MENTORING A PRIORITY FOR DR. VESETH

Dr. Michael A. Veseth was installed as MDA’s 2013-2014 president at the conclusion of the 110th Annual Meeting in Helena. Dr. Veseth follows Dr. Kurt Lindemann.

Dr. Veseth has practiced as a general dentist in Malta since 1988. He has served as MDA President-Elect, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, and as Seventh District representative on the MDA Board of Directors. He has been the Seventh District’s president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and peer review chair.

Dr. Veseth graduated from Concordia College with a degree in political science and from Montana State University with a degree in zoology. At age 37, he graduated from Washington University School of Dental Medicine.

He is a recipient of the Bullhook Clinic Public Health Hero Award for his caring service, the Head Start Service Award and has served as a volunteer with MDA’s Sealant for Smiles! project. Dr. Veseth is an active member of Malta Lutheran Church and Malta Kiwanis and served as president of the Gallatin County Association for Retarded Children. He and his wife, Rosemary, are the parents of three adult children and became grandparents in 2012. When not providing dental care, he enjoys rafting, biking, cooking, creating wines and beers, and raising cattle on the Veseth Ranch. In 2011, he and his daughter summited Mt. Kilimanjaro.

"I will work to make dentistry the trusted source for oral health information and will encourage improved communication and active public service projects. I will also work to improve mentor relationships between younger dentists and more experienced dentists."

-Dr. Michael Veseth
MDA President

During the General Assembly Billings dentist Dr. Christopher A. Hirt was elected President-Elect and Dr. Mark Haemig of Cutbank was elected Vice President. Dr. Hirt has served as MDA Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer and as Ninth District MDA Board member. He is a Fellow of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. Dr. Haemig has served on the MDA Board of Directors and as a member on the MDA Financial Oversight Committee.
The MDA’s one-two-three punch to reduce cavities and childhood dental disease is sporting a new identity and a new look.

In May, MDA merged the Sealant for Smiles! school sealant project, “Who’s My Dentist?”, MDA’s oral health awareness campaign and MDA’s support for the AbCd (Access to Baby and Child Dentistry) program under the new “Montana Healthy Smiles Initiative”. Montana Healthy Smiles is more than just a name, though, and it’s gaining momentum monthly.

Caring Foundation grants funding to Sealants for Smiles!

The Caring Foundation, affiliated with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, provided a grant of $55,000 to the Sealants for Smiles! project. The grant will fund a new part-time coordinator to manage the statewide program and pay for supplies and expenses. Dr. Jane Gillette, program director for Sealants for Smiles! has set a goal for Montana dentists to screen 5,000 students in the 2013-14 school year and to provide sealants and emergent care to those requiring those services.

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Bridgette Schrampfer is the new Sealants for Smiles! coordinator. She will be promoting the program, signing up schools, enlisting and orienting participating dentists, and managing the logistics for sealant days. Please welcome her when she contacts your component dental society.

Ms. Schrampfer has been a dental assistant in Choteau and has managed several social service programs. She holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology. She will be taking over the position that Ellen Missert has filled during her term as a VISTA volunteer.

“Who’s My Dentist?” expands. MDA’s “Who’s My Dentist?” oral health promotion project has established a partnership with the state’s Office of Public Instruction. OPI joins the Healthy Montana Kids program as partners with MDA in spreading the word to parents about the need for oral health for their children.

The “Who’s My Dentist?” Facebook page received its 1,000 “like” late in June. This new plateau marks the spread of MDA’s oral health messages to an increasing number of Montana parents and other caregivers.
Periodontal surgery and non-surgical therapies are indicated for patients with periodontitis. Selected patients may require mucogingival and osseous surgeries for crown lengthening, pre-implant surgery, and pre-prosthetic treatment planning. This course will highlight anatomical and biological principles for periodontal and implant surgeries. Classic and regeneration periodontal surgeries will be presented according to bone loss and pocket type, with suggested treatment approaches.

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Thank you for your participation in our Montana Dental Association 110th Annual Meeting.
Over 440 registrants attended two days of top-notch continuing dental education and perused Montana's largest dental trade show.

Pictures (clockwise top left) MDA President Dr. Kurt Lindemann with ADA President Dr. Charles Norman.

