



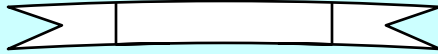
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Shelley Barker Olson

I am proud and excited to accept the challenge of being the President of your Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society. I would like to thank **Dr. Ashley Mann** and the RWCDS Board for all their hard work, time and effort over the past year. A special thank you to **Dr. Thom Buttler** for being the glue that holds us all together. Thank you to all of our members who have attended meetings and have had an integral role in making RWCDS a huge success. For anyone who has not visited our website www.rwcds.org recently, please check it out. Webmaster **Dr. Doug MacLeod** has done an impressive job. Also, I want to welcome **Dr. Sheppard McKenzie** as Editor and congratulate him on producing his first newsletter!

Please be aware that due to renovations at the North Ridge Country Club, our January meeting will be held on the **4th Tuesday of the month (January 27, 2009)**. **Dr. Mark Kutcher** from UNC will be presenting his "Pearls of Oral Medicine". I encourage all of our members to invite a non-member to our first meeting of the New Year. Let's welcome Dr. Kutcher in true Wake County style with a full house.

Our holiday social at Goodnight's Comedy Club was a great way to close a wonderful 2008 and welcome in 2009. All who attended enjoyed an evening filled with great food, laughter and most importantly fellowship with friends. I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. See you at the next meeting!

Respectfully,

Shelley Barker Olson
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2009 CALENDAR

JAN	13th	Executive Board meeting
	27th	General Members' meeting & CE Dr. Mark Kutcher Topic: Pearls of Oral Medicine
FEB	10th	Executive Board meeting
	17th	General Members' meeting & CE Dr. "John" Lauten TMJ Dysfunction / Facial Pain
MAR	10th	Executive Board meeting
	17th	Dr. Jeff Thomas Soft Tissue Grafting
APR	14th	Executive Board meeting
	21st	Dr. Harald Heymann Vital Tooth Bleaching
MAY	12th	Executive Board meeting
	19th	Dr. Allen Samuelson Dentistry in an Aging Population

General Members' meetings are held at 6:15 p.m. at **North Ridge Country Club**, 6612 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh, NC on the **3rd Tuesday** of each meeting month (except JAN 09).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dr. Thomas K. Buttler

The 2009 dues notices were sent out (snail mail and email) in early November 2008 and most of you have responded in a timely manner. I thank you for your punctuality. The official deadline date for payment is February 1st. Those of you who haven't already mailed in your form and payment are urged to expedite this task. Your prompt attention to this matter helps me:

- by decreasing the number of time-consuming 2nd and 3rd mailing notices
- to expedite the production of the Members' Directory

It is necessary to fill out the renewal form even if your personal information has not changed since last year. A reasonable goal is to have a quality portrait / passport type photo for all members in the directory. This makes for a first-rate directory and good personal presentation. I appeal to those who have never submitted a photo or whose photo is several years out of date or of poor quality to make the effort to email a quality digital photo to me.

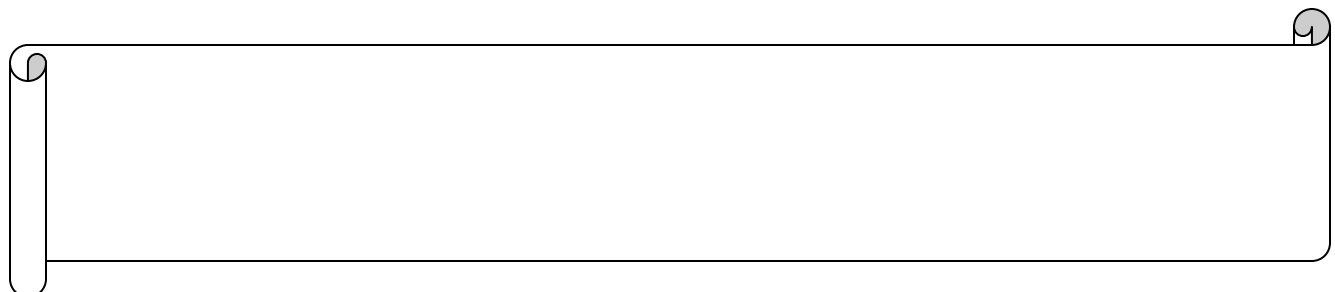
There are only a few members who have not provided an email address in the past. RWCDs communication via email has been fantastic as most of you can attest. It is incredibly efficient. RWCDs use of member email addresses has not and will not be abused. Please don't be reluctant to fill in the email address line on your dues form to assist in high tech, low cost communication.

