We all remember the great teachers we have had, especially as we all share many years of education from primary to secondary to high school, college, dental school and in some cases, even post doctoral degrees.

I would be willing to say each one of us could identify the traits of those teachers who left such an impression on us. It is worth reflecting on what those traits might have been. First, our great teachers cared. They cared about us as students, wanting us to succeed and always striving by both example and instruction. Second, they practiced “tough love,” always expecting our best but understanding that each of us as individuals were different. That meant they understood that learning occurs in different ways and never at the same pace in their classrooms. Third, by allowing us to intuit and understand their intentions they taught us respect for learning and instilled in us a desire to learn as the most important life skill we could have. Finally, our great teachers had the patience to understand the learning process and always gave us the opportunity to feel free to question them, make mistakes, and make the process of discovering our own learning style paramount.

If you look at third world countries and ask the parents of children there what the most important thing is that they could want for their kids, overwhelmingly they say “education.” We, in this country, and us, as dentists, are among the most highly privileged beneficiaries of our teachers’ education and efforts. It is incumbent upon us, when given the opportunity, to become teachers ourselves, whether it be in a dental school, residency program, or other classroom. Our first “students” are actually our patients. I cannot tell you how many patients I see as a specialist who have no clue about the dental care they’ve received. They think teeth that have had root canals can’t decay,
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
2016-2017

Executive Council Meetings: (held at Blue Bell Country Club Clubhouse)
March 23, 2017

Dinner Meetings: Cocktail hour beginning at 6:00 & dinner at 7:00
Monday, April 3, 2017 – Dr. Shalin Shah
TMD Occlusal Appliances
Monday, May 15, 2017 – President’s Banquet Event

Friday Full Day CE. Meetings: Friday courses run 9:00 to 3:30
April 7, 2017 – Hans Peter Weber, DMD
Contemporary Implant Dentistry

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The entire PDA membership is invited to vote for officer and delegate candidates for both the PDA and the ADA through email. Please register your email so you can take part and support these members who give countless hours of their time to monitor and effect change in your profession. Your vote is important to those who are willing to guide your organization and represent you at all levels of the tripartite.

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Do you want to give back to the community while helping future dental assistants, but you don’t have the time? The answer is at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT)!

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT) is located in Jamison, PA. MBIT is a leading career and technical education center that offers over twenty-two programs of study, including Dental Occupations.

During the school day, students in grades 10 through 12 attend MBIT for half of their school day from the Centennial, Council Rock, Central Bucks and New Hope Solebury School Districts. In the evenings, MBIT offers a high quality adult education program that includes Dental Assisting. The dental facility is equipped with a fully functioning dental clinic, four treatment rooms, a lab, traditional x-ray and digital imaging and panoramic imaging as well as the Eaglesoft patient management system. The program trains both high school students and adults to work as radiology-certified dental assistants while also providing the foundation to successfully continue onto post-secondary education. **These students are your future dental assistants!**

The Dental Occupations program operates a dental clinic to serve economically challenged (disadvantaged) people in the Bucks County area. The clinic is opened during the school year and normally operates for two hour sessions, two to three days per month. MBIT would like to invite you to join the team of dental professionals that volunteer in the clinic. Your commitment would be to volunteer on a day or two that is convenient for you during the months of October to May; which equates to one or two times during the school year. Additional requirements would be to submit three required clearances; child abuse, criminal history, and FBI fingerprinting, in order to work with minors in a public school, and to have current liability insurance. The charges of the three clearances will be paid for by MBIT.

Would you like to help shape the future of dental assisting with minimal time commitment? There are many ways to contribute to the education of our future dental health professionals:

- Volunteer at the dental clinic at MBIT to give students the opportunity to take x-rays and assist with minor dental procedures.
- Join us as a guest speaker/teacher. Students are always excited to gain new knowledge from local professionals; including all members of the dental team.
- Join the Dental Occupations Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) and advise the program as to the latest trends in dentistry, equipment and what you feel is important for students to learn. The OAC meets twice each year; as a member you will enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by our culinary program followed by an engaging and informative meeting.

