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Watch for details in the NewsJournal and
on the MDA website (www.medental.org).

MDA Annual Convention
September 23-24, 2011
Samoset Resort
Rockport, Maine



**To avoid
a lapse in
membership,
the final MDA
dues cut-off
date is
March 31.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE
REGARDING
MARCH 18
PACKAGE PLAN
COURSE WITH
DR. ROBERT
FAZIO**

This program is expected to be a sellout. Available seating outside of Package Plan members will be very limited.

PLEASE make sure to return your confirmation form letting the MDA Central Office know whether or not you plan to attend. Seats and lunch can only be guaranteed if you confirm attendance.

MDA Members Earn Kudos as "Dental Health Heroes"

On February 18, the Maine Dental Access Coalition sponsored its fourth annual Legislative Breakfast, where "Dental Hero" awards were given to individuals, agencies, and a Maine legislator who have worked hard to improve oral health and access to oral health for Maine citizens.

Individual dentist award winners are: [See photos on page 6]

Dr. David Kerr of Portland – Honored for his work with the study group that created a report for the Health and Human Services committee on ways to save money by diverting dental patients out of the Emergency Room and over to appropriate services.

Dr. R. Robert Berube of Augusta—Honored for his work with hospitals in the State to establish referral mechanisms for patients who present to emergency rooms with dental pain instead of to a dental office. He has worked with 11 hospital to accomplish that goal. With Dr. Kerr's work with billing numbers and computers, they have identified about \$1.5 to 2 Million dollars that might be redirected to dental care through "preemptive prevention" strategies that keep patients healthy and the costs down.

Dr. Jonathan Shenkin of Augusta—Honored for his leadership on the passage of LD1773 in 2010, which mandates that dental insurers offer dependent coverage from birth and prevents them from setting age requirements. Because of his work and dedication, the bill passed handily and became law in January of 2011, the first law of its type in the country.

Additionally, **Dr. Jay Beauchemin of Biddeford** joined a representative from Community Dental in Biddeford to accept the "agency" award on behalf of the **Dental Wellness Center**, the dental component of the Biddeford Free Clinic. All the dentists and staff who volunteer to provide free care at the Center were acknowledged for their contributions to provide much-needed services to the poor in York County. The dentists of the York County Dental Society and their staff volunteers were included in the award as the providers of actual dental care at the clinic.

The award for the legislative hero of 2011 went to **Rep. Meredith Strang-Burgess of Cumberland**, a long-time supporter of improving oral health in Maine. It may be in her blood— she is the daughter of the late Dr. Walter Strang, who practiced for many years in Camden. Rep. Strang-Burgess has worked with the Maine Dental Association on several bills, and she is the primary sponsor in this Legislative Session of the MDA's a bill to increase the fees paid by MaineCare.

Hats off to these Dental Heroes for meeting the highest standards of public spirit in dentistry!

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2011 MDA Convention

September 23-24, 2011
Samoset Resort, Rockport



Friday, September 23

*"Clinical Anatomy
of the Head and Neck"*
Dr. Patricia Blanton

*"Optimizing Your Practice:
Understanding The CODE"*
Dr. James Richeson

*"Annual OSHA Training & Update-
Keeping It Real"*
Nancy Andrews, RDH, BS

Saturday, September 24

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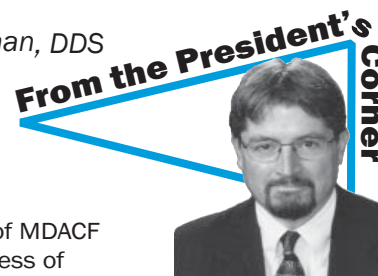
Maine Dental Association Charitable Foundation

An Update

As many of you may know, the Maine Dental Association Charitable Foundation (MDACF), now has legs. It is official! The Foundation will now become the “umbrella” for the MDA’s charitable activities. The MDA Student Aid Fund and the Appleby Scholarship Fund have been rolled into the Foundation and, after a review by the Maine Attorney General’s office regarding the corpus of the existing Maine Dental Society Relief Fund, the new MDACF was able to receive the assets of the Relief Fund per the terms of the initial relief fund charter. The initial Relief Fund was formed in the late 1950’s as a result of a generous bequest from the estate of Mrs. Jennie Redlon of Waldoboro, in memory of her husband, Dr. Francis Redlon. The MDA Relief Fund has supported several dentists in need over the years, but with changes in the ADA Foundation Rules and dwindling requests for relief, the Executive Board felt that more could be done for others with an expanded scope beyond that allowed by the narrow terms of the initial Relief Fund charter, and hence the formation of the Maine Dental Association Charitable Foundation. The four-fold purpose of the MDACF is for relief for dentists and their families, dental education, dental research and removal of barriers to dental care.