One More Year

With the election of the 2009 RWCDs Executive Board there is light at the end of the tunnel for **Dr. Ashley Mann** as he transitions from being the 2008 President to the position of Immediate Past-President. After his final year as an Executive Board member Ashley's run as a board participant will be six years, which is thought to be a record. Ashley's extraordinary dedication to the Society and **Wake Smiles** is appreciated and he is to be commended for such a stellar effort. Dana will be glad to see more of the marathon man in 2010.

Respectfully,

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OLD EDITOR'S NOTES

As the outgoing Editor of the RWCDS, I bid you a happy New Year and farewell. It was great getting to know some of you, and working with the other Executive Board members in the best interest of the RWCDS. I would like to introduce you to the new Editor, **Dr. Sheppard McKenzie**. A little about Shep. He was born in Chapel Hill, and raised in Raleigh. He earned his bachelor's degree at UNC at Chapel Hill in 1999, his D.D.S. in 2005 and his M.S. in periodontics in 2008. Shep works with the outstanding periodontists, Dr. Steve Hamrick and Dr. Dave Simpson. We all look forward to working with Shep, so please welcome him enthusiastically as your new Editor.

Respectfully,

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NEW EDITOR'S NOTES

Happy New Year! I am excited to kick off 2009 by serving on the RWCDS Board as the new Editor of the newsletter. From what I gather, our local dental society has burgeoned over the past several years. As membership continues to grow, the importance of communication, such as the website and this newsletter, will be vital in serving members. My hope is to continue the high standard that has been set and to continue to evolve and adapt the newsletter to the future needs of the RWCDS. To that end, if anyone has suggestions, critiques, or ideas for the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to thank **Dr. Tony Horalek** for his integral role in publishing this newsletter, as he has been teaching me "the ropes" during publication of this volume. His patience and mentoring are much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on January 27th, which will be on the **fourth Tuesday of this month** (not the third) to kick off what I know, will be a great year. Finally, the following members were voted to the RWCDS Executive Board on November 18:

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Respectfully,

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We were fortunate to have **Dr. Dave Felton**, from the **School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** present the topic, “Calling the question, Endodontics vs. Implants -- What to do?” at our November 18, 2008 meeting. The meeting had a big draw of both endodontists and prosthodontists to hear this very interesting topic. Dr. Felton has served as the **Editor in Chief** of the **Journal of Prosthodontics** since April of 2003.



The November 18, 2008 General Member’s meeting also brought out some distinguished endodontists to include **Dr. Benjamin Brown**, and **Dr. Eric Rivera, Chairman of Department of Endodontics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**. **Dr. Thom Buttler** wraps up the meeting with **Drs. Brown and Rivera**.



Our very own **Dr. Ted Mayer** and **Dr. Burt Horwitz** (not pictured) worked on October 26, 2008 at the Community Fair at Temple Beth Or on Creedmoor Road in Raleigh. Thank you Ted and Burt!



RWCDs Executive Board members (left to right), **Dr. Jill Sonner** (Member at Large), **Dr. Douglas McLeod** (Webmaster), **Dr. Ted Mayer** (Treasurer), **Dr. Ashley Mann** (Past President), and **Dr. Eve Brown** (Secretary). Not pictured are **Dr. Shelly Barker Olson** (President), **Dr. Tony Horalek**, (President Elect), **Dr. Sheppard McKenzie** (Editor), **Dr. Craig Williams** (Member at Large).

