

# ACDS NEWS

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## Presidents Message

*"Thankfulness in the New Year"*

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Happy New Year,

*Dr. Thomas Tucker*

*(Please read the entire enclosed message from our new president)*

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## ACDS Continuing Education

### Four Points by Sheraton Hotel

5990 Green Valley Circle, Culver City, CA 90230

RSVP online [AngelCityDentalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:AngelCityDentalSociety@gmail.com) or (323) 296-4664

**2009-2010 ACDS Annual Dues are due \$300**

## Dr. Bette Robin to Speak

*"California Dental Practice Act"*

**Tuesday, February 2, 2010 @ 6:30pm**

This California Dental Practice Act Seminar covers rules and regulations, and duties & settings issued by the California Board of Dental Examiners. In this seminar, Dr. Robin lectures on issues including, but not limited to utilization and scope of practice for auxiliaries and dentists; laws governing the prescribing of drugs; citations, fines, revocation, suspension and license renewal. This course meets the requirements for a 2-hour course of study of California Dental Practice Act formerly called Dental Law.



### Abot the Speaker

As a dual degree professional, Dr. Bette Robin is uniquely qualified to address the complex legal issues that dental professionals face today. She earned her law degree from Southwestern University School of Law in 1995 and her dental degree from Loma Linda in 1983. Bette has had two highly successful dental practices in Rancho Cucamonga and in Claremont, California. Through experience, she knows first hand the challenges facing dental professionals. Dr. Robin has served on the editorial board of *Dental Economics* and she speaks on practice transitions and employment law. As a noted lecturer, teacher and author, Dr. Robin has incredible insight, experience and integrity and offers a rewarding and memorable presentation. Her goal in this California Law course is to help dentists become more knowledgeable about the laws that affect them and how to avoid costly mistakes. She currently specializes in dental practice sales and transitions.

## Dr. Walter Owens – NDA President

*"The Changing Direction of the Dental Profession"*

**Tuesday, April 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm**



Dr. Walter Owens is currently serving as President of the National Dental Association, Senior Development Officer for Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry, Executive Secretary for the Pan-Tennessee Dental Association, Liaison to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry, member of TennCare Advisory Committee, member Peer Review Committee for the State of Tennessee, Area Director for Middle Tennessee Chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc., Treasurer Chi Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, a of the Member Board of Directors of Dental Services of Massachusetts and a Fellow in the American and International College of Dentists. He was integral in creating many programs that currently serve the state of Tennessee and its citizens.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 02/02 ACDS CE Dinner Meeting- Tues @ 6:30 pm
- 04/06 ACDS CE Dinner Meeting- Tues @ 6:30 pm
- 05/29 ACDS Memorial Day CE in San Diego @ 8:00 am
- 05/30 ACDS CE Dinner Meeting- Tues @ 6:30 pm
- 10/04 ACDS CE Dinner Meeting- Tues @ 6:30 pm
- 11/02 ACDS CE Dinner Meeting- Tues @ 6:30 pm

## Dr. Monica Bruce Installed as LADS President



### *Dr. Bruce and Husband at the Installation Banquet*

On Saturday, November 7, 2009, Dr. Monica Bruce was installed as President of the Los Angeles Dental Society, an ADA Local Component Chapter. The Installation Dinner and Program took place at the California African American Museum in Exposition Park. Our own Dr. Joseph Oliver (a LADS past president) served as the installing officer for the event. Dr. Monica Bruce is a past president of the Angel City Dental Society.

## Dr. Eagilen Elected NDA Chairman of the Board of Trustees



*Dr. Katrina Eagilen*

Dr. Eagilen, your NDA District VI Trustee, was elected and installed at the NDA Transition Meeting in December as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. We wish her well in this new position. She will still be representing you as your NDA District VI Trustee at the upcoming NDA Board of Trustees Meetings in February, May, July and September. Please contact Dr. Eagilen with your concerns or suggestions for the NDA.

## Dr. Gary France Contributing Author *Encyclopedia of African American Education*



*Dr. Gary France*

We would like to congratulate Dr. Gary France on being a contributing author to this historically significant publication. This reference book promises to be a must for libraries across the nation especially those in the African American Community. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the book, please contact Dr. France at glfdds@yahoo.com.

