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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE – YAKIR ARTEAGA, DDS

As 2021 comes to an end, let's take a moment and reflect on what we have accomplished both personally and professionally. Coming out of the darkness of 2020, 2021 seemed to offer an opportunity to regain some normalcy. The arrival of highly effective vaccines lifted hopes that they would eventually slow or stop the spread of

COVID-19. Many of us started to plan in person meetings hoping for the spontaneous social interactions and discussions that occur when we are together in person. But, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, said it best: "You don't make the timeline, the virus makes the timeline."

We now know that vaccines alone are not enough and we have had to again rethink how to keep moving forward to achieve our goals. Growing up, my father always said to me; "para atrás, ni para coger impulso". This idiom, which may be literally translated as "don't go back, not even to gain momentum.", sums up our 2021 experience of perseverance amidst adversity. Using what we learned from 2020, the fellows of the American College of Dentists have moved forward creating programs to continue its 100 year tradition to elevate the standards of dentistry. The College held a successful virtual Annual Meeting. In case you missed it, the recordings of the CE sessions, Convocation, and business meeting are available on the ACD YouTube channel. The Convocation provides the opportunity for us to renew our commitment to our mission of Leadership, Ethics and Professionalism. It also allows us to welcome and celebrate the accomplishments of a new group of fellows.

In 2021, the ACD NY-Section continued its commitment to the ACD Mentoring Lecture Program at New York Hospital, in a virtual format, under the leadership of Dr. Guy Minoli. We were also very fortunate to have State Senator Andrew Gounardes present an informative synopsis of NYS's pandemic recovery plan to our fellowship. With the help from our immediate past Chair, Dr. John Young, and the leadership of the Greater NY Dental Meeting (GNYDM), we hosted an ethics seminar at the GNYDM. This was our first in person event since the start of the

FEBRUARY MEETING ACD NEW YORK SECTION

DATE:

Thursday, March 3, 2022

TIME:

Reception: 6:00pm

Dinner: 6:45pm

PLACE:

Penn Club

30 West 44th Street

(Btwn 5th and 6th Aves.) NYC

Spouses and Guests Welcome!

PROGRAM:

**Annual Banquet
and Installation of Officers**

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEW YORK SECTION

Yakir Arteaga.....Chair

Guenter J. Jonke Chair Elect

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Lorna Flamer-CalderaHistorian

Steven H. Cho Member-at-Large

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pandemic. Dr. Erik Klintmalm discussed the influence of social media on the profession and our subsequent duties as clinicians. He delved into the downstream consequences of upselling and social media on our standard of care. Additionally, this year, we also developed an online presence for the Section. I encourage all of you to visit our website at: www.acdnewyork.com and follow us on Instagram @acdnysection.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual Banquet Meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at the Penn Club in New York City. We will introduce the newest members of the New York Section, inducted virtually in the last two years and recognize those who have been members for 50, 25, and 15 years. We will also recognize our student leaders from our four local dental schools and all of their accomplishments during these challenging times. Our section grants "The Outstanding Student Leadership Award" to recognize individuals having a record of significant and distinguished leadership. Leaders who enhance learning inside and outside the classroom and demonstrate a commitment to caring and the ethical principles of beneficence, nonmaleficence, autonomy and justice. The induction of our new chair, Dr. Guenter J. Jonke, and his officers will be a great ending to a wonderful evening of fellowship.

Dr. Yakir A. Arteaga
Chair, New York Section



*Dr. Yakir Arteaga and
Dr. Erik Klintmalm*

THE PATH TO LEADERSHIP BY GUY MINOLI

The path to leadership, like most things, begins with parenting. I often ask, "What catch phrase of advice do you remember from your parents?" or "What advice do you give your children?" In response, I often hear, "Make good choices", "Be kind", "Do the right thing", "Be the best you that you can be", and "Respect Your Elders". These values were instilled upon us by our parents. They let us know how to behave in social situations and what was expected of us. Undoubtedly, our parents wanted us to be good ambassadors for our family. They wanted us to be successful. And along the way, perhaps, even inspired us to become professionals.

Once we achieved that goal of becoming a professional, what was our next goal? How were we motivated to become leaders? Who were our mentors? How do we inspire future leaders of our profession?

Everyone of us has our own unique story. More than likely, we were motivated by several mentors along our path. Some led us by example. Others threw down a gauntlet and challenged us. A few may have even forbidden us to succeed. Our career path may have been challenging at times, but we had the inspiration to follow a dream, to fight for the quest.

There were abundant reasons to desire to be a professional; To be our own boss, to set our own hours, to hire and train our own team, to own our own business, and to set our own path all the way through to deciding how we want to retire.

