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## Superlative Annual Session Hurt By Economy

By Phil Smith

The 140<sup>th</sup> SCDA Annual Session was another critical success in a long history of great meetings. The continuing education was "best in class", the social events were creative and family friendly and from all early indications SCDA will enjoy a good meeting year. The challenge this year was the economy and unexpected wildfires that threatened Barefoot Landing. Although the exhibit floor was full and traffic was brisk, our attendance numbers were off from previous years.

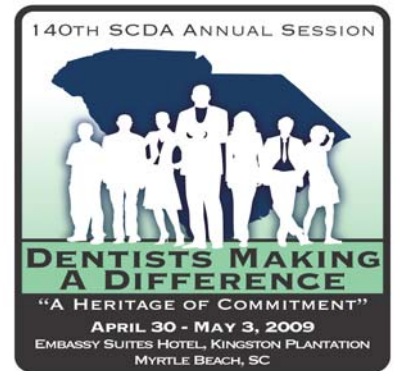
The meeting launched on Thursday with a series of morning lectures. Bruce Manchion and Sascha Jovanovic enjoyed packed rooms of enthusiastic attendees. Soon after the midday break guests attended the Awards Luncheon. This was an especially joyful gathering because of the celebration of the SCDA accolade recipients. Dr. Charles Millwood was most gracious in his acceptance of the Hoffmann Award. There was also a special acknowledgement for two fifty year contributors, Dr. Jack Turbyfill and Mr. Happy Hays. The guest speaker for the event was Dr. Ron Hamilton, a dentist and pastor serving as the contact church for the DAD Project in August.

On Friday the educational offerings were extensive. Doctors and staff alike were given chances to explore herbal medicines, esthetics and occlusion as well as intraoral radiography. The South Carolina Dental Lab Association hosted a course on CAD CAM implementation and partial denture design. Friday was the busiest day of the convention. Besides assorted CE there were a number of receptions in the evening. There was an ASDA / New Dentist drop in sponsored by Patterson Dental and the generous contributions of dentists who elected to sponsor a dental student for the meeting.

Saturday is the day when courses become a bit more specific and the collateral events competed with the seminars. The ASDA students participated in a panel discussion about association and partnerships. Drs. Mark Barry and Jimmy Rivers, valued friends and educators, were able to craft a very important discussion about treatment planning and ethical decisions of care. The technical presentation by Dr. Steve Ratcliff was a perfect plan for the temporization of anterior implants. This was a dental education day at its best!

The evening of the Presidential Reception was great family fun at the Ripley's Aquarium. Social interaction, visiting the displays and listening to entertainment from Scott Smith made for a fine finish to our events. Scott Smith is a talented singer who performed good covers of many popular songs.

In many ways this year's Convention Committee was innovative and aggressive in the promotion of the meeting. It was a commitment of the group to offer the best meeting money could buy, and provide an added value for all participants. Congratulations for a great effort!



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*Jill Colson, Chair  
-Committee on the  
New Dentist*



## DAD Project Takes Shape For August

By Phil Smith

The SCDA has been developing an adult free dental clinic project for over a year. Many of you may recall that the Board of Governors invited representatives from North Carolina who have staged community clinics for years. The SCDA Dental Access Day (DAD) has now become a reality and will be run on August 28 and 29, 2009 in North Charleston. The site will be the North Charleston Convention Center, and logistics are being determined for this project's efficiency and success.

Based on the North Carolina model for their Mission of Mercy (MOM) clinic, the organizers for the DAD program will come from many community and professional segments. SCDA will import North Carolina's hardware and portable treatment rooms as the first step in establishing this year's site. Community leaders and service organizations will assist in enrollment, volunteer manpower and finances. The Seacoast Church with Pastor Ron Hamilton will be one of the primary organizers.

