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**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Inform members of what is happening within the Texas Dental Association.
- Bring members up to date on potential future issues that could affect Texas Dentist.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & MEETINGS

**JANUARY 10**
Dr. Charles Wakefield

**JANUARY 20**
Yearly OSHA, HIPAA, HB300 Update This course will sell out - don’t wait to sign up! (See ad on page 13)

**FEBRUARY 14**
TDA President

**FEBRUARY 22**
Legislative Day- caravan to Austin

**MARCH 10**
Dr. Lou Graham- All Day CE for your entire team – Direct Restorations and more

**MARCH 14**
Dr. Peter Buschang

**APRIL 11**
TBD

**APRIL 28**
It’s Back!!!! Society Wide Golf Tournament!!!

**MAY 9**
Installation of Officers Dinner

**MAY 19**
3rd Annual Shred-a-thon (location TBD)

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS AT FWDDS.ORG

JANUARY 10, 2017 Meeting

**SMILE DESIGN FOR THE GENERAL DENTIST**

**DR. CHARLES WAKEFIELD**

Dr. Wakefield earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Dentistry, and completed his Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) two year residency in the United States Army Dental Corps at Fort Knox, KY. Dr. Wakefield loves working with patients to achieve their smile goals, and has extensive experience in dental practice, research, and education making him an ideal choice for dental care in Lewisville. Dr. Wakefield is a retired US Army Colonel and served in the Dental Corps for 21 years. He has served as an AEGD Residency Director for 27 years, with the last 20 years at Baylor College of Dentistry, where he was also a tenured full professor.

**DATE:** JANUARY 10TH, 2017  
**TIME:** 6:00PM-DRINKS/STARTERS - 6:30PM-PRESENTATION  
**PLACE:** TARRANT COUNTY - 555 HEMPHILL ST.  
**COST:** $30

This lecture will present principles, planning guidelines and treatment of creating an esthetic result in cases with varying presentations. In addition to discussing broken down dentition, problems with vertical dimension and interocclusal distance, and excessive gingival display, application of techniques will be illustrated to create pleasing clinical results. The techniques presented are all intended to be accomplished in general dentistry offices.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**
• Discuss principles used to diagnose, plan and treat esthetic smile design cases  
• Know which cases can be treated or when to refer some procedures out  
• Know how to effectively communicate with other team members to assure the desired result  
• Understand the importance of patient compliance and maintenance in esthetic cases
Happy New Year! It’s always fun to start the new year off with goals and resolutions. So why not start with your local dental society and plan to make a few more connections this year with your friends, specialists and colleagues. We have so much planned for the new year and we hope to see new and old faces. Our events calendar is really full. Please read through the newsletter and our website, www.fwdds.org. This month Dr. Charles Wakefield from Baylor will be here to get us up-to-date on new dental products. Be sure to register for this meeting on January 10!

Also, Dr. Dale Martin will get the entire office team up to speed on our OSHA/HIPPA requirements on January 20.

On the serious side, our Legislative Day is February 22—Travel to Austin and fight for your way of dentistry. Don’t sit back and let the politicians stick it to us. This is a chance for your voice to make a difference.

Wouldn’t it be great to have all your CE requirements done by March 10, 2017? Well, it is possible if you come hear Dr. Lou Graham speak on direct restorations and applications for all age patients. He is a premier speaker and you will not be disappointed. Your team will also gain valuable knowledge to help you provide even better dentistry!

We have some fun events planned as well in the Spring with our Golf Tournament!

Start the year off with new resolutions and come to more of our great events. Tell your colleagues and let’s make our society stronger!

Here’s to a Great New Year!

Amy N. Bender, DDS
President, FWDDS
**NOTE: These positions carry over from 2015-2016 Board.**

The FWDDS Nominating Committee members met on December 7, 2016.

**Elections**
February 14, 2017
Monthly Meeting

**Nominating Committee Chair:** Dr. Joe Laborde

The nominating committee presents the following doctors for nomination to the FWDDS board of directors, delegates, alternates, and committee members for 2017-2018.

