History Made Twice Over
by Dr. Viren Jhaveri

There has been a major paradigm shift in organized dentistry in New York. New York State Dental Association leaders have once again have set an example for the rest of the country by demonstrating enterprising leadership in the profession. NYSDA Leadership has embraced “The Father of Diversity” and conferred him with one of the highest positions of the association, the President Elect of NYSDA.

The first ever member dentist of Indian origin was installed as President Elect of New York State Dental Association at the first ever meeting of the House Of Delegates of NYSDA in June this year in Chicago. This unanimous, unopposed election means that at the next NYSDA House of Delegates meeting in June 2011, Dr. Chad Gehani, in accordance with the NYSDA bylaws, will automatically ascend to the position of President of NYSDA. NYSDA was founded in 1868 and Dr. Chad Gehani is now in line with the coveted list of NYSDA President’s that have preceded him.

Dr. Gehani is not only a proud member and Executive Director of Indian Dental Association (USA) but is also a mentor to most if not all ethnic dental association leaders in the US and several other countries around the world. Dr. Gehani brings a wealth of expertise in many points of view, but after listening to everyone’s concerns we came to good conclusions for betterment of our patients and our chosen profession. One important matter that caught everyone’s attention and had very lengthy debate was Medicaid issues and access to care to poor and needy citizens. A new medicare advisory committee shall be formed soon. This shows that organized dentistry is very concerned about access to care and needs of all dentists. While on the topic of Medicaid I wish to point out that recently New York State Assembly did pass a bill for “Dental Carve Out.” This bill is now forwarded to New York State senate. You need to call your New York State senators and request them to support this bill. I am reminded of William Shakespeare who once said that I am not angry of what my enemy did to me, but I am appalled of my friends keeping quiet for wrong that was happening to me. So friends don’t let any wrong happen to anyone including our needy patients and speak for them to your senators.

While in Chicago, I also had the honor of representing American Dental Association at The National Summit on Diversity. This summit was an eye opener, listening to everyone’s experience, one conclusion that was drawn by me was that although we all look different, one common factor that glues us together is that we all are dentists and wish to give our best to our profession and to public. Recently I also attended conference on workforce issues in Dentistry. I did learn that since 2006 to 2009, ten sates have had some form of legislative action and or discussion in reference to Mid Level Dental Providers, like Dental Health Aid Therapist, Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner, Community Dental Health Coordinators, etc.

We wish to keep an open mind on future of Dental Practice, one thing is for sure, all we want to work hard to maintain that ONLY THE DENTIST IS THE HEAD OF DENTAL TEAM.

Lastly, I wish to remind you that IDA leadership is working very hard towards our convention which shall take place on October 22, 22 and 24, 2010. Please plan to attend and demonstrate our UNITY.

UNITED WE STAND.

Sincerely,
Dr. Chad P. Gehani
Executive Director, Indian Dental Association (USA) Inc.
Conventional Update

Half of 2010 has just run out on us like sand from a fist. Soon enough it will be that time of the year again when we will be celebrating yet another year of our success, yes I am talking about our annual convention. My goals for our upcoming convention are simple and terse. Education, Cultural, Political, Developing and strengthening relationship with the Industry and Increasing Camaraderie to increase retention and recruitment of members.

On the education front, we have added a Friday, never done before, hands on program.

We recognize that more of our members do not perform the surgical part of implant dentistry and only restore them, keeping in mind this we have planned a hands on Implant Prosthetics program on Friday evening. There will be a Prosthodontist and several other knowledgeable instructors to familiarize participants with various aspects of restorative phase of implant dentistry focusing mainly on implant prosthetics.

Our cultural coordinator Dr. Milan Gandhi with his team of volunteers is already working hard on a cultural program for the night of October 23, 2010 in Akbar. I request all members to get their children involved in the show. Come show us your talents. Send an email to idausamemberservices@gmail.com. After all it is our culture, if we do not preserve it who will. This will also help imbibe the importance of our culture in our children and young adults that attend.

Like our past conventions, we plan to invite a few dignitaries, kindly be reminded our dignitaries are higher ups in mainstream organized dentistry, New York State Dental Association and American Dental Association, they have demonstrated true friendship and encouragement to our members in mainstream organized dentistry, our association in general and have been staunch supporters of ADA’s policy of inclusivity. This year is special; our own Dr. Chad Gehani is now officially the President Elect of New York State Dental Association, something all of us can be proud about. I urge our members to come out in large numbers and show solidarity and support.

Our main sponsors for this year’s convention are Zimmer dental, David Learner Associates, Henry Schein, Megagen and Glaxo SmithKline. Please support our sponsors, they help make events like these and more happen year round. Supporting our sponsors also strengthens our relationship with industry and makes them repeat sponsors.

