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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Benefits of Volunteering



Joseph P. Richardson,
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President

My name is Joe Richardson, and it is an honor to serve as your 2024-2025 Central Florida District Dental Association (CFDDA) president. I am a native of Tavares, Florida, and hail from the orange groves of Lake County. I have been practicing periodontics in Eustis and Winter Park for the past 14 years. I was an active member of organized dentistry as a dental student at the University of Florida College of Dentistry and never stopped. In 2013, I served as the president of the

Lake County Dental Association and was subsequently elected as a delegate from CFDDA to the Florida Dental Association House of Delegates. Eleven years later, I still advocate for dentistry holding multiple committee positions and currently serve the FDA as an alternate delegate to the ADA's 17th District delegation.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment and thank Dr. Rod MacIntyre for his leadership and for a productive and effective year as our organization's president. We are not without strong leadership in the Central District of the FDA and Dr. MacIntyre exemplified true leadership. Although it will be tough to fill his shoes, I will dedicate my attention to the betterment of our already strong organization. It is my responsibility to contribute as a strong leader, but also to promote the development of new leaders and making our district, as well as our statewide organizations, prominent and substantial. With stronger leadership comes better practices and better dentistry and ultimately better care for the citizens of our communities.

As a referral-based specialist, I am not ashamed to admit the only reason I participated in organized dentistry to start was to meet people who would hopefully send me patients. I am sure this rings a familiar tone with several specialists out there. My mentors imposed the necessity of putting my face out there and being a leader. Little did I know how important these experiences would be in shaping my career. It was not long before I enjoyed going to the meetings and enjoyed spending time with the other dentists. Simply put, it stopped being about getting referrals to my practice and became something important — camaraderie.

We are all familiar with why volunteerism is practically important. Whether we are discussing altruism or simply donating your time for the betterment of our organization,

volunteering to participate in organized dentistry introduces a wide array of beneficial opportunities. Specifically, participation in the various dental associations have provided perspective. It is important to understand how your organization works for you. You have an opportunity to not only participate in the function of the organization but also have a voice in how the organization functions for you and your cohorts.

Famous news anchor Tom Brokaw once quipped, "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." The ADA, FDA, CFDDA and local affiliate dental associations have multiple opportunities to get involved and play an active role in your industry or helping others on behalf of your industry. Please do not ever hesitate to volunteer. It's good. It's fulfilling. It's important.

As this rant has gone on longer than expected, I would like to take the last few paragraphs to talk about two other items that are specific to the CFDDA. First, our district will hold our annual meeting at Hammock Beach and Golf Resort on May 2-3, 2025. This meeting will focus on team building and strengthening. It will be a meeting where you can bring your family to enjoy the amazing facilities and bring your staff to learn from national speakers that will improve the cohesiveness of your work family. Please keep an eye out for future correspondence and don't forget to reserve your rooms when they become available.

I have saved my favorite topic for last. The 2025 Florida Mission of Mercy will be held in Daytona Beach on March 21-22, 2025, at Mainland High School. If you are not familiar with the Mission of Mercy, it is a large-scale charity dental event orchestrated by the Florida Dental Association Foundation annually. Several hundred volunteers will provide dental services to more than a thousand patients in one weekend! This will be the 10th event held by the FDA Foundation and directed by the leaders of your own CFDDA. We will be strong; we will be mighty, and we will share our good-natured hearts with those in Central Florida who need our help. I encourage you to volunteer your time and/or your money for a great cause.

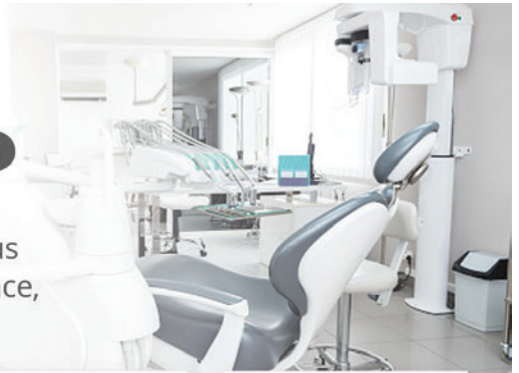
I appreciate your attention and your willingness to consider being a champion of organized dentistry. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding our organization.

Sincerely,

Joe Richardson, D.M.D., M.S.

