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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. C. Ashley Mann

I hope that everyone has had a prosperous summer and is excited that autumn is fast approaching. We have a great group of presenters this fall, starting September 16th with **Dr. Fred Liewehr**, former Chairman of the VCU School of Dentistry Department of Endodontics. The topic will be "Diagnosis and Management of Cracked Teeth". One of our goals as a Board this year is to present topics that our members can appreciate and find enlightening. If you have a topic or a speaker that you think that our membership could benefit from, please bring this to our attention and we will try our best to accommodate your request.

One of the many reasons that I am proud to be a member of the RWCDS is our affiliation and support of **Wake Smiles**. Wake Smiles offers treatment for those unfortunate people in Wake County who are not able to afford treatment. This program depends on our local dentists to volunteer their time to cover the clinic on Tuesday evenings. Usually this work consists of examinations, treatment planning, as well as operative dentistry and simple extractions. **Wake Smiles** needs new volunteers. If you volunteer even once a quarter, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you have interest in helping with the continued success of this program please sign up at the next General Members' meeting.

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2008 - 2009 CALENDAR

SEP	9 th	Executive Board meeting
	16 th	General Members' meeting & CE Dr. Frederick R. Liewehr "Diagnosis and management of cracked teeth"
OCT	14 th	Executive Board meeting
	21 st	General Members' meeting & CE Scherer Dental Lab, topic TBD
NOV	11 th	Executive Board meeting
	18 th	Dr. David Felton of UNC "Calling the question" Endodontics vs. Implants What to do ?
DEC	12 th	Holiday Social Tentative: Dinner to include Comedy at Charlie Goodnight's Still in planning stages
JAN	13 th	Executive Board meeting
	20 th	General Members' meeting & CE, TBD
FEB	10 th	Executive Board meeting
	17 th	General Members' meeting & CE, TBD

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.

One of the important aspects of our organization is its total number of members. I encourage all members to contact a non-member and invite them to a meeting as our guest and tell them of the many great benefits of being a member of the RWCDS. I look forward to meeting potential members, as well as seeing older friends that have returned for socializing and continuing education at **North Ridge Country Club**.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of the Holiday Social this year. We have reserved **Charlie Goodnight's** this year for an evening full of laughter and fun. A buffet dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m., and the show will start at 8:00 p.m. Please reserve your tickets as soon as possible for you and your family. I look forward to seeing and laughing with you, and not at you!

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dr. Thomas K. Buttler

The Triangle and, specifically, Wake County, are mentioned favorably in the national media in regards to best places to live and work in America, percentage of highly educated people, leading universities, quality of health care, strong local economy and growth among other things. I am unaware of any negative category that Wake County is ranked. We are fortunate to reside and work in such a highly regarded community.

Wake County's favorable evolution did not take place overnight or by happenstance. Many things have contributed to this emergence. Many dedicated, generous, hardworking individuals with vision have been part of the composite of factors. Like most things it all starts with people.

As I see it, we, as citizens, dental professionals, and as a dental society, are charged with the responsibility of doing our part to enhance all things positive in Wake County. Conversely, it is incumbent to recognize the not so good things in Wake County and address those when possible.

Your Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society has gained a favorable reputation as it has recreated itself over the past three years. Many members have been instrumental. To continue on this path it is important that members be engaged and interested. A huge commitment is not necessary as long as we all do a little to ensure the Society's vitality and relevance. Your being an active member and attending a meeting now and then is very helpful in keeping your Society on track.

Similar to Wake County's current status, it is not where you stand today...it is how good you are going to be tomorrow. Thank you for your past, present, and future support. With your participation and commitment your Society will continue to improve.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

The RWCDs Executive Board usually publishes the newsletter three times a year -- February, May, and September. However this year, the Board unanimously voted not to publish the May newsletter, because most of the major topics were covered in the February edition. Since the Board is still finalizing speakers for 2009, I foresee the Board sending an announcement or a "mini-newsletter" about the topics and speakers prior to the General Members' January 13, 2009 meeting. Please keep track of changing events by logging on to: <http://www.rwcds.org> to monitor the changing schedule if you lose a hard copy of your newsletter. If you are like me, you are probably buried in paper in your offices!

