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MDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARY McCUE PASSED AWAY IN LATE APRIL



Montana Dental Association Executive Director, Mary Kelly McCue, 60, died on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, in Helena, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. Mary was in every way a true "Friend of Dentistry". Her genuine kindness and innate ability to listen put all she met at ease. Mary

was highly respected wherever she traveled and worked diligently to keep the Association and the profession of dentistry at the forefront of healthcare issues.

She was born Mary Lynn Kelly on June 6, 1950, in Havre, to Lloyd and Leone "Rickie" Kelly, the oldest of their three children. She attended St. Jude Grade School and graduated from Havre Central High School in 1968. While in high school she worked in her father's retail music store, The Music Center. She attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., and there earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications and a teaching certificate in secondary education in 1972.

During college and following graduation she worked for the Great Northern and Burlington Northern Railroads as a telegrapher and train agent. She greatly enjoyed this job, in which she worked in about 40 small train stations throughout Montana. Following graduation from college, she taught English at Dawson County High School in Glendive during the 1972-73 school year. She also worked in the Burlington Northernism corporate headquarters in St. Paul, Minn., on employee publications for almost two years.

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GIVE KIDS A SMILE IS SHINING BRIGHT IN GREAT FALLS

On April 16th, volunteer dentists, their assistants, MSU dental assistants and hygiene students teamed together to provide free oral health care services to children in Great Falls. The MSU-GFCOT, dental clinic was utilized because of the size of the facility. This event also provided an opportunity for the volunteer students to gain more hands on experience.

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Dr. Carrie Ann Elkin and DA student.



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Across the Big Sky

Dentistry and the Law...

This column is offered to answer some of the queries frequently posed of MDA staff about practice issues involving legal questions. If you have a legal question, e-mail MDA at mda@mt.net or call 800/257-4988.

Question: What are the latest Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) pertaining to functions for dental auxiliaries and radiographs?

Answer: Rule 24.138.406 Functions for Dental Auxiliaries - you may also visit this website for a full listing of functions:

<http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?RN=24.138.406>

(1) Allowable functions for a dental auxiliary practicing under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist shall include dental procedures as allowed by board rule and subject to (2), in which:

- (a) the auxiliary was instructed and qualified to perform in a dental assisting program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor; or
- (b) the auxiliary was instructed and trained by a licensed dentist; or
- (c) the auxiliary was instructed and trained in a board-approved continuing education course.

(2) A dental auxiliary will be allowed to perform the following dental procedures including, but not limited to:

- (a) making radiographic exposures as prescribed by the supervising dentist;

(7) It shall be the responsibility of the employing dentist to verify that a dental auxiliary's qualifications are in compliance with the statutes and rules of the Board of Dentistry.

(8) A dentist licensed to use or direct the use of an x-ray producing device must assure that the radiation source under the dentist's jurisdiction is used only by individuals competent to use it, as per ARM 37.14.1003. Only a licensed dentist is allowed to prescribe radiation dosage and exposure. The dental auxiliary, under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, will qualify to expose radiographs if the auxiliary:

- (a) has graduated from an accredited program of dental assisting, dental hygiene, or dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor; or
- (b) has been certified in dental radiology in another state; or
- (c) has been certified in dental radiology by the U.S. military; or
- (d) has successfully completed a board-approved radiology written examination. The written examination must be passed prior to the dentist allowing the auxiliary to expose radiographs.

(9) A list of board-approved examinations will be kept on file in the board office.

(10) The board will accept documentation of (8)(a) through (d) as certification for radiographic exposure.

Letters to the Editor

MDA News invites feedback from our readers on material contained in the newsletter or otherwise of interest to dentists. Any communication intended for publication should be e-mailed to:

Dr. Kevin Miltko - miltko5@msn.com

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, DR. ROBERT NEILL



I recently attended the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington DC with Doug Hadnot, Kevin Miltko and Roger Kiesling. I was impressed by the MDA's ability to have its voice heard. Appointments were made months in advance to meet with our senators and congressman. It was a well orchestrated team effort and you can thank Doug, Kevin and Roger as well as Doug's wife Sue for their political prowess and the fact that they personally knew the legislative aides.

The MDA's search committee is reviewing resumes for our new Executive Director. As this process continues the Board of Directors will interview the top candidates and choose the new executive director.

For those that were unable to attend the annual meeting, here is the text from my remarks at the general assembly:

May 2011 General Assembly Remarks

Friends, we're all going to miss Mary. She has been a fixture here for 25 years first as our lobbyist & counselor and then as our Executive Director. We watched Mary battle cancer courageously this past year. All during that time she maintained her duties as our Executive Director, attorney and lobbyist. This would not have been possible without the hard work of her assistant Jean and part-time assistant Rosita. Mary's passion for fighting on our behalf was never more evident than during this legislative session.

