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## President's Message



**Dr. Shelley Barker Olson**

Friends and Colleagues,

I hope this newsletter finds you relaxed and recharged from a summer of fun in the sun. Your Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society board has been hard at work selecting an outstanding line-up of Fall programs.

Our 2009 Fall program schedule leads off with **Dr. Enrique Platin** on September 15<sup>th</sup> presenting **“Trends in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology”**. Dr. Platin is involved in teaching Radiology at the UNC School of dentistry where he has been presented multiple awards for excellence in teaching. His research has been published in over 20 journal articles.

In October we welcome **Dr. Glen Reside** with **“Complications From Dental Implant Surgery”**. He is the Director of Dental Student Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery education and the primary faculty for dental implantology in the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency training program. We round out the year with **Dr. Art Nowak**, past president of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, with **“Pacifiers & Thumbs... how bad are they?”**. Dr. Nowak has been a consultant in Pediatric Dentistry to the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation. He has served as chair of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry; president of the Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped; trustee, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; consultant to four national advocacy organizations; and consultant, Surgeon General's Office, Department of Health and Human Services.

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### 2009 Calendar

<b>SEPT</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	Executive Board meeting
	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	General Members' meeting & CE Dr. Enrique Platin Trends in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
<b>OCT</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Executive Board meeting
	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	General Members' meeting & CE Dr. Glenn Reside Complications from Dental Implant Surgery
<b>NOV</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Executive Board meeting
	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Dr. Art Nowak Pacifiers and Thumbs, How Bad are They?

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.

Now that you know what you have to look forward to - I would like to encourage all of you to attend the meetings and take advantage of the excellent CE, great food and fellowship. Also, please invite a non-member dentist to attend with you as an introduction to RWCDs. Let's welcome each of these presenters with a full house!

While RWCDs has been on summer break, both the Wake Tech Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting programs have been busy graduating some highly qualified dental professionals. Several board members, the executive director, and I have had the opportunity to attend these ceremonies and congratulate these young ladies on behalf of the Raleigh Wake County Dental Society. RWCDs provided \$1,200 in Scholarships to 5 high achieving dental assistants and 3 dental hygiene students as well as funding for plaques and the ceremonies. So if you are looking for a new team member, please contact Trudy Clark (dental assisting) and Brenda Maddox (dental hygiene) at Wake Tech. Thank you all for your support of both of these fine programs.

Over the summer we have also had some changes at Wake Smiles – in June both of Wake Smiles' grants ended and were not renewed. An unfortunate result of the budget constraints is that the Volunteer Coordinator position held by Tina Lawson could not be sustained. I would like to extend a special thank you to **Tina Lawson** on behalf of the RWCDs for her service to the underserved dental patient population of Wake County over the last five years. Wake Smiles continues to need your volunteer efforts and you are encouraged to call the volunteer coordinator phone number (414-8016) or contact a Wake Smiles Board Member. The Wake Smiles board continues to look for additional funding and grants. As the old adage goes, "If you can't give of your time – give of your money."

I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Respectfully,

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### **Executive Director's Message**



**Dr. Thomas K. Buttler**

#### **Rambling Thoughts...But A Must Read**

“Virtually nothing on earth can stop a person with a positive attitude who has his goals clearly in sight” – Dennis Waitley (motivational speaker)

I like this quote. I believe in its message. This quote speaks to the individual, but it could be

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expanded to apply to a group or organization...like the RWCDs. Our society and especially the RWCDs Executive Board have reflected these characteristics since its “rebirth” in 2005 – and, that is why it is successful and ever growing.