Jodie Lindemann received flowers from MDA as a token of appreciation for her support during Dr. Lindemann's term.

Dr. Brandon Kiesling and Dr. Heide Browne of Helena. Dr. Kiesling was recently elected to serve on the MDA Board of Directors as the New Dentist representative.

A young patient awaits his first dental exam during the AbCd training session.

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OBAMA CARE MAKES MDA INSURANCE PLAN MORE AFFORDABLE

by Dara Anderson, Mountain West Benefits

Due to the potential for increased health insurance costs brought about by health care reform, the MDA Group Benefits Trust will be a more attractive option than commercial insurance products for members of the MDA. There are several unique advantages to the Trust under Obamacare because it is self-funded. Self-funded plans will be favored under health care reform because there are provisions from which self-funded plans are exempt. For example, the Trust will not have to comply with the new enrollment and provider network and accreditation rules. Plus it will escape 5.25% in excise taxes and other costs. This will mean direct cost savings to the plan, which will pass through to our members. There are also many state mandates from which the Trust has been and will remain exempt.

In a fully insured plan, a substantial portion of the premium is held by the carrier as a state-required reserve for claims and inflation. Our Trust maintains and controls its own reserves and has the ability to invest these funds. Under a fully insured arrangement, if claims experience is lower than expected, the insurer benefits financially.

It seems clear that health care reform will increase the already high cost of commercial health insurance. With greater flexibility, fewer mandated benefits and potentially lower costs, you should consider moving your coverage to the MDA Trust.

On September 6th at 1 p.m. and September 19th at 7 a.m. the MDA will be hosting conference calls and a webinar about the impact of Obamacare on you as an employer. Please join one of these half-hour educational events. Look for an MDA Member email soon for more details.

Now is the time to get a quote! Not only could you be saving premium dollars each month, you may also be eligible for a ‘premium holiday’ in November 2013 through the Wellness Program that rewards participants for a healthy lifestyle.

Contact Dara Anderson at Mountain West Benefits for more information on the health plan, the wellness program and a quote.

Email: dara@askmwb.com, Phone: 406-441-4713; Fax: 406-442-1913.

“I recently joined the MDA’s health insurance plan. Dara assisted me with providing comparison quotes and a seamless transition to the MDA plan. The plan type we opted for was significantly less expensive and with the payment holiday for staying healthy, it makes it even more affordable still.” -Dr. Troy R. Shaw, Missoula

"Over the past few months, we began looking into a variety of health insurance options for our family, including those available through the MDA. We ultimately decided to proceed with the MDA health plan, which we found offers a highly responsive and customer friendly process that is efficient, affordable, and flexible - the rates surpassed anything else we could find for our growing family at this time - and the speed and ease in which they provided quotes and worked with our time table was very helpful." -Anonymous

Do you know how healthcare reform will affect you in January 2014?

Join representatives of MDA’s Group Benefits Trust for informational conference calls and webinars on how you will save money in 2014 by making health care reform work for you.

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The Montana Dental Association is proud to honor dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants who are recognized by their peers for their contributions to dentistry. The award ceremony was held during the MDA annual meeting.

Clinical Excellence Award: Dr. Terry Nybo

Bozeman dentist Dr. Norman T. Nybo is the recipient of the 2013 MDA Clinical Excellence Award. In his nomination, his peers in the Sixth District Dental Society noted “He has shared unselfishly of his time and knowledge . . . and has mentored young dentists and students who aspire to become members of our great profession.”

“Dr. Nybo is not only an excellent dentist with the highest integrity and ethics, but he also continually strives to become better and learn more in the dental field. He is held in high esteem by both patients and colleagues.”

Dr. Nybo has served as president of the Sixth District and has been active in Children’s Dental Health Month, school screenings and peer review.

Dr. Nybo attended Concordia College and Montana State University (where he graduated in art and English). He graduated with honors from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and provides restorative dentistry courses for MSU pre-dental students.

During his 34 years in practice, he has amassed more than 2,500 hours of continuing education, including several certifications from the Academy of Laser Dentistry. He is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, was a delegate to the AGD national meeting and serves on the Montana AGD CE Committee. He is a member of the Seattle Study Club and Blue Ribbon Seminars.

