

# Birmingham District Dental Society



Monthly Newsletter

April 2011

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting**

**The Summit Club**

**Hospitality 5:30-Dinner/Program 6:15**

**Speaker: Dr. Ken R. Tilashalski**

**Topic: "State of the School & Influence of Curriculum Changes"**

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Dr. Tilashalski ("Dr. T") is quite unique in that he has earned specialty certificates in both oral & maxillofacial pathology and endodontics. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of General Dental Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry, and in the Department of Pathology within the School of Medicine. After receiving his D.M.D. from Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Tilashalski completed both of his residencies along with an American Cancer Society fellowship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He subsequently became board certified in pathology.

Dr. T maintains an active private practice, treating both endodontic and oral pathology patients, and is also an avid researcher. Dr. T lectures extensively in the areas of oral pathology, oral medicine, and endodontics and was the recipient of the 2007 UAB President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. He has an integral role in the transition to a new dental curriculum and has been recently named the Director of Academic Affairs.

Please register for the monthly meeting as we have new officers to elect and bylaws to approve. You can read the proposed Constitution and Bylaws on our website in the Members Only section. To access that page you will need your sign on. Your user name is bdds1 and your password is bdds2.

The Summit Club is located at 901 6th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203. Go to their website for a map and directions if needed. The site is <http://www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/The-Summit-Club/About-the-Club/Directions-Hours>.

Menu: Grilled London Broil, Cesar Salad, and Dessert-Key Lime Pie

**Please register online in the members only section at [www.bdds.org](http://www.bdds.org) or return your check to the BDDS office. Your checks or online registration must be received by Friday, April 29th in order to confirm a headcount for the Summit Club.**

**This a huge help in securing our meeting place.**

## President's Message

### Year of Transformation

This year began with some interesting issues for us: the Board of Dental Examiners and the debates about expansion of duties, 501(c)3's, our own BDDS financial situation and recommended BDDS Bylaws changes. It is also ending with some interesting news regarding changes at the Dental School. Our May 3rd speaker, Dr. Ken Tilashalski, will elaborate on these changes along with the "State of the School" and how changes in the curriculum will influence it.

During the year we saw a positive display of a unifying determination on the part of the dentists of Alabama. As a group, we determined that expansion of auxiliaries duties would, at best, not address the

issue of access to care; and would potentially, at worst, have a negative impact on public dental health. The lesson here - not all change is good and the direction for us to aim is patient health and safety first.

I know that issue presented a struggle between competing positions. However, anyone who has lived in the world long enough understands that the greatest character and value typically comes through struggles and trials. We struggled as a dental community but we became more unified and involved with a clearer vision and respect has resulted. We were strengthened by this trial. Benjamin Franklin penned, "Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning."

It's been quite a few years since ALDA and the Board of Dental Examiners have worked successfully together. Through the trials of this year, a healing process has begun. A drive to work together with

a clearer vision for the well-being of public safety and the honor of our profession has occurred. This transformation never happens without bumps and pains but the end is often better.

As a group, we are doing a better job of managing our books and moving into the 21st century. Our own financial situation has taken a positive correction and steps are in place for next year to truly be a year in the black. Richard Morgan, our new Executive Administrator has many ideas to both cut costs and use the technology available to us. This is the last printed newsletter, which will dramatically cut our costs. The website has been updated so that online registration is possible for our own meetings. The website will continue to evolve to include information about meetings even outside of our district, local staffing needs, equipment sales and technology information.

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## Why Should You Conduct Strategic Planning?

### The same reason you evaluate the dental health of your patients

- If you don't, eventually, bad things can happen?
- If you do, bad things are prevented and good things happen!

### Why Strategic Planning:

- ✓ Work Smarter, Instead of Harder
- ✓ Integrate Patient Protocols to Production
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## President's Message Continued.....

Finally, the updated Bylaws changes are to be voted on at the next meeting. These are designed to encourage more involvement by reducing the number of years of commitment for Officers and Board members from approximately 9 years in half. Other language has been updated and we will now be in compliance with ALDA's bylaws.

In closing, I am proud of the year we have had. As I entered the year, my goal was to continue the positive momentum and to continue the inspired success of positive change. As I step down, I believe BDDS is better financially and in a strong position to be a unifying voice for our profession and a vehicle to promote better dentistry and a more cohesive group. To all of you who have helped this year, thank you. It has been an honor to watch this occur and to have been a part of our great profession.

