

Oklahoma's Very Own, Dr. Richard Haught Wins ADA President-Elect

Dr. Richard Haught, a general practice dentist in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was elected American Dental Association President-Elect on October 28, 2003. Dr. Haught was installed on October 29, 2003 at the ADA's 144th Annual Session in San Francisco.



Dr. Haught will assume the ADA presidency in October 2004 and lead the organization's efforts to protect and improve the public's oral health and promote advances in dentistry. "What makes our calling a profession is our ability and duty to do what's best for our patients, independent of politics and third parties, basing our treatment on science, not conjecture," Dr. Haught said.

Dr. Haught is a 34-year member of the ADA. As the Trustee from the Twelfth District, he has just completed a four-year term on the ADA Board, where he served as the ADA Board liaison to five councils. He has served as chairman of the Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations; on key task forces and committees; on the Board of Directors of the ADA Health Foundation; and as a delegate.

Dr. Haught is also a past president of the Oklahoma Dental Association. The newly elected president earned his dental degree in 1967 from the Baylor University College of Dentistry.

Dr. Haught's family was at the session to congratulate him and share in his victory. Dr. Haught and his wife Kathy have a married daughter, Kelly, and a grandson, Parker.



ODA New Members Since July 2003

Central District

Dr. Justin Biggs

Eastern District

Dr. Jack Sellers

Northwest District

Dr. Todd Gentling

Northern District

Dr. Clint Metcalf

Dr. Zachary McNickle

Oklahoma County

Dr. Michael Sebourn

Dr. Hunter Stuart

Dr. Mike Seabourn

Dr. Brian VanOven

Dr. Rodney Sandburg, II

Dr. Lance Shmidt

Dr. Carroll Davis

Dr. F. Kurt Clark

Dr. Justin Beasley

Dr. Kyung Cho

Dr. J. Micheal Willbanks

Tulsa County

Dr. Tracy Gasbarra

Dr. Christina Stahlheber

Dr. Ryan Nowlin

Dr. Tom McConnell

South Central District

Dr. Ryan Coombs

Dr. Shannon Brewer

Actions of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation August 27, 2003 Board of Trustees Meeting

- * The Board of Trustees agreed to enter into a lease agreement with the Oklahoma Dental Association beginning January 1, 2004. They will lease 4400 square feet of space from the Oklahoma Dental Foundation at a rate of \$9 per/sq/ft/year. The lease is to be paid on a monthly basis and may be cancelled by either party on 30 days written notice. The Oklahoma Dental Foundation is to pay general upkeep and utilities.
- * The ODF approved the 2004 operating budget and the 2001-2002 audits.
- * The Board decided that the Fall 2004 Oklahoma Dental Foundation meeting be held in downtown Oklahoma City or in a convenient location.
- * The Board of Trustees voted to raise the Coronal Polishing, Topical Fluoride and Jurisprudence fees to \$300 per course; Radiation to \$75 per course; Nitrous Oxide to \$225 per course; Sealants to \$250 per course; Local Anesthesia to \$600 per course; Instructor salaries for assistant/hygienist to \$400 per course; dental faculty to \$600 per course; and course directors to \$1200 per course.
- * The Board of Trustees decided that the ODF will do the following:
 1. Keep all three officer's signatures on the account but only require one to process routine payments.
 2. Bank statements and cancelled checks will be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer directly from the bank or from the Oklahoma Dental Foundation office in the form of a reconciliation report with bank statement.
 3. Require three officer signatures when a disbursement is not paid to a routine vendor and over \$3000.
 4. Routine vendors will be defined as companies and individuals that provide an ongoing service to the Oklahoma Dental Foundation (i.e. course/seminar instructors, catering, printing, utilities, public relations, telephone, insurance, scheduled travel) and are included in the annual operating budget.
 5. Monthly financial reports will be provided to the officers.

Oklahoma Dental Foundation Welcomes New Officers

The Oklahoma Dental Foundation would like to welcome the new officers for 2003-2004. Dr. Stephen Mayer of Vinita is the newly elected president. Dr. Robert Shirley of Oklahoma City is the current vice president. Dr. William Goodman of Fairland is the current secretary/treasurer.