T.T. Rider Award: Dr. Joel Maes

Dr. Joel Maes is this year's recipient of MDA's T. T. Rider Award for his dedication to advancing his profession and serving his community.

The nomination states “T. T. Rider was regarded as tireless in his service to others and that is a good description of Joel.” He has been president of the Fifth District Dental Society and Montana Academy of General Dentistry, an AGD Delegate, and member of the Board of Trustees of the Group Benefit Trust, MDA's member health plan.

In addition to serving as a leader in many organizations, his colleagues in the Fifth District note that he was the inspiration and originator of the MDA's Clinical Excellence Award, created the first free care day in Helena, and was the cofounder (with Dr. John Smith) of the Cooperative Health Center Volunteer Dental Clinic.

He is the Dental Coordinator for Donated Dental Services and has received the National AGD Humanitarian of the Year Award, Regional Public Health Award, MDA Clinical Excellence Award and the 2012 Outstanding Dentist Award, presented by the Montana Dental Hygienists’ Association.

“Many people in Helena know Joel because he is involved in a variety of activities and excels in each,” the nomination states. He founded the Shodair Soccer Classic, recognizing outstanding high school soccer all-stars, was president of Helena Kiwanis, a Babe Ruth coach, and is a volunteer for the Helena Indian Alliance Leo Pocha Clinic and for school dental screenings.

Dr. Maes is a graduate of the University of Montana and the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Upon graduation he served in the Navy Dental Corps. He moved to Helena to open his general dentistry practice in 1981.
Outstanding Dental Hygienist Award: 
Ms. Gina Gabrian, RD

Ms. Gina Gabrian RDH is the recipient of MDA’s 2013 Outstanding Dental Hygienist Award.

In his nomination for Ms. Gabrian, her Helena employer Dr. John Smith writes “Gina deserves special recognition for her service as President of the Montana Dental Hygienists’ Association, her community involvement, the love she clearly demonstrates for her family and the hard work and effort she gives to all her patients day in and day out.”

Ms. Gabrian served as president of the MDHA in 1999-2000. She also served MDHA as a Delegate, Trustee and Board of Dentistry liaison.

Dr. Smith notes further “Gina has practiced for over 25 years. She doesn’t have one year of experience 25 times, but has compounded her skills over the years to become quite proficient. She is always truthful and honest with her patients and continually encourages them to prevent disease and maintain their oral health.”

Ms. Gabrian is an active member of her church, Helena’s Family Promise and as a judge for speech and debate competitions.

She is noted for her quick wit and ability to make others feel accepted and patients feel at ease. “Laughter comes quickly to Gina and others in the office admire her for this trait as well as for the care and love she gives to every patient.”

Outstanding Dental Assistant Award: 
Ms. Amy Roberts, CDA

MDA presented the 2013 Outstanding Dental Assistant Award to Ms. Amy Roberts of Bozeman. Ms. Roberts was nominated for her excellence as a dental office leader. As a Certified Dental Assistant, she is dedicated to continuing her education, with special interests in dental materials and office management.

Her employer, Dr. Danielle C. Schwieeterman, writes of her “She trains all new dental assisting staff as well as the doctors for our office protocols. We trust her to coordinate and educate our office staff for office protocol, dental materials and patient relationships.”

Dr. Schwieeterman notes that Ms. Roberts was “a leader in our transition from our old 6-op office to a new 14-op office.”

“If we have a particularly challenging patient, she is always there to guide them with support, education and honesty. Ms. Roberts is always there as a shining example of what a dedicated dental team member should emulate.”

Ms. Robert is a volunteer at the Sixth District Free Children’s Care Clinic and Bozeman’s Project Homeless Connect. She organized a fund-raiser to help cover medical expenses for a family member with a serious medical condition. She is an active community volunteer in the Gallatin Gateway and Three Forks communities.
Montana Dental Association leaders joined colleagues from state dental association across the nation to lobby Congress during the ADA’s Washington Leadership Conference in May. Montana’s group was lead by MDA President Dr. Mike Veseth and included Dr. Doug Hadnot (who also serves on the ADPAC Board of Directors, Dr. Kevin Miltko (MoDePAC chair), Dr. Jane Gillette (ADA’s Action Team Leader for Congressman Steve Daines) and MDA Executive Director David Hemion.

