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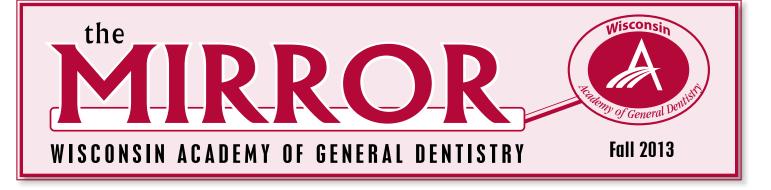
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You Are A Leader

"You have got to love your people more than your position." John C. Maxwell

In June of this year I had the opportunity to attend the annual Academy of General Dentistry meeting in Nashville as a representative of the Wisconsin component. Incoming president, Dr. Linda Edgar delivered a speech outlining the goals for her year as president and used as a framework John C. Maxwell's book The "21 Indispensible Qualities of a Leader". I was impressed by her comments and happened to find the book at an airport bookstore before my flight home. This little book got me to think about my leadership at home, at my office and with voluntary pursuits, such as serving as President of the Wisconsin AGD.

In addition to the endless rounds of meetings, receptions and caucuses there were opportunities to meet and personally get to know the national leaders of our organization. The best part about attending the national convention is to have the opportunity to meet these leaders and personally observe them and see what "makes them tick". What is fascinating to me is what motivates these high achieving dentists to dedicate so much time, treasure and effort to a volunteer organization? Why do they belong to an organization that requires so much time investment and effort?



What sets the best leaders apart is their sense of Servanthood (Quality #19), they understand that to get ahead you need to put others first. They know that leadership, above all, is serving others and a willingness to set aside individual concerns for the good of the group or the organization. All of the best leaders I observed were heavily invested in personal relationships, knowing more about others around them rather than focusing on themselves. They tended to walk slowly through a crowd, learning names, faces and connecting. In the end their influence as a leader was directly related to the depth of concern they had for the people they lead at any level, without respect to title or rank.

Another of Maxwell's leadership qualities is Teachability (Quality #20) that to keep leading you need to keep learning. When I graduated from Marquette Dental School 30 plus years ago (Whew!) I felt I was at the zenith of my clinical knowledge, only to find I was just a "safe beginner" shortly into my career. After some setbacks, it was brutally apparent that for me to succeed in my practice I needed to embark on a path of lifelong learning and develop a passion for solving clinical problems and finding better ways to serve my patients. That was a critical moment and an essential leadership decision that brought me to the Academy of General Dentistry. A core principle of the AGD, a passionate commitment to continuing education and lifelong learning, is not something shared by many of our colleagues in dentistry. As members of the Wisconsin AGD you have chosen the more rigorous path, benefiting you as professionals and elevating the care you are able to offer your patients. I applaud your efforts and recognize that, you are a Leader.

"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." John Wooden, Hall of Fame Basketball Coach

With the 2013-14 year the Wisconsin AGD we will be offering our annual Fall Membership Recognition Program featuring Dr. John Comisi on "The Balanced Oral Environment: Assessing, Restoring & Maintaining Dental Health" on November 8th, 2013 in Wausau. We are also working on offering a Spring CE program, details TBD. More information is in this issue of the Mirror.

Chris J. Hansen, D.D.S., F.A.G.D.

President, Wisconsin AGD

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Great turn out for our 2013 Spring CE event! "Occlusion in Everyday Practice"



The spring CE WiAGD course with Dr. James McKee was a great success! The day was spent discussing and diagnosing the state of health of the patients TM joint. Full understanding of the TM joint and how it relates to occlusion continues to be a critical factor in the success or failure of many dental cases. Dr. McKee gave practical and hands-on instruction to approach occlusion and the TM joint in a way that provides a new level of predictability for the practitioner. Thank you Dr. McKee!

Dr. James McKee demonstrates the use of a doppler to help diagnose the state of the TMJ on Dr. Rebecca Reckelburg.

Dr. James McKee lecturing "Occlusion in Everyday Practice."

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Schedule

September 27 - 28, 2013 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Lecture and/or Hands-on 12:00 -1:00 PM Lunch 1:00 PM -5:00 PM Lecture and/or Hands-on

Program Site

Bisco Auditorium 1100 W. Irving Park Schaumburg, IL 60193 847-534-6000

Speaker Biography

Dr. Koerner has presented hundreds of didactic and participation oral surgery courses at international, national and regional meetings and at the state level for many state dental associations and AGD groups. He is not an oral surgeon, but he learned oral surgery in the US Army. For the last 15 years, he has limited his Salt Lake City, Utah practice to minor dentalalveolar surgery, including ridge augmentation & implant procedures. Dr. Koerner completed a General Practice Residency in the US Army. He has a Master's degree in Education, and is the author of many articles on various aspects of oral surgery for the general dentist. He is also the author or co-author of multiple books on oral surgery.

