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## CHAIRPERSON’S MESSAGE – YAKIR ARTEAGA, DDS

The formation of the American College of Dentists 100 years ago has proven to have had a significant impact in enhancing the way the dental profession regards its responsibilities and mission. The 100 year history of the College is rich with numerous accomplishments that have shaped the profession. These accomplishments stem from the vision

of the founding members in 1920 to create an organization that would:

- Encourage practitioners to continue their studies through postgraduate education
- Encourage students to aspire to higher ideals in the practice of their profession
- Recognize contributions made by individuals toward the advancement of the profession “free from political pressures and friendly influences”

All of these are very relevant today as the College focuses on ethics and professionalism as we move forward into this new decade and recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

It’s hard to believe that 100 years ago the College’s early steps were during a post pandemic recovery that brought many changes to American Society. For many of us, this is the first time in our lives that we have been unable to practice our profession and the first-time receiving government assistance. Some of us have experienced heartbreaking loss. To say that this has been a difficult time sugarcoats the situation. This virus has brought to light that our health, economy and democracy are indistinguishably linked. Covid-19 has made it very clear that whether we’re Black, White, Latino, Asian, Native or newcomer, we’re all in this together.

Today, more than ever, the fellows of The American College of Dentists need to be role models for the profession and our future colleagues as we all face difficult decisions in how to move forward during these challenging times. Positive role models are great influencers of ethical principles. The literature speaks of many different factors that influence ethical behaviors. Some of these include: parental and family

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## MARCH MEETING ACD NEW YORK SECTION

DATE:

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

TIME:

**7:00 PM Via Zoom**

*Guests Welcome!*

### PROGRAM:

**Student Achievement Awards  
followed by a Presentation by  
Dr. John Sexton**

*Standing for Reason:  
the University in Dogmatic Age.*

### AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEW YORK SECTION

**Yakir Arteaga**.....Chair

**Guenter J. Jonke** ..... Chair Elect

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**Egidio A. Farrone** .... Secretary-Treasurer

**Lorna Flamer-Caldera** .....Historian

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**Bobby Vijay**..... Editor

values, religious and cultural background, important figures in one's upbringing, schooling and education, peers and colleagues, and "even" the media. Everyone's past experiences contribute to their own ethical reflection, a strong driving force in how we make ethical decisions.

Beginning in Dental School, having professional role models that have qualities we wish to attain is a critical factor in influencing one's ethical behavior as you progress from Dental Student to private practitioner. Compassion, integrity, and good relationships with their patients are attributes valued in role models. These qualities are a strong influencing factor of professional values, attitudes and behaviors. Today, more than ever, the fellows of The American College of Dentists need to be role models for the profession and our future colleagues.

The sayings, "lead by example" and "practice what you preach" are as applicable now as always. The fellows of The American College of Dentists are role models to me and the profession. Leaders such as Guy Minoli, who was honored in 2019 with the Outstanding Service Award for his mentoring lecture program at New York Hospital. It is a source of great pride to belong to an organization where so many of our fellows have answered the call for volunteerism and service not for personal gain but for the better of the profession.

These unprecedented times will pass. Today, more than ever, it is important for all of us to act with integrity and empathy to emerge stronger and more united than before. The American College of Dentists has the vision, the leaders, the structure, and the fellows to continue its vision for the next hundred years.

## NEWS FROM OUR SECTION PRESIDENT ELECT, GUENTER JONKE ON OUR LONG ISLAND FELLOWS

Our Long Island Fellows have been busy:

Eighteen Fellows met for our 12th annual meeting with the senior class of the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine Professional Development/Ethics Program. They include: Kevin Henner, Paul Leary, Bob Iovino, Peter Pruden, Tony Maresa, Bob Peskin, Pat Hanlon, Steve Snyder, Nick Vittoria, Scott Firestone, Steve London, Paul Markowitz, Guenter Jonke, John Langer, Claudia Mahon-Vasquez, Jim Kilimitzoglou, Jeff Siever and Kerry Lane. A variety of ethical dilemmas are discussed for two hours each week for four sessions.

Kevin Henner was elected as President Elect for the New York State Dental Association in June 2020. He will be inducted as President at the NYSDA meeting in June 2021

Maria Maranga was elected as 2nd Vice President of the American Dental Association at the Annual ADA meeting in October 2020

Bob Iovino and Guenter Jonke initiated and proposed a new Advisory Opinion to the ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct. The ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs approved the change in November. It is located in Section 3 Beneficence under Community Service

Guenter Jonke has accepted a position to the Editorial Board on the JACD

Claudia Mahon-Vasquez, one of our newest Fellows, was the President of the Suffolk County Dental Society in 2020. Pat Hanlon was installed as President on January 16, 2021

Allan Kucine has accepted the position of Interim Dean at Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine



## PROGRAM: STANDING FOR REASON: THE UNIVERSITY IN A DOGMATIC AGE BY DR. JOHN SEXTON

John Sexton argues that over six decades, a “secular dogmatism,” impenetrable by dialogue or reason, has come to dominate political discourse in America. Political positions, elevated to the status of doctrinal truths, now simply are “revealed.” Our leaders and our citizens suffer from an allergy to nuance and complexity, and the enterprise of thought is in danger. Sexton sees our universities, the engines of knowledge and stewards of thought, as the antidote, and he describes the policies university leaders must embrace if their institutions are to serve this role.