Andy called me on Easter Sunday telling me of Mary's passing. The next day a packet came in the mail from Mary. In it was a note from Mary and the information needed for this meeting. Andy received a packet as well. As past presidents and our executive committee knows, Mary made our jobs pretty easy with her attention to detail.

Andy, congratulations on a great year! I value your advice and council as you remain on the executive committee as our immediate past president. We can thank Andy, Mary, the central office, the Board of Directors and you, our membership for our victories at the Legislature this year.

In the words of our next ADA president, Dr. Bill Calnon, who I will be introducing shortly: "We need to have a strong profession first and foremost". His analogy: "in the unlikely event of loss of cabin pressure, oxygen masks will release from the overhead compartment, secure the mask firmly on yourself first before trying to help others". I agree, we must be strong first then we can help others. I've identified several goals and priorities that we need to focus on this year. Some of these closely follow the ADA strategic plan Dr. Calnon outlined at the President - Elect conference.

- This will be a year of transition for the Montana Dental Association. Our First Priority is to find a new executive director. Although the task will be challenging we already have a search committee appointed and the process is underway. I've been in consultation with Joe Martin with Dental Society Services at the ADA for assistance as well as neighboring state associations.

- We need to represent your interests. The MDA must provide support to dentists so they may succeed and excel throughout their careers.

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(That last sentence was the first goal on the ADA's strategic plan.) Make sure your district director knows your position on the issues.

- I will be asking district presidents to start leadership development programs for their younger members. We need them involved now.

- We need to keep the MDA financially strong. We have adequate reserves however we operated at a loss last year. The financial oversight committee as well as the Executive Committee and Board of Directors will be reviewing our financial situation.

- The MDA as well as the ADA must remain the primary source for oral health knowledge and prevention. We need to be the trusted resource for oral health information that will help people be good stewards of their own health. I have some interesting ideas that I will share in more detail at a later date.

- We need to prepare for the next legislative session. We know from experience to expect legislation affecting dentistry. From what we see happening in other states we will likely see the mid-level provider issue arrive in Montana. That is the most contentious issue the ADA has ever seen. How do you want us to respond? Tell your district trustee.

- We need to refine and improve the MDA's comprehensive oral health plan that we developed over the past year.



- We need to take one more look at Direct Reimbursement Promotion in Montana. After all, it's a win-win-win, for the employer - patient - dentist.

- We need to review our MDA health insurance plan and make sure it is a good deal. We need a plan appealing to young dentists and make sure we are getting our money's worth.

As time permits we will take on other goals from our comprehensive oral health plan. You can be sure other issues will surface as the year progresses. We will be on top of them and keep you posted.

Remember the strength of the MDA & ADA relies on you, and your strength is enhanced by the MDA & ADA. We are in this together. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and our great profession.



Dr. Kevin Miltko, Dr. Doug Hadnot, Congressman Denny Rehburg, Sue Hadnot, and Dr. Rob Neill.

DR. TERRY KLISE OF MISSOULA APPOINTED TO THE MONTANA BOARD OF DENTISTRY



Governor Brian Schweitzer has appointed Dr. Terry Klise of Missoula to the Montana Board of Dentistry. Dr. Klise was picked to replace Dr. Mark Colonna of Whitefish whose term ended earlier this spring.

Dr. Terry Klise received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Indiana University. He completed a general practice residency at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio and a dental anesthesia residency at MetroHealth Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

He has 20 years of experience in dentistry including practicing general dentistry, teaching at Indiana University School of Dentistry, and providing anesthesia for dental patients. Through his broad range of professional experiences, he has developed a passion for providing general anesthesia to children and disabled adult patients undergoing dental procedures.

Dr. Klise moved to Montana in 2007 to pursue two life passions: to practice dental anesthesia, and live life in the Rockies. He resides in Missoula with his wife, Suzanne, and sons, Cameron and Brandon. In his spare time, he enjoys participating in triathlons, hiking, camping, and skiing.

2011 ADA WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

ADA Grassroots Team leaders converged on our nation's capital in early May for this year's Washington Leadership Conference sponsored by your American Dental Association. Montana was well represented this year by MDA President Rob Neill, MoDePAC Chairman, Kevin Miltko, 11th District Trustee Roger Kiesling, and MDA Government Affairs Chairman Doug Hadnot, and his wife Sue.



From left, ADA 11th District Trustee Dr. Roger Kiesling, MDA MoDePAC Chair Dr. Kevin Miltko, ADA 11th District ADPAC Representative and MDA Delegate-at-Large Dr. Doug Hadnot, and MDA President Dr. Robert Neill.

The purpose of the meeting is to educate the Grassroots Teams on current legislation and other issues that affect Dentistry in preparation for visits with our members of Congress on Capitol Hill. It was a tremendous opportunity to meet and network with our counterparts from across the country, and get a feeling for the political climate in Washington DC. We met with both Senators Baucus and Tester, Representative Denny Rehberg, and several of their healthcare staff members, over a two day period.

