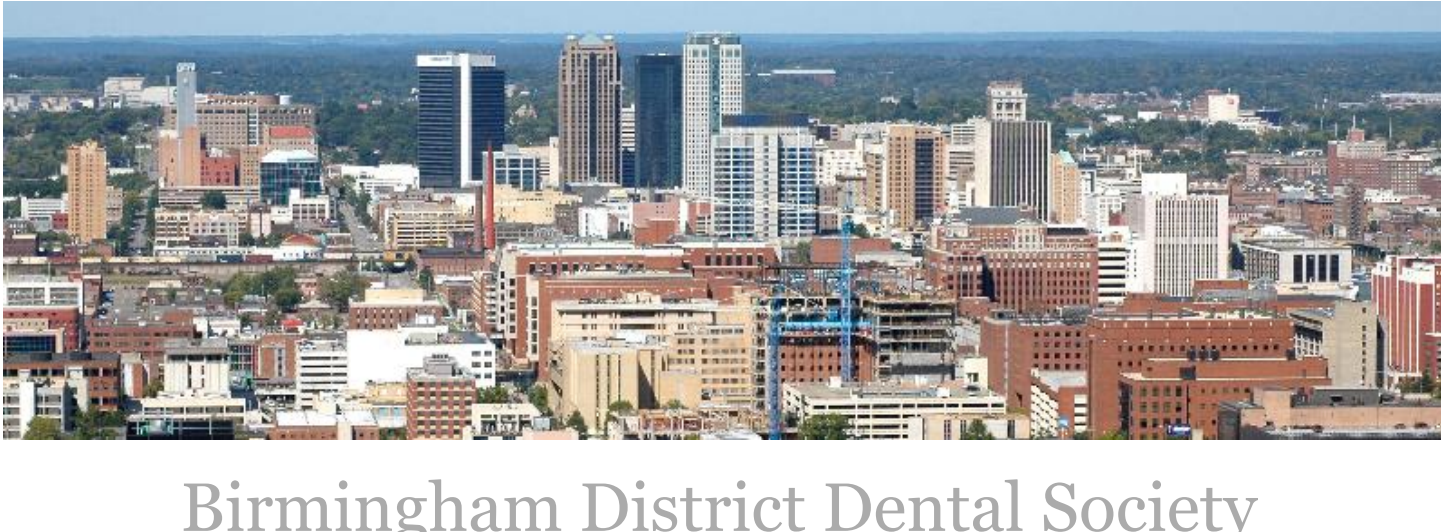


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Dear Dr. Morgan,

Greetings and Salutations,

I hope everyone had a fantastic and relaxing summer season. I cannot believe how fast the previous seven years have flown by. It seems like yesterday, that Dr. Ballard called and asked if I would serve on the Executive Council. Naturally, I agreed to participate. Little did I realize at the time, I was volunteering for nine years of service!

During the first couple of years, I often found myself asking what exactly does this Association do for the average dentist. Beginning with the Dental Board overhaul, the purchase of the new state building, and ending with the 501(c)(3) debate, I have seen the good, the bad and the ugly from our profession.

I found out by experience that our Association is here to protect our profession and that if we can keep from attacking each other, our Association is quite strong and respected. Now that all outside strife has ended, I hope we can concentrate on more pressing items that will benefit and not divide us. I will work to have the Association provide more services to our member dentists during my year as President.

Historically, one of the main stumbling blocks to providing services and benefits for our members has been financial. Our overhead had increased to a point that we were dying a slow painful death. Dr. Kent and Dr. Walker, our previous president and treasurer, attacked the problem head on. They made some very tough and financially sound decisions that have put our society back on solid ground. We will use this footing to put on a great program for our members this year. If you see Drs. Kent and Walker, please thank them for their service to our society.

Our Executive Council has many decisions to make this month. I am excited in the direction we are headed. We should have great news on our program schedule for the year, a unique opportunity for donated services, and a strengthened tie to our Dental School.

Please join us on September 13, for fellowship, food and Continuing Education. We will welcome Dr. Blaine Bishop, who will speak on Osteonecrosis and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy.

It has been an honor for me to serve on the Executive council, an even greater honor to serve as the Birmingham District Trustee and the ultimate honor to serve as your District President. Should you ever have a problem, please feel free to call me.

Fair Winds and Following Seas
Robert

September Meeting and Speaker

Hi All,

Summer is almost over and it is time to begin our normal Bulletins/Newsletters and meeting schedule. The Executive Council will meet on August 30th but because of the Labor Day Holiday our regular monthly meeting will be moved to the second Tuesday, September 13th. Our Speaker will be Dr. G. Blaine Bishop.