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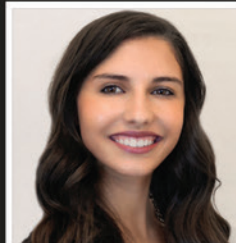
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TRUSTEE REPORT



John Cordoba, DDS
At-Large Trustee

The FDA Board of Trustees (BOT) met on May 17, 2024, in Tallahassee, Florida.

The ADA gave the Board a presentation about a pilot program they are implementing concerning membership. The need for change is evident due to a changing landscape with newer generations of dentists and retiring members. There is a massive generational shift with a higher number of Millennials and Gen Z dentists and a decreasing number of Baby Boomer dentists as they retire. Consequently, there has been a steady decline in membership and there will be a market share of less than 50% soon. With the use of Salesforce and Artificial Intelligence, the ADA is hoping to create a more personalized membership experience. Salesforce will help automate the process and AI will enhance processes to

be more efficient and personalized by using predictive models. The ADA hopes the pilot program will improve engagement by customizing the experience to join and renew membership and create personalized benefits. There will be a reduced base rate with base benefits and then options can be added such as JADA and access to data. The hope is that more members will join if costs are less, and services can be added ala carte.

The Florida Dental Association (FDA) staff made a presentation about current membership issues in the FDA. In recent years, dues revenue has increased due to increased cost of dues and not from an increased number of dentists. The growth rate of the number of dentists that are members has been relatively flat in recent years. Florida has benefitted from an increased number of dentists in the state, so the market has increased but the market share (number of members versus total number of dentists) has declined. Currently, the FDA market share is about 52%. This number has declined over the past few years. However, there may be a different way to look at market share and, instead, look at "engagement" share. If the total number of members plus non-members that buy insurance from FDA Services, Inc., (FDAS) and/or attend the Florida Dental Convention (FDC) are added, then the "engagement" share is closer to 80%.

The market share in Florida is decreasing because of the great influx of dentists moving to the state. Florida is experiencing an overall increase in membership.

Regarding FDAS, business has grown tremendously, resulting in higher revenue and net income. This is great news for the FDA and for the FDA Foundation. The percentage of the FDA budget coming from FDAS is increasing whereas the amount from dues is decreasing. This gives the FDA greater flexibility in operating the organization. One type of insurance that FDAS has recently added is cyber-attack insurance. It is important to have this type of insurance and costs about \$200 per month depending on the number of charts and total practice business.

A new program called Jumpstart is being started to help dentists identify pre-dental students as potential staff. Prospective pre-dental students can work at dental offices as assistants to learn about the profession and at the same time can help dentists deal with labor shortage issues. The premise for this program leverages the intelligence of pre-dental students and their ability to learn tasks more quickly than a typical "on the job" trained employee.

A report was given by the FDA Governmental Affairs Office. All bills that were sponsored by the FDA were passed and signed by the governor. Important issues regarding dental insurance and DIY dentistry issues were passed. In the upcoming session, dental therapy will be reintroduced, so it will be important to follow this issue.

A new task force, the New Dentist Task Force, has been started, and is headed by Dr. ArNelle Wright. There will be a new dentist meet and greet at FDC. Also, there will be a pilot mentorship program for new dentists to discuss issues such as the DSO model of practice, clinical assistance and treatment planning and staff management.

FDA Components gave presentations about their views on membership. The big challenge is the declining participation due to younger dentists not joining. From these presentations, the FDA staff will collate ideas and begin an implementation project to help recruit and retain members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drs. John Cordoba and Bertram Hughes

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FLORIDA BOARD OF DENTISTRY REPORT

From the Florida Dental Association

FDA Chief Legal Officer Casey Stoutamire

The Florida Board of Dentistry (BOD) met in Jacksonville on Friday, May 17, 2025.

The Florida Dental Association (FDA) was represented by BOD Liaison, Dr. **Steve Hochfelder**, and Chief Legal Officer, Casey Stoutamire. Drs. **Andy Brown** and **Jim Haddix** were also in attendance.

BOD members present included: Dr. **Jose Mellado**, chair; Dr. **Nick White**, vice-chair; Drs. **Brad Cherry**, **Tom McCawley**, and **Claudio Miro**; hygiene members, Ms. Karyn Hill and Ms. Angela Johnson; and consumer members, Mr. Fabio Andrade and Mr. Ben Mirza. Dr. Christine Bojaxhi was excused. There is one open dental position on the Board that the Governor has not yet filled.

