



# RDDS NEWS

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## RDDS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Dr. Dan Coté has graciously accepted the opportunity to serve our society as president for the 2005-2006 year after having served previously as our president-elect. Dr. Wayne Olsen was elected President-Elect, Dr. Scott Schulz was named Secretary/Treasurer, and Dr. Brian Rathke was appointed Editor for 2005-2006. Dr. Sara Bergsma will again serve as the New Dentist Liaison for the Resort District in the coming year. RDDS delegates will be Drs. Ed Schied, John Kerns, and Tim Reaume, while Dr. Phil Yancho will head Peer Review. Thanks to these member dentists who have donated their time to help us represent ourselves within our profession.

A few **BIG** thank you's are deserved by Dr. Bill Northway and Dr. Vincent Mack. Dr. Mack has served as our regional MDA Trustee and is stepping down from this position. This society owes him a great deal as he has represented us at the state level and has made many significant contributions to organized dentistry on our behalf. Vince is a diplomat in the truest sense of the word and I thank him for his dedication and commitment. Dr. Rob Lovell has been named as

the new Trustee for our region and will begin his service at the MDA Annual Session.

Dr. Bill Northway has served our society formally for the past two years as president-elect and then as president, but has served us informally for many years prior to that. As I'm sure many of you already know, Dr. Northway has been instrumental in organizing and sponsoring many quality continuing education events in our area through the years. We all benefit from these local opportunities and, collectively, these efforts elevate the caliber of dentistry in this area. Dr. Northway is someone who always works, through his speech and actions, to "raise the bar" in dentistry. Thanks, Bill, you have done exactly that.

## DR. CHARLES R. ARDIS LEAVES A LEGACY OF DIGNITY AND EXCELLENCE

RDDS member Charles R. Ardis, who passed away at the age of 94 last year, led a life of personal generosity, professional excellence and compassion, and genuine philanthropy. In addition to his **MANY** contributions to his beloved

community, Dr. Ardis has left a legacy to dentistry. This legacy continues with the establishment of two important endowments set up by Dr. Ardis and his closest protégé, member dentist Dr. Mike Lueder. These endowment agreements will be managed by the Cadillac Area Community Foundation.

The first endowment is entitled the "Dr. Charles R. Ardis Memorial Restricted Endowment for Continuing Education for Dental Health Professionals Fund." This was established via a \$50,000.00 gift from his estate to help pay for the annual Dr. Charles R. Ardis lecture series to be put on by the Resort District Dental Society. Our first lecture in this series will be Dr. John Kois in June of 2006. This annual lecture series will feature high quality speakers and educational opportunities to honor Dr. Ardis' lifetime achievements of excellence.

The second endowment was funded by both the Ardis Estate and Dr. Lueder and is known as the "Ardis/Lueder Northern Lower Michigan Endowed Scholarship Fund. This was established by a combined gift of \$100,000.00 from Drs. Ardis and Lueder. This scholarship is specific in that it is available to students from Wexford, Missaukee and Osceola Counties attending dental school at the University of Michigan. Dr. Mike Lueder is continuing Dr.

Ardis' tradition of generosity and we are lucky to have had such leaders as our colleagues. These gifts will benefit the dental profession for many years to come – a legacy we can all be proud of.

## **“DR. BOB’S” 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RDDS SUMMER GOLF OUTING AND DINNER**

All friends of dentistry and their spouses are invited to play and/or have dinner after the golf outing. The date is Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Traverse Resort. We will be playing the Wolverine course and starting times will be from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Call Tom Littlefield at (231) 938-0293 to reserve a time. Cocktails by the bay from 6:00-7:30 PM, followed by dinner at 7:30 PM at Dr. Bob Portenga's house, located at 6387 Penninsula Drive. Cost for golf is \$50.00 to be paid at the course. Cocktails and dinner is \$35.00 per person – send a check payable to RDDS to Dr. Scott Schulz, 4952 Skyview Court, Traverse City, MI 49684. Please RSVP by August 5, 2005. Thanks to Tom Littlefield and Dr. Bob for setting this outing up. Food, fun, golf, prizes – it will be a great time!!!

