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**December 2016**

*MSDA Launches New Website; Does Winter Make You Sad?; HIPAA Compliance – Do You Understand the Rules?; Center for Medicaid Kicks Medicare Part D Enforcement Further Down the Road; Dentist Day Synopsis and Registration Form; DAC Gives Back Cambridge Wrap Up; DAC Gives Back Save the Dates; Is it Time to Update Your Website?; CDC Announces $3 Million in Awards to Strengthen Chronic Disease and Oral Health Control; Record of Donated/Discounted Dental Services.*

**October/November 2016**

*ADA Leadership Comes to Maryland; Congratulations to Dr. Paul Schwartz; Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act – What You Need to Know; Mobile Friendly Power of Responsive Websites; Chesapeake Dental Conference Summary (House of Delegates Decisions/Awards, Photos, Stats, etc.).*

**September 2016**

*Sandy Spring Gives $50,000 Contribution to MSDA Capital Campaign; Southern Maryland Mission of Mercy Summary; DAC Gives Back Cambridge Lineup; Federal Government and ADA Emphasize Importance of Flossing and Interdental Cleaners; Chesapeake Dental Conference & ATCD; Would You Like to Donate 2-3 Days a Month to Teach Dental Students?; Baltimore City Dental Society Presents Continuing Education Conference; New Bill Enables Veterans to Purchase Low Premium Dental Coverage.*

**August 2016**

*Updated ACA Mandate Went In To Effect July 18th – 5 Things You Need to Know; Baltimore City Mission of Mercy Clinic; HPV Vaccine – What Your Patients Need to Know; Silent Auction – Donated Dental Services; DAC Gives Back Cambridge Registration Open; Chesapeake Dental Conference Lineup, Registration, Housing, What’s New?; Some Dental Schools are Training Students to Reduce Opioid Painkiller Prescriptions.*

[**July 2016**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_July2016.pdf)

*Why People Don't Go to the Dentist; Maryland Health Centers Get $1.75 Million for Expansion in Dental Services; Time to Step Up; MSDA Capital Campaign Progress; Maryland Dent-Care Loan Assistance Repayment Program; What to Say When Patients Say "I'll Think About It"; MSDA Endorsed Introduces Two New Vendors; MSDA Nominations; CDC 2016 Update; Senate Passes 2017 Defense Act*

[**June 2016**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_June2016.pdf)

*MSDA Brings HIPAA Compliant E-mail to Members; PDMP & CRISP - What are They and What You Need to Know; Former MSDA Executive Director Comes for a Visit; CDC Update; Changing Focus - MSDA's Future; Maryland Dent-Care Loan Assistance Program; NIDCR Supports New Studies to Determine Effects of Electric Cigarette Aerosol Mixtures; MSDA Endorsed Vendors; Donated Dental Services - Wee Need You to Help Maryland Disabled Citizens; Corporate Dentistry, Independent Dentistry in Maryland.*

[**May 2016**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_May2016.pdf)

*MSDA Foundation Meets with ACEP (American College of Emergency Physicians); MSDA Wins Multiple Awards from ADA; 2016 Legislative Report; ADA President Dr. Summerhays visits the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and MSDA D4 Event; Community Dental Health Coordination; Honoring Dr. Harry Goodman (Retiring); DAC Gives Back Bedford Recap; Chesapeake Dental Conference Update; What is MSDA Endorsed? Two New Vendors Join MSDA!*

[**April 2016**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_April2016.pdf)

*Legislative Events Update (President's Message); Dentist Day Wrap-Up; Medicare Part D Deadline Delayed Yet Again; What is MSDA Endorsed? (List of endorsed vendors); CE Course Listing April & May; CDC 'Schedule at a Glance'; Invisible Numbers that Impact Practice Success (CareCredit)*

[**March 2016**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_March2016.pdf)

*Legislative Events Update; ADEA Snapshot of Dental Education 2015-2016; Twelve Years Giving Kids a Smile; CE Highlights of MSDA; DAC Gives Back, Bedford Springs; Mt Airy Children's Dental Associates Give Kids a Smile*

[**February 2016**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Feb2016.pdf)

*MSDA Showcases New Space (Ribbon Cutting); Dentist Day 2016 (Letter from President); National Children's Dental Health Month; Americans are Drinking Themselves to Death at Record Rates; Membership Has Its Benefits (Letter from Executive Director); DAC Gives Back Course Descriptions.*

[**January 2016**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Jan2016.pdf)

*MSDA New Dentist Happy Hour in New MSDA Headquarters; Access Carroll - Donate 2-3 Days/Month Teaching Dental Students; Dentist Day 2016 Update; The Importance of Glove Ergonomics; Medicare Part D Opt In/Opt Out Deadline Approaching; DAC Gives Back Bedford Springs Update.*

[**December 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Dec2015.pdf)

*MSDA wins Golden Apple Award for Long Term Care Mini Residency; ADA Hosted MOM Event in Washington, DC; Letter to the Editor: Interview with Dr. Tom a'Becket; MSDA is Moving - New Address; WCDS Receives 100% Renewal for 2015; Salisbury Dentist Inducted into ICD; October Benevolence Extends Oral Health Education Efforts; End of Year Savings on Exam Gloves; Create Opportunities to Increase Referrals*

[**October/November 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_OctNov2015.pdf)