Leigh Kent

## 2011-2012 Nominating Committee

### Recommendations:

**Treasurer: Gerry Walker**

**Executive Council-New Dentist:**  
**Melissa Nix (1 year term < 5 years in practice)**

**Trustee of the Alabama Dental Association (3 year term):**  
**Jim Roberts (Alternate: Debbie Sema)**

### Delegates to Alabama Dental Association (years 2012-2014)

1. David Roden
2. Robert Sanderson
3. Luke Perrigo
4. Lisa Miller

## Alternate Delegates to Alabama Dental Association (2012 Meeting)

1. Todd Stoner
2. Kane Fulton
3. Ron Beasley
4. Victor Kyatt

## Senior Dental Student Dinner-

Thanks to those of you that attended this event at the Mtn. Brook C.C. Dr. Doug Beckham was kind enough to be the official photographer for this event. You can see the pictures by clicking this link, <https://picasaweb.google.com/DoogieB/SeniorDinner2011?feat=email#>

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## Classifieds & Notices

**Dental Assistant needed-**Dr. Jason Jordan of Ashville Family Dentistry needs an assistant with Dentrix and front desk experience or willingness to train. Send resume to ATTN:Assistant Opening PO Box 129, Ashville, AL 35953 or email to [ashvillefamilydentistrysmiles@gmail.com](mailto:ashvillefamilydentistrysmiles@gmail.com)

**Office Space Available-**Dr. Kenneth T. Usry has an office for lease that includes, three operatories, three x-rays and one panorex. Five additional operatories if needed. Square footage is 1,800-2,800 and the lease is \$1,200 to \$1,800. Call Dr. Usry at 205.218.5156.

**Hygienist and Associate Dentist needed-**Valerie Honea is looking for a hygienist for two days per week at a relatively new practice in Westover. They are also looking for an associate dentist to work at their office and satellite office. They offer Ceramic crowns, custom staining and glazing, same day crowns, extractions, root canals, dentures, partials, veneers, zoom bleaching, etc. Her email is: [vghonea@gmail.com](mailto:vghonea@gmail.com)

**Dental Office Space for Rent in Hoover.** This space is located in a four office building. Great location. For more information call Jerry Kitchens 205-492-9290

### Donated Services-This is important. Really

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include all work you did not receive payment for. For example any insurance, medicaid, bad debt, pre-arranged pro bono, etc. This number should be available from your practice software or accountant.

**We really do need this information to address the Access to Care issue. It is critical that we have this information.**

**Associate looking for dental practice to join part-time -** Dr. Jessica Robinson graduated from UAB dental school in 2002. She will be moving back to the Birmingham area in July and is looking for a practice to associate with. Please contact her if you have an opportunity. You can reach Dr. Robinson at 205.410.7167.

**The 5th District Dental Society** will be having its quarterly meeting on Friday, May 13, 2011, at Classic on Noble in Anniston, AL. The meeting will be from 8:45 am - 4:00 pm. At 8:45, ProAssurance will be giving a Risk Management update, which will also qualify those who use their company for the professional discount.

Following that presentation, Dr. John Flucke will be lecturing on Dental Technologies. If you have any questions, please call either of the following:

Dr. Tammye Whited (256) 593-8882  
[tammyewhited@yahoo.com](mailto:tammyewhited@yahoo.com)

Dr. John York (256) 586-8100 [johnyork@otelco.net](mailto:johnyork@otelco.net)

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**employment**-Lauren Forrest will be completing, in two weeks, a dental assisting course at Jeff. State Community College and is looking for employment. Her number is 205.222.3287.

**The Alabama Academy of General Dentistry** through a special

arrangement with Dr. Howard Katz of Dentox will be offering a two day course on May 20-21, 2011 at the new Patterson Dental Company Training Center 289 B Cahaba Valley Parkway Pelham, AL 35124 205-985-4865 [Click here](#) for more information and course description and [Click here](#) for a registration form. You can also visit our website at [bdds.org](http://bdds.org) for more information.

**Last Printed/Paper Newsletter**

This is the last issue of our newsletter that will be printed on paper. Going forward ALL newsletters will be emailed and posted to our website at [www.bdds.org](http://www.bdds.org). This change alone will save your Society approximately \$850 per month in printing, supply, postage and labor costs.

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Update your member profile to insure we have your correct contact information. Visit [www.bdds.org](http://www.bdds.org) and go to the member area. We need your accurate email address since no more paper bulletins will be mailed.

Send us your pro bono/charity work you have done for the Access to Care issue. Again, visit the member area of the website to do this.

Sign up for the next speaker meeting . Registration can done online via PayPal on the website at [www.bdds.org](http://www.bdds.org). You can still mail a check but we would prefer online registration and payment. A third of you registered and paid online last month. Thanks!

**Constitution and Bylaws**- Both the existing and proposed Constitution & Bylaws are on our website in the Members Only section. You will need a user name (bdds1) and password (bdds2) to access them. [Click here](#) to visit the [BDDS.org](http://BDDS.org) website.

**MAY 6th** Drs. Rape & Brooks Orthodontics - 8th Annual Lunch and Learn. Visit events at [bdds.org](http://bdds.org) to learn more.



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