It is the intention for the DAD weekend to host and provide dental treatment for over 1000 adults. Dentistry is free but it is also dependant upon the patient's resources. The dentistry is not limited to extractions and may cover most basic dental needs for an adult patient. There will be a couple of labs providing service for denture repairs. The staging area will likely have seventy treatment chairs and dedicated radiographic assistance. In application there will be a sterilization section with multiple oversized autoclaves and a broad and categorized dispensary for supplies. This is a large undertaking that will need lots of volunteers to see 500 patients in a day. This likely will become a very long day.

The profile of volunteers often differs from those dentists who might donate service for GKAS. SCDA organizers are already enrolling interested parties who would like to participate. The self contained MASH type facility will need lots of personnel. So if you or a dental team member would like to assist with this venture you may enroll at the SCDA website. Contributions will also be needed so if you cannot participate think of a donation. Many organizations have already written checks, but SCDA estimates that at least \$25,000 will be needed.

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Dr. Phil Smith, Editor

## Master Calendar

- May 8 SCDA Member Benefits Group Board —SCDA Office, 9 am-1 pm
- May 15 SCDA Board —SCDA Office, 9 am-1 pm
- May 16 Restorative Dentistry Update 2009—MUSC, 8 am-5 pm
- May 16 Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Course—MUSC, 8:30 am-5 pm
- June 4 SCDA Planning Retreat Social—Al's Upstairs, 6:30-8 pm
- June 5 SCDA Planning Retreat—Columbia Conference Center, 8:30 am-4 pm
- June 10 SC PCF—SCDA Office, 11:30 am-3:30 pm

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### “If it Ain’t Broke, Fix it Till it is!”

I am amazed at the frequency of programs, services or regulations that take great effort to fix or improve something only to end up making it worse. We all have been party to government good intentions that end up serving up a big dose of collateral damage. I fear that one of those programs has become the recent requirement for dental practices... the Red Flag Rules.

Red flag rules were developed last year as a means to prevent identity theft from businesses. The intention was to establish a protocol for reporting stolen personal information from data banks, office computers or credit card lists. The ADA countered that the effort was unnecessary and pressed to interrupt the enforcement date. The Federal Trade Commission agreed and the implementation was delayed until May 1, 2009.

The reason that dentists are even a part of this conversation is that under the strict definition we are “creditors”. So if your office allows a patient to make payments over a few months, or if you offer financing through some dental service then you are considered in this regulation.

### Membership Has its Privilege: SCDA and ADA to the Rescue!

In anticipation of the pending “drop dead date”, the ADA sent out an emergency E-gram from Dr. John Finley, President of the ADA. There was a link to downloadable information about Red Flag Rules. (check the members only section of [www.ADA.org](http://www.ADA.org))

Better yet, our SCDA was directed by Dr. Mercer to copy and send the necessary documents to the Association membership directly. By the time you read this Bulletin, not only should you have the required compliance forms, but the Red Flag will be waving!

Special accolades to the SCDA staff for getting this out so punctually!

### Watch Out for “Red Flag Ruse”

As dentists evaluate the Red Flag paperwork you will soon discover that it really is not too complicated. Complete the form, have your staff sign it and you are done. Phil Latham cautions dentists to not be misled by companies offering services to bring your office into compliance for only a thousand dollars. The cost, if you choose to do so, should be much less.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: RED FLAG RULES DELAYED 90 DAYS DUE TO ADA GRASSROOTS EFFORTS! MORE INFORMATION TO COME. TARGET DATE IS AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

### ASDA Video Graces “You Tube”

I received a note from a first year dental student at MUSC to visit their class video. Filmed for the ASDA dinner it was a humorous joy! For those of you with dental student family in Charleston you may be surprised. Look for the faculty and watch the outtakes. Just follow this link to the [MUSC dental student video](#) and ENJOY!