The agenda for this meeting was particularly light. This was most likely due to the staff turnover at the Board. Currently, the Board is searching for an Executive Director (the Board of Nursing Executive Director filled in at this meeting). The former Executive Director, Ms. Allison Dudley, is now serving as the Board Attorney.

The main item of business that the FDA was interested in was the Council on Dental Hygiene report. The Board approved the proposed revision to 64B5-13.001, Determination of Probable Cause. The new rule language is below. This language is not yet effective as it must still go through the administrative rule process.

64B5-13.001 Determination of Probable Cause

(1) The probable cause panel, by majority vote, shall determine whether probable cause exists to believe that a licensee has violated the provisions of Chapter 456 or 466, F.S., or the rules of the Department or Board.

(2) The probable cause panel shall be appointed by the Chairman and shall be composed of three members, two of which must be dentists who hold valid and active dental licenses in this State. At least two members of the probable cause panel must be present to constitute a quorum. If only two members are present, the determination of probable cause shall require the affirmative vote of both members present.

(a) Up to One or two members may be former dentist, dental hygienist, or consumer Board members.

(b) At least one member must be a current Board member who holds a valid and active license in this State.

(c) At least one member must be a current or former consumer member of the Board if one is available and

willing to serve. If a consumer member is not available or willing to serve, a current or former dental hygienist member of the Board shall serve on the panel if available or willing to serve.

(d) When an investigation report of a dental hygienist or a dental radiographer will be considered by the panel, for those investigation reports only, at least one member must be a current or former dental hygienist member of the Board if one is available and willing to serve.

(e) Any former dentist or dental hygiene member of the Board appointed to the panel must currently hold a valid and active dental or dental hygiene license in this State.

(f) Probable cause panel members shall serve for one year terms but may serve successive terms.

(3) The probable cause panel shall meet as necessary to conduct business as determined by the Chairman of the Board or the Chairman of the panel.

In addition, the Board approved language to the rule on the training of hygienists and assistants in administering nitrous oxide. The current rule requires the dentist to train the hygienists and assistants to have a moderate sedation permit. This has caused a hardship for the programs around the state as it is hard to find a dentist with this permit to teach the course. Thus, the Board approved language to amend the rule to state that for training hygienists and assistants in the administration of nitrous oxide, the dentist must hold an unencumbered Florida license or valid teaching permit and be trained in the administration of nitrous oxide. A moderate sedation permit will no longer be required. Again, this rule is not yet effective as it must proceed through the administrative rulemaking process.

The Board also received updates on the various bills affecting the practice of dentistry passed during the 2024 Legislative Session. No rulemaking has begun on any of the legislation.

There were four disciplinary cases, one informal hearing, and one request for an extension of time for fines and costs that included, among other things, non-use of a rubber dam, incorrect implant placement, and incorrect crown placement.

It is much better to be a spectator than a participant in BOD disciplinary cases. The **next BOD meeting** is scheduled for **Friday, August 16, 2024** in Boca Raton.

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Dr. Vrinda Shah
Editor

It is astounding the amount of time and effort our peers dedicate to this profession and helping others outside of the office. The 2024 Florida Mission of Mercy in Lakeland took place at the beginning of June. There, 1800+ patients were provided with free dental care over two days with the assistance of over 1900 volunteers. How incredible is that? We are talking about over two million dollars in donated dental work over the course of two days!

Do you know what the best part about this is? We get to do it again next year! Central Florida has the honor of hosting

the 2025 Mission of Mercy, and boy, are we gearing up for a big one.

Whether this will be your first time volunteering or your 10th, we cannot wait to volunteer with you. It is incredible the scale at which we are able to help our communities when we come together. Thank you to all of those who spend their days volunteering back to their communities, states, and professions, and for inspiring all of us around you to do so as well.