During the course of our careers, we discovered other benefits of being a professional such as belonging to organized dentistry. Organizations provided the camaraderie and the benefit of being acquainted with other professionals who share our passion; perhaps a continuation of the bonds we made trudging through dental school.

The American College of Dentists and other organizations gave us something to strive for, offered us support, worthwhile continuing education, networking opportunities, and protection from the pitfalls of private practice. Organized dentistry gives us something bigger than ourselves to feel part of while working in our otherwise isolated operatories.

Whether we realize it or not, organizations were a large part of our moral development. Looking back, Cub Scouts/Brownies, Boy/Girl Scouts, (“Do good deeds”), School Sports Teams (“Be a team player”) and Extracurricular Activities (Clubs and Groups) provide such values as “always be prepared”, “help people at all times”, and “work hard, play hard”. All religious organizations essentially promote the value of the Golden Rule “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” and “Honor thy Father and Mother”. Our parents’ involved us in these organizations to help mold us into moral human beings who would eventually benefit our communities and mankind.

In order for these organizations to work, there had to be leaders. Teachers, Den mothers, Troop leaders, Coaches, Etc. Leaders who altruistically wanted to unite our community and help us to be the best we could be. We became leaders not only to set an example for our children, but also to serve as mentors to others.

I propose that there are four principal steps of mentoring:

Step 1 is leading by example in order to perpetuate future leaders. If we didn’t have mentors, how would we know who to emulate? Or what we should strive for? Lead by example through the action of your integrity and character.

Be a role model.

Step 2 is to pick up where parents left off and educate young dentists to know what is expected of them, not only as human beings but more so as professionals who are held to a higher standard. We are expected to be ambassadors of our profession and to set a good example in our communities. ***Be an educator.***

Step 3 is providing young dentists with an appreciation and understanding of why we are held to that higher standard. Like it or not, being a doctor automatically puts us in a role of authority. Be it the title or the uniform, we are leaders in our communities. People are watching our behavior from holding the door open to helping someone across the street. We are expected to play the role of Good Samaritan in every social situation. We are better trained than most to provide that service. ***Be a mentor.***

Step 4 is inspiring the next generation of dentists to step up and be leaders. Once they realize what is expected, and gain an appreciation of what it means to be a professional, the desire to lead should follow. We are going to be present anyway, so why not be involved. Go beyond being a spectator; Be a participant or better yet, step up and ***be a leader.***

Our current leadership ***must*** educate, inspire, and motivate future leaders to preserve the integrity of our profession.

Personally, being involved in organized dentistry has surrounded me by enthusiastic, passionate, interesting, intelligent, and exciting people who have expanded my horizons and enhanced my life and career beyond all expectations. I am thankful for those who mentored me, and mentoring others is the most rewarding way of giving back.

LONG ISLAND ACD MEMBERS ON THE MOVE:



Kevin Henner

Our own Kevin Henner was sworn in last month as the 141th President of the New York State Dental Association. His acceptance speech noted how organized dentistry helped guide the profession during the Covid 19 year. We wish him and the membership a productive year ahead.

Paul Leary, the current trustee from New York, has announced his candidacy for president elect for the American Dental Association. Voting will take place at next year's Annual ADA meeting in Houston, Texas. We all wish him well during his upcoming campaign.

Steve Snyder, a long-standing member of the AC, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from NYSDA for his years of meritorious service to organized dentistry. Our sincere congratulations for this very high honor!

Bob Iovino, a past chair of our NY Chapter ACD, continues his ethics program at SUNY@ Stony Brook Dental School, now in his 12th year.

Paul Markowitz recently completed his term as Trustee Suffolk County Dental Society. Thank you for a job well done.

Guenter Jonke has been elected from Suffolk County Dental Society for the Trustee position on the Board of Trustees to NYSDA. In addition, he was selected this year for the Suffolk County Dental Society's Robert Raskin Meritorious Service Award, the highest award given by the society.

Nick Vittoria continues his term as chair of the NYSDA Council on Ethics.

Pat Hanlon served as Suffolk County Dental Society President during the challenging year of 2021.



*Dr. Craig Smith, 2022 President
Suffolk County Dental Society*

Craig Smith, our President for the Suffolk County Dental Society, had his installation celebration January 8th, 2022 at the Hamlet Golf and Country Club located in Commack, Long Island NY

Maria Maranga moves up at the national level to 1st Vice president of the American Dental Association.

Congratulations to our newly inducted Suffolk County members, Drs. Craig Smith, Sharon Pollick and Claudia Mahon- Vasquez.

Peter Pruden continues to serve as Suffolk County's representative to the Chemical Dependency Council since 1993. Thank you for your dedication.

Suffolk County ACD fellows remain active at the local, state and national levels, continuing to promote the profession and advocate for our members.