- **IRS GRANTS THE RWCDs FOUNDATION TAX EXEMPT STATUS** – In correspondence received in Spring 2009 the IRS gave a favorable ruling to our request for Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. This ruling successfully concludes nearly a year’s effort. What does this mean to you? Now your personal or business account contributions to the RWCDs Foundation are legally deductible on your tax returns.
- **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RWCDs FOUNDATION** - A list of members who contributed in the past two years to the foundation is found in this issue. Their generosity is to be commended. An unusual thing occurred in the 2009 dues billing cycle. Many members who contributed in 2006, 2007 and 2008 did not contribute in 2009. I believe there is a simple explanation...and it is not that members suddenly lost their desire to contribute to the foundation. In the past, members typically combined their dues payment and foundation contribution in one check. Last year our accountant brought to my attention that it is necessary to write separate checks. This policy was instituted with the 2009 billing cycle and, whammo a big drop off in foundation contributions. In a few months you will be receiving your 2010 dues notice with a request for a foundation contribution. Please take the initiative and write a separate contribution check. The foundation monies are used for our community outreach activities and with the recent drop off in contributions there is a need to replenish our coffer.
- **NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010 RWCDs EXECUTIVE BOARD** – Interested in guiding the future of the society? It is already time to think about elections for the 2010 board. The slate of nominations is announced at the October meeting and the elections take place at the November meeting. Service to the society is a nice opportunity and time commitment involved not overbearing. If you are interested in board service, contact a board member or me to place your name in nomination.
- **CALL FOR UPDATED PHOTOS FOR THE 2010 MEMBERS DIRECTORY** – Over the past three years many of you have taken the initiative to submit an updated portrait photo for use in our directory and on our website. Your actions are greatly appreciated and contribute to the quality and completeness of both. I am appealing to those members who have never submitted a photo, have a photo in the 2009 directory that is more than four years old, have a poor quality photo or have other than a plain background. Several photos were not included in the 2009 directory due to deficiencies. I apologize if anyone was upset. Please don’t procrastinate. CVS, Walgreen’s, Ritz Camera and Wolf Camera among others offer convenient, economical passport photo services. Maybe, Orthodontic offices would be willing to offer assistance. The most efficient method is to email a digital photo to [ExecDirector@rwcds.org](mailto:ExecDirector@rwcds.org). Also, you can mail a quality hard copy and I can scan it. The goal is to have a good photo of every member in the directory. Your assistance is appreciated and reduces the number of times that I will need to visit offices with my camera.
- **MEETING LOCATION** – North Ridge Country Club (NRCC) will continue to host our meetings. Our relationship with NRCC began in September 2005. It is an attractive venue offering attractive meeting rooms, excellent cuisine, an attentive staff and, as best as can be determined, reasonable costs. The location is a negative for some especially for our members located in the southern part of the county (Apex, Cary, Garner, Holly Springs). The RWCDs Board continues to scout for a comparable, more centrally located meeting site and has always been open minded to a move. Do you have any suggestions? If so, please contact a board member or me. I do find it both interesting and puzzling that some of the most regular meeting attendees travel from the far corners of the county and numerous members that never attend a meeting have offices located a mile or less from the NRCC. Go figure? It must have something to do with enjoying the meetings and priorities. *Continued on Page 4*

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- CHECK YOUR PERSONAL DATA ON [rwcds.org](http://rwcds.org) FOR ACCURACY – As a RWCDs member you should be listed on the website and the information shown should be accurate. The public has access to some of this information and serves as an aid for the public to find you. Members have access to all the information. Contact the Webmaster, Dr. Doug MacLeod, or me if you are in need of your user name and password.

Respectfully,

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### **Editor's Notes**

I hope everyone has had a relaxing, fun summer and is now getting geared up for the fall. As a relatively new member of RWCDs, I am struck by the high quality of CE available to members each month. Much praise is due to **Dr. Olson**, previous Program Chair, and **Dr. Horalek**, current Program Chair, for landing prominent speakers.

Please take a look at the photos on the following pages which show the spring 2010 speakers and their topics. Attendance at the monthly meetings has been tremendous, often times necessitating the use of the large ballroom at NRCC. With the exciting speakers and their topics Dr. Horalek has lined up for this fall and spring, we have much to look forward to and attendance is sure to remain strong. We will kick off the spring 2010 CE season in January with a **Dental School Update**, which both **Dean Hupp** (ECU) and **Dean Williams** (UNC Chapel Hill) will present. This January meeting will also be **Legislative Night**. Also in the spring, **Dr. Ray Garrison** will speak on Dental Sedation and North Carolina Rules, and **Dr. Lyndon Cooper** from UNC will speak on Prosthodontics.

As always, your feedback and submissions for the newsletter are welcome and please don't hesitate to call me (919.360.8450) with any comments or suggestions.