The issues we discussed this year included the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act (HR 1150) which would repeal the McCarran-Ferguson Act. McCarran-Ferguson exempts insurance companies from the anti-trust laws. As Kevin Miltko liked to point out: "Senator, there are only two businesses that are exempt from the anti-trust laws - insurance, and major league baseball. And Senator, we didn't come here today to talk about baseball." A bill on this subject was passed last year in the House, but failed in the Senate. Without a companion bill in the Senate, it is doubtful that this issue will be resolved in the next two years.

The Breaking Barriers to Oral Health Act of 2011 (HR 1666), has been introduced by our dentist colleague Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID). It would provide grants to state and local entities to fund public-private partnerships to improve oral health education and dental disease prevention, and to reduce the many other barriers to oral health care. The bill also offers support for local and state programs that provide free dental services. The amount of money to fund the program is relatively small - \$20M a year for 5 years. If we can find a sponsor in the Senate, this issue might have a chance.

The Patients' Freedom to Choose Act, (H.R. 605 / S. 312) probably has the best chance of moving forward because bills have been introduced in both the House and the Senate. This bill would repeal the provisions of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Obama Care) which reduced the maximum annual deduction for Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs or Flex Plans) from \$5000 to \$2500. These accounts are very important to many of our patients who don't have dental insurance, and want to plan ahead for their dental care. We pointed out that FSAs have a much lower administrative cost than conventional insurance plans, and are used for all types of medical expenses and prescription drugs. The deduction was reduced to increase tax revenue to the federal government, but we countered that by promoting more expenditures on healthcare, the higher limit will result in more taxes being paid by healthcare providers.

In response to some of the discussion at our last MDA Board meeting on the subject of Community Health Centers, we entered into a dialog with each of our members of Congress and their staffs about




The Montana delegation with Senators Max Baucus and Jon Tester.

the problems we have recently become aware of in some of these clinics. I also had a lengthy visit with a couple of ADA staff members on the subject. These are not new issues, and I know that we will continue to deal with them for a long time. CHCs are very popular with the politicians in Washington DC, both Democrats and Republicans, and I think the best solutions will be found at the local level. Look for a more in depth article in the near future on the subject, and in the mean time I suggest that you endeavor to learn as much as possible about the history, and administration of the CHC in your area.

On behalf of Rob, Kevin, Roger, and myself, I want to thank you all for the opportunity to attend this important meeting in Washington DC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Respectfully Submitted, Doug Hadnot




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GIVE KIDS A SMILE (CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER)

Thirteen volunteer dentists (specialists and general practitioners) and their staff donated their dental supplies to provide free dental evaluations, fluoride treatments and dental sealants to children ages 4-17 years at the MSU-GFCOT. Dentists who were unable to attend the event generously donated supplies. Patterson Dental Supplies donated all the toothbrushes.

After each child was screened by a dentist, the eligible children were then lead into the main clinic where the dentist and assistant were set up and ready to work. All the sealants were placed by the dentist. In addition, each child had fluoride varnish applied and oral home care instructions were sent with the parent/guardian. Children too young to receive sealants, received a screening and fluoride varnish application with home care instructions. Every child received a home care packet containing a toothbrush, 2 different pastes and a prize.

The dentists in Great Falls rallied together and came out in full force for this event; they recognize the importance of being involved in the community. School authorities were contacted to submit fliers for students' Wednesday packets, posters were distributed all around targeted facilities and various schools. In addition, there were announcements in the newspaper, radio and TV the week of the event.



Dr. Bonnie Lederman with Dental Hygiene student M'Lynda.



Dr. Aimee Ameline with DA student.



Dr. Robert Marshall, Orthodontist,
Dr. John Tingey, Periodontist,
and Dr. Steven Whitney, Oral Surgeon.



Dr. Don Jelenik and DA student.



Dr. Alan Christ and Carrie, CDA

Dental Hygiene students M'Lynda and Katlin surround MSU GF COT Dental Assistant Program Director, Robin Williams.



MONTANA ORAL HEALTH FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Montana Oral Health Foundation would like to extend a warm thank you to Aurum Dental Labs and Consani Seims LTD (Dental Practice Transitions) for hosting its fundraising golf tournament in Helena during the MDA annual meeting on Friday, May 5.

The weather was much improved this year for the Friday afternoon event. The greens were fast and for most of us held their line.

Individual highlights witnessed by the forecaddie included a 9 iron or wedge on hole #5 that "sucked one in by the pin" by Phil Hoover of New York. He won the famous Consani Seims KP prize. Of course Susie Neill blasted one by not only her husband Rob, but Patty Fraser for women's long drive. Jason Zemke needed no tail wind for his long drive to the swell on hole #11. The forecaddie estimated it to be 329 yards on the par 5. Scott Sacry required skill and not luck to KP the longer par 3 and vaulted his team into first place position.