Course Summary

This oral surgery presentation presents ideas to simplify surgical procedures in your office. Dr. Koerner emphasizes faster surgical extractions without extensive bone removal and ridge preparation for immediate dentures. He covers simplified socket bone grafting, one drug oral sedation, mini-implants, biopsies, surgical complications, such as bleeding problems, sinus preparations, and how to eliminate tuberosity fractures. Dr. Koerner clarifies current standards of care and will add some new procedures to your surgery comfort zone. Several of these procedures will be done on life-like dentoform models during the course.

Course Objectives

- 1. Perform oral surgery according to current standards of care.
- 2. Do "surgical" or difficult extractions that frequently occur in general practice.
- 3. Control patient anxiety related to oral surgery.
- 4. Be able to better control or prevent swelling, pain, infection, and bleeding.
- 5. Prevent or manage maxillary sinus problems.
- 6. Do bone graft (ridge preservation) procedures as needed in your practice.

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Payment

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FREE SEMINAR

WiAGD Membership Appreciation Day Friday, November 8th, 2013

> **Jefferson Street Inn** Wausau, WI

Dr. John Comisi presents:

"The Balanced Oral Environment, Assessing, Restoring and Maintaining Dental Health"

Course Synopsis

What do we as dental professionals do to help our patients cope and manage this disease process? This course will explore the whole basis of patient care including: cariology, preventive care, diagnostics, minimally invasive dentistry, periodontal management and how bioactive materials can and should be considered for use in your dental practice. We will explore the realm of composites and bonding systems, glass ionomers and the new categories of bioactive materials available; and their place in today's dental care armamentarium.

Biography: Dr. John Comisi, DDS, MAGD



Doctor

Dr. Comisi has been in private practice in Ithaca, NY since 1983. He is a graduate of Northwestern University Dental School and received his Bachelor of Science in Biology at Fordham University. He has lectured nationally and internationally and has contributed to the dental literature in such journals as General Dentistry, Compendium of Continuing Dental Education, Dental Product Shopper, Dental Products Report, Oral Health Journal and Inside Dentistry.

Dr. Comisi is a Master of the Academy of General Dentistry, and holds Fellowships in the Academy of Dentistry International, the American College of Dentistry, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the International College of Dentistry.

Program: Friday, November 8th, 2013

7:30 - 8:30 Registration

8:30 - 12:00 Morning Program

12:00 - 1:15 Lunch and Annual Meeting Program

1:30 - 4:30 Afternoon Program

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New Wisconsin Master, Dr Brian Wier and new Fellow Dr. Paul Feit with Wisconsin AGD President. Dr Chris Hansen at the AGD convocation in Nashville



Dr and Mrs Brian Wier after the convocation after receiving his Mastership award from the Academy of **General Dentistry.**



New Fellows, Dr Paul Feit of Sturgeon Bay with Dr Rachael Vogel of Mequon



New Fellow, Dr Theresa Gardocki of Oregon with new Wisconsin Master, Dr. Brian Wier of Menomonie.



New Wisconsin Fellow, Dr Theresa Gardocki of Oregon celebrates with her family at the AGD convocation in Nashville



Wisconsin AGD President, Dr Chris Hansen with Dr and Mrs Paul Feit of Sturgeon Bay at the convocation in Nashville.

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Trustee's Report

Dear Friends,

We recently came back from a trip to Washington DC. This is the AGD's annual "A Great Dentist Goes to Washington". This year, it was held on April 15-16. The meeting consisted of many national and local AGD Leaders as well as Dental student representatives from the American Student Dental Association.

Under the leadership of our AGD President, Dr. Jeff Cole and the very politically savvy AGD Advocacy Council chair, Dr. Mike Bromberg, we discussed many issues that affect our economy and profession. Top issues included the Repeal of the Medical Device Tax, the need to reduce the cost of dental education (student indebtedness) as well as the repeal of the McCarran-Ferguson act to end the health insurance industries exemption from antitrust laws. We also discussed, at length, the mid-level provider issue and how it will affect the integrity of dentistry and impact the quality of care to the public.

We had many guests and keynote speakers that came to talk with us on Monday, April 15, 2013. The program included:

- The State of General Dentistry by Dr. Myron Bromberg.
- Insiders view into what's happening in D.C. by Angela "Bay" Buchanan, Senior Advisor to the Romney presidential campaign and a former Treasurer of the United States.
- Student Debt by Jiwon Lee, President ASDA from Columbia University.
- Congress 200 one year later by J.P. Paluskiewicz, Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative director for Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX, 26th).
- Congressional Office Visits: Expectation and best practices by Rikki D. Amos, Director, US Public affairs Practice
- Strategizing: Achieving Success on Capitol Hill by Patrick C. O'Connor, Principal, Kent & O'Connor, Inc., AGD's Lobbyist.

We also had intense training between the speaker visits regarding our congressional visits familiarizing us with the issues and all of the dos and don'ts of a congressional visit.