*MSDA's First Graduating Class of the Long Term Care Mini-Residency; Letter to the Editor (Dr. Harold Mendelson) and Response from Frank McLaughlin; MSDA Capitol Campaign and New Building Announcement; Dr. Peter Cha Recognized by ADA; Outgoing Presidential Letter by Dr. Richard Rogers; MSDA Foundation Receives Large Donation; Effects of Marijuana and Alcohol on Driving; CDC 2015 Wrap Up Article & Photos; Access to Care Day Wrap Up, Silent Auction Wrap Up, House of Delegates Awards and Honors*

[**September 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Sep2015.pdf)

*MSDA's Capital Campaign & New Building and Current Donors; ADA's Code of Ethics and the Importance to Patients; ADPAC's Looking for Dentist to Run for Public Office; CDC Overview, Checklist and Access to Care Day Reminders*

[**August 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Aug2015.pdf)

*Peer Review - A Tremendous Member Benefit; MSDA's New Home is a Great Investment; New Dues Payment Options for 2016; Chesapeake Dental Conference 2015 Update; ADA Applauds USPHS Final Recommendation on Optimal Fluoride Level in Drinking Water*

[**July 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_July2015.pdf)

*Maryland Anesthesia Regulation Updates; EPA and Medicare Enrollment Pushed Back; MSDA Purchased a New Building; CDC 2015 Speakers and Social Events; MSDA Leadership Ballots; Dr. Leslie Grant named Maryland Top 100 Women; MSDA Hosts UMSOD Student Clinic Night*

[**June 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Jun2015.pdf)

*ADA Washington Leadership Conference Recap; MARPAC/ADPAC - What are Political Action Committees; Skilled USA Competition at MSDA; A Community in Need - Esperanza Center of Baltimore; CDC 2015 Speakers and Hotel; Harry Goodman Receives Myron Allukian Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award; MD Dent-Care Loan Assistance Program; Why Should You Lobby Your Congressmen; Peter Tan Says Farewell to ADSA; ADA Applauds Final Announcement on Fluoride Level in Drinking Water; EPA Postpones Amalgam Separator Rule.*

[**May 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_May2015.pdf)

*National Signing Day 2015; MATCH@MSDA Recap; Eastern Shore MOM Dates; Dr. Tristram Kruger Wins Alumni Award from Georgetown; Chesapeake Dental Conference; In Memoriam Stanley Kogan; Proper Pharmacologic Course at MSDA.*

[**April 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Apr2015.pdf)

*Managed Group Practices - Friend or Foe?; MOM Dates; US Supreme Court Ruling Impacts All Licensure Boards; Facebook Contest; DAC Gives Back Recap; Entries Sought for Golden Apple Award; Gives Kids a Smile - 11 Years and Counting; Eastern Shore Mission of Mercy*

[**March 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA-Mar2015.pdf)

*MARPAC - A Box You Should Check; MSDA Attorney Retires; A Trip to the Dentist Saved a Girl's Life; FDA Updates Consumer Advisory - Reaffirms Position on Dental Amalgam; MATCH@MSDA - March 2015 (Associate Dentists)*

[**February 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA-Feb2015.pdf)

*Dentist Day in Annapolis!; Charity Raffle; Long Term Care Mini Residency Program; Maryland Dental Leadership Roundtable; Dentist Day - Protecting Your Right to Practice; Children's Dental Health Month, CDC Speakers; ED Referral Workgroup; DAC Gives Back Registration Form; Changing Landscape of Tobacco Products by MDAC; MSDAF Fundraiser Items*

[**January 2015**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA-Jan2015.pdf)

*Message from the President - Importance of Social Media; Inductees to American College of Dentistry; Health Insurance - If the Repeal of McCarran - Fergusen Will Level the Playing Field; MSDA Non Member Night for MSDA Components; Rotary Supports MSDA Foundation; DAC Gives Back Bedford - Registration OPEN!*

[**December 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Dec2014.pdf)

*Invite a Non-Member Night (Component Meetings); Report from Maryland Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped; Registration Form to Dentist Day 2015; Memoriam of Dr. Charles Page; Ebola Protocol for Dentists; New Raffle for the MSDA Foundation; DAC Gives Back Cambridge Recap.*

[**October/November 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA-OctNov2014.pdf)

*Proposed EPA Requirements for Amalgam Separators; Interview with Richard Rogers, DDS; Message from the President (Richard Rogers); Mid MD MOM Review; Presence of EV-D68 Confirmed in MD; Prescription Drug Permit Updates; Report on the Actions of the MSDA House of Delegates; Overview of the Chesapeake Dental Conference; Dr. Rody Jaeger wins the 2014 Alumnus of the Year Award from University of Maryland.*

[**September 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Sept2014.pdf)

*Congressman Steny Hoyer Seeks to Fund MOM Program; Prescription Drug Course Listing; New Dentist CDC Program Update; CDC Onsite Reminders and Course Listing; DGB Cambridge Speaker and Course Listing; BCDA Course "Turnkey Periodontics"*

[**August 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Aug2014.pdf)

*Dr. Harvey Levy receives the Arthur Fridley Humanitarian Award for 2014; Southern MD MOM photos; Dr. Kruger's response to Washington Post article on Dental Therapists; Prescription Drug Course Listings; ADPAC and Advocacy in Our Region; In Memory of Drs. Richard Kelley, Alison Fletcher, Stephen Eisenburg, Newton Chang, Robert Morgenstein and Michael Etessami;  Marketing Mistakes 101 continued; CDC 2015 Speaker Lineup, Social Events and ATCD; DGB Cambridge Registration Open.*

[**July 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_July2014.pdf)