Submitted by:
2016–2017 FWDDS Board

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President of the Greater Houston Dental Society, a Director on the Texas Dental Association Board of Directors, and is currently serving as as President of the Texas Dental Association (TDA). This is a position that historically has been previously held by only one other female dentist. She has served the American Dental Association (ADA) as a member of the Council on Dental Practice and as Delegate to the ADA House of Delegates. She has served as chairperson of the GHDS Dental Health Committee, a member of the GHDS Peer Review Committee, and a delegate representing the Houston area in the Texas Dental Association House of Delegates. Also at the local level, she has served various chair positions for the Star of the South Dental Meeting. She is also past Secretary/Treasurer of GHDS, Past-President of the Houston Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (HAPD), Secretary-Treasurer of the University of Texas School of Dentistry Alumni Association Board of Directors, and has served as Chair of the UTSD Advisory Council. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Texas Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry, along with the ADA, TDA, GHDS, HAPD.

Dr. Cammarata is involved in her community, supporting numerous youth activities, including sports, theater arts and academics. Dr. Cammarata is a committed advocate for children’s dental issues. She energetically pursues continuing educational opportunities with a special focus in caries prevention, trauma, and growth and development of the jaws and facial structures.

When Dr. Cammarata is not in the office she enjoys photography and travel. She loves sharing life with family, friends, her four cats, and her dog, Maddy.
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Let’s help support the Texas Dental Association in achieving the legislative goals for Texas dentists! Register to attend by logging into TDA – www.tda.org – member side of the site.

Questions? Contact Leigh Ann Montague at (512) 443-3675 or lmontague@tda.org

FWDDS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION For Legislative Day 2017

If you wish to avoid the early morning driving to Austin, finding the Stephen F. Austin Hotel, finding a parking spot and then driving to the State Capital to once again look for a parking spot, make it easy on yourself ....ride the FWDDS BUS!
(Bus or van, depending on how many sign up.)

1) You will need to first register to attend Legislative Day on the TDA website – www.tda.org.
2) After registering with TDA, please register with FWDDS on the website www.fwdds.org if you wish to ride the FWDDS bus to and from Austin. Those who choose to ride the FWDDS bus will be treated with drinks and snacks on the trip to Austin as well as the return to San Antonio. You will have NO TRAFFIC OR PARKING ISSUES and will be dropped off and picked up right where you need to be.

The FWDDS Legislative Committee will arrange appointments with legislators for those who do not wish to make their own appointments. If you have not participated in the legislative process before, this is a great way to see it up close and personal with those more experienced. Please try to attend this important event and support your profession!
Several months ago, I had the opportunity to hear a presentation about the current status of the ADA membership by Bill Robinson. As the Vice President of Member and Client Services for the ADA, Bill oversees the development and implementation of strategies to recruit and retain ADA members. His lecture was full of interesting facts on the current makeup of ADA membership and how it is being affected by the changes in dentistry.

Joining the ADA after I graduated dental school in 2008 wasn’t something I had to consider. The fee structure for new members was low and I honestly saw it as something that I needed to do, almost akin to getting my dental license. After all, it was because of the strong membership and lobby of the ADA that dentistry had not dramatically changed the way medicine has. Since graduating from Dental school the landscape of dentistry has rapidly changed due to many factors. Bill’s data confirmed a lot of what I suspected regarding the changes in our profession as well as several surprising statistics.

In 2015, about 63.6% of active licensed dentists were members of the ADA. This is roughly the same market share that we have in our local society but it is slowly decreasing annually. Interestingly, the number of members has remained steady over the past decade but the rising number of new dentists has caused a decrease in the market share. The dues revenue is also decreasing as the aging membership population shifts from the active full dues paying category.

More dentists are graduating than ever before with 65 dental schools and 2 more opening in the near future. Nearly 3,000 dentists entered the workforce from 2014 to 2015 bringing the national total to over 200,000. The ADA membership market share has been on a decline since 2007, not from losing members but from not gaining new recruits.

