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MESSAGE FROM FWDDS
BOARD PRESIDENT

It is an honor to serve as the President of the Fort Worth District Dental Society. Serving on the board these past few years has been a truly rewarding experience. I have had the opportunity to be a part of the society during an exciting time full of growth and change. In addition, I have also had the pleasure of working with and being inspired by some truly passionate and gifted leaders from our community and profession. I will do my best to carry on their good work with the help of our outstanding board and support staff.

Now, more than ever, the society faces the challenge of remaining relevant and providing members with value in our rapidly changing society and profession. By refocusing the mission, goals and values, our Society has allowed an infusion of new ideas and energy. Spending all the hours in the boardroom has allowed us to form a kind of think-tank for dentistry. We have spent time discussing what kinds of continuing education courses to offer, social events to host, and musing about what makes dentists join and stay in the society. With an endless number of CE courses available, the local dental society no longer serves as the primary source of continuing education for its members.

The role of the board is to tailor member benefits to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse group of clinicians. The make up of today’s dentists is vastly different than even 20 years ago, and we have the data from the ADA and other sources to demonstrate the specifics. Compared to the past, dentists today are more likely to be women, come from different ethnic backgrounds, work in corporate models, and come from out of state. Texas issues the most new dental licenses by far each year, largely due to people moving here from other locations.

Finding a way to embrace this changing population is essential for the success of our dental society. Despite our differences, we all entered into dentistry because we believed in the profession. Being a part of the local society, TDA and ADA gives our profession a collective voice, which is essential if we want to stay in control of how we practice and take care of our patients. Another unique, and perhaps most important aspect of the society, is that it provides a source of community for dentists. Practice can be isolating, and the ability to share ideas, socialize and connect with other dentists is fundamental to the mission of the Society. My personal goal is to strengthen this sense of fellowship and camaraderie that the Fort Worth District Dental Society provides.

I also want to thank our current board for their selfless dedication and our hard working executive director, Cindy, for the long hours she has put in. And thank you to my friend and colleague, Dr. Amy Bender, who served as the first woman president of the Fort Worth District Dental Society. I’m looking forward to connecting with you during this upcoming year.
GOLF TOURNAMENT

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The practice of dentistry can be one of the most fulfilling aspects of our lives. In the many years that I have been practicing the most rewarding part of being a dentist is the relationships that I have with my patients. Over the years with the help of some training, experience and wonderful, loving and intuitive staff those relationships have gotten stronger and easier to create than they used to be. However, just like any good thing those relationships can be fragile. There are times when conflicts arise. Most often conflicts arise from miscommunications and differing views of expectations.

The Texas Dental Association and our Fort Worth District Dental Society offers the Peer Review process as a service to the public and to the member dentists of Fort Worth to resolve disputes concerning the quality and/or the appropriateness of dental treatment for our patients. In addition to patient initiated complaints against member dentists, Peer Review handles utilization review resulting from differences of opinions between doctors and third-party carriers. This service is provided by volunteer dentists (your neighbors) who serve on the local peer review committee. The committee evaluates all evidence that is available pertaining to each dispute and follows specific guidelines to make a fair and impartial decision. The committee's decision can be appealed to the TDA Council on Peer Review if the dentist or patient thinks that the decision is incorrect due to additional information becoming available or information that is contrary to the outcome of the review. The appeal must be mailed within thirty days of the date of the resolution. Any decision of the Council is final and binding.

None of us like having conflicts – especially with patients whom we have treated. If not handled properly the conflicts can become very upsetting to all involved. If the conflict escalates it can lead to a long, expensive legal battle with the only winners being the lawyers involved. If you know someone who has gone through something like this you know that it can cause many sleepless nights, a disruption in your practice and possibly a huge loss of income. Membership in the Fort Worth District Dental Society/TDA has many benefits, but this one of the peer review process could be worth your dues dollars many times over.

Having dentists in your local area resolve disputes is a true benefit as opposed to leaving your fate in the hands of lawyers, juries and judges untrained and unfamiliar with modern dental treatment. This fact is also in the best interest of the patient involved. The responsibility for conducting Peer Review will be that of our local society. Both parties involved must sign an agreement form prior to the beginning of Peer Review. The dentist member of TDA/FWDDS is obligated to cooperate and participate in the Peer Review process.
A record release form must be obtained from the patient for a peer review committee to legally obtain a patient’s records. Once the records are reviewed, a member of the peer review committee will discuss the issues separately with the patient and the dentist involved. Many times a resolution can be found through this impartial dentist and the matter will be closed. If there is no resolution informally, the peer review case goes to a panel hearing. The patient will be examined by three dentists unless the patient has had the treatment redone prior to the hearing. Both parties will have the opportunity to address the panel. The peer review panel will consider all information available and render a decision by letter explaining their conclusions.

On a personal note, I can attest to the value of the peer review process. When I was a very young dentist, a patient’s very prominent husband (who did not want to pay for his wife’s treatment) filed a complaint against me. He also personally called people that he knew that were officers in the TDA to complain about me. Initially, it was very upsetting to me. However, the matter was ultimately handled through the peer review process. I certainly did not have the resources or influence to handle it in the private sector, but it was dispatched relatively easily by a panel of dentists who knew what was right for everyone involved. I truly believe that the peer review process saved me. It is a tremendous benefit for all of us and especially for the new dentist. Over the years, I have grumbled about the amount that we pay in dues, but then I remember that just this one benefit makes membership in TDA/FWDDS well worth the investment.

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He had a heart that was able to include everyone. He could talk to anyone and everyone with genuine interest. The one thing Walter would most want for everyone to know is what a wonderful difference the Lord God and Jesus made in his life. In 1980 at age 40, he realized after all his success he had in life, his life was still empty without Christ. Walter and Saundra accepted Christ in August of 1980 and were married at the end of that month. We have been so very blessed by the journey of getting to know our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ over these last 37 years. Walter’s desire was always that whomever he met that did not know Jesus would come to know Him and the difference Jesus can make in a life. Our family thanks all our friends who have prayed for Walter and our family. We truly believe he would not have lived as long as he did without those prayers. We also thank Alpha and Omega hospice who helped us so much the last week of Walter’s life. Walter loved all his family very much. Survivors: Beloved wife, Saundra; daughter, Jennifer and her husband, John and their children, Charlotte and Lydia; son, Matthew and wife, Elaine; daughter, Megan and husband, Tim and their children Lily and Timmy; and son, Zach, and his daughter, Rilyn. All were treasured by him.

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1/2 minced jalapeño
1 tbsp. olive oil
2 lb. sirloin
1/2 red onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tbsp. canola oil
1 tbsp. jerk seasoning

DIRECTIONS
Toss together 1 1/2 cups chopped orange segments, 1/2 cup each chopped cucumber and red bell pepper, 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, 1/2 minced jalapeño, 1 Tbsp. olive oil, and salt and black pepper.

Toss together 2 lb. sirloin (cut into 1-inch pieces), 1/2 red onion (cut into 1-inch pieces), 2 Tbsp. canola oil, 1 Tbsp. jerk seasoning, and salt and black pepper; thread on 6 (8-inch) metal skewers.

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