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President's Message

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Save the Dates

2025

Feb 3

GMM Live Webinar

Mar 3

GMM In-Person

Apr 7

GMM Live Webinar

Sep 8

GMM Live Webinar

Sep 18

Chesapeake Dental Conference

Oct 6

GMM Live Webinar

Oct 23-25

ADA SmileCon

Nov 3

GMM In- Person

Dec 8

GMM Live Webinar

Dear Colleagues,

Happy new year everyone! I am writing to you today as we have our first snow of the season. As we step into 2025, it is a time for reflection, renewal, and looking forward to the opportunities that lie ahead for our profession.

This year, I am looking forward to the many wonderful continuing education opportunities that we have put together with the help from members of the Executive Board. As always, we are looking for new members to join to share ideas so that we can all benefit as a group.

One area that will be key to our continued success in 2025 is our membership. Our association thrives because of the dedication and expertise that each of you brings. Together, we form a community that is not only committed to the highest standards of dental care but also to advancing the profession as a whole. This year, I encourage you to engage with the association more. Whether through attending events, participating in committees, or simply sharing ideas, your involvement strengthens the fabric of our community.

Membership is at the heart of our collective power. As we continue to grow, it is important that we reach out to colleagues who may not yet be members, inviting them to join.

Sincerely,
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Editor's Letter

Greetings Colleagues,

❄️ Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the snow and took a chance to slow down and reset.

☀️ New Member Spotlight: Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest members:

- Dr. Michael Wright
- Dr. Farshad Samadnejad
- Dr. Andrew Avillo

As the new year is underway continue to encourage colleagues to join our dynamic community and reap the rewards through the MSDA Member Referral Program (details on pg.9).

🧊 New Year's Resolutions: Many people make resolutions around health in January. You could tie this into dental health, encouraging patients to schedule checkups, improve their home care routine, or address any dental concerns they've been putting off.

Make sure you save the dates for all of the events planned for 2025, I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

Warm Regards,

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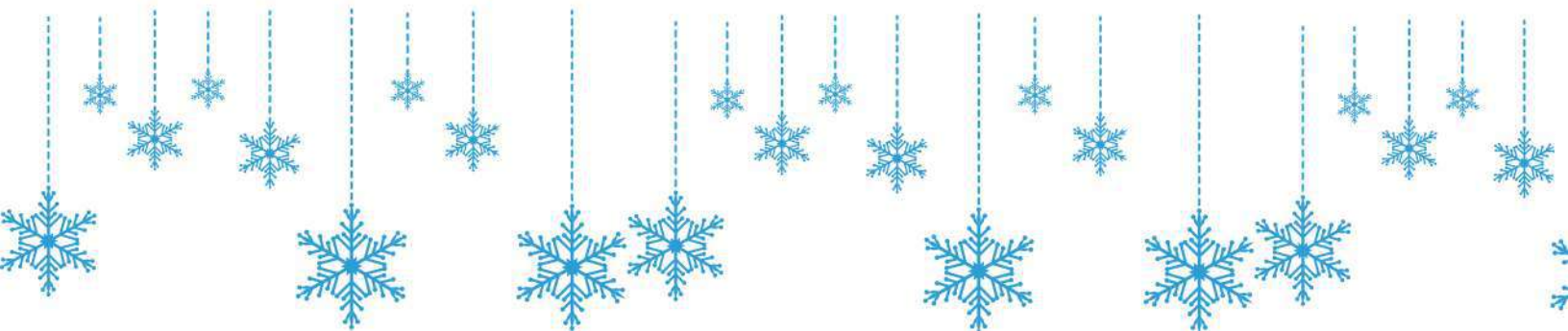
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SMDS works diligently to enhance the oral health care environment in southern Maryland. We are here to serve our members, the public, and our partners in oral health care. SMDS provides quality continuing education for its members and advances public service initiatives.



Upcoming Meetings

Please mark your calendars and save the date for these upcoming meetings and events below.
Note: General membership meetings (GMM) dates are in **bold** and may be subject to changes.

SMDS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ESTHETIC IMPLANT DENTISTRY

2 CES (LECTURE)

MEMBERS: FREE
NON-MEMBERS: \$80
HYGIENISTS: \$25

MONDAY
3 FEBRUARY

TIME
625 PM

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Continuing Education Recognition Program

2025

Feb 3 GMM Live Webinar: Dr. Steven Liu

Feb 19 MSDA Dentist Day

Feb 27-Mar 2 MSDA CE Retreat

Mar 3 GMM In-Person: Dr. Sheila Sammadar

Apr 7 GMM Live Webinar: Dr. Richard Lipscomb

Apr 30 MARPAC Golf Classic

Sep 8 GMM Live Webinar Dr. Sylvan Mintz

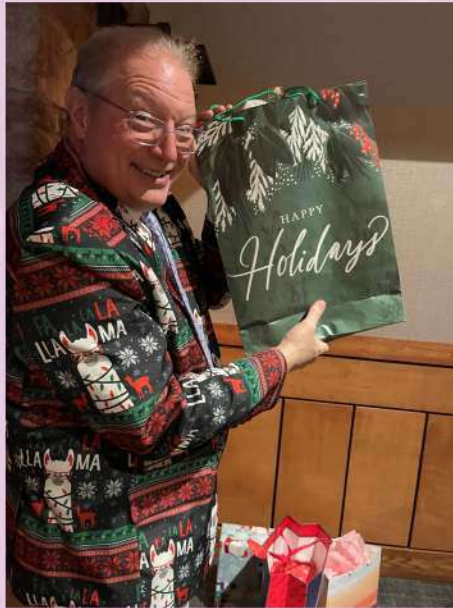
Sep 18 Chesapeake Dental Conference

Oct (tba) GMM Live Webinar

Oct 23-25 ADA SmileCon (Washington, DC)