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### **Dental Hygiene Program Update**

The Dental Hygiene Program at Wake Tech graduated twelve students with an AAS degree in Dental Hygiene in May 2009 celebrated at a pinning ceremony on May 8 and graduation on May 17. Several awards were presented to the graduates at the pinning ceremony, including the Scholarship Award, which is sponsored by the Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society. The student achieving the highest GPA in Dental Hygiene receives this scholarship, with a cash award presented. This year Dr. Shelley Barker Olsen, Dr. Thom Butler, and Dr. Ted Mayer presented two awards as there was a tie with two students earning a 3.62 GPA. Dayna Artim and Amy Gibbs were each awarded \$300 scholarships. The class this year had a 100% pass rate on the first attempt for both the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination and CITA exam. Congratulations to the Class of 2009.

Continuing in the program are twenty students who have just completed the first year of the program and will enter the second year when classes resume August 17, 2009. The program has accepted twenty-five students into the fall as well, one higher than the normal twenty-four to enter. We anticipate another productive year in 2009-2010.

Currently the faculty and staff consists of five full-time faculty members, three part-time faculty members, three consulting dentists and two patient care coordinators. The newest addition to

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the faculty is Ms. Lattice Sams, RDH, MS who is a recent graduate of the Dental Hygiene Master's Degree program at UNC-CH. We welcome her to the department.

Thank you for the continued support of the Dental Society. In the tough economic times we face, we may be seeking volunteers in the next year to assist with events such as the Mock Interviews and Mock CITA Exam which are both organized in the spring to assist second year students in preparing for the licensure exams and future employment. The course directors will contact you in the near future for assistance. Donations to the Foundation are always welcomed as well.

For more information on the program please see the website at <http://dentalhygiene.waketech.edu> or contact: Dental Hygiene Main Department – (919) 747-0126, Department Head – Brenda Maddox, RDH, MS – (919) 747-0139 or [bpmaddox@waketech.edu](mailto:bpmaddox@waketech.edu).



**Graduating Class of 2009**

**Standing:** Teri Podolak, Camillia Simpson, Tammy Davidson, Caroline Nelson, Amber Anderson, Amy Gibbs, Stephanie Taylor, Dayna Artim

**Seated:** Mary Beth Woodlief, Jessica Perry, Kelly Hawks, Paula Sanguino

Ted Mayer, DDS

### **Dental Assisting Program Update**

The RWCDS continues to offer support for the Wake Tech Community College Dental Assisting Program. This is a full one-year accredited program, not a 3-month proprietary, for profit program. Besides their **DAII status these graduates are classified as certified dental assistant (CDA)** and have a portfolio that contains all necessary documentation (e.g. documentation of Hepatitis B vaccination series plus titer levels, TB screening, etc.) These graduates can legally take radiographs, perform coronal polish, monitor nitrous oxide and perform other DAII advanced functions. On 7/13/09 a graduation was held at the health sciences building behind Wake Med Hospital for the sixteen students graduating from the program. The RWCDS paid for the awards presented, refreshments, and decorations for the evening. The event would not be possible without the support from the RWCDS! In addition, Dr. Bruce Barker, Dr. Bobbi Elliott, Dr. Chauncey Nelson, and Dr. Jonathan Beavers paid for the professional pins presented to the dental assisting students.

As of this time **10 out of the 16 graduates are still seeking full time positions.** Typically, 75-85% of graduates secure jobs after completing the program, so if you need a dental assistant please contact **Trudy Clark**, Department Head of Dental Assisting at Wake Technical Community College, at [tsclark@waketech.edu](mailto:tsclark@waketech.edu).

Jill Sonner, DDS



Dr. Kutcher

Dr. Heymann

Dr. Samuelson

Once again the RWCDs tapped into the local talent available at the UNC School of Dentistry for cutting edge continuing education. Dr. Kutcher presented the “Pearls of Oral Medicine”. Dr. Heymann gave his highly anticipated lecture, “Vital Tooth Bleaching”, and Dr. Samuelson delivered his timely CE, “Dentistry in an Aging Population”.

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Local periodontists pose with Dr. Jeff Thomas after his presentation, “Soft Tissue Grafting” (left to right): Dr. Hamrick, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Kazmer, Dr. McKenzie, and Dr. Windley.