I am happy to announce that the Alva S. Appleby Scholarships continue to increase each year in number and total amount awarded to Maine students in dental school. 2010 scholarship winners were announced in the January NewsJournal. Dr. Appleby would be proud.

Paul S. Zimmerman, DDS



The Directors of MDACF are in the process of consolidating fund accounts into one Foundation account. Once assembled the Foundation Directors will be seeking Request for Proposals for investment management services for the funds. The Directors are also developing grant request criteria and processes to receive and review requests.

The MDA Charitable Foundation recently received its first unsolicited donation from Dr. Wendy Alpaugh in appreciation for the assistance of a colleague. As a reminder, the Foundation is open for business and those wishing to make tax deductible donations to the Foundation can do so by making checks payable to the MDACF and mailing them to the MDA Central Office in Manchester. All donations will be acknowledged. Your Foundation directors are planning to offer gift and gift planning methods in the future. A Foundation fundraising event is also being planned for this year’s Annual Convention.

The Foundation directors welcome any ideas as we move forward. Feel free to contact me at president@medental.org. ■

Paul Zimmerman

2011-12 CDE Package Plan -- Courses Finalized

Watch your mail in early spring for a full registration packet.

- September 23, 2011 Dr. Patricia Blanton (“Clinical Anatomy of the Head and Neck”)
- October 21, 2011 Dr. Jose-Luis Ruiz (“Easy Implementation of Occlusal Diagnosis and Treatment Using the Occlusal Disease”)
- November 18, 2011 Dr. Maria Ryan (“To Head Off Disease Start at the Top: Oral Systemic Connection”)
- December 16, 2011 Dr. Ed Swift (Dental Materials)
- February 17, 2012 Dr. Harald Heymann (“Conservative Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry: Potpourri for Clinical Success”)
- March 30, 2012 Dr. Randy Huffines (“Successfully Treating Older Adults: Techniques for the Entire Dental Team”)
- April 27, 2012 Mr. David Meinz (“How to Have A Hundred Healthy Birthdays”)

MIHMS Provider Training to be Repeated at MDA Headquarters - Friday March 25

The MDA Central Office was expecting a full house for the January 21 training on the new MaineCare claims processing system, MIHMS (Maine Integrated Health Management System). However, a snowstorm that date resulted in several cancellations. The trainers from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and Molina, the claims management software vendor, have agreed to provide another training session, which is scheduled for Friday, March 25 at MDA headquarters in Manchester.

**Space
is limited.
Register
today!**

It's free!

The morning session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with general information and training about the claims processing system and the top causes of dental claim rejections. Space is limited, and attendance for the morning training will be capped at twenty-five participants, with a maximum of two participants from any office. From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the presenters will conduct 30-minute private consultations to trouble-shoot specific issues brought to them by individual dental offices. The trainers can do two private consultations per half-hour slot in the afternoon, so the private consultations will be limited to the first ten offices who register.

There is no charge for the training, but lunch is NOT provided and attendees returning for an afternoon consultation will need to go out to a local eatery.

Register soon to secure your spot!

MIHMS Training - March 25, 2011 – MDA Headquarters, Manchester, ME

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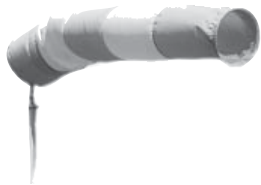
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Remember, We Have No Enemies, Only Opponents¹

by John Bastey, Director of Governmental Affairs

The Joint Standing Committee hearings and work sessions on legislative bills have started. The first bill we were interested in was LD 70, which would allow Independent Practice Dental Hygienists (IPDHs) to bill MaineCare for services. The Maine Dental Hygienists Association, representing organized dental hygiene, testified, and several IPDHs spoke about the bill and why they felt it was important to allow them to bill MaineCare. That's OK—what disturbed me, however, were the unnecessary remarks made about dentists and the suggestion of their lack of willingness to help the underserved population of Maine. That is just wrong and such attacks don't help the debate, dentistry or oral health care in Maine. So here is a message each of you can carry to your own legislators.