Nov 3- GMM In- Person: Dr. Vivek Thumbigere

Holiday Season Highlights 2024



Top left: Dr. Stephanie C. Hopkins & staff **Top right:** Dr. Adam Schneider & staff **Middle left:** Dr. Susan Rofe, Mrs. & Dr. Charles Doring, Dr. Robert Tilkin & staff, **Middle:** Dr. Charles Doring, **Middle right:** Mrs & Dr. Tom a' Becket **Bottom left:** MSDA Officers (Drs. Celeste Ziara, Alexandra Fitzgerald, and Lyndsay Kuzmak) and husbands **Bottom right:** Dr. Charles Doring, friends & staff



Join us once at Governor Calvert House for Dentist Day in Annapolis 2025. We look forward every year to this convening of colleagues as we descend upon Annapolis and the Maryland State House to advocate for and against legislation that impacts dentistry.



- Wednesday, February 19, 2025
- 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Governor Calvert House Annapolis, MD

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$50
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**February 27-March 1
2025
Perryville, MD**

Save the Date for Upcoming MSDA & ADA Events!



Save the Date for MSDA Dentist Day

February 19, 2025

The Governor Calvert House
Annapolis, MD

Save the Date for ADA Dentist and Student
Lobby Day 2025

March 29-April 1, 2025

The Marriott Marquis, Washington DC

Save the Date for 4th Annual MARPAC Golf
Classic

April 30, 2025

The Marriott Marquis, Washington DC



Save the date for MSDA Chesapeake Dental
Conference & House of Delegates 2025

September 18-21, 2025

Princess Royale
Ocean City, MD



Save the Date for ADA SmileCon 2025

October 23-25, 2025

Walter E. Washington Convention Center,
Washington DC





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- INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO CAREER OPTIONS, HELPING TO PREPARE A FUTURE WORKFORCE
- TEACH STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSFERABLE PROFESSIONAL SKILLS



IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER RISE: JUNE 23-JULY 25, 2025
REGISTER BY: FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025 AT
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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BECOME A HOST

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We are thrilled to introduce the Maryland State Dental Association's (MSDA) Member Referral Incentive Program—a fantastic opportunity for our valued members to earn rewards for their support and dedication to our association.

For every three (3) non-member dentists you refer, who successfully join the MSDA, you will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card as a token of our appreciation for your support and commitment.

For more information on the MSDA Member Referral Program visit msda.com/msda-member-referral-program/

The Classifieds

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The Southern Maryland Dental Society is looking to hire an additional teacher for our Dental Assisting Radiology Course. This evening course offers both virtual and in person classes. If you enjoy teaching or have any questions, please contact our office at 301-345-4196

NEW LISTING – PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY – GP practice located near National Harbor. Condo for sale. 1500 S/F, 4 OP's, 5th plumbed. days/week. @14-18 new patients/month. Refers out specialty procedures. Digital Pan. PPO's/FFS. For more information, contact Ellen Dorner – 410-935-4066 – edorner@nltransitions.com.

NEW LISTING – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – GP practice in strip mall. Excellent exposure and abundant parking. Great for satellite location. 1,350 S/F, 4 OP's. Refers out specialty procedures. Eaglesoft. Cerec 2, Laser, Therma-filler. PPO's/FFS. For more information, contact Ellen Dorner – 410-935-4066 – edorner@nltransitions.com.

NEW LISTING – WASHINGTON COUNTY-GP PRACTICE – excellent location- good visibility, free pkg. 3200 S/F - 4 OP's with 3 addl plumbed. FFS & Cigna PPO. CBCT,laser,scanner. Contact Ellen Dorner – 410-935-4066 – edorner@nltransitions.com

NEW LISTING- BALTIMORE COUNTY – GP PRACTICE - excellent location – business park – free pkg. @1,000 S/F - 3OP's, 1 addl. plumbed. @1,000 S/F. PO/FFS/MDHS. Refers specialty procedures . iTero, Digital Pan, NB Implant System. Eaglesoft. Contact Ellen Dorner – 410-935-4066 – edorner@nltransitions.com

NEW LISTING – PEDO PRACTICE – RICHMOND, VA – 7,000+ S/F in strip mall. Abundant free pkg. 9 OP's, @2,500 active patients – 30-40 new patients/month. EagleSoft software. Digital Pan/Ceph, digital radiographs. Contact Ellen Dorner at N/L Transitions – 410-935-4066 – edorner@nltransitions.com

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