*Dr. Mark Reynolds Named UMSOD Dean; Regenerating Teeth and Maybe Other Body Parts with Light; An Enlightened Approach: It may be possible to stimulate decayed teeth to repair themselves; Donated Dental Services (Patient Success Article & Thank You Letter); Dr. Hamilin Wins Award (New Dentist); For Online Success - Making it easier for patients to find you online; Prescription Drug Course Dates and Locations; Access to Care Day article; CDC Social Events article; MSDA Nominations and CVs for candidates for open BOT/ House positions; Marketing Mistakes 101; DAC Gives Back Cambridge Registration Open;  5 Amazing Ways Research Shows Volunteering for MOMs Helps You; Baltimore Project Homeless Connect.*

[**June 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Jun2014.pdf)

*"Gallup Poll Reveals 1/3 of Americans Had No Dental Visit in the Past Year"; "Flimsy Evidence for Flossing"; "Accelerate Summer Productivity to Recover After Lost Winter Days"; the passing of Dr. Nicholas Papadimitrou; "Alcoholics Anonymous- A Modern Miracle"; Prescription Drug Course Listings (MSBDE Approved); "Marketing is Not a Dirty Word"; DAC Gives Back Cambridge Speaker Lineup; CDC Hotels*

[**May 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_May2014.pdf)

*Long Term Care Pilot Project; Patient Recognizes Dr. Michael White; Mission of Mercy dates; DAC Gives Back - Bedford Recap; Happy Hour for Senior Dental Students Recap; MD Coalition Aims to Reduce ER Visits; DAC Gives Back - Cambridge (NEW); CDC 2014 Updates; 80+ Brands of Composites Course Articles.*

[**April 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Apr2014.pdf)

*MSBDE Update on What Constitutes Unprofessional Conduct; Introduction of the Arthur Fridley Humanitarian Award; Frederick County Dentists Needed; CDC 2014 Sneak Peak; Dr. David Halpern Elected to DALE Foundation's Board of Trustees*

[**March 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Mar2014.pdf)

*Give Kids a Smile Recap; Dentist Day Recap; Officer Call for Nominations (Treasurer and Secretary)C&E Foundation Raffle Announcement; Why Philip Seymour Hoffman's Death is so Scary; Creating Happiness as a Practice Protocol; Surgeon General Updates on Tobacco; DAC Gives Back - Bedford Springs; Maryland Study Shows Correlation Between Dental Insurance and Utilization;*

[**February 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Feb2014.pdf)

*MSDA Glove Program Provides Help Overcoming the 5 Obstacles to Glove Buying; Using Cone Beam Technology CE Course; DAC Gives Back Session Lineup/Information; National Children's Dental Health Month*

[**January 2014**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Jan2014.pdf)

*Presidential Message by Dr. George Shepley, Dentist Day 2014 issue summary and instructions, Long Term Care Facility Initiative (by MSDA and Maryland Dental Hygienists Association), Using Dental Cone Beam CT Technology (course at MSDA).*

[**December 2013**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Dec2013.pdf)

*In this issue: Inaugural ER Referral Meeting, Western Maryland MOM, ADA Launches Center for Professional Studies, Dr. Maxine Feinberg Elected ADA President-Elect, Veteran Full Employment Act 2013, Dr. Tom Soliday Receives Special Citation from AAOMS, Newsletter Rate Kit 2014.*

[**October / November 2013**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_OctNov2013.pdf)

*In this issue: Accolades to Drs. Brill, Kilian, DiFabio, Levy; 2013 House of Delegates Summary of Actions, ACA Employer Notification Requirements, Thank You Dr. Horng, MSDA and Stacey Sorkin Participate in Career Day, X-Ray Inspection Updates, Email Scam for AACD Member Dentists, Lessons in a Lunch Box, Updates on Two Prescription Topics, CDC & ATCD Wrap Up*

[**September 2013**](http://www.msda.com/files/MSDA_Sept2013.pdf)

*In this issue: Laurel MOM, CDC, Pregnant Patients and Dentistry*

[**August 2013**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Aug2013.pdf)

*In this issue: DDS Receives Gift From Rotary Club, Turning Patients into Raving Fans, New Endorsed Vendor - Constellation, Intro to Implant Surgery Course, The Stuggle is Worth It (Dentist Well Being), MDAC CE Course,* *Infection Control Issues (Part 2), Chesapeake Dental Conference Lineup*

[**July 2013**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_July2013.pdf)

*In this issue: Infection Control Issues (Part 1), Dr. Christian Stohler Named Dean of Columbia University Dental Medicine, MSDA Sponsors Annual NXTGen Happy Hour, Receive 8 CE Credits for Free Dental Work, Drug Treatment Courts Offer Hope for Youths (Dentist Well Being), ADA Washington Leadership Conference*

[**June 2013**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Jun2013.pdf)

*In this issue: Match@MSDA, New Endorsed Vendor - Guernsey, CDC Registration/Housing Open, Five Things Every Practice Should Do in This Economy, Impact of Addiction on the Family (Dentist Well Being), Arthur Fridley Memorial, Mid-Maryland MOM Sign Up, MOM Volunteer Recap (Part 2)*

[**May 2013**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_May2013.pdf)

*In this issue: DAC Gives Back 2013 Recap, MSDA Wins ADA Award, NXTGen Transition Dinner Recap, Leglislative Report 2013, Dues Installment Program, CNA Risk Management Seminar, Oral Cancer Disease, Adult Dental Visits Decline While Child Visits Increase, MOM Volunteer Recap (Part 1), Maryland Recognized for Improved Dental Care.*

[**April 2013**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Apr2013.pdf)