The three main factors contributing to flat membership rates are changing demographics, cost of dues and changing practice models. The demographics of dentistry are shifting (see figure 1) however; these categories don’t show much variation with regard to membership.

Cost of dues has become the biggest obstacle for the ADA. The majority of responses for members choosing not to renew were related to affordability, value and other cost related reasons. In addition, the dues structure has become very complex which has made renewal more difficult. At the national level, there are 27 separate membership categories. Combined with the categories at the state and local levels, the tripartite membership is composed of thousands of different membership levels. This is one reason that members are unable to simply renew online.

The rise in Dental Service Organizations (DSOs) has also had an impact on ADA membership. As of 2014, DSOs employed 15-20% of current dentists and that number will continue to rise. Roughly 50% of dentist practicing in DSOs are members of the ADA with the larger corporations (employing over 100 dentists) having a slightly lower percentage.

Even with the decreasing market share, the ADA and TDA have remained remarkably successful organizations. They have remained widely respected by other organizations, financially stable, and have a long history of providing valuable service to members. Our challenge going forward will be to continue to provide value to our members and remain relevant especially at a local level. Our local society has been working diligently to adapt to the needs of our dentists and it has been exciting to be a part of the changes taking place.

![Figure 1](image_url)
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Suit? Check. Tie? Affirmative. Anxiety? A little. To be fair, I had never done anything this spontaneous before. Only fifteen minutes to make such an important decision? How? I’m a self-professed overly-analytical perfectionist, and normally, I would spend two to four hours – heck, sometimes all day – on a decision this critical. Was I supposed to be sweating this much? Probably not. At the very least, I knew I wouldn’t be alone in this adventure. Amy, Cindy, and Sarah acted like the whole thing was no big deal. Hadn’t they actually used the word “fun” when describing it? Before I could ask for their definition of “fun”, it was already time to find out for myself.

I walked into the first room, half-filled with brimming personalities, and saw her almost immediately. Confident. Smiling. Knowledgeable. Who wouldn’t be happy with her? Then the doubt crept in, and after ten minutes, I wasn’t one hundred percent sold. I said goodbye and moved on to the next room. Too quiet. And the next. Too limiting. And the next. Close, oh so close! But not quite there. And the next. You know, maybe it was just wasn’t meant to be today.

And then I finally hit it. Big time. Over the scoreboard. Like Barry Bonds with an asterisk. Everything anyone could hope for. I ran through the checklist. Knowledgeable? I learned three or four new things in the first ten minutes. Check. Thought-provoking? I was standing there thinking about it, wasn’t I? Check. Experienced? Like an owl with a DDS. The Chicago accent and slight graying of his hair only added to his charm. Yes, he was the total package. A true clinician who practices what he teaches. This was Dr. Lou Graham, winner of our “scouting” trip to the 2016 Southwest Dental Conference.

Let me give you a little background on “scouting,” or as I call it, “Dental Speed Dating.” Each year, the FWDDS finds continuing education speakers of the highest quality to come to Fort Worth; speakers who are both interesting and informative for our members. Last year’s full-day clinicians, Dr. Sonia Leziy and Dr. Brahm Miller, are two of the foremost international speakers on dentistry and our members had the privilege of seeing them here in Fort Worth, without taking time off from work or pay for a trip to Toronto (although I hear Toronto is nice this time of year). Speakers of that caliber unfortunately don’t just land in your inbox. So, if we wanted a speaker that was up to par, we were going to have to do a little scouting legwork.

When we heard about the great line-up of speakers at the Southwest Dental Conference, we knew it was a golden opportunity. Our scouts, Amy Bender, Cindy Hood, Sarah Morris and myself, attended the conference, bouncing from course to course, staying for five to fifteen minutes to get a feel for each speaker. I alone was able to see more than 30 speakers over the three days of the conference, so you can imagine how many our total group was able to scout. Incredibly, Dr. Graham finished first on each of our lists. All of us are excited to be able to bring him to Fort Worth this coming March.