The Executive Board met with the **Wake Technical Community College (WTCC) Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee** on May 13th, 2008 (see photos on page 5). The purpose of this meeting was to discuss concerns about WTCC Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Programs' attrition and graduation rates, and how this could relate to the supply and demand requirements for the Wake County community. Since this time, positive progress has been made between the Advisory Board and WTCC officials. Constructive dialogue of how these issues will be addressed is ongoing. Support by the RWCDs for the WTCC **Dental Hygiene** and **Dental Assisting** Programs is enthusiastically ongoing with scholarships and recognition for the outstanding students and faculty (see report by **Dr. Thom Buttler** on page 6).

The **RWCDs Executive Board** met on August 12th, 2008. The following officers were nominated and voted for by the nominating committee for the Executive Board for 2009. If you would like to nominate a member or challenge an existing nomination to the Executive Board, please contact **Dr. Thom Buttler** or **Dr. Ashley Mann**.

2009 RWCDs Executive Board Nominations:

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The Dental Society is presently searching for a member to fill the Editor position on the Executive Board. Please contact any member of the Executive Board if you might be interested in this position.

Lastly, I will say that my selection as President Elect was not on the agenda list for me. In any case, I humbly accept and support the talented **Dr. Shelly Barker-Olson** as President for 2009 and keep the General Members' interests first and foremost in my activities while serving on the Board leading into 2009 - 2010.

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Photos from the General Members' meeting at North Ridge Country Club, April 15th, 2008



Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society Executive Director **Dr. Thomas Butler** with attorney **Patrice Walker** and local Orthodontist, **Dr. Henry Zaytoun, Sr.** CE Topic: "Litigation Risk Management" by Patrice Walker.



Dr. Chris Pennisi, Dr. Shelley Barker Olson (RWCDS President Elect), Dr. Dave Olson, and Dr. Richard Brooks, having a good 'ole time !

Photos from the General Members' meeting at North Ridge Country Club, April 15th, 2008



**Dr. Jennifer Le and Dr. Gina Lee !
Outstanding !**

**Photo from Executive Board Meeting, May 13th, 2008
The Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society meets with the
Wake Technical Community College Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee**



**RWCDS Executive Board and
WTCC Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee**

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.

DENTIST INTERESTED IN ASSOCIATESHIP

UNC Graduate (Spring 2008). Former experience as D.D.S. in Moscow Medical & Stomatological University, experience in exodontia at King's College Hospital in London – UK. Multilingual: Azeri, Turkish, Russian and Persian. Tel: 919.926.0408 or email razavin@yahoo.com.

Additional announcements and information:

- October 21, 2008. Photos for the RWCDs Directory will be taken of members.
- December 12, 2008. Holiday Social. Dinner at 6 p.m./ Comedy starts at 8 p.m.

The RWCDs Supports the Wake Tech Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Programs

The RWCDs has a long history of supportive involvement with the Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Programs at the **Wake Technical Community College**. As has been tradition, the Society recognizes and awards those students with superior academic achievement at graduation time.

In May, President **Dr. Ashley Mann** presented **Amanda Rauch**, the dental hygiene student with the highest GPA, with a \$500 scholarship award and a plaque. In July, **Melanie Levine** (3.7 GPA), **Katherine Baker** (3.6 GPA) and **Lauren Weiss** (3.5 GPA), the top three academic students in the **Dental Assisting Program**, were given awards of \$150 each. In addition, the Society donated \$500 to be applied the DA Program's pinning ceremony expenses.

The RWCDs appreciates the dedication of **Ms. Brenda Maddox** (WTDH Program Director) and **Ms. Trudy Clark** (WTDA Program Director) and congratulates all their Class of 2008 graduates on the successful completion of their studies. We look forward to working with these outstanding dental professionals. The RWCDs received a thank you card from the WTCC students (below) !