*In this issue: Dentist Day 2013 Recap, Eastern Shore MOM, Wabi Sabi Your Relationships (Dentist Well Being), ASDA Election Results, Officite Webinar, Liver Disease Article.*

[**March 2013**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Mar2013.pdf)

*In this issue: Give Kids a Smile, NERB Adds 3 States, DDS Thanks Donors, DAC Gives Back, Dental Museum Changes, CDC Sneak Peak, Oral Cancer Walk, Newsletter Ad Rates 2013.*

[**February 2013**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Feb2013.pdf)

*In this issue: Children's Dental Health Month, DAC Gives Back 2013 Course Listings, Maryland's "B" Grade on Dental Sealants, Early Renewal Reward Winner, Esthetic Dentistry Course*

[**January 2013**](http://test.fatcat-studios.com/msda/MSDA_Jan2013.pdf)
*In this Issue: Gallup Poll, C&E Foundation, Eastern Shore Mission of Mercy, Dentist Day 2013, DAC Gives Back, AGD 16th Annual Meeting, COHS*

[**December 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/MSDA_Dec2012.pdf)
*In this Issue: Dr. Charlie Doring recognized for Legislative success, Amalgam recyling, Charitable and Educaitonal Foundation, Dr. Tom Soliday recognized for years of service to ADA, IRS Device Tax Bill*

[**October/November 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/MSDA_OctNov2012.pdf)
*In this issue: Golden Apple Awards, HOD Resolutions, CDC Recap, Dr. Garner Morgan Receives Award, Rose Richardson Retires*

[**September 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/MSDA_September_2012.pdf) *In this Issue: Healthy Teeth, Healthy Kids; President's Message; CDC*

[**August 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/August-2012-MSDA.pdf) *In this Issue: Southern Maryland Mission of Mercy, Paul Malo ClinicDr. Prahsant Verma honored, CDC, Charitable and Educational Foundation, Hands-On Implant Course*

[**July 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/MSDA_July_2012.pdf) *In this Issue: Oral Health Education bill signed, 80th Annual Capitol Dental Meeting, CDC, MSDA Ballot CV's. Dental Implant Training course, Management of an addicted dental patient, Employment practicaed Liability insurance*

[**June 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/MSDA_June.pdf) *In this issue: Mt. Airy GKAS, Health information Technology, Membership Milestones, MSBDE Nominations process, CDC, Taking care of your dental family, Sophomore Survival Night*

[**May 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/MSDA_May2012.pdf) *In this issue: NXTGen Transition Dinner, ADA Recruitment and Retention Conference, Safety of Dental X-rays, CDC, MSDA Dues Installment Program, 2nd Annual DAC Gives Back, DDS Celebrates Banner Year*

[**April 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/MSDA_April2012.pdf)
*In this issue: Dentist Day and Legislative Update, President's Message, Dr. Michael Kirts Appointed to MDAPD, Speed Interviewing, Licensure Update*

[**March 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/March2012.pdf)
*The Maryland Department of the Environment sent a letter in early January to inform Maryland dentists of their intent to begin enforcement of COMAR 26.12.01.01F.3(d)(4) as of January 1, 2012. This regulation requires a "Radiation Machine Facility" (dental office) to do the following: 1. Maintain each machine in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommended specifications; 2. Perform maintenance, at least annually, if the recommended maintenance schedule is not available from the manufacturer; 3. Maintain documentation that the manufacturer’s recommended maintenance schedule has been met. Such documentation shall include a detailed service report that includes the results of all tests performed by the registered service company; and 4. Provide the department written documentation sufficient to demonstrate that the required maintenance has been performed. The department must receive such documentation no later then thirty days following performance of this maintenance.*

[**February 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_Feb2012.pdf)
*Attention MSDA members! Your CE Committee has been hard at work gathering some new and interesting courses for you in 2012. You can always find Infection Control, CPR and PANDA and we usually do all three of these courses in the same day for your convenience and scheduling. Remember, Infection Control and CPR are required for each two year license renewal cycle, while PANDA is needed once every four years or every other cycle. The next two triple header days for these classes are Friday, March 2 and Friday, May 11. Yet, the CE Committee is excited about some new courses we are planning for our members’ educational experience. Look for a 6-day Hands-On Dental Implant Course presented in June, developed by MSDA and Hiossen Implants. This course will be presented over 6 weeks with two consecutive days of lecture and hands-on training,*

[**January 2012**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_Jan2012.pdf)
*Congratulations to Dr. Ali Behnia on his recent nomination and appointment to the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBDE). Dr. Behnia has been a practicing specialist in Rockville for the last 13 years. After receiving an undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering from Boston University, he attended dental school at the University of Pennsylvania.*

[**December 2011**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_Dec_2011.pdf)
*This coming January marks the 430th Session of the Maryland General Assembly. During Maryland’s 90-day session approximately 2500 to 3000 bills are introduced. Your opportunity to get involved in the legislative process is our annual Dentist Day in Annapolis taking place Wednesday, February 15, 2012. It has been an MSDA-sponsored event for some 20 years! All members of organized dentistry are invited to attend this important event. As of this writing, it is too early to know what legislation we will be in favor of, or opposed to, but, highlighted below are some of the important dental issues discussed by the MSDA’s House of Delegates that could possibly come up in a bill in 2012.*

[**October-November 2011**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/OctoberNovember.pdf)
*I am honored to be serving as President of the MSDA this year. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School in 1995, I have been a general dentist in Frostburg, MD. During my first years out of dental school I worked as a full time associate, and had my children Claire in 1997 and Ethan in 1999.*