During my fifteen minutes, I listened as he described how to scientifically evaluate incipient lesions instead of just “observing” them, how to tell if a radiolucent area has penetrated the enamel without exposing the patient to more radiation, a step-by-step approach to avoiding bonding errors, and finally, the when, where, and how of bases under composites. (OK, you can tell I stretched my fifteen minutes to 25 minutes, but he was just too good!)

As he described how his staff handles these procedures, I could tell that he truly preaches what he practices. In addition to these topics, he will also cover advanced diagnostics, “black triangles,” geriatric composite crowns, and plenty more. Yes, we have him for the full day of March 10, 2017. So, bring yourself, bring your team, and, especially, bring an empty notepad. We hope to see you there. And if anyone thinks they might be into “Dental Speed Dating,” Cindy would be more than happy to show you the ropes to lasso a speaker for next year.
Incorporating Clinical Advancements in Conservative Restorative Dentistry

Date: March 10, 2017
Place: TBD
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Cost: $395.00 (350.00 for early registration by February 3, 2017)
$165.00 for team members
Speaker: Dr. Lou Graham, DDS

Our day together is all about updating the audience with many of the latest techniques and materials in restorative dentistry. Yes, many courses offer such, but this course will challenge you to think, “what is best for my patient” and isn’t that what counts? This course will present some of the latest diagnostic instruments and how they can assist your decision making process. This full day program will surely stir debate and interaction.

Learning Objectives:
- Advanced approaches to diagnostics for the general dentist and their entire team.
- The key pitfalls in direct adhesion and how to avoid them.
- Minimally invasive dentistry: Utilizing the latest diagnostics, the decision process in observing versus treating early lesions. Do you really always have to drill? Lots of options!
- Treating Cracked Teeth: From definition to treatment: To crown or to bond. Let the debate continue, with clinical examples that will challenge you for sure!
- Treating the most challenging class 2's, with step-by-step examples.
- Geriatric Composite crowns and Geriatric reparative dentistry.
- Treating the black triangles: How to save tooth structure and have results that your patients will love.

Dr. Lou Graham

Dr. Graham is an internationally recognized lecturer extensively involved in continuing education for dental professionals. His lectures focus on incorporating current clinical advancements through “conservative dentistry.” He emphasizes the same concepts he practices: dental health diagnosis, treatment plans for medically compromised patients, conservative treatment, cosmetic dentistry, and customized approaches to periodontal care, implants and laser dentistry.

Dr. Graham is the founder of the Catapult Group, a continuing education company whose philosophy and programs use contemporary, interactive formats to integrate time-proven conservative dentistry with 21st century materials and techniques.
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2017 TDA Dues Statement

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You may also select the DUES AUTO-RENEWAL when you make your dues payment. When you log into www.tda.org to pay your 2017 dues you may also select the option which allows you to choose to AUTO-RENEW for 2018 using your credit card. Review your 2017 dues statement carefully for the new features!

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• Understand the importance of standard precautions and use of PPE in the dental office.
• Recognize the importance of the CDC’s infection control guidelines and training for the dental health care worker.
• Recognize the role of regulatory and risk management issues in the dentistry.
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Dr. Martin was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. His formative years included Cub and Boy Scouts attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He majored in Chemistry, attending UT Arlington back when they had a football team. He currently sits on the Board of the very independent UTA Alumni Association. Dr. Martin received his DDS from the University of Texas Dental Branch (Houston) and his pediatric specialty from Baylor College of Dentistry. A detour in life resulted in a law degree from SMU in the mid-90’s. He volunteers with the Tarrant County Children’s Health Coalition and Save-A-Smile. His wife Julia is an integral part of the Alliance to the FWDDS. In his spare time he helps keep his son’s Delorean on the road, spending time at the range and supporting Boy Scout Troop 380 in Arlington.

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Christie Allen Schmoker, 79, of Burleson, Texas passed away on November 3, 2016. Services were November 10, 2016 at Open Door Church. Visitation was on November 9, 2016 at Mayfield Kiser Funeral Home.