MBIT's Dental Occupations program is striving to produce outstanding dental assistants to benefit our community and the quality of oral care. Please consider being part of this wonderful program and making a difference in the life of a future dental professional.

To learn more, please contact Lisa Viviano, Dental Occupations Instructor, via email at lviviano@mbit.org or by telephone at 215-343-2480 ext. 213.
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UPDATE

2017 ADA NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Member dentists, we need your help to welcome the class of 2017 to membership!
ADA National Signing Day for Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania is on Thursday, March 23. These events provide the class of 2017 an opportunity to sign up for membership and learn more about how it can help them transition to life as a new dentist. We need volunteers to attend the lunch events at both Temple and Penn.

To register for the ADA National Signing Day lunch events, please email Maria Tommasini and specify which school lunch event you will be attending. Please register no later than Thursday, March 16.

Temple
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Room 310
Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry
Temple University

Penn
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Room TBA
The Robert Schattner Center,
University of Penn School of Dental Medicine
(Southampton, PA) In 2016, HealthLink Dental Clinic provided $720,853 worth of dental care to low-income adults living in Bucks and Montgomery Counties at no cost to the patient. The clinic was visited by 1,779 adults for more than 2,660 appointments. At these appointments, eligible adults received care ranging from fillings (of which 1,534 were provided) to cleanings (1,084) to extractions (240) and even root canals (95) and crowns (11).

In 2001, HealthLink opened its doors to the community “bridging the gap” between those who qualified for Medical Assistance coverage and those who could afford health care coverage. While much has changed in the 15 years since then, the free clinic remained committed to meeting the unmet needs of its underserved adult neighbors.

2016 was the organization's first full year officially known as HealthLink Dental Clinic. Having previously provided medical care on-site, HealthLink made the strategic decision in 2015 to focus exclusively on providing dental care after the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the expansion of Medicaid, and the existence of two other free medical clinics in Bucks County meant that a dwindling number of adults in the community would require medical care.

Dental care, however, was left largely unaddressed, despite the lack of access in the clinic’s two county service area. In fact, according to the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment of Abington Jefferson Health, more than one quarter (27%) of residents did not see a dentist in the last year. Those people living below 200% of the poverty level were 51% less likely than those above this level.

Low-income adults in our community simply cannot afford to see a dentist and receive proper oral health care. HealthLink eliminates this financial barrier by providing these underserved adult residents of Bucks and Montgomery Counties with quality, compassionate dental care at no-cost.

A partnership with Temple University’s Kornberg School of Dentistry began in March 2016 and meant that HealthLink patients now had access to root canal treatment on-site and still at no out-of-pocket cost. Once the clinic began offering root canals, the next step was to provide crowns to protect the dental work.

“We’re thrilled with the success of the partnership with the Kornberg School of Dentistry and what it has meant for our patients,” says Bernie Dishler, DDS, Board President and Volunteer at HealthLink. “We’ve expanded the on-site services available, and this means that we have been able to continue to evolve with the changing healthcare landscape and the needs of our community.”

HealthLink Dental Clinic is not part of a large hospital system, nor is it funded by the government. Its operating budget is funded entirely by donations from foundations, corporations, and individuals. With the help of a small staff, oral health services are provided by local dentists volunteering their time to the charity and its mission.

To learn more about the clinic, its mission, and who is eligible for free care, visit www.healthlinkdental.org or call (215) 364-4247.

HealthLink Dental Clinic is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the overall health of qualified low-wage earning adults in Bucks and Montgomery counties by providing free preventative and restorative dental services and oral health education. HealthLink is located at 1775 Street Road in Southampton, Pennsylvania. More information is available online at www.healthlinkdental.org.
that bridges should last forever, and often have no idea why their dentist has recommended they see me for their “problem.” Many have no idea which tooth is the issue, why they need treatment, and, if they do, what the options are beyond my care. Too many are poorly educated about their dental health.