[**September 2011**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/Sept_2011.pdf)
*It has been nearly 26 years since my first committee appointment in the Southern Maryland Dental Society. Then SMDS President Dennis Dalton, who I now count among my many dear friends that I have been blessed to know through my profession, put me on the Membership and General Arrangements Committee. I made several other friends on those committees, such as Art Fridley and Tom a’Becket, who have mentored and supported me this past year as well as the preceding 25 years. I recall my excitement generated by an opportunity to work some rising stars in the dental society.*

[**August 2011**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_August2011.pdf)
*If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. This saying is applicable to a problem recently discussed at the board of trustees meeting. Deeply discounted dental supplies are appearing and have been found to be either counterfeit products or expired products.*

[**July 2011**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_July2011.pdf)
*The fourth annual Leadership Conference was held at the MSDA offices on May 18. Dr. Diane Romaine, our President-elect, arranged for a presentation on ethics by Evan Offstien, an author of two books on the subject, as well as a faculty member at Frostburg State College.*

[**June 2011**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/June2011MSDA.pdf)
*While some children may dread a trip to the dentist, 8-year-old Eli Beninato was all smiles recently as he left Laurel Lakes Cosmetic Dentistry with a brand new laptop computer under his arm.*

**May 2011 - Archive File Not Available**
*This year marked the first ever "DAC Gives Back” event, introduced by DAC/MSDA Endorsed. This weekend trip proved to be a tremendous success and a wonderful way for the MSDA and MSDA Endorsed to start off 2011.*

[**April 2011**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_April2011.pdf)
*The Ecuadent Foundation was founded in 1990 by Executive Director, Tammy Fesche (a native of Ecuador). For the past 20 years, this organization has been conducting mission trips to bring quality, free dental and medical care to the impoverished children of Ecuador. This past February 3-19, 2011, a group of 36 volunteer dental and medical professionals traveled to Esmeraldas, Ecuador with this foundation. Esmeraldas is located on the northern coast of Ecuador in close proximity to the Colombian border. The city and province are known to be some of the poorest areas in the country.*

[**March 2011**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/march2011.pdf)
*As fellow member Dr. Ann Christopher stated so profoundly, " ‘Dentist Day’ is a very special day indeed for it is scheduled between Valentine’s Day and Presidents’ Day. Love of family and patients and love of our founding fathers and country.” Eighty dentists from across the state enjoyed the beautiful weather and participated in the legislative process. This year’s theme, developed by Dr. Winfred Booker, was "Banding Together” to support our legislative causes which are so important to dentists, our practices and our patients. Each legislator received a packet containing a white wrist band that displayed the logos of all the contributing dental organizations within the state of Maryland.*

[**February 2011**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/February2011.pdf)
*This month marks the 428th Session of the Maryland State Legislature. Although not nearly as old, our annual "Dentist Day” in Annapolis has been an MSDA sponsored event for some 20 years! All members of organized dentistry are invited to attend this important event on February 16, 2011. Last year we had tremendous success on the "Radiation Grace Period Bill” and the "Anti Insurance Cram Down Bill” thanks to our membership working with their legislators. This year, we have set our sights even higher with several important legislative issues which I will tell you more about in a moment. First, let me review the logistics of "Dentist Day.”*

[**January 2011**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/January2011.pdf)
*I hope everyone has enjoyed a healthy and happy holiday season. I know I have enjoyed a brief respite from the excitement and adventures that attend the position that I have been honored to fill this year. Now it is a New Year and time to get back to tending to the business and goals of our association.*

[**December 2010**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/december2010.pdf)
*Participating in the Mission of Mercy in Allegany County on October 29th and 30th was awesome. I didn’t know what to expect, but I definitely wasn’t disappointed. This first MOM event in Maryland was organized by Dr. Diane Romaine, MSDA president-elect. Volunteer dental providers (dentists, hygienists and assistants) signed up for 6-hour shifts (6-12, 12-6) on Friday and Saturday. I saw many of my colleagues there among them, as well as many other volunteers who came from near and far to participate. The very large fairground facility housed 50 dental chairs. When I entered the area around 11:30 a.m. Friday, I had to look hard to find an empty chair. With a third of the chairs designated for hygiene, and a third designated for oral surgery... I "manned” a chair in the restorative section.*

[**September 2010**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_Sept.pdf)
*When the Southeast Asia Tsunami ravaged the area including Thailand in 2004, Smiles on Wings was in Southern Thailand immediately after the disaster as part of the recovery effort. I personally led a team of physicians, nurses and volunteers from the Washington, DC area and headed to the Phang-nga province of Southern Thailand. The area was devastated by the Tsunami resulting in vast damage to villages and towns and a death toll in the thousands. Our team worked at a camp of at least 3000 displaced victims. We dispensed medicine, tended to wounds, treated headaches, fever, diarrhea and anxiety. As a dentist, I performed extractions and fillings. Since Thai is my native language, many patients came to me just to talk and share their ordeal of loss and despair. One elderly woman lost her entire family. She herself hung on to an oil drum for many hours before being rescued from the sea. It became apparent that in addition to being a dentist and taking care of my volunteers, my job description also included counseling the survivors.*

[**August 2010**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_August.pdf)
*MSDA hosted its 2nd Annual Match@msda: Dental Employment ‘Speed Interviewing’ event on June 3rd at the MSDA Headquarters. Attendees were matched with members and new graduates who were looking for associate positions and other practice opportunities. As one potential employer pointed out, the event was well-attended, and well worth it:*