In its annual report to the Legislature dated Feb 15, 2011, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services Division of MaineCare said "52% of practicing dentists in the State of Maine" provided care for MaineCare children. Later the report says the number of children receiving dental services under MaineCare increased from 46,000 in 2001 to 69,000 in 2011—more proof of dentists at work helping the working poor and the underserved. Finally, the report points out what I have been saying for a long time, that the efforts of Maine dentists lift our state to about 15th nationwide in Medicaid participation. That's not too shabby when you consider that Maine pays providers at below the 10th percentile while many of those states that are ahead of us pay at about the 80th percentile (Vermont) or nearer the 100th percentile (Maryland), or have vast reserves in their state treasuries (oil wealth in Alaska and the Dakotas) that is spent on oral health care.

I am writing about this because our opponents—different people and organizations on different bills—spend a lot of time suggesting to legislators that Maine dentists don't help kids out enough. It is time to help set the record straight, so next time you hear those attacks challenge them, ask "What is enough?," and use these statistics to set the record straight:

- 52% of Maine Dentists DO participate in MaineCare, the top ten each providing more than \$745,000 dollars of care to MaineCare kids this past year. Nine of those ten are private practices.
- 154 dentists provide care under the Donated Dental Services program, giving totally free care to the elderly, handicapped and others with severe physical or mental challenges in life. That amounts to about \$125,000 from June of last year alone! Good work to each of you DDS dentists— thank you.
- Of the 50 states, Maine is 15th highest in participation in Medicaid among our 671 licensed practicing dentists.

Now Contrast and Compare:

- A. In a survey done by the MDA in 2005 (and being redone this year) Maine dentists gave away more than \$8.5 million dollars of free care annually, about \$12,000 on average, from each dentist.
- B. That means Maine dentists gave away nearly as much free care as the taxpayers of Maine paid towards dental care (about \$9 Million of an oral health budget of about \$28 million with a federal 2 to 1 match). It will be interesting to see the survey results for this year. (REMINDER: Be sure you have a mechanism to track your pro bono and donated services so you can report that figure accurately when the MDA survey is done later this year!)
- C. Finally, a recent report found that children living in the five top-ranked states – Iowa, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire – are more likely to be insured (private and MaineCare) and receive recommended medical and dental checkups than children living in poorer performing states.

These messages and more need to be spoken to your legislators, to counteract the "urban myths" that are circulating and can take on a truth that isn't accurate. Call your local legislator and make an appointment or invite them to your office. Tell them of all the good things you and your dental colleagues do for Maine's children, the elderly and others who need a helping hand. That message needs to be sent because our opponents are doing their best to downgrade and demean dentistry before the legislature.

Remember I said "opponents." I used that word on purpose. Don't demonize them. As President Reagan said, "No one here is our enemy, they may be our opponents but they are not enemies." and that's how we must deal with the individuals and organizations who oppose dentistry.

Finally, when you speak with your Senators and Representatives, make sure to thank them for their service to the State of Maine. Being in the Legislature is hard work. A day under the State House dome in the rush and scramble of legislative business will show you that. Every legislator, even the ones you don't agree with, is working for his or her version of what is best for the State of Maine, so be sure to say "thank you" when talking with them. Like your Mom used to say, "A thank you goes a long way."

¹ *Attributed to Ronald Reagan, Sun Tzu, Mahatma Gandhi and others.*

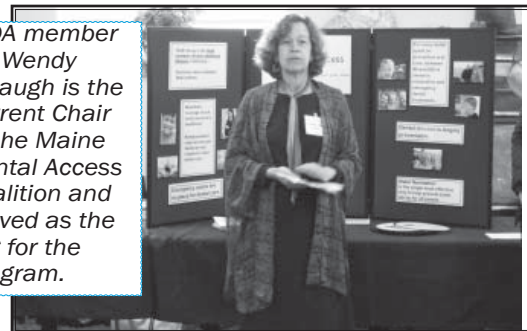
Dental Heroes

Scenes from the Maine Dental Access Coalition's "Dental Heroes" Awards Ceremony (see story on p. 1)



Drs. Jonathan Shenkin, Rob Berube, David Kerr, and Jay Beauchemin pose with their Dental Hero awards. Dr. Shenkin was recognized for his leadership on the passage of the legislation that prohibits dental insurance companies from setting enrollment age barriers for dependent coverage; Drs. Berube and Kerr were recognized for their contributions to policy changes in MaineCare; and Dr. Beauchemin represented the Dental Wellness Center of the Biddeford Free Clinic, which was honored for its outreach to the underserved in York County.

MDA member Dr. Wendy Alpaugh is the current Chair of the Maine Dental Access Coalition and served as the MC for the program.