The winning team! Dr. Dennis Sacry with his son Scott, Ted Obrilinski of Patterson Dental Supply along with Dr. Jim Ouellette.



Dr. Rob and Susie Neill, Dr. Rich Moore, and Dr. DJ O'Neill.



Dr. Jeffrey Foster, Dr. Quinn Erwin, Dr. Dan Schaub and Dr. Neill Buffington.



Dr. Jim Aichlmayr with son Colton, Dr. Bill and Patty Fraser.



Jason Zemke and Phill Hoover of Banc of America along with Heath Johnson of Aurum Dental Labs. Aurum Dental Labs is a sponsor of the tournament.



The 2nd place team!
Dr. Fred Anderson, Dr. Lynden Heitz, Dr. Doug Hadnot, and Dr. Bill Schauer.

MDA WELCOMES NEWEST MEMBERS

If you are an MDA member and learn of a new dentist in your community who has not yet joined the association, please invite him or her to join. To obtain an application form, log on to www.mtdental.com or telephone the MDA central office at 1-800-257-4988.

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MONTANA DENTAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING



International College of Dentists USA Section President, Dr. Jack Clinton, Dean of the Oregon Health Science University, reads to Steve McCue the prestigious honorary membership bestowed upon Mary McCue during the annual meeting. This honor is given to only two non-dentists per year.



ADA President-Elect Dr. Bill Calnon addresses the General Assembly.



Dr. Kevin Miltko and Dr. Roger Kiesling take a break during the board of directors meeting held May 4.



Outgoing Regent Dr. Terry Grubb, Regency 8 of the American College of Dentists, proudly displays his thank you gift of a cowboy hat.



Dr. Doug Hadnot proudly displays his tie!



Dr. Paul Sims and Friday's speaker Dr. Mark Donaldson.



The exhibit hall.



Dr. Andy Hyams displays the traditional Pendleton blanket given by ODA President, Dr. Teri Barichello of Oregon City.



Twila York, inset and center, recipient of the 2010 Outstanding Dental Assistant Award, is surrounded by her co-workers.



Bonnie England, center, is the recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Dental Assistant Award. Her employer, Dr. Mark Lies, left, nominated Bonnie. Dr. Andy Hyams, right.



ADA 11th District Trustee and MDA member Dr. Roger Kiesling leads newly elected MDA officers through their oath of office.



Featured speaker Dr. Stanley Malamed enjoys a break.



Dr. Stephen Spencer of Great Falls, left, receives the 2011 MDA Clinical Excellence Award. Dr. Roger Newman, right, nominated Dr. Spencer for this prestigious award.



Dr. Fred Anderson addresses ACD and ICD members on their bus trip to their meeting held at historic Marysville House.

MARY MCCUE (CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER)

Mary attended Gonzaga University School of Law, where she was an editor of the law review, and earned her law degree there in 1980. From 1980 to 1984, she worked for the state of Washington as an administrative law judge for the Office of Administrative Hearings. While a law student, she met her future husband, Stephen R. McCue, a fellow student, and they were married on Aug. 15, 1981, in Havre. They moved to Sunnyside, Wash., where their first child, Kevin, was born in 1983.

The family moved to Helena in 1984, where Mary was employed by the Legislative Council as a staff attorney. Mary and Steve were blessed with two more children, Caroline and Patrick. In 1990, she entered private practice, practicing primarily in the areas of administrative law and governmental relations. She became executive director of the Montana Dental Association in 2000, where she worked at the time of her death. She was inducted as an honorary member of the American Dental Association in 2010.

Mary has been an active member of St. Mary Catholic Community during her years in Helena, serving on the Pastoral Council, leading the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and teaching in the Religious Formation program. She also enjoyed volunteering frequently at her children's schools. Her greatest joys were times spent with her family. She enjoyed reading and hiking. She was a volunteer for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and taught NAMI's Family-to-Family education program in recent years.

Mary's parents, Lloyd and Rickie Kelly, predeceased her. She is survived by her husband, Stephen R. McCue; her three children, Kevin K. McCue, Caroline J. McCue and Patrick S. McCue, all of Helena; her brother, Patrick A. Kelly (Denise) and his family of Kalispell; her sister, Kathleen G. Kelly of Laramie, Wyo.; her mother-in-law, Diane McCue Hollinger; her brothers-in-law, Robert P. McCue (Sydney), Gregory S. McCue (Robi), Peter T. McCue, and Michael R. McCue (Michelle), and their families, all of Missoula; and her sisters-in-law, Susan M. Kavon (Fred) of Plentywood, and Cathleen M. McGoldrick (David) of Belgrade, and their families.