[**July 2010**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/JulyMSDA.pdf)
*The Maryland State Dental Association had a very successful year in Annapolis, working on behalf of our members, to improve the practice environment in Maryland. The first issue we resolved was re-establishing the 20 day grace period for violations stemming from Radiology Inspections by the Department of Environment. Starting early in the session, with the help of MSDA Lobbyist Dan Doherty, Esq. and Senator Kathy Klausmeier, MSDA submitted Bill SB 664. SB 664 returns to each dentist in the state of Maryland, 20 days to take corrective action, without a fine, should your office be found in violation during a Radiological Inspection, so long as the violation does not represent a serious threat to your patients. If a dentist takes corrective action and returns documentation to the Department of Environment within the 20 day period, no fines will be issued.*

[**June 2010**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/JuneMSDA.pdf)
*From time to time some of our friends and colleagues find themselves in difficult situations because of a personal illness, illness of a parent or child, pregnancy or even an unfortunate accident. The Maryland State Dental Association is requesting volunteers to become part of our newly established Relief Program. The purpose of the Relief Program is to provide emergency coverage for a MSDA member’s office should the unthinkable happen. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to provide temporary coverage to help maintain the member’s practice and be one less worry for the family. Our hope is that we can help our colleagues return to a vital practice following a leave of absence.*

[**May 2010**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/May_2010_.pdf)
*WE WON!!! The Maryland State Dental Association won an award from the ADA for the Greatest Percentage of Nonmembers to Membership in their membership category for 2009. MSDA received the award at the Recruitment and Retention Conference held at the ADA headquarters in Chicago on March 19 and 20, 2010. One hundred fifty participants, representing constituent and component societies around the country, were exchanging ideas, networking, listening to top speakers, discussing the problems we face with membership recruitment and retention and being recognized for all the hard work we do for organized dentistry. Maryland’s delegation was well represented by staff members including Frank McLaughlin, Colleen Fowler, Art Cleaver and Kathi Smith; and MSDA members including Dr. Bill Martin, current MSDA president and ADA Council member; Dr. Ann Christopher and Dr. Beth Serafin. One of the perks of attending the meeting, besides visiting the ADA headquarters and staff was getting to stay at the Ritz Carlton at the Watertower Plaza, rubbing elbows with celebrities like Stedman (Oprah’s significant other) and meeting the Cleveland Cavaliers.*

[**April 2010**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/April2010.pdf)
*In a recent national survey conducted by the Pew Center on the States (a division of the Pew Charitable Trusts), Maryland was graded on its treatment to children, especially the underserved, and received an ‘A’ grade. Maryland was one of only six states to receive this highest grade having met six of eight policy benchmarks and for showing marked improvement since the 2007 death of 12-year-old Deamonte Driver from a tooth infection. Noted in the report were the improvements authorized in 2008 allowing hygienists to provide cleanings, sealants and flouride treatments in clinics, schools and Head Start programs without on-site supervision by a dentist.*

[**March 2010**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/March2010_.pdf)
*The Give Kids A Smile dental program took place on February 5, 2010 and was a success for the fifth consecutive year. Although fifty children from Frederick, Maryland were scheduled to participate, twenty were unable to attend due to the record snow storm.*

[**February 2010**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/Feb_2010.pdf)
*The Radiation Compliance Subcommittee continues to work towards increased compliance with the Maryland Department of the Environment inspection process of our dental office x-ray machines and dark rooms. Hopefully all of you are aware that the MDE has eliminated the longstanding policy that allows a 20-day grace period to correct violations found during an inspection. This policy was changed without the usual process or notification. The MSDA continues to work to correct this and other problems with the MDE and their actions. MSDA President Dr. Bill Martin has arranged a series of work sessions with representatives from the MSDA and MDE. This work group will examine the MDE inspection process and policies. Our goal is to reestablish acceptable policies, as well as a good working relationship with the MDE, while increasing the compliance rate of dental offices.*

[**January 2010**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/January_2010.pdf)
*Peter Holmes, Director of Governance and Public Policy, and Dr. Wendy Brown, MARPAC member and former 4th District ADPAC (American Dental Political Action Committee) Board member, recently represented the MSDA and MARPAC at ADPAC’s ‘State PAC Best Practices Conference’ in New Orleans. As part of ADPAC’s ongoing effort to mobilize dentists politically, the conference focused on enhancing communication, understanding and coordination between state PACs and ADPAC. The attendees shared and gathered information through panel discussions, breakout sessions, innovative presentations and networking. Thanks to the contributions and participation of our members, and to the combined efforts of MARPAC, the Legislative Committee and our lobbyist, MARPAC remains a strong and effective PAC. Your continued support is both needed, and appreciated!*

[**December 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/December2009.pdf)
*On November 12th in Annapolis, during an event hosted by the Committee for the Support of Dentistry in Maryland, Governor Martin O’Malley expressed regret that his August request to the Maryland Department of the Environment’s Secretary for a fair settlement for dentists in the Radiology Compliance issue was not carried out.*

[**October/November 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/Oct.pdf)
*The Maryland State Dental Association was recognized for its contributions to the National Museum of Dentistry during the Chesapeake Dental Conference in Ocean City, Maryland, in September. The Museum honored the commitment of members of its National Advisory Committee, a group of 87 dentists from around the country, who work in their home states and districts to engage their colleagues about the mission of the National Museum of Dentistry, to raise awareness of the importance of good oral health to a healthy life, and to celebrate the heritage and future of dentistry.*