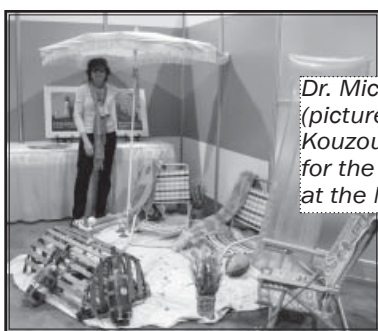
Rep. Les Fossel of Alna presents the award to his colleague, Rep. Meredith Strang-Burgess of Cumberland.



The 2011 Yankee Dental Congress was a big success, with the Maine booth at the First District Pavilion a popular spot for visitors to drop in and visit while spending time on the huge exhibit floor. Thanks to Eliason Dental Lab for their sponsorship of cookies and coffee service for pick-me-up snacks!



Yankee 2011



Dr. Michelle Mazur-Kary (pictured) and Dr. Demi Kouzounas were responsible for the fun beach decorations at the MDA booth.

MDA members, dental students, and out-of-state visitors dropped by the MDA reception on Friday night for good food and conversation—and ten lucky winners walked away with door prizes during the drawings at the end of the event.



Sen. Scott Brown (R-MA) was the keynote speaker at the ADPAC breakfast during Yankee. He posed with the MDA attendees following his presentation. Pictured are Dr. Demi Kouzounas, Dr. Lisa Howard, Dr. Tony Bates, Dr. Michelle Mazur-Kary, Sen. Brown (rear), Dr. Jeff Dow, Dr. Joe Kenneally, and Dr. Dean Tourigny.



MDA President Dr. Paul Zimmerman participated in the Yankee Opening Ceremony and joined other northern New England state Presidents in welcoming ADA President-elect William Calnon to Boston. From L-R: Dr. Bill Calnon, ADA President-elect; Dr. Rick Vachon, President, New Hampshire Dental Society; Dr. Zimmerman; and Dr. Scott DeBruin, President, Vermont State Dental Society.



The Need For Legislative Contact Dentists Is Great!

As you have been reading in recent issues of the NewsJournal, the 2011-12 Maine Legislative session promises to be challenging—with bills ranging from amalgam safety to the proposed expansion of the scope of practice of dental hygienists to diagnose from x-rays and perform irreversible surgical procedures. The MDA needs the assistance of more grassroots members to relay the MDA positions on these and other key issues to members of the Maine Legislature—your legislators.

The time commitment is not great—it could be as little as a phone call or an e-mail to a lawmaker—and the MDA will provide the necessary background and talking points needed to help you make the contact.

Help protect your profession....get involved! Return the form below to the MDA Central Office to sign up as an LCD—a Legislative Contact Dentist.....or simply e-mail the MDA (info@medental.org), noting your interest, and we'll get in touch with you.

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Save the Date

“Oral Health
for Young Children:
Everybody’s Business”
May 6, 2011
Point Lookout
Northport, Maine

Oral Health for Young Children: Everybody’s Business

The Maine Dental Access Coalition will be sponsoring a full-day conference, “Oral Health for Young Children: Everybody’s Business” on May 6, 2011 at Point Lookout in Northport, Maine.

This conference will bring together a wide variety of professionals who can influence oral health outcomes for families and young children, from pre-conception through age 5. The conference will serve as a forum for participants to better understand their roles in promoting oral health and to establish a foundation for developing integrated professional and referral relationships on behalf of the families they serve. The meeting will offer insights and tools for enhancing communications about oral health while also providing knowledge and skills for creating comprehensive systems of oral health promotion and care.

This conference is intended for dental, pediatric, obstetric and family practitioners, childcare, WIC, Head Start providers, midwives, nurse practitioners, Home Visitors, safety net clinic providers, other oral health advocates. Continuing education credits will be available. Speakers include: Gary Rozier DDS MPH, Professor Health Policy and Management and Director of Dental Public Health & Residency Training Program at UNC Chapel Hill, Joanna Douglass, BDS DDS, CT School of Dental Medicine, named 2010 Pediatric Dentist of the Year by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and a speaker from Children’s Dental Health Project, Washington D.C. and other speakers living and working in Maine. A full program and registration will be available on March 1 [http:// www.mcdregistration.org/signup.asp?ID=286](http://www.mcdregistration.org/signup.asp?ID=286) ■

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Guest Editorial

Dr. Jonathan Shenkin

Few health disciplines in Maine are able to document the issue of maldistribution of providers better than dental hygiene. Any dentist who advertises for a new hygienist position in Portland, Augusta, Waterville or Bangor will be inundated with applications from dental hygienists. In fact, even if you need a dental assistant or front desk person, you will almost always get dental hygienists applying for positions. Go twenty miles outside any of these cities and some dentists would be thrilled to have just one qualified applicant. The dental profession is facing a crisis of underemployment among dental hygienists in our more populated centers and a shortage in our more remote communities. Unfortunately many of the recent resumes I have received from dental hygienists has "waitress" as the most recent occupation-- this in spite of the fact that Maine currently has more practicing dentists than in its history.