Having a large gathering like our convention is the best time to increase camaraderie, here is another opportunity for our members to meet their friends and families, bring in new members and prospective members. Please get involved, we need volunteers to support us in many phases of our annual convention.

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and put into gear a new governance structure. The New York State Dental Association held the first meeting of its newly formed House of Delegates June 10-12 in Chicago. ADA Executive Director Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin and ADA President Dr. Ronald Tankersely also addressed this meeting.

In 2009, NYSDA members voted to replace its board of governors system with a house of delegates and board of trustees. All single constituent society trustee districts of the ADA now have a house of delegates and a board of trustees.

NYSDA’s House is a 101-member governing body comprised of two delegates from each of the state’s 13 component societies, one American Student Dental Association representative from a New York dental school and 74 additional delegates allocated to components in proportion to their member populations.

The NYSDA Board of Trustees is the association’s new administrative body, composed of the trustees from each of the component societies plus the president, president-elect, vice president and immediate past president.

The future of our association is every dentist’s business, get involved and participate because none of us is as good as all of us.

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IDC (USA) Inc. Volunteers Offer Community Service in Yonkers, NY

Health fair conducted in Yonkers, NY in conjunction with BAPS on Yonkers, provided dental check up and education to many of the Yonkers residents. Eight IDC (USA) Inc. volunteers attended this all day Health Fair.

Indian Dental Association (USA) Inc. thanks BAPS of Yonkers for providing this public service and is certainly proud of our volunteers.

Standing from Left to Right: Dr. Chaggan Patel, Dr. Revathi Narayan, Dr. Indu Anilesh, Dr. Katte Anilesh, Dr. Mayur Patel, Dr. Nilesh Patel, Dr. Anuja Patil, Dr. Vikaskumar Patel.

Volunteers needed for annual convention, please contact Dr. Viren Jhaveri ddsviren@gmail.com.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Savitri Devi, mother of Mrs. Sushma Kaushik, Mother in law of Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kaushik passed away peacefully in her East Hills home on August 22, 2010

Our heartfelt condolences to the Kaushik family.
October 22, 2010 hands on program in Tandoor

Before October 1, 2010 ................................ $125
After October 1, 2010 .................................. $150

Registration is thru paypal option to register for $125 will not be available after October 1, 2010.
Registration is limited to 30 participants, on first come first served basis.

Please be sure to select the appropriate tab while using paypal. Send an email to idausamemberservices@gmail.com if you have difficulty or need help with the registration process.

October 23 and October 24, 2010 Banquet and CE Dentists

Before October 1, 2010 ................................ $135
After October 1, 2010 .................................. $150
Walk in onsite ............................................ $160
Non-dentist Spouse, Dental Residents, Dental Students, Guests and Children over 18 (Saturday October 23, 2010 only.)

Before October 1, 2010 ................................ $60
After October 1, 2010 .................................. $75
Children 12-18 ............................................. $50
Children under 12 ....................................... Free.
October 22, 2010: Lecture presentation and hands on program.

**Topic:** Contemporary Implant Prosthodontics

Basics of restoring a well-integrated dental implant will be discussed; participants will experience first hand on models do's and don'ts of restoring a dental implant. Participation is limited to 30, will be on first come first served basis.

**Speaker:** Dr. Peter Glavas, Prosthodontist.

**Course Code:** 149

**Time:** 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm sign in starts at 6:00 pm, please register online.

**Tuition:**
- Before October 1, 2010..............................$125
- After October 1, 2010 ...............................$150

Please register online thru paypal. Lesser fee option will not be available after 10/1/10.

(All participants will receive a prosthetic kit that includes a short and a long 1.25 mm diameter hex driver and a 30 Ncm torque wrench free ($250 value.)

Continuing education credits issued for participation in the CE activity may not apply towards license renewal in all states. It is the responsibility of each participant to verify the requirements of his/her state licensing board(s).

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October 23, 2010: Invocation, Cultural Program and Banquet

**Place:** Akbar Restaurant and Banquet Hall
2 South Street, Garden City, NY 11530
www.theakbar.com
Tel: (516) 248 5700

5:30 – 6:30 pm Sign in and badge distribution.
6:30 – 7:30 pm Hors d’ Oeuvres
7:30 – 9:00 pm Invocation and honoring of dignitaries.
9:00 – Midnight: Dinner, cultural presentations and musical entertainment program by professional singers and live band by Ms. Gayatri Mahesh
www.gayatrimahesh.com

We have made arrangements to accommodate cultural presentations by family members of IDA (USA) members, please send us an email as soon as possible if you would like to have your loved one perform, accommodation is on first come first served basis as space is limited due to time constraints.

For the first time this year we have hired a group of very talented musicians, singers and a live band, website for the group is www.gayatrimahesh.com there is even a professional emcee to run our event. A night with lots of food, fun and entertainment. So hurry and register online today.