[**September 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/September2009.pdf)
*As my year soon comes to an end, I still maintained a pretty busy schedule representing the MSDA this summer. During the first week of August, I attended a meeting with Dr. Mark Frazer, Governor O’Malley and Secretary Wilson, of the Maryland Department of the Environment. On behalf of the MSDA, I presented the issues of the recent changes in the department’s inspections of our radiographic equipment and procedures. The Governor was most receptive to the MSDA’s objections and concerns. The extent to which the inspection practices of the MDE will be modified will not be known for a month or so, but we anticipate a renewed working relationship between the MSDA and MDE. Dr. Frazer and I are looking forward to a more fair, practical and predictable compliance procedure.*

[**August 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/August2009.pdf)
*On March 12, 2009, at the request of the Maryland State Dental Association, I met with Ms. Shari Wilson, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE). It had recently come to light that dental offices were getting notices of penalties 12-18 months after the radiation machines had been inspected. According to several dentists, these "settlement offers” were being made despite correcting the violations within 20 days.*

[**July 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/July2009.pdf)
*The U.S. Army Reserve offers dental professionals the chance for career development while serving their country. Dental Corps officers are able to take advantage of opportunities to expand their leadership and professional mastery, while earning regular payments, stipends and bonuses.*

[**June 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/June2009.pdf)
*The Maryland Dental Society (MDS) and the Maryland State Dental Association (MSDA) provided toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss to the participants of Ride for the Feast 2009 that took place on May 16-17. The Maryland Children’s Oral Health Institute helped support the donation of oral hygiene products and the access to care collaboration. The 140-mile bike ride from Rehoboth Beach to Baltimore City raised funds and awareness for Moveable Feast, the area’s sole provider of meals and groceries for people living with HIV/AIDS and other life-challenging conditions. This year marks Moveable Feast’s twentieth year.*

[**May 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/May2009.pdf)
*Armed with a myriad of gifts in one hand and valuable "how-to” information in the other, second year dental students from UMAB Dental School, left MSDA’s Survival Night better prepared to treat patients in the dental school clinics.
Held on the evening of April 6, the NEW MSDA Headquarters training/educational facility was filled with over 60 second year students. After pizza and introductions, the panel consisting of Drs. Jay Nokkeo, Ann Christopher, Marc Nuger, Bill Martin, Yi-ju Chen, Andy Horng and rising fourth year dental students, Ed Radjabli and Tessa Modiri, answered questions and shared experiences with the group.*

[**April 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/APRIL_09.pdf)
*Sitting in the waiting room is a six-year-old girl with nine cavities. Her parents don’t speak English, she has no health insurance and she’s not enrolled in Medicaid.
When asked how this young girl would be able to receive care, Dr. Warren Brill put his hands in his pocket, pulled out the lining and shrugged his shoulders – signaling that he would be picking up a chunk of the bill. Dr. Brill’s been providing dental care to underserved children from his Dundalk area pediatric practice for 34 years – and he’s been changing lives.*

[**March 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/March09.pdf)
*On Wednesday, February 11, approximately 75 members of the MSDA, MDS and a few ofMaryland’s Dental School instructors and students descended upon Annapolis to discuss our issues with state legislators. We discussed many issues and were successful, at least, in our communications with the lawmakers. How successful we were remains to be seen, but I, for one, feel comfortable that we did well.*

[**February 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/February2009.pdf)
*On Tuesday, January 6, MSDA hosted the first Maryland Dental Leadership Roundtable. MSDA invited representatives from the ADA, Maryland Dental Society, the Freeman Dental Society, Maryland AGD, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, the state’s Dental Director, an Asian-American Dental Study Club, Public Justice, and Maryland’s Pediatric, Endodontic, Orthodontic and Oral Surgery associations. We met with the purpose of discussing the critical issues effecting dentistry in the state of Maryland. Dr. Ron Moser, our legislative chairman, Dr. William Martin, MSDA President-elect, Frank McLaughlin, Colleen Fowler, Peter Holmes and myself represented the MSDA.*

[**January 2009**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/January2009_.pdf)
*The University of Maryland Dental School was recognized at the Mayor’s Business Recognition Awards Luncheon for an innovative oral health project. The luncheon, held on December 8, is an initiative of the Greater Baltimore Committee and the Baltimore Development Corporation.*

[**December 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDADec.pdf)
*At the Chesapeake Dental Conference in September, Immediate Past- President Garner D. Morgan was presented a plaque to commemorate 20 years of support from MSDA for the Donated Dental Services program. The Maryland Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped (MFDH) began in 1989, and our MSDA dentists and commercial labs have generously donated more than $10 million in services. Lilian Marsh is proud to be its director here in Maryland, and we are fortunate for her dedication and energy.*

[**October - November 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDAOctNov08.pdf)
*It is a great pleasure to introduce our new President, Dr. Marc Nuger, who began his term at the Chesapeake Dental Conference in September. Marc is a proud member of the American Dental Association, the Maryland State Dental Association and the Anne Arundel County Dental Society. He was born and raised in Baltimore County, received his BA in Psychology at UMBC in 1975, and his DDS from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Dental School University of Maryland in 1979. After graduation, Marc began practicing general dentistry in Glen Burnie, where he still works to this day. He served as treasurer and president of the AACDS, as a delegate to the MSDA and as trustee from AACDS for eight years. Following this, he became president-elect in 2007 and now has risen to the presidency. Dr. Nuger also has served on many committees of MSDA, including education, strategic planning, dental access and finance.*

[**September 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDASept.pdf)
*The Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry celebratFrank McLaughlin, executive director for the Maryland State Dental Association, recently represented the MSDA at the United States Army Medical Department’s (AMEDD) Dental Advisory Board kick-off meeting on June 25. The first of its kind, the advisory board was created to equip local leaders in the dental community to share the story of Army dentistry by connecting with their professional networks. Board members include practicing dentists, dental school professors, deans, association executives and student leaders from the greater Washington D.C./Baltimore metropolitan area.*