Till next time,  
Phil

# SCDA Member Benefits Group

By Mark K. Brown

## Insurance Rates **DROPPING???**

Believe it or not, that is not a typo! How often do you see insurance companies actually lower their rates? The South Carolina Patients Compensation Fund (SC PCF) has recently dropped their rates on most of their coverages and the decrease goes up to as much as 8.6%! The South Carolina Joint Underwriting Association (SC JUA) recently reviewed their rates for the upcoming year as well and will have no rate increases themselves.

The SC JUA and SC PCF are the two companies your dental association has teamed up with to bring you Professional Liability coverage for not only you, but your staff and practice as well. You may have heard me discuss in the past the many reasons we partnered with these companies such as the more than 30 years experience they have operating within our great state or perhaps you've heard me mention that fellow SCDA members sit on the boards of both groups.

*"My professional liability insurance has been provided through the SCDA for years now, for many reasons ranging from cost to service, but the primary reason is my knowing that I can focus on the profession of dentistry while resting assured I'm in good hands."* – **Lee Gardner, Past President**

*"When researching malpractice insurance, I asked myself, "Who can I trust with this important coverage?" Once I learned that the SCDA offered this coverage and that fellow association members sit on the boards of the carriers they worked with, I knew my best interest would be of foremost importance."* - **Jill Colson, Committee on the New Dentist Chair**

This rate reduction is great news especially considering our current economy. If you do not presently have your malpractice insurance through the SCDA, call us at 800-327-2598 to see what we can do for you. This coverage renews for most dentists during the months of May – July, so now is the best time to see how much you can save. You can also send Deanna an e-mail at [ski@scda.org](mailto:ski@scda.org).



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# President's Message



*Note: This is the partial text From Dr. Mercer's address at the SCDA Awards Luncheon.*

One year ago together we set a goal to make the SCDA the leading voice for oral health in South Carolina. I challenged you to continue our *Heritage of Commitment* and to *Make a Difference* in your community and state. You and the SCDA have done just that this past year. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you and I thank you for trusting me with the responsibility.



**Dr. Jim Mercer**  
President

During the four years that I have served on the Board of Governors, I have observed a shift from the SCDA having a short term view with a one year agenda of projects to the SCDA focusing on our mission and core values with projects that span across multiple years. This serves our association well and has allowed us to continue to improve our stature in the legislature and has helped make us a sought after voice for oral health in our state. The SCDA has reached out to groups in the oral health community and formed coalitions to accomplish many of our goals.

Traditionally, I should now recite a state of the SCDA and list the many projects, programs, and accomplishments from the past year. I will save that for another time. I do though, want to briefly highlight five areas where you have made a difference this year...

The first area to highlight is our collaboration with the MUSC College of Dental Medicine, Dental Students and ASDA. You have added a MUSC faculty representative to the Board of Governors as an ex-officio member. We are lucky now to have Dr. Ted McGill as the MUSC representative on our Board. In addition to Ted, we frequently have Dr. Mark Barry and Dean Sanders attending our meetings. We now have students participating in our House of Delegates, Board of Governors and committees. We participate in the ASDA Legislative Day, a number of activities at the school, and many of you volunteer your time to help the school and students in various capacities. After much hard work and years of effort by many of you, we will see the opening of the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine Clinical Education Center this fall. The effort to build the relationship between the school, students and the SCDA benefits all parties involved.

It has been a challenging year financially for our state and this has resulted in a 15.1% reduction in our state's Medicaid base budget, which equates to \$459 million. In spite of this significant reduction, Dentistry is the only healthcare group that did not feel the brunt of the cuts. The adult dental Medicaid program, which is an optional program by federal guidelines, was slated to be eliminated. Through a combination of your efforts and new federal money, this program was preserved. Many restorative fees for beneficiaries up to 21 years old were actually increased this year. Although SC Medicaid is far from perfect, the SCDA has remained at the table and continues to work to improve the program.