I tell my residents about a classic case study in which the doctor sees a patient to explain his/her problem. In this study the doctor who sat down in front of the patient to explain the issues and patiently educate, as opposed to the doctor who stood up in front of the patient and appeared rushed, was judged to be present and more engaged even though both doctors spent exactly the same amount of time in the consultation. Not only that, but patients retained more information. Why is that? It is because that doctor practiced what all good teachers do: a caring attitude, a desire for the patient to fully understand the treatment, an educational session tailored to the patient’s level, time dedicated to questions and an opportunity to process and therefore learn unfamiliar information.

As teachers, these are skills we should all implement in our practices. It makes for well-informed, happy patients who feel they are collaborating in their care as opposed to having it dictated to them. It turns their feelings of victimhood into feelings of being in control and fully understanding their care. Treatment plans after that become seamless transitions into what is best for them and allows us as dentists not only to be profitable but, more importantly, deeply satisfied with our professional lives.

I encourage each one of our members to keep in mind how important education really is. Whether it is our engagement with our patients, our residents, or our dental students, it is worth considering the traits we should all strive to have as educators. In the words of writer William Arthur Ward, “The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”

Steve Moriconi

President’s Message

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President’s Dinner

honoring Steve Moriconi

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017
DR. MARTY JABLOW
AM—The 3 W’s of Direct Restorative Dentistry
PM—What’s New in High Tech Dentistry?

DR. JOSEPH MASSAD
Full Day—Latest in Dentures and Overdentures

DR. TOM VIOLA
AM—Top of the Heap—An Overview of the Most Frequently Prescribed Brand Name Medications, their Dental Considerations & their Impact on Patient Care Planning
PM—Making Local Anesthesia Stick

MR. GARY ZELESKY
OPENING SESSION & AM/PM—The Passion Centered Practice & The Passion Centered Person

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017
IMPLANT SYMPOSIUM—AM
★ DR. JOSEPH MASSAD
Prosthetic Driven Implant Treatment Planning of the Edentulous Patient
★ DR. JON SUZUKI
Surgical Implantology—Basic Approaches and Complications

IMPLANT SYMPOSIUM—PM
★ DR. MICHAEL FLING
Practical Tips for Implant Retained Crowns
★ DR. CHRIS SALIERNO
Taking Charge of Implant Hygiene

DR. SANDRA BOODY
AM—2017 Update: Treating and Counseling the Oncology Patient
PM—Clinical Approach to Treating Patients with Disease Induced and Medication Induced Xerostomia

DR. ELLEN GAMBARDELLA
AM—WOW Factor... Tips and Tricks Every Clinical Staff Must Know
PM—Infection Control for the Dental Assistant...
OSHA UPDATE
DR. PAT LITTLE
AM—The Wallectomy: Embellishment in the Dental Office
PM—Who’s Spying on You and Your Patients?

DR. JOSEPH MASSAD
PM—HANDS-ON—Diagnosis and Prognosis of the Edentulous and Implant Retained Overdenture

DR. JON SUZUKI
PM—Contemporary Clinical NON SURGICAL Periodontology

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017
DR. MICHAEL FLING
AM—Methods, Materials and Madness
PM—Seven Steps of Restorative Sequence

MS. TRISH O’HEHIR
AM—Achieve Health in 5mm Pockets that Bleed
PM—The Impact of Mouth Breathing on Oral and General Health

MS. LACI PHILLIPS
AM—Dynamic Branding & Marketing...
BRINGING YOUR STORY TO LIFE
PM—The Three C’s of the Profitable Practice

DR. CHRIS SALIERNO
Full Day—How NOT to Fail Miserably in Private Practice (for new dentists only)

DR. JON SUZUKI
AM—Introduction to Periodontal Surgery
PM—HANDS-ON—Crown Lengthening Surgery—Pig Jaws

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Ticket Price $65 per person
PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH WWW.VFDC.ORG (8040)
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Implant Dentistry has become a common therapy that we offer to many of our patients. Research in the surgical and restorative aspects of implantology has contributed significantly to our understanding of the field and in many instances changed our approach to the treatment regimens that we offer. In this course, the treatment planning approach to implant therapy and techniques for optimizing esthetic outcomes will be considered and discussed.