## 97<sup>th</sup> NDA Annual Convention

*July 16 -21, 2010*

Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort & Spa  
2005 Kalie Road  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815-1999

NDA Block Rate: \$199.00 -Garden/Mountain View,  
\$239.00 -Partial Ocean View, \$259.00 -Ocean View  
For Reservations Call Direct: TBA

For more information: [www.NDAONLINE.org](http://www.NDAONLINE.org)

## Have You Paid Your NDA Dues?

NDA Dues for 2010 are due and payable.  
More ACDS members in NDA equals a bigger voice for our society.  
*Payments can be made online at [www.NDAonline.org](http://www.NDAonline.org)*

## New Member Spotlight



*Dr. Tiffany Jamison*

Dr. Jamison is our current corresponding secretary. She received her undergraduate degree in biology from Xavier University of Louisiana, followed by her Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Howard University College of Dentistry. She went on to complete a general practice residency at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center in Bronx, New York. During her undergraduate career, she co-founded the New Orleans dental shadowing program. She spent her summers volunteering and performing research at such institutions as the University of California San Francisco. While in dental school, she worked with the Center of Disease Control and Prevention. She was involved in research regarding the links between periodontal diseases and low birth weight infants. Dr. Jamison is proficient in General, CEREC, and Pediatric dentistry and enjoys extractions and rotary root canal procedures. She is working toward mastering full-mouth reconstructive dentistry. She believes the hallmark of treatment plan acceptance is patient comfort and comprehension. Please reach out to our new member. Contact info: [tiffanydds@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanydds@gmail.com)/ 202-714-8433

## Dr. Eagilen Receives Outstanding Service Award

Dr. Eagilen was honored for her dedicated service and contributions with the Outstanding Service Award given by the Pan Tennessee Dental Association at the NDA Presidential Inaugural Banquet on December 5, 2009.

## SAVE THE DATE

*Fun in the Sun with Jazz - San Diego, CA  
May 29-31, 2010*

Yes, it is time to get excited. We will be having our Memorial Day Weekend CE Course in San Diego this year in conjunction with the San Diego Jazz Festival. Keep your eyes peeled for the Newsletters and email correspondence regarding the CE topics and the hotel. Dr. Forrest is hard at work setting up two side-by-side CE venues. Each participant will have the opportunity to earn 12 CE credits. This promises to be an event not to be missed.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NDA Day on the Hill

*May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

The NDA will converge on Capital Hill to discuss health care disparities, the Obama Health Care Plan and other issues of concern for the minority patient and practitioner with members of the U.S. Congress and Senate. Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of history. All NDA Members are welcome.

## ACDS 2009-2011 Executive Board



**Back Row:** Dr. William Faulkner, Dr. Ralph Callender, Dr. Charles Mattison,  
Dr. Julius Jones, Jr., Dr. Harold McClendon

**Front Row:** Dr. Yvonne Goff, Dr. Thomas Tucker, Dr. Katrina Eagilen,  
Dr. Kari McKenzie, Dr. Wendy Parker-Harris (Tiffany Jamison – not shown)

## Newsletter Publication

Our Newsletter is published semi-quarterly (January, April and September). All important dates will be included as possible. For article submission or to offer contributions to the newsletter, contact the Editor- Dr. Katrina Eagilen at [AngelCityDentalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:AngelCityDentalSociety@gmail.com).

***RE: Thankfulness in the New Year***

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*Our new decade has begun, the second in the once frightening Y2K with anticipated doom and gloom. But, on the contrary, bright spots abound and Angel City must continue to shine.*

***What are our goals?***

*1) INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP- We will be reaching out to those who have slid away. We will extend a warm welcome to those new in the area, reminding them of our history and legacy. We will also be electronically updating our roster to enhance communication*

*2) THE STUDENT/OUR FUTURE –We must maintain a strong connection to the dental students in the Southern California Dental Schools by providing scholarships and mentoring.*

*3) THAT VOICE/YOUR VOICE- We must remind the membership that we will continue to monitor political and social swings that are a detriment to serving our community.*

*4) OUR GIFT-We must emphasize sharing our gift by continuing to participate in health fairs, screenings, career days, and pro-bono services. To let our people know it is not all about the buck*

*5) CE's- We will continue to poll the membership and bring needed current information to improve your practices. These meetings are to be enhanced by good attendances creating a much better learning environment.*

*6) FAMILY AND FRIENDS- We plan to host a holiday getaway each year along with CE'S on Memorial Day Weekend each May. This will help meld our personal connections, which will build organizational cohesiveness.*

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