The challenge is that Maine has been producing more and more dental hygienists, but in no way solving the issue of maldistribution. In fact, one could argue that our dental hygiene programs are exasperating the issue of maldistribution. At a recent workgroup, one member of the hygiene community who I greatly respect was lamenting the lack of opportunities for dental hygienists. Within moments the director of one of our hygiene programs was proudly informing the group that they had expanded their class size because of the increase in qualified candidates, not because of the increase in demand for their services. Something is truly amiss, and the hygiene community is not addressing it.

This lack of opportunity has been brewing for sometime, and likely was the impetus for the creation of public health hygiene as well as the independent practice of dental hygiene. And now a new desire to create a practitioner more like a dentist. The first such program to be created, but yet to be accredited was developed in Minnesota. What appears to be the issue with dental hygiene in Minnesota? Too many hygienists and not enough job opportunity.

It was explained to myself and others at our workgroup that hygienists were the most qualified to start providing restorative dental services, not because of academic qualifications, but simply because they had the time in their schedules. This unfortunately is a flawed and poor explanation for expanding the role of hygienists to act more like dentists. If I announced tomorrow that I had extensive knowledge of the muscles and tissues of the face and should be allowed to take some minimal educational courses to start practicing facial plastic surgery, I would be laughed at by the medical community.

A more meaningful discourse with the dental hygiene community is required at this time. If we cannot reduce class sizes to match demand, we must find a way to distribute providers where they are needed. If we can't change either, prospective hygiene students should be aware that their first job may well be working as a waitress with few opportunities beyond unless the hygiene community is willing to address its own workforce crisis.

(Note: Opinions expressed in *Guest Editorials* and *Letters to the Editor* are those of the author and may or may not reflect the opinions or policies of the Maine Dental Association.)

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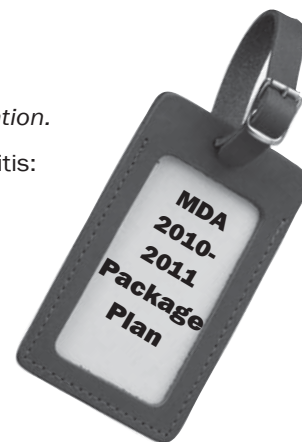
- **March 18, 2011** Dr. Robert Fazio ("Antibiotics in Dentistry" / "Periodontitis & Peri-implantitis: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly")
- **April 15, 2011** Dr. Gerard Kugel ("Esthetic Dentistry: Keys to Success")

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Both the American Dental Association and the Maine Dental Association recognize and acknowledge the prevalence of these types of illness disorders in dentists and their staff. Both organizations support the work of the Dentists' Assistance and Well Being Committee of the Maine Dental Association in their cooperative effort with the Committee on Physicians' Health of the Maine Medical Association since the early 1980's.

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REGARDING
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PACKAGE PLAN
COURSE
WITH
DR. ROBERT FAZIO**

- This program is expected to be a sellout.
- Available seating outside of Package Plan members will be very limited.
- **PLEASE make sure to return your confirmation form letting the MDA Central Office know whether or not you plan to attend.**
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March 18 Continuing Dental Education

Antibiotics in Dentistry / Periodontics and Peri-implantitis: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly – Presented by: Dr. Robert C. Fazio

Robert C. Fazio, DMD, is currently Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at Yale University School of Medicine. He has authored several books and presented continuing education courses throughout the US, Canada, Europe and Asia. Dr. Fazio serves on the editorial board for several dental journals and maintains a private practice limited to Oral Medicine and Periodontology in Norwalk, Connecticut.



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Morning program – Antibiotics in Dentistry

Learning objectives:

- Develop Algorithms for selecting antibiotics in 2011
- Recognize the essential drug-drug and disease interactions
- Understand the subtleties of the new AHA guidelines
- Recognize the inconsistencies in national medical organization guidelines and recommendations
- Understand the new approach to stents, the four approaches to dialysis and other medical devices

Afternoon program – Periodontics and Peri-implantitis: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly

Learning objectives:

- Learn the clinical “pearls” that maximize success
- Recognize and avoid “the high risk failure” cases
- Save many more teeth and implants than you thought you could
- Improve evidence based treatment planning

LOCATION - Togus VA Center, Togus, ME
TIME - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Registration opens 8:30 am