[**August 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDAAugust.pdf)
*The Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry celebrated its 12th Anniversary on June 13 with the opening of three new exhibitions and a celebration of the national impact of its programs that educate the public about the importance of good oral health to overall health. The exhibitions include Marvelous Mouth, the first exhibit at the Museum to focus on orthodontics; Modern Dental Office, featuring the latest dental technology available; and a new Brush, Floss, Rinse component to the Your Spitting Image exhibition that explores the mouth-body connection.*

[**July 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDAjuly2008.pdf)
*The MSDA’s Committee on the New Dentist hosted its 16th Annual Family BBQ on May 29th at the MSDA office. New activities for this year included a moon bounce and a magician/balloon artist... both were big hits with kids of all ages. Thanks to the following sponsors for making this annual event a huge success: MSDA Committee on the New Dentist, MSDA Membership Committee, 3i Biomet, Patterson Dental and M&T Bank.*

[**June 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDAjune2008.pdf)
*On April 25, 2008, MSDA’s Director of Education, Sue Camardese, RDH, MS, accepted the Circle of Excellence Award for Innovative Educational Program from the Maryland Society of Association Executives.*

[**May 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDAmay2008.pdf)
*The Alliance of the American Dental Association (AADA) is an organization of highly motivated and talented individuals. The AADA is comprised of ADA member spouses committed to partnering with the ADA through public oral health education, legislative advocacy and the preservation of the well-being of the dental family. As dentists and leaders in your community and profession, you understand the importance of belonging to organized dentistry.*

[**April 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDAapril2008.pdf)
*The MSDA Membership Committee and Committee on New Dentist sponsored a University of Maryland Student Night at Maggie Moore’s Irish Pub in Baltimore on March 6th. Over 100 students and MSDA members attended. Dr. Ann Christopher, Membership Committee Chair, (pictured top left), and other MSDA members, ‘worked the room’ to meet with several students and introduce them to organized dentistry and life after dental school. It was a very energetic and enjoyable night for all. The future of organized dentistry is in good hands with this group of rising dentists.*

[**March 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDAMarch2008.pdf)
*On Wednesday, February 6, students from the University of Maryland Dental Hygiene program went to Annapolis for Dental Advocacy Day. In addition to students from the Baltimore campus, two students from the new Eastern Shore satellite campus – Sarah Long and Lauren Zuna – accompanied the group. For many of those present, it was an eye-opening experience.*

[**February 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDAFeb2008.pdf)
*In remarks to the ADA House of Delegates U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson urged all dentists to get involved in politics because the decisions made at the local, state and national level reverberate in dental offices.*

[**January 2008**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDAJan2008.pdf)
*As part of Give Kids a Smile, a national program to help children gain access to the dental care they need, the National Museum of Dentistry partners with the University of Maryland Dental School and the Maryland State Dental Association on February 8, 2008, to provide free dental screenings and a hands-on exploration of the MouthPower oral health education program to close to 100 Baltimore City students.*

[**December 2007**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_December_2007.pdf)
*Dr. Arthur C. Jee of Laurel, MD, was elected to a second, two-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons during the Association’s 89th Annual Meeting, Scientific Sessions and Exhibition, October 9-13, in Honolulu, Hawaii. As the District II trustee, Dr. Jee represents AAOMS fellows and members practicing in the jurisdictions of Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as well as OMSs serving in the US Air Force, US Army and US Navy.*

[**October 2007**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_October_2007.pdf)
*Congratulations to Dr. Melissa Mulreany, a member of MSDA and the Southern Maryland Dental Society, for competing in and completing the second annual Iron Girl Triathlon in Columbia, MD. She is shown here, featured on the front page of the August 21, 2007 issue of The Examiner.*

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[**August 2007**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_August_2007.pdf)
*On Thursday, June 7, the Luna C Grille in Clarksville, MD was the venue for a Guest Bartending/ Fundraising Event to benefit Maryland Donated Dental Services. The event was hosted by the Howard County Dental Association.*

[**July 2007**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_July_2007.pdf)
*With great pleasure, the Maryland State Dental Association announces the appointment of Susan M. Camardese, RDH, MS to the position of Director of Education. Sue is wellknown in the dental community, having served as clinical manager for the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the Childrens’ National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Prior to this, she was a dental hygiene clinician in private practices in the D.C. Metro area, working in orthodontic, periodontic and general practices.*

[**June 2007**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_June_2007.pdf)
*The 57th Annual Session of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (ADSA) was held in Monterey, California on April 19-21, 2007. With over 600 attendees attending programs covering the entire spectrum of sedation, anesthesia and pain control in dentistry, the ADSA was honored to dedicate the meeting to all of the military and Federal Service Personnel who have selflessly served in the Global War on Terror for their efforts to keep us all living in safety. The meeting registration fees were waived for any active Federal Service Personnel and over 130 Armed Service and Veteran Administration dental professionals from across the country participated in the meeting.*

[**May 2007**](http://www.msda.com/files/newsletters/MSDA_May_2007.pdf)
*MouthPower® is an oral health education resource developed by The National Museum of Dentistry to engage children in learning about oral hygiene, healthy food choices, the dangers of tobacco use and the evolution of oral health care. Offered in multiple formats to reach audiences both locally and nationally, MouthPower® helps participants discover the power of a healthy smile and the importance of oral health in a healthy life.*