Respectfully submitted,
Guenter Jonke

The Long Island delegation at the recent House of Delegates meeting



ADA President with Members for Long Island

STONY BROOK SPEA

Stony Brook Student Professionalism and Ethics Club (SPEC) has a few events that are being planned for the rest of the academic year. Some of the events they have planned include a seminar called “Selling Smiles and Fixing Dentists” at the ACD-NY Greater New York Dental Meeting, a discussion on dental ethics by Dr. Robert Iovino (January), a seminar by Dr. Guenter Jonke discussing mission, membership and events from the American College of Dentists (February), discussion on fraud and overtreatment by Stony Brook SDM faculty (March), Ethics and Eats with Dr. Joseph Graskemper (April).

DEDICATION OF NEW ACD NATIONAL HOME

In August, The American College of Dentists celebrated moving into their new home in Rockville, Maryland.

The event began with tours of the building by the Board of Regents and other dignitaries. This was followed by the ribbon cutting ceremony which was hosted by Dr Stephen Ralls, ACDF President.

The evening celebration was held at the 1920's Glenview Mansion. The dress for the event was Roaring Twenties Attire and a great time was had by all.

Thomas J Connolly DDS, ACDF Consultant.



Tom Connolly and ACD President Elect Dick Jones



Steve Ralls ribbon cutting of the new ACD Headquarters in Rockville, MD



Tom Connolly, Paula Friedman, Arlene Connolly

CONGRATULATIONS!

The New York Section of the American College of Dentists extends congratulation to the Fellows who have achieved 15, 25 and 50 year status. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on March 3, 2022, where we will award you with your pins. We also recognize those new Fellows inducted into the College of the annual meeting in October 2021 and will officially recognize you as a member in the New York Section.

15 Year Fellows (inducted in 2006)

Victor M. Badner
Dennis P. Bohlin
Steven Chussid

Sidney B. Eisig
Jean G. Furuyama
John F. Kruse

Geraldine A. Mcmanus
Maitreya Padukone
P. Deborah Weisfuse

15 Year Fellows (inducted in 2007)

Paul A. Barabas
Lorna G. Flamer-Caldera

John T. Grbic
Robert N. Lipner

Panos N. Papapanou
Mauricio Wiltz

25 Year Fellows (inducted in 1996)

Stephen Akseizer

Robert B. Raiber

Harry G. Sacks

25 Year Fellows (inducted in 1997)

Charles N. Bertolami
James H. Doundoulakis
Burton L. Edelstein
Denise J. Estafan
Paul J. Hoffman

Mitchell Kellert
Alan L. Mazer
David P. Pitman
Robert P. Polowczyk
Stephen Quarcoo

Jonathan Roberts
Edward K. Swain
Lois L. Weiss
Peggy Wurm

50 Year Fellows (inducted in 1971)

Lillian H. Bachman

Gerald Burell

50 Year Fellows (inducted in 1972)

Alvin I. Orlian

Victor I. Sendax

Ralph S. Kaslick

New Fellows (inducted in 2021)

Martin Dominger
Mina M. Faiek
Steven G. Halepas, Jr.
Howard J. Kirschner

Mary Ellen Lukaswitz
Claudia A. Mahon-Vasquez
Andrew P. Marks
Fabiola Milord

Chrystalla Orthodoxou
Scott P. Schecter
Craig Smith

Guests are welcome, please consider bringing one or more

MEETING RESERVATION

BE SURE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS WITHOUT DELAY!

Please reserve the following for Thursday, March 3, 2022
Penn Club, 30 West 44th Street, New York City

NAME: _____

GUEST NAME(S): _____

Enclosed is my check for \$160.00 per person, payable to the American College of Dentists
Please return by February 24, 2022 to:
Carol Bensky, ACD New York Section
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ZOOM MEETINGS CONTINUE

On the Ground Response to COVID-19
& New York State's Pathway to Recovery

State Senator Andrew Gounardes
District 22

Participants: Andrew Gounardes, Dr. Yakir Artega, Carol Bensky, Audrey Korstein, Gunter Jonke

The Numbers: Nursing Homes

Part One:
Impact of COVID in New York

New York Long-Term Care COVID Deaths

In January 2021, the NYS Attorney General reported that the NYS Department of Health significantly underreported deaths from nursing homes by several thousand.

	Inside facility	Outside facility	Total
Nursing Home	9,335	4,290	13,625
Assisted Living	153	672	825
Other Adult Care	76	904	980
Total	9,564	5,866	15,430

Participants: Steven Gounardes, Jim Farer, bobandginie miner, Matt Neary, Thomas Connolly DDS

8:26 PM Wed Mar 10

Zoom

Dr. Yakir Artega is spotlighted by the host

Participants: John Speton, Charles N. Bertolami, Michael Alfano, Dr. Yakir Artega