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1st Quarter 2023 Newsletter

President's Message

Dr. Rodney Jackson, DMD

Lexington, KY



Greetings from Kentucky! In typical Bluegrass State fashion, I was sitting outside yesterday beginning to write this message and now I'm in my office watching the snowflakes fall. Even though my beloved Louisville cardinals had an abysmal season and didn't make the NCAA tournament, I'm preparing to cheer for the other teams from Kentucky, Northern Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky. Good luck to your teams if they're playing for the coveted title.

We have so many things happening and so many leaders hailing from our district. Dr. Cashion will ascend to the position of AAPD President, Dr. Ison rises to Vice President and Dr. Bertot will become the new Secretary-Treasurer. From an activity perspective, we just hosted a successful annual SSPD meeting in January where all of our new officers were installed. We'll be hosting a SSPD reception at the AAPD Annual Session, hope to see you there. We'll be having a joint meeting with the SWSPD in New Orleans in October, with lectures surrounding Myofunctional Therapies and MIH Management. And of course, planning began several months ago for next year's SSPD Annual Meeting, where we'll have private practitioners speaking----a topic that's been requested by our residents for several years.

At the Fall AAPD Board of Trustees meeting, the Affiliate Advisory Committee requested that the membership group "Affiliates" be now known as "General Dentists" and they be allowed to self-identify as a "General Dentist

member of the AAPD.” At this time, this is the only form of “acknowledgement” requested and does not include use of the AAPD logo. The AAPD Board approved this request and are now awaiting language recommendations from the Bylaws Committee which is expected at the winter board meeting. If the language is approved, there will most likely be a vote at the AAPD General Assembly 2023 in Orlando. No change will take place without a two-thirds majority vote at the General Assembly.

The SSPD encourage our members to attend the AAPD Annual General Session to vote on this important issue.

I’m excited to not only be able to be part of this great organization, but to be part of its leadership. I’d like to thank Dr. Greenleaf for leading us for the past year. He was a year ahead of me in our residency so I guess it’s only fitting that I follow him in this role as well.

I’m sure that we all can agree that the SSPD would not be nearly as strong as it is if it wasn’t for all the hard work that our Executive Director, Jonathan Jackson and our Executive Secretary, Kimberly Brooks pour into its success. And last but not least, thanks to you, all of our members for continuing to move our profession forward. I hope to see you soon.

Rodney A. Jackson, DMD



SSPD OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS (left to right)

Ann Baker, NC, Board Rep, Wendy K. Humphrey, KY, Board Rep, Meredith Papadea, SC, Vice President,
Angie Baechtold, NC President- Elect, Joseph Faiz, TN, Secretary, Rodney Jackson, President,
Tiffany Green, MS, Board Rep



Trustee Report Dr. Charlie Bertot Maitland, Florida

Spring Salutations! I hope this Trustee Report finds you all well. This will be my last Trustee Report as my term as SSPD Trustee will end in May with the conclusion of our Annual Session in Orlando. It is difficult to sit here, preparing my thoughts for this report, and not think about the last three years. When my term began, we were amid a pandemic and uncertainty abounded. Slowly but surely, we navigated the uncharted waters of the pandemic; and overcame the obstacles of preparing our offices for a safe return, supply shortages and managing the fear of literally “going OUT to the dentist office” for some patients as well as team

members. Today we find ourselves close to pre-pandemic conditions but with the aftereffects of increased cost of doing business and a workforce shortage. Despite this, we have much to be proud of and thankful for.

I am proud of and thankful for the wonderful profession we all serve. It takes a special group to provide the care and dedication we put forth for the sake of a child. In my near 30 years of practice, parenting styles and societal norms have changed and made our profession more challenging to say the least, but we charge on. The friendships afforded to us through this special fraternity are second to none. The life experiences garnered because of pediatric dentistry, both inside and outside our offices, are to be treasured. We all need to focus on those positives because we all suffer from the same malady when that one negative review or parent interaction comes out of nowhere and it takes away all of our joy and perspective, sometimes for days. Stop it! Develop and maintain an “Attitude of Gratitude.” As I wrote in my first Trustee Report in the Fall of 2020...” if you change the way you look at things, the things you look at will change.”