Dr. Donna Mack speaks with Dr. John Lauten after his talk, “TMJ Dysfunction/ Facial Pain”.

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A packed house listens to Dr. Lauten’s talk on TMJ Dysfunction

**Wake County Dental Program for Children’s Dental Health  
Thank You Letter**

Dear RWCDS Members,

The School Based Dental Program at Wake County Human Services would like to thank you for your support to our Children’s Dental Health Month (CDHM) Program. Your contribution of \$415 was greatly appreciated. Your donation sponsored the Dental Health Flyers for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and books given to the media specialist during the toothbrush guessing game. In recognition of CDHM, all the activities are listed below:

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\* A Toothbrush Guessing Game was targeted to 29 title one Wake County Schools. One week in February, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders participated by guessing the number of toothbrushes in a jar in the media center. The media specialist received and read a dental related book to the students during this week. The winner from each school received an automatic toothbrush and other dental goodies.

\* Dental “Tooth Tidbits” Sheets were sent to all 99 Wake County schools’ PTA newsletter editor to use for the schools’ newsletter. The PTA’s school newsletter is a great link between our school dental program and the parents of Wake County elementary students.

\*Dental Fun Facts Sheets were given to the office of 29 Title One Schools. The facts were recommended for morning announcements in recognition of CDHM and encouraged participation in the toothbrush guessing game in the media center.

\*Dental Health Flyers were given to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders of 29 Title One Schools. These flyers were given after a dental toothbrush lesson by the school dental hygienist to take home to parents. The flyer also had a game for the students to enjoy.

\*First Grade Bookmarkers were given to the 29 Title One Schools. The educational bookmarkers included information on fluoride and bottled water. The bookmarkers were in English and Spanish to help educate students and parents.

\*Healthy Heart Promotion included second grade students and teachers at 29 Title One Schools. The promotion educated the important link between healthy hearts and healthy mouths. The students received red toothbrushes with covers and the teacher received a dental health care kit and educational information. Thank you again for the role your Society played in the Children’s Dental Health Month Program for Wake County Schools. Your support and contribution gave Wake County School Dental Health Program the opportunity to strengthen parents and students awareness of the importance of good dental health.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Torbert, CDHM Coordinator

### **RWCDS Foundation Donors Honor Roll**

The RWCDS is now officially a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization which means contributions are deductible on your personal or business tax return. The IRS’s favorable ruling was received on March 18, 2009 and is retroactive to November 17, 2004.

Be mindful when you receive your annual dues notice that your contribution to the RWCDS Foundation must be made in a check separate from your dues payment in order to be in compliance with IRS rules. This separate check requirement was initiated with the 2009 dues billing notice. Unfortunately, contributions were negatively impacted by this change in format. Please take the time to write the separate check next time around.

Following is a listing of the RWCDS members who contributed \$50 or more since October 2007. Also, the “Angel Fund” of Delta Dental of North Carolina, directed by RWCDS member Dr. Robert Rosenthal, contributed \$1,000 to the RWCDS Foundation. Your contributions are very needed and appreciated.

## RWCDS Foundation Donors Honor Roll

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## *Classifieds*

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### **TEMPORARY DENTISTS**

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Dr. Tyler Davis can be contacted at 919-906-6496

Dr. Ted Mayer available to check hygiene can be contacted at 919-846-6815

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### **HELP WANTED**

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Onsite Periodontist needed one Saturday per month to take care of surgical needs of 4 doctor group practice in Research Triangle Park. Please send CV/resume to: Attention Jill, Periodontist PT at [resume@RTDental.com](mailto:resume@RTDental.com) or fax to 919 596-0910. [www.rtdental.com](http://www.rtdental.com)

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### **EQUIPMENT**

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Forceps, handpieces, hand instruments for amalgam tray, endo tray, cr & br tray. Two adec support units-Dental Assistant units. Great condition. Email for list of items. [yount@raleighfacialpain.com](mailto:yount@raleighfacialpain.com)

One Dentsply 810 automatic processor for pans and intraoral; 2 P&C fixed ceiling mounted lights; 1 P&C pole mounted light; Fraser complete central N2O/O2 system w/ alarm.  
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