She is also survived by her aunt, Charlotte Ray; and cousins, Jim Ray, Ed Ray and Demrece Keller and their families, all of Big Sandy, and Sharon Hary of Havre, and her family.

Mary's family thanks Dr. Thomas Weiner and the staff at St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Treatment Center for their skilled and compassionate care of Mary during her illness. The family asks that memorials be made to NAMI-Montana, 616 Helena Ave., Suite 218, Helena, MT 59601; or to St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Treatment Center, 2475 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601; or to the charity of the donor's choice.





DENTAL ANESTHESIA AND MONTANA LAW

Article submitted by Dr. Terry Klise

You say ke-ta-mine, I say keta-mine. You use a use a bridge and pontic, I use an implant. Does it really matter in many instances which path we choose for our patients? In my opinion, it doesn't so long as it is acceptable to the standard of care. As a Dentist Anesthesiologist and being a healthcare provider, I hope that regardless of our inclination, we are all striving for the same thing: To provide the safest, best, most efficient treatment for our patients given the circumstances they present with.

Over the past decade there has been a significant increase in awareness of sedation and anesthesia in dentistry and its use. In many regards, this has been beneficial for our patients, especially those with significant dental phobias and anxiety. However, along with this has been an increase in concerns over patient safety where anesthesia is concerned.

In 2007, the American Dental Association published its current Policy Statement & Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists, as well as Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students. These guidelines were established across political and professional lines seeking opinions from many different healthcare-related organizations including the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists, and the American Society of Anesthesiology. They are perhaps the best guidelines published to date by the ADA on the subject of Dental Anesthesia.

In 2007 we also saw the adoption of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (otherwise known as CODA). Following this action, a number of Dental Anesthesiology residencies have subsequently become fully CODA accredited training residencies for Dentist Anesthesiologists.

The increase in sedation and anesthesia utilization in dentistry has not been without concern. We have seen an increase in the number and severity of complications associated with its use. With this has come a corresponding increase in scrutiny, both in the public's eye and with our healthcare colleagues. In response, many states have adopted new statutes and rules governing the use of sedation and anesthesia in dentistry, often paralleling the new ADA guidelines, to protect the public's health and safety.

Oregon, Ohio, Colorado and Massachusetts to name a few have recently adopted new policies on Dental Anesthesia.

In 2009 the Montana Board of Dentistry set a course towards developing new statutes and rules to align with current policies and guidelines. It gave the charge to Dr. Paul Sims of Butte to establish an ad-hoc committee addressing dental anesthesia in Montana. He appointed Dr. Doug Smith of Bigfork to launch and chair the Montana Dental Anesthesia Committee to review old statutes, rules and policies, and bring them up to date with current anesthesia standards.

With the 2011 Montana Legislative Session looming on the horizon, Dr. Smith established and convened the Dental Anesthesia Committee in March 2009. Throughout the remainder of the year, goals to re-write the current statutes and meet the deadline for submission to the legislature by early spring 2010 were established. The old codes dated back to 1985 and contained poorly-defined definitions such as light general anesthesia and deep general anesthesia, and were archaic by today's standards. The first meetings of the Dental Anesthesia Committee resulted in concepts that ultimately passed through the legislative process and were submitted through the Department of Labor's bill HB 94. On April 4th, 2011 Governor Schweitzer signed the bill into law. These new statutes are set to take effect October 1, 2011. As such, we now have dental anesthesia statutes that are aligned with the 2007 ADA guidelines and policies.

The Anesthesia Committee reconvened May 14th and May 31st, 2011 to continue the process of establishing new rules. The more salient recommendations to the Board of Dentistry include:

- Create two permits for moderate sedation and deep sedation/general anesthesia
- Grandfather current anesthesia permit holders into the new system of definitions
- Require Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers for all levels of licensees (as opposed to other more basic BLS class curriculums for the general public)
- Establish acceptable Advanced Cardiac Life Support training standards requiring classroom/megacode content
- Further define monitoring & facility standards for moderate sedation and deep sedation/general anesthesia permit holders

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YOUNG HELENA AREA DENTISTS PROMOTE DENTISTRY AS A PROFESSION TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Dr. Ingrid McLellan with students.



Dr. Jessica Mongelli shows a student how to hold a handpiece.

people are afraid of going to the dentist".

Recently several local area young dentists and dental staff volunteered their time to teach a class designed for high school students considering a career in a health profession. The class, which consists of information and hands-on instruction in various aspects of dentistry, gave the participants an opportunity to give back to their community. The program's teacher, Mr. Manny Garza, commented, "The students love having the young dentists". Mr. Garza also said, "This is one of the best segments of the year".