Best,

Vrinda

Affiliate Corner

Alachua County Dental Association Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 6PM, Best Western Gateway Grand. Contact: Dr. Cara Hill, alachuacountydental@gmail.com

Dental Society of Greater Orlando: Monday, July 29, 2024, Speakers: Fawaz Makki, M.D. and Jennifer Somoray, D.D.S. "Jaw Reconstruction (Past, Present & Future)" 6:00 p.m. Winter Park Community Center. Contact: Sharon Hamilton, sharonhamilton@dsgo.org

Volusia-Flagler County Dental Association Meeting: Friday, September 6, 2024. McGill and Hill Group - Tax and Financial Planner. More info to come. Contact: Dr. Darshan Patel, 386-316-9952

The Brevard, Lake, and Marion affiliate associations will meet soon, look for the CFDDA August E-news for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 16, 2024	Florida Board of Dentistry Meeting Boca Raton, FL
October 17-19, 2024	ADA SmileCon® New Orleans, LA
November 15, 2024	Florida Board of Dentistry Meeting Gainesville, FL
January 9, 2025	CFDDA House of Delegates/Caucus Orlando, FL
January 18, 2025	FDA House of Delegates Orlando, FL
March 21-22, 2025	Florida Mission of Mercy Daytona Beach, FL
March 25, 2025	Dentists' Day on the Hill Tallahassee, FL
May 2-3, 2025	CFDDA ANNUAL MEETING HAMMOCK BEACH RESORT PALM COAST, FL

Welcome!

March 9, 2024 – June 7, 2024

We welcome the following new and returning members, and those who have transferred into the CFDDA area. Thank you for your commitment to the Power of Three!



- Dr. Bader Albalkhi
- Dr. Saleh Alhindi, Gainesville
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- Dr. Steven Weiss, Daytona Beach
- Dr. Addi Yin, Gainesville
- Dr. Rabie Youssef, Orlando

In Memoriam

- Dr. Robert H. Foster**, Winter Garden, joined in 1958, life membership 1996, and retired in 2019. Dr. Foster passed away on March 22, 2024.
- Dr. John Whitsitt**, Daytona Beach, joined in 1982, became a life member in 2015. Dr. Whitsitt passed away on May 5, 2024.
- Dr. Mark Mathias**, Deland, general dentist, joined in 2000. Dr. Mathias passed away on May 12, 2024.

2024-2025 VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Thank you to the following CFDDA dentists who volunteer to serve in leadership positions. We appreciate your dedication and guidance to protect and advance the dental profession.

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Dr. Don Ilkka



CFDDA Member, **Dr. Don Ilkka**, will serve another term as the FDA HOD Speaker of the House.

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FIRST MEETING JANUARY 18, 2025

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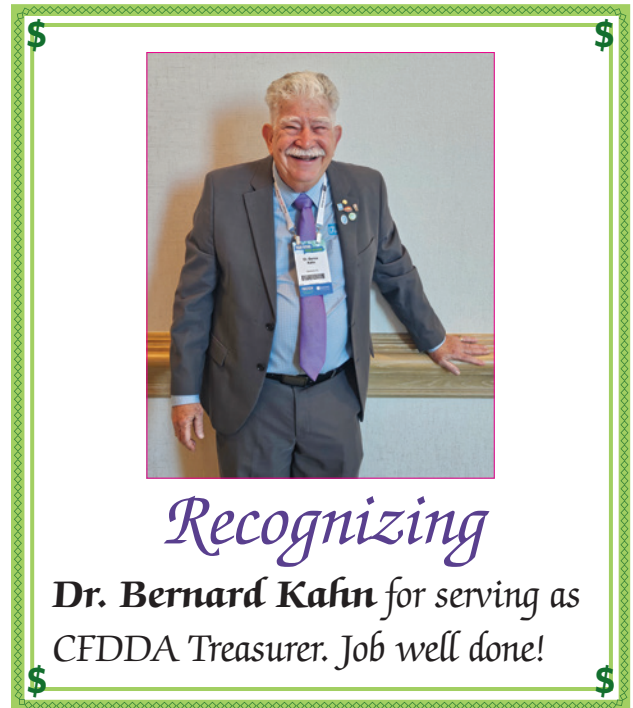
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Dr. James Kortbus
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Dr. Stephen Obeng
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The CFDDA Delegation to FDA HOD during breakfast caucus, featuring ADA President, Dr. Linda J. Edgar (green jacket). Leadership in Action!