Always look to the positive!

One such positive to hold dear is our American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. I cannot emphasize enough the advocacy efforts that AAPD puts forth on behalf of children’s oral health and those who provide the care. As I write this report, we are just a few weeks away from the 2023 AAPD Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference in Washington DC. This is a huge endeavor with well over 300 participants expected in attendance on behalf of AAPD. This yearly event is extremely well organized and brings together Public Policy Advocates and AAPD members from most states to promote positive change for children’s oral health and our profession.

An example of what AAPD’s advocacy efforts can accomplish is the implementation of the new HCPCS code G0330 for dental rehabilitation in hospital outpatient settings. This much needed CMS legislation will allow for increased facility reimbursement, the result of which should be followed by increased access. To learn more about the New Hospital Code G0330 for Dental Treatment Under General Anesthesia, please visit AAPD’s Toolkit on G0330 Implementation for Dental OR Access here: <https://www.aapd.org/advocacy/legislative-and-regulatory-issues/latest-advocacy-news/toolkit-on-OR-access/>

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s 76th Annual Session will be in our district, to be held in Orlando May 25-28, 2023. As Co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, I invite you one and all to attend this meeting, you will not be disappointed. Please be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities as SSPD member assistance has been counted upon in the past and is always appreciated. A “Call for Volunteers” request will be in your inbox soon. At this time, judges for the poster competition are needed most. If you have not yet registered for the meeting, do not delay further. Registration for attendance is at a record pace.



Other notable upcoming meetings are the AAPD and Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Joint Symposium in Montreal on September 21-23, 2023 and the SSPD-SWSPD Joint Meeting in New Orleans on October 12-14, 2023.

Lastly, I want to thank you for the privilege of having served you, our District and Academy these past three years, it has truly been an honor. I leave you in very capable hands as your next Trustee is Dr. Ann Bynum. Ann is an accomplished clinician, lecturer, and businesswoman. Passionate about advancing the specialty of pediatric dentistry, I know Ann is ready to go and looks forward to serving her District and Academy.

As always, you can access the most recent AAPD Board of Trustee meeting minutes here:

<https://www.aapd.org/resources/member/governance/>

Smiles Always,

Charlie Bertot

2023 Frank H. Farrington Service and Leadership Award Recipient

Dr. LaJoi E. Wiggins, DMD, MSD

Graduation Date: June 2020 - Virginia Commonwealth University



I was introduced to organized dentistry during my first year of dental school. I unknowingly committed to a role that I later discovered was the Vice President role, also known as the Second delegate for the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine American Student Dental Association's Chapter. My willingness to say yes to leadership opportunities propelled me into a fantastic career within organized dentistry. Our American Student Dental Association Chapter was only two years old. Young and developing. I was determined to make our chapter known and to make sure that our organization grew in a positive direction. In my chapter, I formed a pre-dental committee in connection with East Carolina University's Undergraduate campus. Upon completing my term as Second Delegate, I became the First Delegate, President. I presided over our organization and served as the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine liaison to the North Carolina Dental Society Board of Trustees. This role required regularly scheduled meetings and provided opportunities to learn more about the American Dental Association's 16th District. With this interaction, I was able to observe and learn how to operate as a future delegate. As the First Delegate of East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine American Student Dental Association Chapter, my team and I created the "Burnisher's Ball." This formal event and its proceeds benefit the East

Carolina University School of Dental Medicine's Patient CareFund, which continues until this day. In 2015, I decided to serve on a National level and served on the National American Student Dental Association's Council of Membership.

As I move forward in my career, I want to place my focus on advocacy and membership engagement within organized dentistry. As I progress as a private practice pediatric dentist, I realize I can take on additional roles within my perspective associations, for which I am currently applying. I plan to continue my efforts with Give Kids a Smile by providing pro-bono exams and treatment. Also, within my community,

I work with Charlotte Post Foundation, a foundation whose focus is on at-risk students who are performing below grade level. By aiding programs that offer tutoring services to youth in Charlotte, we are making a significant difference in children's lives and increasing their chances of college enrollment. We are also working to create an oral health education program for children in Charlotte with disadvantaged backgrounds. In the future, I plan to contribute to the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry. In the past, I had the opportunity to attend the meeting right before the pandemic in 2020. My co-residents and I still believed that that meeting was fantastic, intimate, and informative. My goal is to continue to encourage my colleagues to be active and show up to those meetings so that we are aware of the needs of the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry.

left to right: Dr, LaJoi Wiggins and Resident Liasion RehAm Al-Najjar



The Southeastern District is extremely excited to host the AAPD annual session once again! Please stop by the SSPD booth #630/632 in the exhibit hall and say hello.