The third area I want to touch on is our collaboration with SC DHEC Division of Oral Health and other oral health stakeholder groups. Just one example of our collaboration is the creation of the Flora and Floppy go to the Dentist puppet show which reached nearly 7,000 students across the state. With DHEC, Dr. Amy Martin, and ADA funding, we conducted a school nurse needs assessment. We had an 87+% response rate and the results validate our legislative efforts in both the Medicaid arena and the creation of our proposed Community Oral Health Coordinator (COHC).

Additionally, the SCDA assisted DHEC in training more than 300 school nurses from across the state in oral health screenings. Our visibility at these trainings has led to other collaborative opportunities. These are just a few examples of your efforts that make us the voice for oral health in the state. You have Made a Difference in your local communities by participating in health fairs, Give Kids a Smile Day, Children's Dental Health month programs, and other programs too numerous to detail here.

*"... I have observed a shift ... to the SCDA focusing on our mission and core values with projects that span across multiple years."*



With funding from the ADA's targeted public affairs program, the SCDA hired a public relations firm –Carolina PR. John Durst and his staff have been a tremendous help getting local coverage of events, developing material for our Dental Access Days program and supporting our pending legislation. Our legislative effort is the next area I will touch on. We have continued our targeted approach of hosting lunches and dinners for the Senate Medical Affairs Committee and the House 3M committee. These are very effective because we are able to speak with our legislators one on one in a relaxed environment. The SCDA has also testified and attended hearings on bills of interest to dentistry. Our primary legislative focus this year has been on issues that help to improve access to care.

The SCDA supports adequate funding of our Dental Medicaid safety-net program, which I mentioned earlier. Secondly, we have worked to maintain and increase funding of the Rural Dental Incentive program. Last year we were able to add \$250,000 in non recurring funds to our \$250,000 in recurring funds. This budget year we have been able to maintain our base funds, and as of yesterday, an additional \$250,000 is still in the current budget. We also are exploring the possibility of some matching funding from DHHS which would allow us to have an even greater impact with the program.

Our Community Oral Health Coordinator bill, which is moving through the legislative process, is an example of our collaboration with multiple groups over several years to improve the oral health of underserved children. We worked closely with the Department of Education, SC DHEC, and school nurses to craft the Bill. Thanks go to Senator Dr. Ray Clary who introduced the bill and has guided it through the Senate. We currently have \$300,000 in the budget for the initiation of this project in a year where funding for new projects is scarce.

The final area I want to highlight is our Dental Access Days project. This is an example of a multiyear effort that focuses on access to care for adults, involves the local community in solutions and provides free adult dental care over a two day period. The initial DAD project will be held at the Charleston Convention Center August 27 through 29. I encourage you to fill out a volunteer form today. Seacoast Church has partnered with the SCDA to make this project a reality for Charleston. There is already a lot of interest in bringing this project to other parts of our state so I invite all of you to volunteer at this event, make a difference, and bring it to your community. What has made similar projects across the country very successful is the involvement of the local community. This is what Seacoast Church is doing for us and their Charleston community.

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## Executive Director's Notes



**Mr. Phil Latham**  
Executive Director

*“Something must change or the SCDA will be forced to make some dramatic changes to its convention...”*

I have just returned from the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the SCDA. I am always encouraged after attending the convention because we have such a great group of professionals. I return to the office energized and my mind brainstorming on what else the association can do to better serve its members. As we complete the 2008-2009 fiscal year, I am reminded of the dedication displayed by President Mercer, and as we gear up for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, I am mindful to think of and care for others as expressed by incoming President Maxwell during his speech at the recent House of Delegates meeting. This association is special and has many special people.

When I was hired by the SCDA more than 10 years ago and attended my first SCDA Convention, I was shocked at how many people attended. There were more than 2,100 attendees and of that, almost 500 were SCDA members. 7 years ago, this number began to tumble and as we finalized attendance numbers it appears that only 338 SCDA members attended the most recent convention. What has happened?

I know times have changed. I realize the economy is in a slump, but I can think of no better place to be than Myrtle Beach and there's nothing better than associating with a great professional group of people in the month of April. The SCDA Convention has always been a time to catch up with those we haven't seen or spoken to in a while and it provides a great opportunity to meet new dentists. Isn't this still the case?

