

*April 9th, 10th and 11th*      **Occlusion/Fixed Prosthetics**      Dr. Terry Tanaka

These three sessions will prepare the participants for their final presentation in October. Participants will evaluate mounted study casts, dental x-rays and TMJ tomograms and develop treatment plans for patients with a variety of occlusal and skeletal disorders. The class will learn the new classifications of malocclusion, esthetic guidelines, related to maxillary and mandibular dysphasia, facial thirds, the E-line and the relationship to anterior tooth wear and the Curve of Spee. Occlusal vertical dimension; can and how much it should be altered? Two step occlusion, segmented rehabilitation and maintaining the OVD and the centric relation position will also be covered.

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# Give Kids a Smile Day

Mengtao Guo, M.S., CAGD FellowTrack Student Leader, University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry

Give Kids a Smile® (GKAS), the core event of National Children's Dental Health Month, has been established for eight years. Nearly half-a-million underserved children nationwide received dental treatment at this one-day event last year. In the economic downturn, this year's GKAS seems to be more important than ever.

On Saturday, February 6, ten dental students from the UCSF School of Dentistry joined Dr. Yolanda Mangrum's volunteer team in her Sonoma office. Dr. Mangrum, CAGD's FellowTrack Program Director, has been donating her services and dental materials to GKAS since its beginning in 2002. Under her close supervision, junior and senior dental students paired up in five operatories and provided free dental care for twenty-five children. The treatment included exams and oral hygiene instruction, prophys, scalings, sealants, composite restorations, and extractions.

The youngest patient served was a one-year-old boy; the oldest was a teenage mom who was seen by Dr. Mangrum at the Teen Parents Free Dental Care event last fall. The volunteer work of over \$10,000 total value brought out healthy teeth and beautiful smiles for the children, and appreciative faces from the parents.

Following the arduous seven-hour patient care session, the UCSF students explored Dr. Mangrum's dental spa office. They enjoyed Dr. Mangrum's demonstration of her CAD-CAM system and oral cancer screening system. Dr. Mangrum also shared with them her personal experience regarding career preparation, practice management, and the important role of the AGD in student's dental careers as well as later in their professional careers. One student said: "This was one of the most inspiring and fulfilling days I have had during my dental school years."



Dr. Yolanda Mangrum examines five-year-old, Tommy.



Five-year-old, Tommy, learns how to floss. He is awarded with a glove-made balloon.



20 Dr. Mangrum coaxes a youngster with autism to open her mouth for the exam.



Bela Patel teaches an eleven-year-old how to brush the lingual surfaces of lower anteriors

## FellowTrack Activities *(continued from page 20)*



Hong Xie (left) supervises junior, Catherine Lau, doing a scaling



Bela Patel (left) assists senior, Mengtao Guo, doing sealants



Lynda Tran (left) supervises junior, Alison Adachi, doing a prophylaxis



Mai Dinh uses a dinosaur toy to teach a four-year-old how to brush



Angela Guiao (left) and Mai Dinh give OHI using a mirror



Dr. Mangrum demonstrates her CAD-CAM system to the students



Hanneke Finones (left) and Jeremy Bonander are finishing their treatment



Mengtao Guo, Alison Adachi, Lynda Tran, Bela Patel, Hong Xie, Mai Dinh, Dr. Mangrum, Angela Guiao, Catherine Lau, Jeremy Bonander and Hanneke Finones

CAGD's FellowTrack Program Director, Dr. Roger Garrett, asks for dentist volunteers (*pre-Fellows, Fellows and Masters*) to pair up with one or two students from each of the five schools.

If you wish to participate, contact Dr. Garrett at 818-591-2480 or at [rgarrettds@adelphia.net](mailto:rgarrettds@adelphia.net) or write him at 23695 Calabasas Road, Calabasas, California 91302-1502

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## **IMPLANTS** *(continued from page 11)*

and returned to my office mounted on an inexpensive plastic articulator. A note was added to the case from the specialist that the implants were placed lingually and that the case would 'test my restorative skills.' After reviewing the case, it was clear that the implants were placed less than ideal, the abutments were poor, the emergence profile was poor, and these abutments could not be used. So, the patient was reappointed, impressions taken at my office, correct abutments fabricated by a knowledgeable dental laboratory, and crowns placed with proper contours, emergence profiles, etc.

***The point is this:*** We are ultimately responsible for providing our patients with the best that is available. That means doing it correctly or referring it to someone that can do it correctly. That is the ethical, moral, legal path to take. There are many generalists that should not be doing implant dentistry at all because they have no idea what they are doing. There are specialists who should not be doing any restorative procedures because they have no idea what they are doing. In fact, one can make a case for specialists staying within their specialties and not crossing that line into restorative procedures.

Anecdotally, I will state that, for some reason, West Coast dentists rely on their specialists for abutment placement and design and impression taking more than the East Coast dentists. I personally believe this to be a lack of training, a lack of confidence, and a lack of case ownership. Again, in my opinion, once a healing abutment is placed the duties of the specialist have ended. The case now becomes a restorative case. CDT codes are clear as to what constitutes a surgical procedure and what constitutes a restorative procedure.

I have the advantage of a great surgeon for those cases I do not do myself, a great dental laboratory, and vast experience myself in restoring implants. There is a universe out there where the team is a poor laboratory, a poor specialist, and a poor generalist. Pity the patients that fall into these offices.

***The takeaway:*** If you as a generalist don't own a torque wrench, don't make surgical guides, don't know how to take either open tray or closed tray impressions, rely on your specialists for these procedures, don't know how to remove cement from implant crowns, don't know how to make screw-retained temporary crowns, and on and on...*then you probably should not be doing implant dentistry.* And a lot of you start your first case by doing complex cases.

The vast majority of you reading this from the Academy of General Dentistry have training and knowledge to make these things happen or you wouldn't be a member of the AGD. Our patients deserve better than unskilled  
22 professionals placing implants and unskilled professionals restoring implants regardless of whether  
DDS or MSD follows their name.



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