Interesting student comments from this year included: "after seeing the pictures of what happens to teeth, I am going to brush my teeth 12 times a day", and "this is really fun, I don't understand why



Students watch Marge Foran, RDH.



Dr. Charissa Foster displays her "just do it" expression.



Dr. Jill Ahlers shows students how to restore teeth.

Dental Anesthesia continued from previous page

- Establish guidelines for acceptable monitoring healthcare personnel for moderate and deep sedation/general anesthesia
- Limit drug utilization for moderate sedation permit holders, banning the use of drugs that are considered general anesthetics (e.g. propofol, ketamine, sodium thiopental, methohexital, and etomidate)
- Require successful completion of an accredited Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery or accredited Dental Anesthesiology residency to obtain a deep sedation/general anesthesia permit
- Establish the Montana Dental Anesthesia Committee as an ongoing standing committee serving the Montana Board of Dentistry to review permit applications and reinspections and keep the Board of Dentistry appraised of current trends in anesthesia

A draft form of the rules is now ready for full review by the Montana Board of Dentistry at its June 17th meeting. Our current hope is to have an acceptable set of rules established in time to take effect by October 1st, 2011 when HB 94 becomes law. Although this timeline is the established intent, the Dental Anesthesia Committee is committed to producing a solid set of rules that will serve all of Montana's dentists, as well as protect the citizens of Montana. Please watch for the rules as they develop. Presently, HB 94 can be viewed online now at <http://e-lobbyist.com/gaits/MT/HB94> under Section 5. Section 37-4-101, MCA.

MDA HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS IN HELENA

Again this year the Montana Dental Association honored the recipients of its annual awards for dental excellence. Each year local component dental societies and individuals nominate outstanding members of the dental profession for recognition and selections are then made from the nominees.

Clinical Excellence Award

Dr. Stephen Spencer of Great Falls is the recipient of the 2010 Clinical Excellence Award. He was nominated by Dr. Roger Newman of Columbia Falls, who stated in his nomination, "I have known Dr. Spencer for over 20 years. During this time he has exhibited true dedication toward excellence in clinical dentistry. I have personally studied with him in numerous settings. During the 1980s Steve was responsible for bringing to Montana Dr. Robert Le to study occlusion. During the 90s Dr. Spencer organized courses with Dr. Edward McGreevey to study endodontics. Since the mid-1990s, Steve has been involved as a charter member of the Montana Study Club, studying prosthodontics. I know Steve Spencer has studied implantology and IV sedation and learned to manage these disciplines well in his practice.

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Dr. Newman continues, "Steve has always advocated and delivered the highest quality dentistry. He has gone out of his way to learn the difficult aspects of dentistry. His patients have benefitted from his dedication to be better and dentistry in Montana has improved because of Dr. Spencer." Other Montana dentists who supported Dr. Spencer's nomination described him as passionate about the practice of dentistry. They also praised his high ethical standards and rigorous standards for attending continuing dental education courses. They describe him as an avid student of the dental profession.

2010 Outstanding Dental Assistant Award

Twila York is the recipient of the 2010 Montana Outstanding Dental Assistant Award. She was nominated by her employer, Helena orthodontist Dr. Tim Ballweber. She has practiced in his dental office for 20 years. In his nomination he writes, "Twila is knowledgeable in all phases of orthodontia from front office to back, all phases of diagnostic records. Her honesty and integrity are impeccable. She is trusted to run my office in an efficient and professional manner. She is the one assistant most requested by patients and parents to have her work on them." He continues, "She is very much a team player. She is our clinical coordinator and very technically proficient. She leads by example and is a most professional dental employee. Twila exemplifies what a leader in a dental office does best. She is always the first to pitch in, always on time. Twila's moral and ethical values make her an incredibly valuable

employee and good friend. She is self-motivated and has taken it upon herself to initiate and establish several key programs in my office over the past several years. They help make my office run efficiently and help us provide superior orthodontia treatment for our patients."

Ms. York also contributes to her community by serving as a member and leader in the Search and Rescue Program for Lewis and Clark and Broadwater Counties. She has helped start and operates an organization for the training of search dogs to be used in catastrophic events and by the local Search and Rescue Program.

2011 Outstanding Dental Assistant Award

Another recipient this year is Bonnie England of Great Falls. She was nominated by her employer, Dr. Mark Lies. She has worked as a dental assistant for 32 years. Dr. Lies comments, "She has good input, ideas, and suggestions during routine and difficult procedures." Bonnie is often shadowed by dental assistant students from the local university because the school administrator wants them to learn from one of the best assistants she has even seen.