MDA dentists lobbied Senators Max Baucus and Jon Tester and newly-elected Congressman Steve Daines.

“This year the ADA brought forward four main issues,” Dr. Veseth explained. “The Competitive Health Insurance Act and Dental Insurance Fairness Act of 2013, both sponsored by dentists and Congressman Paul Gosar (R-Arizona); The Coordination of Pro Bono Medically Recommended Dental Care Act; and repeal of the Medical Device Excise Tax”

“The Pro Bono Dental Care Act would help fund organizations like Donated Dental Services. In Montana, dentists and dental labs have given nearly three million dollars’ worth of dental care in the last fifteen years. I am happy to report Senator Tester has declared his support for this bill.”

“The medical devices tax is a manufacture’s excise tax on all equipment, supplies, and material purchased by a dentist and on other health care items,” Dr. Veseth said. “It would cost dentists about one hundred sixty million dollars annually! This tax is a way to help pay for the Affordable Care Act and as such it is not likely to be quickly removed.”

“I would like to remind everybody that politics has no finish line! You keep at it time and again. What is good for the dental patient and the dentist needs to be regularly worked on,” he said.

“The Dental Insurance Fairness Act of 2013 (HR 1798) would help consumers receive the full value of their dental coverage by amending the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) to address the issues of Coordination of Benefits, and the Assignment of those Benefits to the provider,” explained Dr. Hadnot.

“The Coordination of Benefits problem occurs when a patient is entitled to benefits from more that one dental plan, as might be the case when both husband and wife work, and are covered by separate insurance plans that extend to family members. Some federally regulated plans will not pay anything if they are the secondary insurer. This bill would require payment for covered services regardless of other insurance coverage. Think of it similar to life insurance. One might have two or more life insurance policies, and all of them are expected to pay in the event of death,” he explained further.

“The Assignment of Benefits provision would allow patients to have the dental plan’s payment be made directly to the provider, and thereby, avoiding large out-of-pocket expenses in some cases. We are fortunate to have an Assignment of Benefits law in Montana that applies to state regulated dental insurance plans. H.R. 1798 would extend that provision to federally regulated plans under ERISA.”

“This has bipartisan support in the House. Unfortunately, there is no companion bill in the Senate,” Dr. Hadnot said.

“Given the strong influence of the insurance companies, and the current membership in the Senate, it is doubtful that this issue will advance in the next two years, Dr. Hadnot concluded. “But this is how we get things done; plant the seed in one session, and hope it grows in the next.”

“The takeaway from our three days in Washington DC, is the importance of political advocacy, said Dr, Hadnot. “While the dental association hires lobbyists, and staff, it is the contributions to ADPAC and MoDePAC that help to open the doors, and support the election of individuals that are aligned with our issues. Your contributions also help to underwrite our grassroots efforts, and I am very pleased with the increased political activity of dentists during this past election. Thank You to all who participated!”

“Again this year, the ADA is advocating for the repeal of the McCarran Ferguson Act, said Dr. Miltko.”

“The McCarran Ferguson Act exempts health insurance companies from Anti-Trust laws. Only two industries are allowed this exemption: Major League Baseball and Health Insurance. The past two congressional sessions have seen overwhelming support of repeal of this exemption in the House, but unfortunately the Senate refuses to pass the bill. Repeal of this special exemption will level the playing field between providers of health care and insurance companies. It will prevent them from legally using their market manipulative practices that are well known and accepted industry practices. It would also open up more competition in purchasing health insurance which would drastically decrease our premium costs as consumers of insurance.”
“I believe this bill will again receive great support in the House and be passed only to be stopped in the Senate. Many in the Senate want to see implementation of the ACA before they enact any other major health insurance legislation. On one level I understand this, but am frustrated as this is the one legislative piece that can actually reduce rates and make insurance more affordable to more people. We will win on this issue, it will just require patience, persistence and continued conversation.”