ADA Delegation -17th District – Florida Representatives from the CFDDA

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|------------------------|---|
| Dr. Bertram Hughes | At Large Delegate |
| Dr. John Cordoba | At Large Delegate |
| Dr. Johnny Johnson | At Large Delegate |
| Dr. Monique Belin | Component Designated Delegate |
| Dr. Anthony Wong | At Large Alternate Delegate |
| Dr. Joseph Richardson | At Large Alternate Delegate |
| Dr. ArNelle Wright | At Large Alternate Delegate |
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| Dr. Suzi Thiems-Heflin | At Large Alternate Delegate |
| Dr. Kathryn Miller | Component Designated Alternate Delegate |

2024 ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

By the numbers:

Dentists.....	97
RDH.....	35
Assistants.....	39
Front Office	40
Lab Tech	1
Total.....	212

The meeting was held May 3-4 at the popular Hammock Beach and Golf Resort, Palm Coast, Florida. The speakers were Dr. Gerard Lemongello, Dr. Gregory Oxford, and Ms. Tija Hunter. Thank you to the vendors who



contributed to the door prize drawings (always fun!) and congratulations to Dr. Don Thomas who won the 50/50 raffle. The raffle raised \$410.00 for the Dr. Howard L. Pranicoff Leadership/Educational Memorial Scholarship (see page 15).



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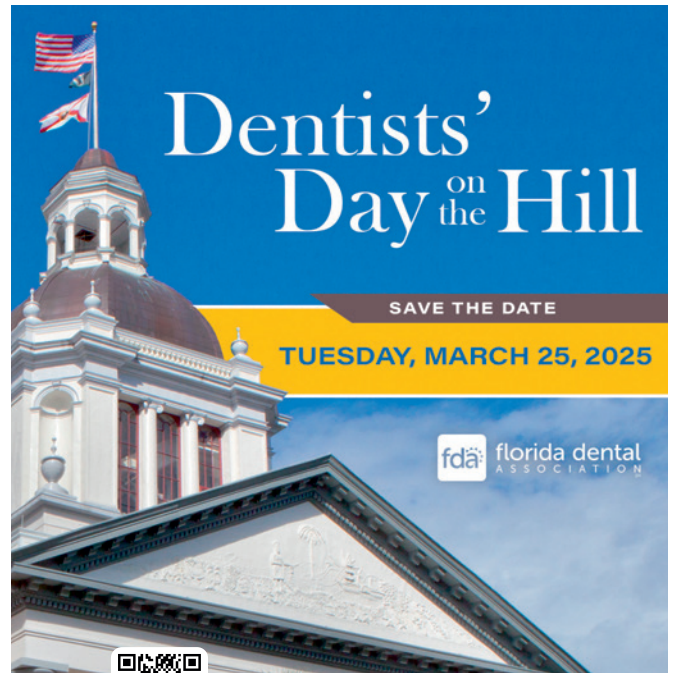
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FDA AWARDS LUNCHEON



Two CFDDA volunteer leaders were recognized at the 2024 Florida Dental Association Awards Luncheon this past June. Congratulations to **Dr. Kathryn Miller** who received a special recognition award and **Dr. Gregory Chace**,

recognized for his leadership. Dr. Miller now serves as the CFDDA's 2nd Vice President, and Dr. Chace is the CFDDA's President Elect.

We thank them and all our volunteer leaders for a job well done!

THANK YOU TO DR. RODERICK MACINTYRE, 2023-2024 CFDDA PRESIDENT

Your hard work and dedication to organized dentistry does not go unnoticed and we congratulate you on an excellent year!



Dr. Roderick M. MacIntyre III, finishing up his year at the Florida Dental Convention.

2025
FDA AWARDS

NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY!

Award Nominations are now open.

The Florida Dental Association Awards Committee is accepting nominations! Recipients will be featured in FDA publications and social media and honored in person at the annual awards luncheon held in conjunction with the Florida Dental Convention in June 2025. The nomination process is quick and easy and the online form can be found at floridadental.org/nominate.

Get your nominations in today – the deadline is Friday, September 20, 2024!

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MISCELLANY

1 Women Inspire and Navigate Dentistry (WIND) Event on Friday, September 20, 2024, Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Florida. Earn 8 hours of CE. Go to www.fdawind.com for more information and to register. Also, see information on the Dr. Howard L. Pranikoff Leadership/Educational Memorial Scholarship (see page 15).