## **IDEAS FOR 2007 SPEAKER?**

President Dan Coté is seeking input and ideas for a featured speaker for 2007. We would like to book a nationally recognized

speaker (like John Kois in 2006) and speakers of this caliber are in high demand. Now is the time to be making plans for 2007, so if any members have ideas or suggestions, please contact Dr. Coté.

## **RDDS 2005-2006 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**August 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday**  
RDDS Annual Golf Outing,  
Grand Traverse Resort

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday**  
Guest speaker Dr. Lysle E. Johnston, Jr. presents:  
**“Occlusion, Articulators,  
and TMD.”**  
2 CE credits, \$40.00 for Doctors  
RSVP to Wayne Olsen 946-3512

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday**  
5:30 PM  
Dr. Sharon Brooks.  
Clinical Radiology: What's new  
in technology and regulations?

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday**  
RDDS Holiday Party held at the  
Williamsburg Dinner Theater

**January 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday**  
8:30 AM – 4 PM  
Team Building and Practice  
Management Seminar  
Waterfront Conference Center

**February 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday**  
RDDS Table Clinics: Clinical  
Pearls of Private Practice  
Waterfront Conference Center

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**  
(Tentative)  
RDDS Ski Outing/CE Event  
Boyne Mountain Resort

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday**  
RDDS Annual Business Meeting

**Summer 2006**  
8:30-5 PM  
Dr. Charles Ardis Memorial  
Lecture  
Presenting: Dr. John Kois  
Milliken Auditorium

## **GRAND TRAVERSE ORAL SURGERY DONATES AREA SCHOLARSHIPS**

Drs. Dave Howard, Wayne Olsen, and Craig Fountain of Grand Traverse Oral Surgery have once again donated scholarships to outstanding graduates from our community. These generous member dentists donated \$5,000.00 to area schools for their 2005 Achievement of Excellence Awards. These annual awards benefit outstanding students in their pursuit of higher education. Grand Traverse Oral Surgery has made a commitment to the future of our community and donates these scholarships each year on behalf of the Resort District Dental Society. Thank you to these member dentists for their continued generosity. Here is a letter received from the recipient of one of the scholarships.

Dear members of the Resort District Dental Society and Grand Traverse Oral Surgery,

I am ever so proud and grateful to be the recipient of the 2005 Achievement of Excellence Award. It was much to my surprise to be presented with this generous gift at my High School Awards Ceremony. I am very honored to be recognized by such admirable professionals.

This scholarship will be applied to the continuation of my education, as I begin my journey at Central Michigan University. I plan to pursue a degree in Dietetics and Nutrition, assisting those who seek guidance or support for their nutritional needs.

I give you my most sincere thank you for allowing this charitable award to be offered to me. The scholarship is most appreciated and will definitely help me reach all my educational goals! From my heart, I thank you!

Sincerely,  
Jessica Rames

**Editor's note:** Jessica graduated with high honors and gave a presentation on the pitfalls of excessive consumption of refined sugars the day of the ceremony.

## HELPFUL NUMBERS

**Edge Dental** – Water Line Testing. Located in Traverse City. (800) 873-6070

**Great Lakes Science** – Water Line Testing. (269) 429-1000 for information.

**United Service** – Dental Chair Upholstery At Your Office. (800) 328-9689

**REAP International** – Will haul away your old equipment. (616) 846-0887

**International Aid** – Equipment donations. (616) 846-7490

**Michigan Silver Exchange** – Will pick up used fixer. (800) 442-8190

These numbers provided courtesy of Angela Purdy from Patterson Dental, who is a tremendous resource of dental information and is active in many local dental events. Thanks Angela!

## MINUTES FROM RDDS BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 9:27 A.M. with introductory remarks by RDDS President, Dr. William Northway. Dr. Northway introduced Dr. Tom Veryser of Dental Clinics North. Dr. Veryser gave a detailed lecture about the operations of Dental Clinics North, issues affecting Medicaid dental care, and organized dentistry's role in the care of the underserved.

Dr. Vincent Mack, our regional MDA Trustee, spoke of issues affecting our association and membership at the state level and solicited more involvement from our members. Dr. Mack encouraged those who are interested in representing our society as Delegates to contact the RDDS Officers. Dr. Mack is stepping down from his position

as Trustee. His great contributions to organized dentistry were applauded. Dr. Rob Lovell has been named as the new Trustee for our region. He will make his debut at the MDA Annual Session.

