



Newsletter

President's Message



I want to thank all our members who took action and contacted local and state legislators regarding the proposed Florida dental therapist bills. Through your letters, emails and presence at Dentists' Day on the Hill, we were able to inform and educate those voting on this issue. Our message was clear: We do not have a shortage of dentists in Florida. Increasing the number of people practicing dentistry by creating a second tier of dental care is not the solution the state of Florida needs. To improve access to care we need to improve workforce distribution in the state.

Through your efforts, as well as that of other FDA members throughout the state, the dental therapist bill in the Florida House of Representatives did not pass in its original form. Currently, what remains of the bill is in "limbo" for the remainder of the legislative session. The Senate bill was never heard in committee. Thus, dental therapists are not authorized to practice in Florida at the present time. The FDA will continue to monitor the political situation and advise us when the next challenge comes.

I am confident we can once again let our voices be heard at that time. Meanwhile, the FDA will continue its efforts to educate legislators on programs and initiatives to address access to care issues as outlined through Florida's Action for Dental Health plan. For the underserved, getting access to care by DENTISTS will continue to be our message.

Sincerely,

David A. Beach, DMD, MS
President

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

6:15 pm - Social 7:00 pm - Dinner/Meeting

Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club

1601 S. MacDill Avenue, Tampa

Prevention of Medical Errors

William F. Robinson, D.D.S..

******This is a 2-hour CE course and requires a longer meeting******

This CE will fulfill the requirement for a 2-hour course in medical errors for license renewal in 2020.

Election of 2018-19 Executive Council, Delegates and Alternate Delegates and approval of the budget

The following prospective member will be on the ballot for election at this meeting: Dr. Ashley Tate

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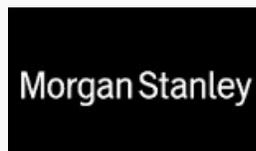
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Welcome New Members

Four new members were elected into membership of the Hillsborough County Dental Association at the January meeting. Please join us in welcoming:

Dr. Payal Arora
Dr. Michael Caputo
Dr. Alexis Dominguez
Dr. Larisa Kushnir

Thank you members for continuing to bring new members into the organization! Most of our new members have come from referrals of existing members, and we appreciate it!

March Election Information

The following members were nominated to serve as 2018-19 HCDA officers, delegates and alternate delegates at the January meeting and will be voted on at the March 27 meeting:

President— **Dr. Mark Abdoney**
President Elect— **Dr. Wendy Churchill**

Vice President—**Dr. Jan Cornelius**
Secretary/Treasurer—**Dr. Bryan Thatcher**
Executive Council Member—**Dr. Clay McEntire**
Past President—**Dr. David Beach**

Elected Delegates

Dr. Reza Iranmanesh
Dr. Beatriz Totzke

Elected Alternate Delegates

Dr. Clay McEntire
Dr. Rick Rasmussen, III
Dr. Joita Ghosh
Dr. Elizabeth Perez
Dr. Michael Caputo

Legislative Contact Dentist Needed for Hillsborough Representative

One of the easiest and most effective ways to protect your profession is to become a legislative contact dentist (LCD) through the Florida Dental Association. An LCD is simply a dentist who builds a relationship with a legislator and becomes their go-to for information on dental issues. Currently, only one Hillsborough County legislator needs an LCD—State House Representative Sean Shaw (District 61). Rep. Shaw was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2016.

Rep. Shaw is a Tampa attorney whose district is mainly north of the Selmon Expressway and east of I-275. He is the son of Leander J. Shaw Jr., the first African American Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. Rep. Shaw's interests include basketball, the Florida Gators and weight training. Although it is helpful to be a voting constituent of his, you do not need to reside or work in his district to serve as his LCD. Neither do you need to know him—just be willing to get to know him and provide him information.

As Florida's advocate for oral health, the FDA wants to ensure that each legislator is educated on the priorities of the dental profession — and they need your help to do it! If you are not an LCD and would like to volunteer to be one for Representative Shaw, please click [here](#) to view the LCD Volunteer Form. Please note: You must be logged in to view this web page. If you have any questions or would like more information on the LCD Program, please contact Governmental Affairs Liaison Alexandra Abboud at 850.224.1089 or aabboud@floridadental.org.

Action for Dental Health Passes U.S. House

Thanks to your grassroots efforts, H.R. 2422 the Action for Dental Health Act of 2017, passed the U.S. House of Representatives by an overwhelming margin. ADA President Joseph P. Crowley, called the legislation's passage, "a huge victory for dentistry and patients everywhere.

Action for Dental Health is the ADA's nationwide, community-based movement aimed at ending the dental health crisis in America. With the passage of the Action for Dental Health Act, the ADA hopes it will lead to:

- Improving oral health education and dental disease prevention.
- Reducing the use of emergency rooms for dental care.
- Helping patients establish dental homes.
- Reducing barriers, including language barriers and cultural barriers, to receiving care.
- Facilitating dental care to nursing home residents.

To learn more about the Action for Dental Health, click [here](#).

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Support FLA-MOM

Florida Mission of Mercy (FLA-MOM) is a large-scale, two-day professional clinic that provides dental care to any patient at no cost to them. Its goal is to treat the underserved and uninsured in Florida — those who would otherwise go without dental care.

The next FLA-MOM event will be held March 9-10, 2018 at Lee Civic Center in Ft. Myers. With a goal of treating 2,000 patients, FLA-MOM seeks to have a positive impact on Southwest Florida by relieving pain and infection, restoring dignity and creating smiles.

While it is too late for clinical volunteers to sign up, please consider supporting the cause financially. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the FLA-MOM effort, please click [here](#).



Ride to Support Local Dental Clinic



HCDA Diamond Sponsor Kennie Taylor and his team at **Tailored Financial Strategies of Raymond James** is asking you to support this year's Tampa Bay Free Dentistry Bike Challenge on Saturday, March 10. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit **Tampa Family Health Centers**, St. Petersburg Free Clinic and Community Dental Clinic of Clearwater. Ride lengths are for beginners to hard-core riders. For more information about the event and to register, click [here](#).

Dental Care for Children Needs Volunteers

TeamSmile is an organization that works with professional sports teams to hold volunteer dental events in the community. TeamSmile and the Tampa Bay Rays are teaming up for the first time to provide underserved children from the community with free oral health care and a one of a kind baseball experience!

The event will be held Friday July 13, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. TeamSmile is looking for dental professionals to volunteer at the event. For more information please visit their website [here](#).

HCDA Meeting Dates

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| March 27, 2018 | HCDA General Membership Meeting, Palma Ceia Golf and Country Club |
| May 22, 2018 | HCDA General Membership Meeting, Tampa Yacht Club |

Tripartite Upcoming Events

- FDA FLA-MOM March 9-10, 2018--Fort Myers
- WCDDA President's Trip to Scotland, April 21-28, 2018
- FDC June 21-23, 2018--Orlando
- WCDDA Summer Meeting July 20-22, 2018--Marco Island

The Hillsborough County Dental Association

is available to assist you

Monday through Friday

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