- 2 2024 Florida Mission of Mercy – Quick Stats:**
- 2.3 million in donated dental services
 - 1,850 patients treated
 - More than 14,000 procedures
 - Over 20,000 volunteer hours provided by more than 1,800 volunteers

3 Congrats to Lake County Dentists and Others: The City Commissioners of Leesburg have unanimously voted in favor of a plan to build and fund facilities necessary to fluoridate the water for the citizens of Leesburg. After facing several close votes in the past, the efforts of the Lake County Dental Association and several of its members helped convince the commissioners that a Community Water Fluoridation plan was a worthy cause. Special thanks to Dr. Wade Winker, Dr. Dave Wollenschlaeger, Dr. Summer Young, Dr. Don Ilkka, Dr. Johnny Johnson, and Dr. Alan Hays.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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CENTRAL FLORIDA: Looking for a Dental Specialist wanting to share office space (sublease) with an established orthodontist as a new practice or 2nd location. Turn-key operation, without capital investment of starting from scratch. Serious inquiries only. dryurkiewic z@gmail.com

■ Associate Needed

ASSOCIATE DENTIST NEEDED - Dental Creations of Daytona Beach - Seeking an enthusiastic associate dentist to join our team. Privately owned group practice with 4 doctors located in Daytona Beach, Florida. We are looking for a dentist with a strong work ethic, who has great patient rapport and communication and practices high quality dental work with a passion for dentistry. The professional and friendly staff in our beautiful dental office offers all facets of general dentistry: Sedation dentistry, extractions, implant placement and restorations, Invisalign, sleep dentistry, laser, crown and bridge and full arch restorations. We utilize multiple forms of technology including the use of CEREC, iTero, CBCT, Implant Placement and Waterlase as well as digital radiographs and an almost completely paperless practice. The growth of the office necessitates us hiring an additional dentist and we would like the dentist to be proficient in all basic facets of dentistry and willing to learn more. We are a team centered office so being a team player is an absolute must. We offer a competitive salary with health insurance, retirement planning and a bonus structure all with a great long term team who is here to support you.

Please visit our website at www.dentalcreationsofdaytona.com and send your resume to frontdesk@dentalcreationsdb.com or call us at 386-274-1450. We look forward to hearing from you!

ASSOCIATE NEEDED. General dentist needed in a well-established solo small town practice. Enjoy providing quality care for patients in a non-corporate fee for service setting. Opportunity to acquire practice as owner moves toward retirement. Inquire at: myers10925@bellsouth.net

INTERESTED IN PURCHASING: I am a young super-GP, looking to transition from associateship to being a practice owner near Orlando and suburbs. I will be interested in purchasing your practice or joining as a partner/cost-sharing basis. If you are retiring, slowing down, or considering moving out of central Florida, please let me know. I am very friendly, adaptable, and fun to work with. I am good at all surgical, endo, resto, and Invisalign procedures. I average 70-90k production a month in a busy office. If you have the right practice for me, please send a text to: 1-689-237-5364 and we can connect. Thank you.

**Interested in placing
a classified?**

**Contact the CFDDA office at
cfddental@cfdda.org.**

**Next newsletter:
October 2024**

Dr. Howard L. Pranikoff Leadership/ Educational Memorial Scholarship



Dr. Howard Pranikoff was an ardent supporter of organized dentistry and held many leadership positions throughout his years as an American Dental Association, Florida Dental Association, and Central Florida District Dental Association (CFDDA) member.

The CFDDA remembers and honors Dr. Pranikoff by establishing the Dr. Howard L. Pranikoff Leadership Educational Memorial Fund to provide leadership training to young members.

Contributions are now being accepted.

Please make check out to CFDDA, memo: HLP

Mail to:
CFDDA

800 North Mills Avenue
Orlando, FL 32803

» Scan to apply and
view guidelines:



Young Members: See the LEAD ad below and apply!

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An organization's ability to thrive is largely determined by the quality and effectiveness of its leadership. Great leaders can create tremendous success, but leadership skills don't always come naturally. At the Florida Dental Association, we believe that great leaders are developed through learned skills and practices.

Leaders Emerging Among Dentistry (LEAD) is an FDA program that provides participants with training to enhance their leadership and interpersonal skills as well as a backstage pass to FDA leadership, offerings, and experiences. LEAD is open to all FDA members and dental students. Seating is limited and registration opens on October 1st.

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Recognizing and Appreciating CFDDA's Volunteer Leaders!

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- Dr. Joseph Richardson, *President*
- Dr. Gregory Chace, *President Elect*
- Dr. Christopher Hambrook, *First Vice President*
- Dr. Kathryn Miller, *Second Vice President*
- Dr. Monique Belin, *Secretary*
- Dr. Roderick MacIntyre, *Immediate Past President*
- Dr. Wade Winker, *Treasurer*
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Dr. Vrinda Shah, Editor

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