The Oklahoma Dental Foundation board members for 2003-2004 are Dr. Misty Sheldon, Altus; Dr. Michael Nelson, Duncan; Dr. Laura Ballinger, Edmond; Dr. Lisa Grimes and Dr. Larry Kiner, Enid; Dr. William Goodman, Fairland; Dr. Ryan Scott, Marlow; Dr. Wuse Cara, Lawton; Dr. James Gilliam, Noble; Dr. Ray Cohlma, Dr. Joseph Fallin, Dr. Richard Freeman, Ms. Grace Holden, Ms. Linda Lowe, Dr. James Lowe, Ms. Pat Nunn, Dr. Alan Owen, Dr. Robert Shirley, Ms. Janet Turley, and Dr. Stephen Young, Oklahoma City; Dr. Glenn Mead, Purcell; Dr. Mark Smith and Dr. Matt Walker, Tahlequah; Dr. Joseph Lai and Ms. Judy Keenan, Tulsa; Dr. Stephen Mayer and Dr. Jandra Mayer-Ward, Vinita; Dr. William Uraneck, Weatherford; Dr. David Deason, Yukon; Ms. Dana Davis, Executive Director of the ODA, Oklahoma City.

In the Spotlight...

Congratulations to **Dr. James Torchia**, the newly appointed 12th district representative to the ADPAC board. This is a four year term.

Dr. Frank Grammer of Arkansas is replacing Dr. Haught as the new 12th District Trustee. He will also be serving a four year term.

Dr. Keith Keeter is a new member of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.

Dr. Robert L. Bartheld, McAlester, is the President of the International College of Dentists. Dr. Bartheld is a past vice president of the ADA, past president of the ODA, and a past house of delegates member. The following members were inducted to the International College of Dentistry: **Dr. William B. Wynn**, McAlester; **Dr. Matthew E. Cohlma** and **Dr. Wm. Lee Beasley**, Oklahoma City; **Dr. Douglas A. Kirkpatrick** and **Dr. Gary D. Burnidge**, Tulsa; **Dr. J. Walter Coffey**, Stillwater.

Dr. Joseph R. Cain, Oklahoma City, was inducted into the American College of Dentists.

Welcome to the new State Life Members: **Dr. Donald E. Oxford**, Davis; **Dr. LeRoy Place**, Dewey; **Dr. Joel W. Woodburn**, Plano, Texas; **Dr. D. Stanley Prock**, Hugo; **Dr. Paul D. Watkins**, Pauls Valley; **Dr. Gary Gardner**, Lawton.

Remember:
Dues Payments are due and payable by January 1, 2004.

Support ODA Legislative efforts by joining the Pride Section, which funds the retainer of the ODA Contract Lobbyist.

Golden Apple Award Winner

The Oklahoma Dental Association has been named as a 2003 Golden Apple Award recipient by the American Dental Association in the category of *Outstanding Achievement in the Promotion of Dental Ethics* for its exceptional Mediation Review program.

ODASCO News You Can Use...

New Amalgam Separator, Recycling Program

The Solmete XHg5 Mercury Renewal System removes greater than 99% of mercury, both solid and dissolved form, from the waste stream of a vacuum dental system. An economical system that needs practically no maintenance, the Hg5 is installed on the inlet line of the vacuum pump in the same location as the trap. It has no moving parts, eliminating the chance of failure. SolmeteX is the leader in dental amalgam separation technology and the provider of mercury removal systems in the US Navy's dental clinics.

*HG5 Mercury Removal System Retail Price: \$695
ODA Members Price \$556*

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For more information, please call Cole Gillespie (800)214-3871

Gratitude...

Dear Oklahoma Dental Association,

Thanks to everyone for the beautiful spray of flowers for Jim's service. I was so pleased that Dana Davis was here for the visitation and the service. Everyone has been so thoughtful and I appreciate it.

We all had the ADA meeting on our minds, and we were thrilled with the election of Richard Haught, President-Elect. I know how hard the state and the district worked on this.

Again, thanks for all of the nice things you've done for Jim and for the beautiful flowers.

Love, Mrs. Wanda Saddoris

Dear Past Presidents,

Thanks for the beautiful arrangement that you sent for Jim's service. The gladiolas, spider mums, and roses were beautiful fall colors. They arrived in time for the visitation, and I had a chance to see them.

Jim was disappointed to have to cancel the meeting in San Fransisco, but would have been pleased with the Richard Haught victory.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and for the lovely flowers.