The SCDA Convention not only offers a social time to network, but it also offers great continuing education opportunities, so why are dentists not attending? I am not sure anyone has the magic answer to this question. Rather than this question just being discussed in passing, it has now become a much bigger issue.

Something must change or the SCDA will be forced to make some dramatic changes to its convention set up and how it is run. Your association cannot continue to plan, develop and stage an annual convention when so few dentists attend. The association depends on the income from the convention. I am very concerned about what may occur in the very near future.

As you read this article, I urge you to write down next year's convention meeting dates now, tell your spouse the trip is planned, tell your staff the trip is planned and come to Myrtle Beach in April 2010 to make it the best SCDA Convention to date.

The 141<sup>st</sup> SCDA Annual Convention will be held April 29 – May 2, 2010.

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The project will take place at the North Charleston Convention Center on August 27-29, 2009. Please consider donating your time, talents and/or treasure to help ensure a bright future for good oral health in South Carolina. Just fill out the form below and return it to the SCDA office:

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- my time
  - I would like to contact local businesses for donations to the project
  - I would like to help with set-up on Thursday, Aug. 27
  - I would like to help with clean-up on Saturday, Aug. 29
- my talent – I would like to offer my services as a dentist/hygienist/assistant/other to the project
- my treasure – I would like to make a personal donation toward the costs of the project

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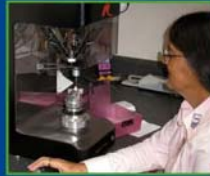
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# Tech Talk

By Christy J. Meador

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## Guidelines For Informed Consent

There has been some concern about the use of informed consent forms, especially in their application for pediatric dentistry. Not to suggest that all of dentistry would not benefit from this discussion.

According to the American Dental Association's Code of Ethics, "Informed consent is the process of providing the patient, or in the case of a minor or incompetent adult, the custodial parent or legal guardian with relevant information regarding diagnosis and treatment needs so that an educated decision regarding treatment can be made by the patient or guardian." Statutes and case law of individual states govern informed consent. Some states allow oral discussions, which should be documented in the records. Consent forms should be procedure specific, utilize simple terms, and avoid broad statements

It generally is understood that the person granting consent is the patient of the age of majority. In South Carolina, a pregnant individual under 21 may be granted legal status as an adult. Obviously, underage patients or patients of limited mental capacity should have treatment consent obtained from a parent or legal guardian. The adult accompanying the pediatric patient may not be a legal guardian or parent. Grandparents, relatives, stepparents, sitters, neighbors or non-custodial parents may bring the child. A child in foster care may be accompanied by a caretaker who has no authority to consent to medical procedures. It is advisable for the dentist office obtain a copy of the court orders appointing a guardian to verify who is allowed to make medical consent. HIPPA forms should also be consistent with the caregiver designate.

One option to consider is obtaining a parent/guardian authorization via a consent by proxy or power of attorney agreement for any other individual to make dental treatment decisions for a child. In situations where individuals other than the guardian/parent regularly bring a child to the dental office, this may help eliminate confusion about the consent authority.

One challenge in many offices, especially those dentists seeing children, is the blanket consent form. There is no viable protocol for a parent to authorize treatment at the exam appointment, and expect this approval to extend to adulthood. The oral discussion between provider and patient, not the completion of a form, is the important issue of informed consent. Avoid wording that states "authorizes all treatment which the doctor in his/her best medical judgment deems necessary, including but not limited to...". Courts have determined that this statement is too broad and unspecific to satisfy informed consent guide lines.

Dentists considering any legal forms or documents should seek professional advice.

Check with South Carolina's regulations, and visit the SCDA or AADA websites for suggestions on designing consent forms.

*(Portions of this article are from the 2005 Adoption of the Council on Clinical Affairs of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry)*

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