On Tuesday Morning, April 16, 2013, we were visited by two congressmen, the first was Rep. Paul Gosar, DDS (R-AZ, 4th) and the second was Rep. Mike Simpson, DMD (R-ID 2nd). Both Congressmen were very dynamic in their speeches. It was very impressive how connected they were to health care issues and especially to dentistry.

Later that morning we went to our Capital Hill visits. Dr. Anthony Bielkie and I were accompanied by a bright dental student from University of Michigan and also an ASDA representative, Ms. Crystal Ammori. We met with Senators Levin and Stabenow's aides as well as Rep. Levin and Miller's aides. We presented to them our issues with the taxation of the medical devices, Student debt and midlevel providers. We were welcomed very graciously and we were heard. The senator aides promised that they would bring our concerns up to the bosses at their next meetings. We left more confident that we made our issues and concerns better known. We now hope that their increased awareness will help our profession in the future.

In conclusion, the trip was a great learning experience for me. I believe that I represented Michigan AGD and all dentists well by meeting our lawmakers and improving their knowledge of our stumbling block to be the best that we can be and to deliver the best dental care to the public. Thank you and have a great summer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam, G. Shamoon, DDS, MAGD

Trustee, AGD Region IX



By Christy Gajewski, DDS

Editor

Don't Drop the Ball!

We all should know the importance of a custom fit mouthguard to prevent dental trauma when playing sports. But do we ask our patients on a regular basis if they play any sports or if their children do?

The importance of sports dentistry has become even greater due to the role that sports have in modern society. Custom-made mouthguards are the most highly recommended mouthguards used for successful prevention of orofacial and dental injuries. It is important to inform athletes of the best characterisites of a custom-made mouthguard such as retention, comfort, fit, ease of speech, resistance to tearing, ease of breathing as well as good protection of the teeth, gingiva, and lips.

A recent study indicated that among athletes the awareness of mouthguards was high, but that knowledge was gained from teammates, classmates, and media. The influence of dentists was very weak. As a profession, we may be missing an opportunity to help prevent a disfiguring, permanent, and expensive trauma from occuring.

How do we increase awareness of the importance of a custom sports guard? During the recall exam have the dental team inquire if the patient or the patient's children participate in any sporting activities. Children's Dental Health month provides an opportunity to speak directly to the children in their classrooms regarding prevention of sports related injuries. Sponsor a "Sports Guard" day for the teams in your community, or speak directly to the coaches prior to the season starting.

Children as well as adults may give some resistance to wearing a mouthguard due to it not being "cool". Have some examples of guards in your office, show the difference between the bulky "boil and bite" and a custom guard. Most labs can customize the guards to school colors or their favorite professional sports teams, and the popular sportswear designer Under Armor TM now has their logo emblazened on their own line of custom mouthguards.

Let's increase the awareness of the high risk of oral injuries when our patients participate in contact sports. As a profession we should play a more significant role in the promotion of mouthguard use to prevent the occurrence of oral injury in sport participation. Let's get the ball rolling....What sports do you play? Do you wear a mouthguard?

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Region IX Director's Report

Hello to all of my fellow constituents from Wisconsin AGD,

It's been awhile since my last report to all of you and there has been much to inform you of what has been going on in the AGD. I will start on the National level. The AGD has purchased a new building in downtown Chicago that will house our national headquarters. The move in date will be soon so watch for future announcements. The AGD swore in a new president Dr. Linda Edgar and said good bye to a very hard working previous president Dr. Cole. Dr. Cole will be fondly remembered for the many contributions to the Academy from his tenure. The Leadership Convention took place in November of 2012 in Chicago, This conference helped promote the training of many of the Academy's future leaders including Wisconsin's future president Dr. Ed Batchelor. From the National Convention in Nashville we awarded one MAGD and 3 FAGD recipients, my personal congratulations to all of these individuals. The next AGD convention will



be in our region in Detroit Michigan in 2014. Please help our fellow regions constituents in region 9 by joining us at this excellent convention. My hope is that we have many more Masters and Fellows to greet and celebrate in Detroit. The AGD board and executive council hired a new Executive director Mr. John Thorner.

On a local level as presented by the metrics brought down to me and the rest of your hard working board we are moving into a new era of involvement of the WiAGD board. My hat goes off to our present president Dr. Hansen for his help in not only appointing our new future president but also bring in four new board members. The leadership skills of all four of these board members will improve our commitment to you in many of the important quests in the AGD core values. My personal congratulations go to Dr. Christy Gajewski for putting the "Mirror" back in print. As we approach 2014's metric hopes is going to be speared by new future board member Dr. Brian King. Membership both in the Dental students, our future and in the practicing dentists Dr. Lou Boryc, our new Secretary Dr. Rebecca Reckelberg will bring a great new vision to the board. Last but not least Dr. Michaelangelo Aust will bring our educational core value to standards set by all that need excellent CE. I look forward to the near and not so near future of the WiAGD. I hope all of you support your board by not only attending the courses we put on, but support us by bringing on new members to make Wisconsin's AGD successful.

Thank you all.
Your Regional Director,

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