Love, Mrs. Wanda Saddoris

The members of the University of Oklahoma American Student Dental Association would like to extend our gratitude to the Oklahoma Dental Association for hosting the ODA picnic. It is wonderful to work with a state chapter which provides such an amazing amount of support, encouragement, and pride in its student chapter. Thanks again for the picnic, the prizes and the monetary support. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely, OU ASDA Exec

Dear Friends at the Oklahoma Dental Association,

Thank you so much for the toothbrushes. Every night we feed and house people who have nothing. Your donation of 30 toothbrushes will be a great help. It is one of the smaller but greatest needs we face every day. Thank you so much for keeping the homeless in mind as you give so freely.

Thank you and God Bless, The Salvation Army

Upcoming Events

November 27 & 28 - ODA Office
Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

December 4 - Tulsa County Dental
Society Holiday Party

December 12 - ODA Board of Trustees
Meeting and ODASCO Board of
Directors

December 15 - Retired Dentist Lunch -
ODA office

December 25-26 - ODA office closed -
Christmas Holiday

January 1 & 2 - ODA office closed -
New Years Holiday

January 8-10 - Southwest Dental
Conference

January 19 - Retired Dentist Lunch -
ODA Office

January 22 - Oklahoma County Dental
Society Dinner at Homebuilders

January 23 - Oklahoma County Dental
Society CE with B. Valchi at
Homebuilders

January 30 - Tulsa County Dental
Society Meeting with
Dr. W. Robbins

February 6 - Give Kids A Smile

February 9- Tulsa County Dental Society
Awards Banquet and Installation

February 11 - Dentist Day at the Capital

February 12 - Oklahoma County Dental
Society Elections at Homebuilders

Congratulations Oklahoma Department of Health!

The Health Resources and Services Administration granted the Oklahoma Department of Health \$50,000 to strengthen efforts to improve children's oral health and their access to dental services. The State Oral Health Collaborative Systems Grant Program will strengthen oral health programs whose patients are women and children eligible for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Funds will be used in two ways. First, it will support efforts to improve overall dental coverage through integrating community support systems. Second, it will be used to improve early childhood oral healthcare through dental sealants and other prevention programs.

2003 Student Fall Festival

The Student Fall Festival was an enormous success. On September 18, 2003, 202 students from the OU College of Dentistry attended a Bar-B-Q at the ODA office. Despite the dreary fall weather, the students enjoyed fun, fellowship and food.

The ODA pays one-half of the ASDA dues for those students who attended the function. There is a 98 percent retention transition rate from ASDA to the ADA tripartite membership. This ODA and ODASCO sponsored event is held annually.

Contract Analysis of Patterson Dental Supply Available

The ODA has obtained a contract analysis from the ADA of the Business Associate Agreement offered by Patterson Dental Supply. If you would like a copy of this analysis or have a participating agreement you would like to have analyzed, contact **Shelly Murphey, ODA office manager, at odashelly@swbell.net**.

Important Tax Information: Use Tax

Several of our dentists have told us that they have been notified by the Oklahoma Tax Commission that they have been selected for **Oklahoma use tax** audits. If you have not paid Oklahoma sales tax on purchases of tangible personal property (for example, dental equipment) that you use in Oklahoma, you should contact your CPA regarding whether you are liable for filing an Oklahoma use tax report and paying use tax on the purchase. The Oklahoma use tax rates mirror the Oklahoma sales tax rates.



Dentist Day at the Capitol

February 11, 2004

DENPAC News...

The 2004 DENPAC Membership drive was launched at the House of Delegates meeting. It raised over \$6000. Thank you for your generous contributions.

DENPAC is also sponsoring a "Register to Vote" booth in the 2004 exhibit hall near the Silent Auction. Please stop by and register.

Oklahoma Dental Political Action Committee



We want good legislation to become law. Oklahoma DENPAC makes sure that your views are heard. We support legislative candidates that are known to listen to the dental community and vote in the communities best interest. By supporting DENPAC, you can help make sure that the dental communities views are heard in the legislature and effective political action is taken.

If you would like to join Oklahoma DENPAC and invest in the future of dentistry, please contact Susan Hillman at (405) 848-8873.