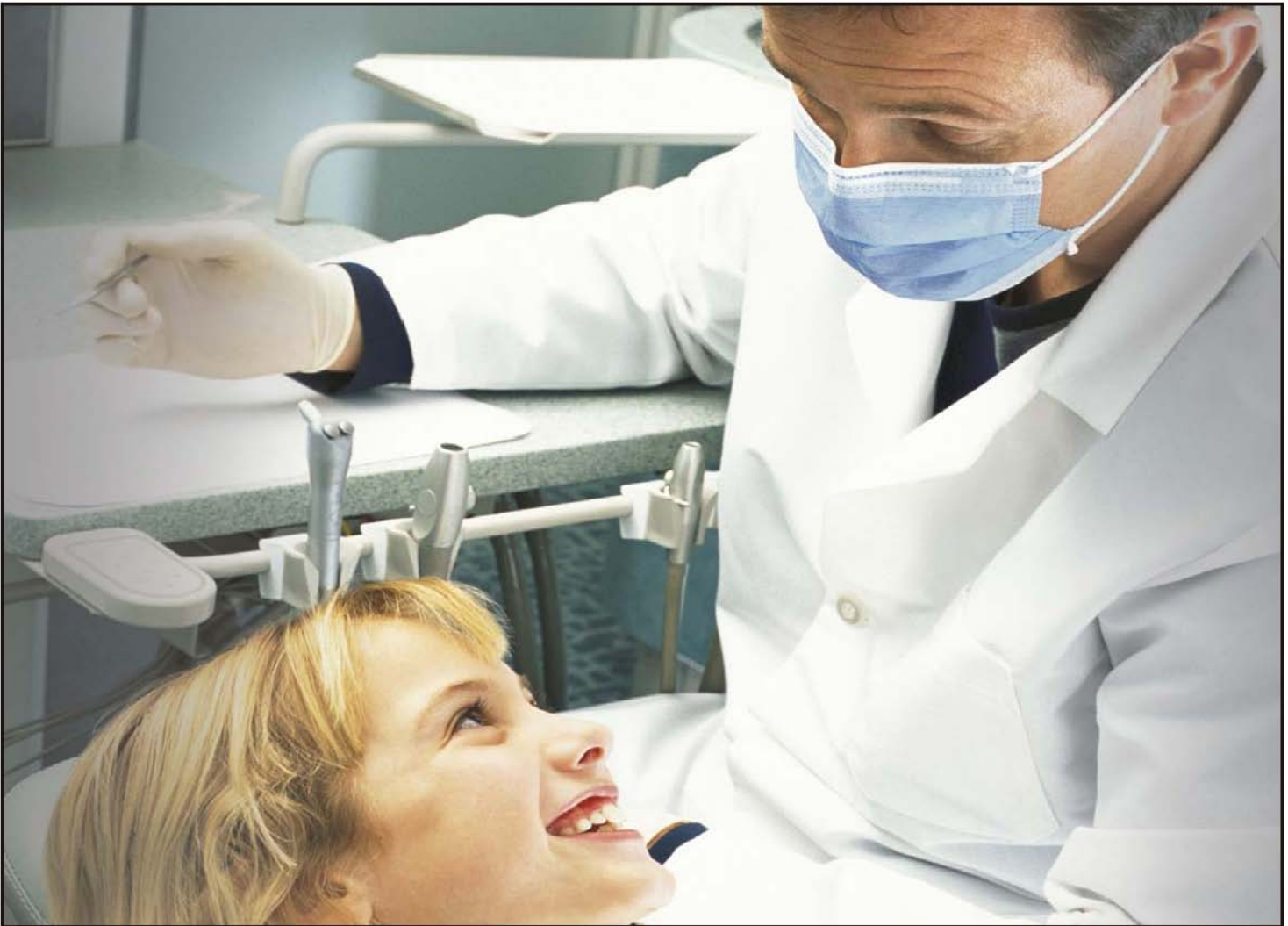
Ms. England is constantly improving her skills and frequently attends continuing education courses. Dr. Lies describes her as a "once in a lifetime employee" who demonstrates high ethics and professionalism. She shows great character and integrity in all her dealings with people in and out of the dental office. He values and trusts her in all aspects of the office.

Dr. Lies says that his office prides itself on teamwork and Bonnie is leader in this area. She shows leadership in her work, her actions, and her dealings with her fellow team members. She has a great quality of knowing when to take the lead or when step back and support other team members when they have an opportunity to lead.

Ms. England also loves to volunteer in her community. She is active in her church and works at the high school graduation parties. Her home is well-used as a safe place for school kids to hang out. She and her husband chair the main fund raising event for Eagle Mount and she loves working with the Donated Dental Program.

After 31 years Bonnie has a great love for the dental assisting profession. She continues to show great enthusiasm and dedication for what she does. Her commitment to the profession, patients, and Dr. Lies' office is outstanding. Congratulations to Bonnie England for winning this important award.

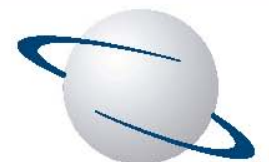
Pictures of award winners can be found on pages 10 and 11.