“I want to thank our 99 Club supporters as it is the 99 Club that makes these efforts possible. 99 Club needs your continued support. Imagine your earnings in your practice over 3 days. Your lobbying dentists donate this time for you and the profession. Please help us and donate a little so that your voice will be heard. If every dentist could donate even the cost of one filling or extraction to 99 Club, it would make a big difference. 99 Club also supports Dental Day at the Legislature and other non direct candidate support activities. Send a check for 99 Club today, protect your investment in your profession.”
BOARD OF DENTISTRY REVIEWING DENTURIST RULES

The Montana Board of Dentistry is considering a rule change that would allow denturists to fit dentures over implants that are placed by a dentist. During its June 28 meeting the Board heard a recommendation from its new Denturist Committee to repeal the rule that prohibits denturists from performing this function.

The Board turned down a motion to repeal the rule, on a 1 to 7 vote, then adopted a motion directing the Denturist Committee to develop recommendations for new rules under which denturists could qualify to fit dentures over implants.

MDA’s Task Force on Denturist has prepared a presentation to the dental board regarding patient safety concerns.

A meeting of the Denturist Committee has not yet been set. The next Board of Dentistry meeting is September 6.

For further information, contact David Hemion, dave@montanadental.org.
MDA'S NON-COVERED SERVICES BILL BECOMES LAW ON JULY 1

As of July 1, insurers regulated by the state are prohibited from setting fees on services that are not part of a dental benefit plan, thanks to MDA’s legislative initiative to pass Senate Bill 172.

Montana is the 29th state to adopt the measure.

As enacted, SB 172 reads:

Section 1. Provider agreement limited to covered services – dental network constraints – penalty – definitions.

(1) A provider agreement entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2013, between dentists licensed under Title 37, chapter 4, and an issuer that offers an excepted benefits plan for limited-scope dental benefits or a health benefit plan that includes covered services may not:

(a) require the dentist to provide dental services to an individual covered under the excepted benefits plan or health benefit plan at a fee set by or subject to the approval of the issuer unless the dental services are covered services; or

(b) prohibit the dentist from offering or providing to an individual covered under the excepted benefits plan or health benefit plan any dental services that are not covered services. The fee for the non-covered services may be determined only under terms or conditions set by the dentist or negotiated by the dentist with the individual covered under the excepted benefits plan or health benefit plan.

(c) provide minimal coverage for covered services under the provider agreement for the sole purpose of avoiding the requirements of this section.

(2) A business entity that owns a network of health care providers and markets access to that network may not circumvent the terms of this section by making available to an issuer of an excepted benefits plan for limited-scope dental benefits or a health benefit plan that includes covered services any dentists in that network if the business entity sets dental services fees in its network for any services except covered services.

(3) An issuer of an excepted benefits plan for limited-scope dental benefits or a health benefit plan that includes covered services is subject to a fine as provided in 33-1-317 for a violation of this section.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Covered services" means dental care services provided under a plan for limited-scope dental benefits or a health benefit plan for which a payment is available subject to the application of contractual terms, including but not limited to annual or lifetime maximums, deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, waiting periods, frequency limitations, or alternative benefit reimbursement.

(b) "Issuer" includes an insurer, a health service corporation, or a third-party administrator that offers or administers an excepted benefits plan for limited-scope dental benefits or a health benefit plan that includes covered services.

The new law applies only to dental benefit plans that are regulated by the state. Other plans, such as those that are self-funded, or otherwise federally regulated are not subject to the state’s control. Complaints about non-compliance with the law may be directed to the office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, (800)332-6148.

For further information, contact David Hemion, dave@montanalacental.org.

MEDICAID FEE INCREASES APPROVED

The Legislature passed HB 2 that included the Governor’s requested two percent in Medicaid fees beginning July 1 and another two-percent increase that is scheduled to take place on July 1, 2014.

The Legislature also approved HB 12 that included a two percent increase in Medicaid fees for the current fiscal year that ends June 30. This would have made up for a similar increase that was axed from the state’s budget in 2010. Despite bipartisan support for HB 12, Gov. Bullock vetoed it in May, citing the need to fund his targeted $300 million projected budget surplus. MDA and other provider associations mounted a grassroots lobbying effort to overturn the Governor’s veto, but were unsuccessful in securing the required votes of two-thirds of senators and representatives.
Donald F. “Doc” Bauer, 80, of Huson, passed away Monday, March 18, 2013, at his home in the arms of his loving wife and other family members after a long battle with lung cancer.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1932, in Helena to Frank Donald and Juliet DeBree Bauer. He graduated from Helena High School in 1950, and attended Carroll College in Helena and Montana State College in Bozeman. He graduated from the Creighton Dental School in Omaha, Neb., in 1956 and began a 55-year dental practice in Superior, retiring in 2012.