**Course Objectives:**
- Discuss current radiographic, planning and surgical techniques in implant dentistry and demonstrate their clinical applications.
- Present the evidence for various implant loading protocols and demonstrate their indication for different clinical indications.
- Review important surgical and prosthodontic considerations, including abutment selection, to optimize implant treatment outcomes specifically in the esthetic zone.
- Discuss etiology, prevention and management of biological and technical complications in implant dentistry.

**Hans-Peter Weber, DMD, Dr.med.dent.**, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Prosthodontics at Tufts School of Dental Medicine. He holds dental degrees from the University of Berne, Switzerland (1976) and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine (1990), as well as Certificates in Prosthodontics (1979) and Periodontology (1984) from the University of Berne. Besides his administrative duties as department chair, he is actively involved in research and teaching at Tufts and sees patients for dental implant and prosthodontic care in part-time private practice in Boston. He has contributed extensively to the scientific and clinical literature in the field of implant dentistry and is a regularly invited panelist at national and international meetings. He is a Co-Editor of “Clinical Oral Implants Research” and serves on the review boards of several other journals. Dr. Weber is a Past President of the Academy of Prosthodontics and currently serves as Vice-President of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics. He is an Honorary Member of the American College of Prosthodontists and a Fellow of the International Team of Implantology (ITI).

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Highlights of the rule include:

- Dentists who practice oral pathology, oral and maxillofacial radiology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, periodontics and prostodontics are exempt from the rule
- Dentists who do not place amalgam and only remove amalgam in unplanned or emergency situations are also exempt
- Mobile dental units are exempt
- Offices that already have separators are grandfathered in for 10 years

Although less than one percent of mercury released into the environment from man-made sources comes from dentistry, ADA has encouraged dental offices to follow BMPAW in order to reduce discharges of used amalgam into wastewater. In 2007, ADA amended its BMPAW to include the use of amalgam separators that comply with the International Organization for Standardization, a worldwide federation of national standards bodies.

As PDA obtains more information about the federal amalgam separators rule, it will be disseminated to members.
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Montgomery Bucks Dental Society Meeting Minutes are posted and available on our website: www.mbds.org from the home page using the “For Dentists” tab on the left and then the “Meeting Minutes” tab and clicking on the button there.

Continuing Education Registration Form

All courses are held at Blue Bell Country Club Clubhouse in Blue Bell, PA. Includes all breaks, lunch and instructor handouts. Registration is 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Courses begin at 9:00 AM and conclude by 3:30 PM.

**Enter off Route 202 opposite the Montgomery Community College entrance. Tell them you are attending the dental meeting at the clubhouse. Clubhouse is straight back and on the left.

Six hours of CE credit will be given for each course. All courses are acceptable for AGD credit.

☑ #4, Friday, April 7, 2017
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Dr. Shah earned his Bachelor of Arts, Doctorate of Dental Medicine, Certificate in Orthodontics, and Masters of Science in Oral Biology all from the University of Pennsylvania. His passion for the profession led him to earn additional certifications while a resident, most notably becoming a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. He also developed an interest in published orthodontic literature, and as a result, accepted the position of Abstracts Editor for the peer-reviewed journal, Orthodontic Practice US. He is also on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania and lectures nationally and internationally for Complete Clinical Orthodontics, Secchi Institute, and Roth-Williams Center for Functional Occlusion.

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