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North Central - Larger 3-op practice with room for 4th op. Practice is 100% fee for service, and owner refers out most endo and all oral surgery. Equipment is all fairly new, and the office is very attractive. And the best part of all is the low overhead, which translates into a generous bottom line. For detailed information about this opportunity and others, contact Wendy Hirai at ADS Northwest/Consani Seims Ltd.

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Great Falls - Professional Office Space Available: I have a dental building available for lease or purchase (possible owner finance). It is located in a dental complex with an endodontist, periodontist and several general practitioners and is close to an oral surgery practice as well as the hospital. It has approximately 1,750 sq. feet on the main floor including five operatories, panoramic x-ray room, dark room two offices, laboratory, two bathrooms and a large waiting-reception area. It also has a full basement with laundry facilities, locker room with bathroom facilities including a shower and a large storage area. It will be available this summer. If you are interested please contact me at 406-781-8340. Jay A. Tuomi, DMD, 2504 13A St SW, Great Falls MT 59404.

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If you have an interest in possible ownership or needing a larger facility to lease in the future please contact me at 406-728-5100.

John Spierling, D.M.D.
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Eastern - Owner is experiencing health issues and must sell this 3-op practice. Locum recently started assisting doctor in the practice, and monthly collections have doubled. Owner is very conservative, and there is a tremendous amount of work left to do in the charts. Experienced staff and loyal patients waiting to welcome new owner. Practice is 100% fee for service. For detailed information about this opportunity and others, contact Wendy Hirai at ADS Northwest/Consani Seims Ltd. (866) 348.3820. www.mydentalbroker.com

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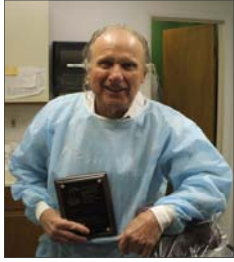
X-ray Developer: Looking for an automatic x-ray developer for panorex files. Would appreciate a donation, but low cost would also work. Contact Dr. Dan Harrington at Cooperative Health Clinic, 406/457-8928.

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Dental Datebook

2011

June

- 15 First deposit due for Montana State Study Club's **March 8-11th, 2012**, Annual Powder Cat Ski and Learn in Island Lake Resort, Fernie, BC. For more information contact Dr. Tim Ballweber at (406) 449-5576, or e-mail tcb43@hotmail.com. Space is limited.
- 17 Montana Board of Dentistry Meeting

July

- 7-9 Montana Fly Fishing Seminar in Dillon, MT. Speaker Dr. Brandon Baillie, "Latest Techniques in Periodontal Therapy". Contact Dr. John B. McCollum (406) 683-5125 or www.beaverhead.com/ffc

September

- 9 Montana Board of Dentistry Meeting

October

- 21 Montana Dental Association Fall CE class, "Specialists' Panel", Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman. Registration coming soon.

December

- 9 Montana Board of Dentistry Meeting

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March

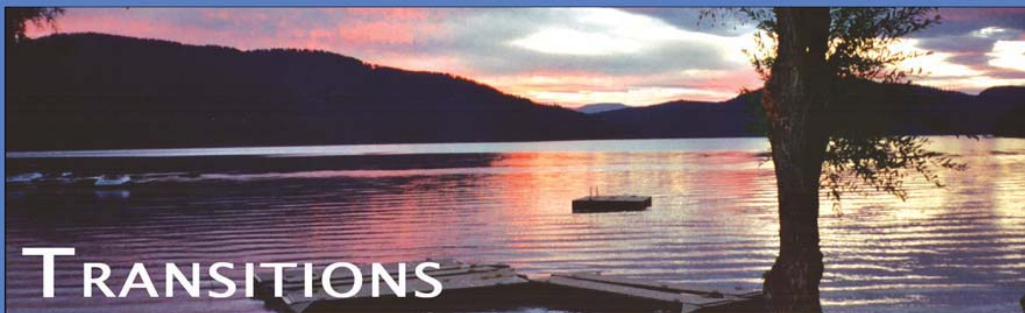
- 2 Montana Board of Dentistry Meeting
- 16 3rd District Dental Society Annual St. Patrick's Day Seminar, Fairmont Hot Springs, Anaconda, MT. Call Dr. Bill Brennick (406) 494-7080 or Dr. Dan O'Neill (406) 494-1316.

April

- 25-27 Montana Dental Association annual meeting. Missoula, Montana. Thursday, April 26 - Dr. Gordon Christensen "The Christensen Bottom Line"

September

- 9 Second District Dental Society, Dr. Robert J. Achterberg, "Clinical Oral Path Pearls...Things We Were Supposed to Have Learned in School". 8:30 - 2:30, Hilton Garden Inn. Contact Dr. Joe Hylton at (406) 549-2395 for more information.



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