Connecting with our Future

2004 ODA Annual Meeting

April 29 - May 2

(Mark your calendars)

Friday, April 30

Dr. Sam Strong -

"Taking Your Practice to the Next Level with Implant Prosthetics"

Dr. Henry Gremillion -

"TMD and Orofacial Pain: Making Sense of the Confusion"

Ms. Carol Tekavec -

"Update on Record Keeping and Insurance"

Ms. Kathleen O'Neal Smith -

"Air Polishing: The Basics and Beyond" and "Moving Forward with Ultrasonics"

Saturday, May 1

Mr. Joe Dillon -

"Producing Peak Performance"

Dr. M. Leif Stromberg -

"Contemporary Issues in Treating Endentulous Patients"

Mr. G. Kent Mangelson -

"Improved Patient Care Through Dental Malpractice Protection"

Dr. Dave Federick -

"Foundation and Aesthetic Restoration for Decimated Teeth"

Ms. Geneva Beach-Primer -

"Dynamic Temporaries: Assistants Hands On Course"

Dr. Ray Beddoe - "Summary of Topics: New

Disease Reclassification, New Antibiotics Regimen, Non-surgical Treatment Algorithms, Database Clinical Inferences"

Remember: Last Chance for credits in the three year reporting cycle!

2003 Baptist Community Clinic sponsored by Integris Health

Volunteer Dentists Needed!

Dentists needed for exams and extractions on Mondays at 3 p.m. Several services are provided at the clinic but we have a shortage of volunteer dentists. The most common dental treatment at the clinic is extractions. Please help the clinic and your community. For questions or more information, please call

Lisa Reed at 951-4804.

Credit Card Processing

The Oklahoma Dental Association exclusively endorses EMPS for credit card processing. Our new representative is Don Porter. Be looking for fliers and new information in the mail soon. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Mosley, ODA Membership Director at (405) 848-8873.

Actions of the September 27, 2003 House of Delegates Meeting

According to the Bylaws, the House was notified that at the next House of Delegates meeting a vote will be taken to increase membership dues.

The House of Delegates, on September 27, 2003, voted to:

- * Change the name of the *Public Relations* program to the *Public Information* program to more accurately reflect the focus of the program,
- * Declare a moratorium on approval of additional annual awards recognizing members for various accomplishments until each of the current awards has been reviewed for duplication and/or current relevance,
- * Archive policies that are no longer relevant,
- * Adopt as policy that the Oklahoma Dental Association will gather the scientific facts and supporting data concerning the oral health effects of the increasing consumption of cariogenic beverages, will develop (or adopt previously developed) educational materials (for example a pamphlet) for use in the effort of educating school districts and the public on the health implications of the consumption of cariogenic beverages, will work with education officials, pediatric and family practice physicians, dietetic professionals, parent groups, and all other interested parties, to increase awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy vending choices in schools, to encourage the promotion of beverages of high nutritional value, and will oppose contractual arrangements that influence consumption patterns that promote increased access to cariogenic beverages for children,
- * Endorse the ADA Tripartite Core Values,
- * Purchase land at 13th and Stiles in Oklahoma City and build a new building for the ODA on that site,
- * Adopt the proposed 2004 Budget projecting an income of \$940,957 and expenses of \$938,205. Beginning January 1, 2004 financial reporting will be based on the calendar year rather than a fiscal year,

Actions of the House continued...

- * Amend current ODA policy, by adopting the following definition of dentistry to recognize the contemporary scope of dental practice as well as the evolving nature of the profession:

In all of its branches the evaluation, diagnosis, prevention and/or treatment (nonsurgical, surgical or related procedures) of diseases, disorders and/or conditions of the oral cavity, maxillofacial area and/or the adjacent and associated structures and their impact on the human body; provided by a dentist, within the scope of his/her education, training and experience, in accordance with the ethics of the profession and applicable law, and

- * Make the following changes to the Mediation Review Manual:

1. The Mediation Review committee through the review process, may be privy to situations, which may indicate continual faulty treatment patterns. As such, the mediation review process assumes a very special obligation to the public and the profession. More than four (4) requests in a two (2) year period or a single case of gross mistreatment may be referred to the Board of Dentistry.
2. There is standardized criteria for use by the committee during the clinical exam stage dealing with the following:
 - A. Necessity of care
 - B. Appropriateness of diagnosis of treatment
 - C. Need for additional treatment whether performed by original dentist or another dentist
 - D. Responsibility for payment of completed or additional treatment
 - E. Refund of fees

3. Criteria for case acceptance:

- The dentist whom the complaint is against must be an ODA member.
- The case must concern itself with Appropriateness of Treatment and/or Quality of Care.
- Receipt of request for mediation must be within two years of completion of treatment.

Cases not accepted for Mediation Review:

- Complaints involving dentists who are not members of the Oklahoma Dental Association.
- Billing issues/fee disputes.
- Complaints of poor customer service or practice management.
- Complaints concerning a staff's behavior.

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