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### Course Objectives:

1. To identify and to confront a secular dogmatism which is pervasive in global thought and which flows directly from the now highly developed allergy to nuance and complexity. Superficially our age is a halcyon era of information and conversation, but this very abundance can work against sustaining a public forum populated by an informed and intellectually curious public. The overwhelming amount of available information presents even the best-read and most diligent citizen with a serious sorting problem and the curating function once provided by traditional sources has been reduced or has disappeared, as new, web-based sources see no premium in applying the standards that once applied to traditional media. Thus, even as technology and social media empower many who previously were unheard to become actors in the drama of public life, they also breed misinformation and spread falsehoods, diluting the quality of public conversation.
2. To provide a pathway forward for universities to provide the antidote to this secular dogmatism. They must stand as witnesses for their core values and act as a reproach to dogmatism and its consequences. They must extend their most salient internal activity—the meaningful testing of ideas—as a model for wider public discourse. They must return to their rightful place as champions of often clashing ideas, and must continue to ensure that our campuses are safe places for the exchange of ideas.

Dr. John Sexton served as fifteenth President of New York University from 2002 through 2015. He is NYU’s Benjamin F. Butler Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus of the Law School.

During his presidency, NYU’s reach and stature grew tremendously, including the University’s largest increase in the number of Arts and Science faculty; record numbers of applications for undergraduate admissions; and a merger with Polytechnic University, now the NYU Tandon School of Engineering.

A signature of his tenure was the emergence of NYU as a Global Network University, with 11 academic centers on six continents and degree-granting campuses in Abu Dhabi and Shanghai.

A Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, President Emeritus Sexton also serves on the board of the Institute of International Education and is past Chair of the American Council on Education. In 2015, he received the TIAA-CREF Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence, recognizing outstanding university presidents, and the Institute of International Education’s Duggan Award for Mutual Understanding. In Spring 2016 he held the Kluge Chair in American Law and Governance at the Library of Congress.

Before coming to NYU, President Emeritus Sexton clerked at the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals. From 1966-1975, he was a Professor of Religion at Saint Francis College in Brooklyn. President Sexton received a Bachelor’s degree in history, a Master’s degree in comparative religion, and a PhD in the history of American religion, all from Fordham University. He received a law degree magna cum laude from Harvard Law School.

## REFLECTION: AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

### TOM CONNOLLY, DDS



I've long viewed Fellowship in the ACD as an invitation – a career highlight, yes, but not an endpoint. And what I've valued above all else are the invitations I've said "yes" to that have allowed me to meet new Fellows, to participate in programs where I could give back to our profession, and to engage with others who share the same passion for our work.

My first invitation to participate came when I was inducted. The ceremony was in Chicago and it was an incredible experience. After that, during my first meeting with the NY Section, I realized I knew most of the people there, someone came up to me and said, "I thought you were already a Fellow." Of course I was flattered, but when Dr. Malcom Graham, who was Section Chair at the time, asked me to serve on the nomination committee, I made it my mission to seek out dentists who deserved Fellowship because I did not want anyone else to be told, "I thought you were already a Fellow." That year, I'm proud that 27 new Fellows were inducted. I think it was a record!

After some time I became NY Section Chair. As chair, I engaged new Fellows in Section activities by inviting them to take assignments so they could contribute. And I made a shift to invite non-dental speakers and host social activities to help build our community. I am incredibly proud that my daughter, Julie Connolly, became a Fellow early in her career after engaging in leadership roles in several dental organizations. She is now in line to become NY Section Chair.

When I started attending Regency 1 leadership meetings, I met Dr. Tom Winkler who I came to admire and he became my mentor. He, along with my other mentor, past president Dr. John Scarola, encouraged me to run for office. My time on the national ACD board was incredibly rewarding. When I became President, I had the opportunity to travel the U.S. and Canada visiting sections and meeting incredible Fellows living the ACD mission and dream. I also had the chance to invest in students by developing SPEA chapter/ACD section best practices and exploring an affiliate membership category for SPEA graduates to keep them involved with the ACD family. Fellowship is an invitation to be involved in ways I never imagined possible when I was inducted in Chicago all those years ago. I haven't had just one highlight – there have been many – but I can tell you that Fellowship has been the opportunity of a lifetime.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

#### AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS NEW YORK SECTION

Balance as of 12/31/19.....	\$40,450.41	<b>DEBITS</b>
<b>CREDITS</b>		Bank Chgs 2020.....
Dues Rec'd .....	\$17,770.00	Annual Meeting 1/120 .....
Mtg Recpts 1/20.....	6,150.00	Reorganization Meeting.....
Awards.....	<u>1,000.00</u>	Copying Annual Mtg Programs .....
<b>Total Credits .....</b>	<b>\$24,920.00</b>	Newsletter-pdf/copying (1/20) .....
		Printing Stationery .....
		Management.....
		Student Achievement Awards.....
		GN YDM.....
		Awards/Certificates/Pins .....
		Accounting .....
		Expense Reimbursement (Travel).....
		<u>794.51</u>
		<b>Total Debits.....</b>
		<b>\$30,813.91</b>