He married Genevieve Elizabeth “Liz” McJilton in August 1956 in Helena and together they raised nine children in Superior. They were married 32 years until Liz’s passing in 1988. In August 1990, he married Jean Topel in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. They were married 23 years until his passing. Thanks to Jean’s loving care and strength, he was able to spend his last days in the comfort of his own home.

Doc served on the Superior School Board for many years, and supported his children in all of their school endeavors and sporting events. He loved camping and the outdoors, and spent many hours in the mountains, along a stream, or on a lake. He and Jean loved their daily trips to look for deer, elk and turkeys in the Ninemile area. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, and an expert marksman, and passed on safety, sportsmanship and stewardship of the land to all his children. He could repair or rebuild almost anything, and was a master craftsman creating custom gun stocks for numerous relatives and friends. He was an accomplished model builder and radio control pilot, and a longtime member of the Big Sky Thunderbirds R/C Club of Missoula. He trained and loved many generations of Labrador retrievers.

Dr. Henry Baker Lorentz, 86, of Great Falls, died of natural causes Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Henry was born Dec. 28, 1926, to Bertha Scholthaur (Lorentz) and Henry Lorentz of Great Falls. In 1930, Henry Sr. died in the crash of his airplane. Henry was 3 and his brother, Bill was 1. Bertha was elected county auditor following the accident and Henry and his brother, Bill attended Great Falls schools. In 1940, Bertha married Leo Zimmer. She and her two boys moved to the Zimmer ranch near Augusta where they both graduated from Augusta High School. At 15, Henry drove his mother to the hospital and his brother, Lew Zimmer was born.

Henry attended Montana State College earning a B.S. in only 3 years. He was accepted to Washington University Dental School in St Louis, Missouri. During World War II, Henry served 22 months as a naval air gunner and had 6 weeks with the Army Dental Corp at Walter Reed Medical Center. In 1953, following graduation and passing the Montana State Dental Board Exams, he began his 40 year dental career in Great Falls.

In 1967-68, he was elected to serve as President of the Montana State Dental Association, after serving in many offices of the Fourth district and the state organizations. From 1964 to 1968 he attended annual meetings of the American Dental Association as Montana’s Delegate. In 1991 the Montana State Dental Society honored him with the T.T. Ryder award for distinguished service to organized dentistry and the people of Montana.

Dr. Charles Dean Spurgin, 89, of Helena passed away of natural causes on April 19, 2013. Dean was born Dec. 1, 1923, in Billings, the child of Charles and Fern (Gooding) Spurgin. He graduated from Billings High School in 1941.

He began his pre-medical courses, but was delayed due to World War II when he entered the Navy Flight program. After completing his flight training in 1944, he was commissioned an ensign and assigned to Banana River, Fla., to pilot the PBM for a newly formed Air Rescue Squadron. Dean was active in the battles of Saipan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. For his bravery in air-sea rescue of downed pilots, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals. Citations read “for his actions in landing in heavy seas under constant enemy fire to rescue flyers whose planes had been downed by enemy fire.”

Dean returned to Billings and married Billie Lee Moss on July 23, 1945. Dean attended dental school at Creighton University, graduating in 1950. For 37 years, Dean was very active in the practice of dentistry, being elected three times as president of the local dental society.
MDA ELECTS ADA DELEGATES

Dr. Douglas S. Hadnot (Lolo) and Dr. Roger K. Newman (Columbia Falls) were re-elected as ADA Delegates-At-Large. Dr. Jane Gillette (Bozeman) ADA Second Alternate Delegate.

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September
13 MDA Fall CE featuring Dr. Jon Suzuki, Contemporary Clinical Periodontics 2013”. Helena, Great Northern Hotel.
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October
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7 MDA Spring CE featuring Dr. Dale Miles, "Cone Beam CT".

May
1-2 MDA Annual Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, Friday, May 2, The Madow Brothers.

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