Come see all the exciting events the SSPD has planned for the upcoming year, chat with colleagues, and we will have some fun giveaways as well! The SSPD is one of the many vendors that will be participating in a raffle on Sunday, May 28th in the exhibit hall where participants will be eligible to win a free registration to the SSPD/SWSPD joint meeting and 2 nights hotel this upcoming October 12-15, 2023, at the Hyatt Centric French Quarter in New Orleans.

Additionally, register for the joint SSPD/SWSPD meeting by June 30th, 2023, and automatically be entered in a raffle to win a \$300 gift card to one of New Orleans' fabulous restaurants.

The SSPD will also be holding a member's reception on Saturday, May 27th at 5:00pm in the St. George's 112 room. Drinks and light Hors d' Oeuvres will be served. This event is the perfect opportunity to socialize with fellow SSPD members and re-connect with friends and colleagues both old and new.

Please check the event program in Orlando for the exact location of our reception.

Again, we look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando at the Gaylord Palms
May 25-28, 2023, for AAPD 2023!



2023 SSPD/SWSPD Joint Meeting

HELLO NEW ORLEANS!

We are doing The Big Easy again!

SSPD & SWSPD are joining forces to
present two half-day programs at the:

**Hyatt Centric
French Quarter
New Orleans, LA**

October 12-15, 2023

8 CEUs + 3 Breakfasts + 2 Breaks + Hurricane Party



Schedule

Thursday, October 12

5:30-7:00pm **Hurricane Party**

Friday, October 13

7:00am - Breakfast and Registration

8:00am-12:30pm

What's New in Molar Incisor Hypomineralization Management

Jeanette MacLean, DDS

Friday Evening Free to Explore on Your Own

Saturday, October 14

7:00am - Breakfast and Registration

8:00am-12:30pm

Myofunctional Therapy, A Piece of the Pediatric Airway Puzzle

Brittney Sciara Murphy, RDH

Saturday Evening Free to Explore on Your Own

Sunday, October 15

8:00-10:00am SSPD/SWSPD Members Breakfast Forum



Event Information

Registration Fees

- AAPD Member \$500
- Non-Member \$550
- Faculty & Military \$400
- Office Staff \$300
- Guest/Spouse \$50 – Hurricane Party Only

Course includes:
8 CEUs + 3 Breakfasts + 2 Breaks + Hurricane Party

Cancellation Fee: Cancellations must be in writing and received by SSPD at least seven days in advance of the time registration opens at the meeting. Cancellations will be assessed a \$50 administration fee. Refunds will be processed after the meeting.
Email: kimberlybrooks716@gmail.com

Hyatt Centric French Quarter

800 Iberville Street
New Orleans, LA 70112
504-586-0800



Group Room Rate:

- 1 King \$249/night, single/double
- 2 Queen \$259/night, single/double

This discounted room block has a limited number of rooms available and the cut-off date for the room block is September 18, 2023.

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Register online (<https://swspd.org> or <https://sspd.org>), or detach and return this form with your payment by September 15th.

Mail this form with check to:

SSPD
6307 Colebrook Road
Richmond, VA 23227-1611
Email: kimberlybrooks716@gmail.com

Doctor Name _____ Email _____
Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

For group registration, please forward list of all attendees along with email addresses.



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Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting

January 12 - 14, 2024

The Successful Pediatric Dentistry Private Practice: Advice from the Experts

*Unique perspectives on private practice.
A glimpse into how their respective practices are managed.*

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Ann Bynum - Simpsonville, South Carolina • Dr. Oshmi Dutta - San Antonio, Texas
Dr Rob Delarosa - Baton Rouge, Louisiana • Dr. Cody Mast- Bellevue, Washington