Chris was born in Vernon, Texas to Chris and Dollie Schmoker on January 9, 1937. He graduated from Baylor University where he met his spouse Judith A. Schmoker. They married on June 22, 1958. Chris went on to graduate from the University of Texas Dental School in Houston and then practiced dentistry in Fort Worth for 42 years.

He was an amazingly strong, compassionate, hard-working, loving man. He served as a deacon for many years at University Baptist Church in Fort Worth. A loyal and dedicated father and husband, Chris provided for, adored, and raised his family in Fort Worth and then in Burleson. He loved and took great care of the nearly 40 acres of land in Burleson where he resided for 45 years and where he taught his sons and grandsons to be men and taught all his children what it looks like to “hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees” (Revelation 7:3). Chris loved life and adventure and traveling to new places; he loved celebrations and good food and listening to beautiful music, especially when performed by his children and grandchildren. He was a devoted husband and adored Judy as his one and only sweetheart for 58 years. Chris was “like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers” (Psalms 1:3). He was blessed and he was a blessing and the fruit of his life is a beautiful legacy that will continue to prosper.

He is survived by his wife Judy; his daughter, Lisa and husband Kevin Dobson; sons, Chris “Drew” and fiancé Paula Gray, Craig and wife, Laura; Troy and wife, Brandy; his sister MaryAnn Davis and brother Charles Schmoker and many nieces and nephews; his ten grandchildren, Jessica and husband, Matt Chance, Chelsea, Devyn and husband, Cody Woodruff, Christian and wife, Alex Moore, Susan, Samuel, Luis, Faith, Noah, and Luke.

November 7, 2016 By Mayfield Kiser Funeral Home

HORACE LEE “H.L. CORKEY” STEWART
September 1, 1927 - November, 2016

Horace Lee “H.L.” “Corkey” Stewart, 89, a retired dentist, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, in Fort Worth after suffering a stroke this past October. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Martin Thompson & Son Funeral Home, 6009 Wedgwood Drive, Fort Worth, 76133. Interment: Private. Memorials: Union Gospel Mission, 1321 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, Texas, 76102 or Tarrant Area Food Bank, 2600 Cullen St., Fort Worth, Texas, 76107. Dr. Horace Lee “Corkey” Stewart was born Sept. 1, 1927, in Crowley on the family farm. He was the son of Letha Mae and Reed Stewart, a former Tarrant County tax assessor collector for 36 years. Corkey excelled in sports at Paschal High School. He was an all-distict end in football and captain of the team. He was a member of the Championship Track Sprint Relay Team as well as an all-distict guard and captain of Coach Charlie Turner’s 1945 State Championship Basketball Team. He served in the Army in Stuttgart, Germany, for two years. He graduated with honors from Texas Wesleyan College with a bachelor of science degree. He went on to earn a DDS from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1954, where he received the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Award for Oral Surgery. He retired from dentistry in 2008 after 54 years of practice. In the late 1980s, Corkey started Texas Denture Clinic, which is still an active practice and continues his legacy of service to the community. Corkey was an avid hunter, trap and skeet shooter, fisherman and golfer, and loved sports, camping and hunting at the Yellow Horse Ranch in Meeker, Colo., and spending time at his deer lease in Bluff Dale. He was preceded in death by his mother and...
father, Letha Mae Stewart and Reed Stewart, and brother, Reed Stewart Jr. Survivors: Wife, Judith Lynn Stewart; son, Christopher Lee Stewart and wife, Vicky, of Fort Worth; stepdaughters, Tanya Michelle Troutman of Albuquerque, N.M., and Mindy Renee Stanley and husband, Rex, of Granbury; nephew, Thomas E. Stewart of Parker County; niece, Kelle Ann Suarez and husband, Jimmy, of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Waverlee Nicole Williams and husband, J.C. Williams, of Fort Worth, Brandon Curtner Stewart and wife, Audrey, of Fort Worth; great-grandchildren, James Cecil Williams IV, Hunter David Williams of Fort Worth and Devyn Alaina Macie and Rosemary June Stanley of Granbury; and Corkey's faithful friend and dog, Sadie. The family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses and helpers that took care of Corkey.

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