Dr. Sara Bergsma gave her report on New Members and Membership. The New Member outing was a success last May, and Dr. Bergsma recommends that we continue to hold similar functions annually. There is an opportunity for a representative to attend a workshop on New Dentist Membership in Chicago in June of 2005. Dr. Bergsma inquired if there were sufficient funds to sponsor such a trip. RDDS officers to discuss funding in April.

Dr. Scott Schulz, RDDS Treasurer/Secretary, gave an overview of RDDS financial operations for the fiscal year (April 2004-April 2005). Our CE events and dues for the year have more than paid for the expenses of the RDDS, and we returned a positive balance for the fiscal year. Dr. Schulz recommended keeping dues at their current level of \$45, already one of the lowest in the state. The RDDS AGD PACE application has been approved for administration of continuing education until September, 2008. Dr. Dan Coté, RDDS President Elect, gave his report on the Scientific Program. Citing a successful year, he proposed to follow a similar schedule for 2005/2006. Meetings will tentatively be scheduled in May, Sept, Oct, Dec, Jan, Feb, April

and June. The officers will convene in April to develop the year's schedule. Any input or requests are welcome. Please contact President Dan Coté.

The RDDS bylaws were brought before the members by Dr. Lovell for vote. A motion was made by Dr. Mack, seconded by Dr. Portenga, and a unanimous decision was made to ratify and accept the new bylaws.

Dr. Mike Lueder gave his report on the RDDS Continuing Education Fund. The fund was started with a generous gift from Dr. Charlie Ardis. In addition to scholarships for worthy dental school students, the fund may also provide funding for RDDS CE events. A motion was made by Dr. Lovell to name an annual RDDS CE lecture in honor of Dr. Ardis. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rathke and accepted unanimously. The first lecture to bear his name will be the June 29, 2006 lecture with Dr. John Kois.

The agenda for 2005-06 was discussed. Dr. John Kois is scheduled for June 29, 2006. Dr. Bob Portenga and Dr. Tom Littlefield will again host the RDDS annual golf outing. The date is set for September 9, 2005.

#### **Election of Officers**

By unanimous decision Dr. Wayne Olsen was named President-Elect, Dr. Scott Schulz was named Treasurer/Secretary, and Dr. Brian Rathke appointed Editor for 2005-2006. Dr. Dan Coté will assume duties as President immediately. Dr. Rathke petitioned anyone who may have an interest in the editor

position to contact him immediately.

Thank you Dr. Northway for all you have contributed to the RDDS!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

**Editor's Note:** Thank you to Scott Schulz for recording the minutes. Sorry so late!!!!

## **NEW DENTIST FEATURE**

### **Melissa Makowski, DDS**

Melissa S. Makowski, D.D.S. is a recent graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, and is a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon NuNu Chapter. Melissa has had many professional interests throughout her educational career, but has a real passion for Forensic Odontology. She plans on pursuing future membership with the major forensic dental associations. Her other professional interests include implantology, cosmetic dentistry, full mouth rehabilitations and veterinary dentistry. Melissa is originally from Michigan's "Thumb", and wished to relocate to a community with similar values, small town character and with the best Michigan has to offer for all seasons. She has found a home in beautiful northwest Michigan. Michael, Melissa's husband of three years, is a master's level clinical psychologist and also looks

forward to becoming an active community member. The couple enjoys traveling, hiking and swimming with their dog, Helios. Melissa is joining Brian Rathke, D.D.S. of Bellaire Family and Cosmetic Dentistry as an associate, and is eager to begin providing quality patient care and education to the Bellaire community. Welcome to our society and best wishes for a long and successful career!!!

## **DENTIST SEEKING OPPORTUNITY**

Marvin Amayun, DMD is a 2002 graduate of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine who is interested in relocating to our area and is seeking practice opportunities. He is interested in a general practice purchase or associateship leading to buy-out. Dr. Amayun is currently residing in Chicago and can be reached at (815) 238-2974.

## **OFFICERS**

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