Dr. Bishop will be discussing Osteonecrosis and treatment with the hyperbaric oxygen chamber. Dr. Bishop's Bio can be read by clicking [here](#)

Please reserve Tuesday, September 13th for our General Meeting at the Summit Club. Reserve your seat by clicking [here](#) and paying with PayPal,

Thanks

Richard Morgan
Executive Director

Dr. Jerry Parker Recovery Great News From The Parker Family!

Dr. Parker continues to recover from his accident and still attends physical therapy sessions. He plans to return to his practice in September on a part-time basis.

Please continue to keep Dr. Parker in your thoughts and prayers.

2011-2012 Bulletins/Newsletters

We need email addresses for ALL members

Our last printed "snail mail" Bulletin was May, 2011. All Future communications will be delivered via email. If you know of or talk to a colleague that does not receive our email, please encourage them update their contact information through the [BDDS website](#), [email our office](#) or call BDDS at 933.1718. [I encourage you to keep your contact information up-to-date at the ADA.](#) Both ALDA and the BDDS rely on that information.

Access to Care

We still need your 2010-2011 Access to Care numbers. Please visit our website to enter your write offs. Donated services equals what you billed less what you received in payments. Write offs include insurance write downs, charge offs for non-payment and pure pro bono work.

You can enter your numbers anonymously at our website, <http://bdds.org/membersonly/accesstocarestats.html> or email them to birminghamdds@gmail.com

If you are prompted for a user name and password, they are user name: bdds1 and the password is bdds2.

Classifieds

Dr. Kevin Alexander is seeking volunteers for M-POWER. Mostly we work on Thursday evenings, but other times can be made available. If you are interested in helping people in a volunteer friendly atmosphere where your work is organized and facilitated, and the patients are screened, please let me know. This is a most rewarding program!! Call me at (205) 871-7361 or (205) 422-6537. Click [here](#) to see full article on our website.

Thanks,
Kevin J. Alexander, DMD

Dr. Brandy Stewart graduated from UAB dental school in 2007. She lives in the Birmingham area and is looking for a practice to join as an associate. Please contact her if you have an opportunity, or need coverage for a maternity or emergency leave. You can reach Dr. Stewart at 205.370.9559.

Seeking Associateship/Partnership/Practice Opportunity: Jonathan Markham D.M.D., Looking for any practice opportunities in Birmingham or in the surrounding areas(w/in 1hr. commute). I am currently in a GPR resident and will be finishing in June 2012. Resume available upon request. 334.805.3975

UAB 2011 Dental Assisting Graduates- The BDDS office has a list of recent graduates. Email Richard Morgan at birminghamdds@gmail.com to request the list.

Tri-State Institute Dental Assisting- Please contact Deborah Callahan, Externship Coordinator, at 205.940.7784 Office or 205.718-6967 Cell for information regarding their Dental Assisting Graduates.

Front Desk- We are a growing and dynamic dental office located in Birmingham looking for our next team member to fill the position of Receptionist/Administrative Assistant! All resumes and cover letters can be submitted to birminghamsmiledoctor@gmail.com Immediate full time positions available.

Outreach

We have several ways to participate:

- Edwina Taylor at [Cahaba Valley Health Care](#) is in need of a couple of hand pieces. If you have any that you are not using, please consider donating those to CVHCS. You can reach Edwina by email at edwina@cahabavalleyhealthcare.org or phone at 205.991.8771
- Domestic Abuse Case- A lady had two front teeth knocked out. If you can assist contact Richard Morgan at 933-1718 or email me at birminghamdds@gmail.com and I will provide the contact information.
- Dr. Kevin Alexander is seeking volunteers to work at M-POWER. See the full article on our BDDS website. Click [here](#).

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BDDS now has a Facebook account. Please visit and add as a "Like" to follow BDDS on Facebook.

Thanks.....Richard Morgan



Fall Golf Tournament, October 7th Eagle Point Golf Course

Our annual golf tournament will be on Friday, October 7th. The Fall weather should be nice. This year you can put together your own 4 man team OR choose 1-2 others you would like to play with. Each team will receive the appropriate handicapped strokes to even out the field. Drink tickets during the match will be included, several prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive, lunch will be provided after the event along with drawings for great gifts. Everyone will be guaranteed a gift.

More information to follow in the coming week. Thanks to Dr. Mark Todd for heading up the event.

Darby Dental Mailing

As you know, the BDDS participates in a program where we receive a rebate based on the purchases made by BDDS members with Darby.

In a few weeks Darby Dental will be mailing a solicitation to BDDS members to join this program. Please take a moment to review it when it arrives. Your consideration and participation is appreciated.

2011 United Way Campaign

Dr. Milton Essig will the chairperson for the 2011-2012 BDDS - United Way Campaign. A letter from Dr. Essig and the United Way will be mailed in a month or so. One organization that is supported by many of you is Cahaba Valley Health Care. CVHC is also United Way agency this year. Please be looking for your letter in the coming weeks. This is a great way to support the community and Access to Care.

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