Where Is The Ideal Meeting Location?

Since September of 2005 the RWCDS meetings have been held at the North Ridge Country Club (NRCC). The NRCC has been a huge venue improvement compared to the NC State Faculty Club, which was our home prior to the change. **Dr. Craig Adams**, the 2005 RWCDS President, was instrumental in negotiating favorable terms with the NRCC and getting the job done. NRCC is an elegant facility that offers excellent meeting rooms, delicious food, a superb service staff and an attentive management team. Since the change the meeting attendance has vastly increased (double to triple) and continues to grow.

The only perceived shortcoming is NRCC's location being in the northern part of Wake County (2.4 miles north of the I-440 Beltline). The 2005 Executive Board was cognizant of this factor when the change of location decision was made and every board since has discussed this issue and looked into suitable alternatives. The Boards have been aware of an undercurrent of dissatisfaction by some members practicing and /or residing in the southern part of the county.

To date a satisfactory alternative venue for a more centralized meeting site has not been identified. In addition to location and the factors mentioned above, obviously cost is a significant part of the equation. The relative good value that the society is enjoying at the NRCC has come to light during the course of the board's evaluation of other meeting sites.

The Executive Board is open to changing meeting venues to a more centralized location (or to a southern county location on a rotating basis). But, until a venue is discovered that is near comparable in amenities and cost, there is no logic in making a change in 2009. There are numerous factors including consistent, high quality CE that contribute to an outstanding local dental society whether it is county wide or a smaller region. There is a considerable amount of sustained work that goes into the process. The Executive Board and I implore you to look at the big picture when electing to not attend meetings because of a little extra drive than you would ideally like or considering forming a more localized competing society.

As a larger, more representative, well functioning organized group we have a more powerful voice when we speak out on issues and minimize duplication of effort in pursuing good speakers or professional outreach. Our foes in the government and insurance worlds would like nothing better than for us to separate and divide ourselves. The Board and I eagerly want to hear all of your ideas, suggestions and requests on how the RWCDS can become an even better Society and better serve your needs. Suggestions for potential meeting sites are greatly appreciated.

As an aside, I work at a location close to Western Wake Medical Center. I don't find the drive to the NRCC to be particularly time consuming or inconvenient. I do notice the heavy traffic is traveling in the opposite direction and am thankful not to be part of the challenge.

Dr. Thom Buttler
Executive Director RWCDS

Dental Assistant's Week

"...I couldn't have done that without you!" How many times have we as dentists shared that thought with our Dental Assistants? I hope your answer is *"often"*.

We all enjoy being acknowledged for hard work and dedication and it's that recognition that fosters a sense of pride and accomplishment for our TEAM members. Dental Assistants enhance the quality of dental health care and are critical members of our office families. The role of Dental Assistants has evolved over the years, with assistants now involved in many aspects of an often busy and successful dental practice.

I am asking that you join me in recognizing your Dental Assistants this year. **March 2-6, 2009**, has been designated by the American Dental Assistants Association, along with the American Dental Association, as the perfect time to acknowledge and celebrate the versatile, multitalented member of your dental TEAM — your Dental Assistant!

Respectfully,

Robert D. Elliott, D.M.D., M.S.

Classifieds

DENTISTS AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISE HYGIENISTS

Dr. Ralph Hawkins. Available for Raleigh, Cary, and Apex offices. Please call 919.467.1512
Dr. Jill Sonner. 919.824.1235 or email jillsonner@yahoo.com
Dr. Chuck Kistler. 919.783.9447

HELP WANTED

Dr. Scott A Hum. Dental Assistant needed part-time. Oral Surgery Office to fill in for maternity leave. January thru February 2009. Contact Dr. Hum at 919.783.9920.