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Greetings From Alabama AGD President Rachel Osborne, D.M.D.

As we move into 2017, I would like to wish you a happy, healthy, and successful new year. It is exciting to think of what this year may bring! A growing family, new friends, an associate, a larger office, retirement, a mission trip, learning new dental techniques, giving back to your community, becoming a mentor, growing more involved in organized dentistry, earning FAGD, MAGD, or Life Long Learning and Service Recognition—there are so many possibilities! We are all blessed to live in a time and place where we can choose a specific goal, work hard, and reach that goal!

My career in dentistry began 21 years ago, when I took a position as a scrub technician in a dental office. With hard work and helpful leadership, *(continued on next page)*



Pictured: Dr. Rachel Osborne



THE PREMIER MEETING
FOR GENERAL DENTISTRY
AGD2017

LAS VEGAS
JULY 13 TO 15, 2017
WWW.AGD2017.ORG



Pictured: Executive Secretary Angi Gilliver (left) and President Rachel Osborne, D.M.D. (right) enjoying breakfast at our summer board meeting

I moved into a dental assisting position, graduated from the Alabama Dental Hygiene Program in 1998, and earned a Doctorate of Dental Medicine from UAB SOD in 2008.

I did not do this alone. There was so much encouragement from family and dental professionals along the way, in the same way that I received guidance and support during my time as president of ALAGD. There is no way to thank or repay those who there for me during this past year.

I know that many of you feel the same way about encouragement you have received from others in your lives. As dentists, we are all in a great position to mentor and advise those with whom we come in contact on a daily basis.

In the years to come, I intend to “pay it forward.” I hope to leave a positive impact by learning new skills, improving my own skills, and encouraging those around me—doing so in honor of those who have mentored me along the way.

We are so fortunate here in Alabama to have so many opportunities for learning and improving our skill sets. The SOD Alumni Weekend; Gulf Coast Conference; ALAGD Annual Review of Dentistry—the list is long! I am looking forward to seeing friends, making new friends, and becoming a more skilled practitioner, as well as a more altruistic person in 2017.

Blessings!

Rachel Osborne, D.M.D.

Important Dates in 2017

July 13-15

National AGD Scientific Meeting
Caesar's Palace – Las Vegas, NV

September 7-9

44th Annual Review of Dentistry
Hilton Sandestin – Destin, FL

2016 Alabama AGD Reflections

Notes from the Editor: Bill Chesser, D.M.D

Alabama AGD began this past year with the installation of officers at the Board meeting in February. **Dr. Rachel Osborne** assumed the slot of **President**.

At this time, we were all mourning the December 25, 2015, death of our friend and mentor, Dr. Howard Gamble, who had been our **AL AGD Executive Director**.

Thankfully, **Dr. Gary Myers** graciously agreed to fill this position. Gary was also installed as **President of the UAB SOD Alumni Association** the same weekend.

In April, Dr. Osborne and the AL AGD hosted a seminar led by Dr. Rella Christensen at the Harbert Center in Birmingham. At this well-attended gathering, we learned the latest research about dental materials.

The Alabama Dental Association meeting in June was attended by many AL AGD members. **Dr. Gary Myers** was installed as **President of ALDA**, receiving the gavel from **Dr. Bill Ingram**. Dr. Ingram was presented the **Association's Most Excellent Fellow** award at the same event.

July found the AL AGD Delegates heading for Boston. **Drs. Gary Myers, Derrick Mendez, Bill Chesser, and Toni Neumeier** attended House activities *en masse*, representing the state, as well as Region 19. We were allowed a few minutes of national meeting time to honor Dr. Gamble and his



Pictured: Editor Bill Chesser, D.M.D. at the 2016 House of Delegates meeting in Boston, MA

family, including his widow Sherry and daughter Allison.

Region 19 is proposing a Resolution to institute the **Howard Gamble Mentorship Award**, which will be posed at the next meeting of the House of Delegates.

Our Alabama delegation was proud to get **Honorable Mention** for the **Advocacy Award**. In addition, we received **Honorable Mentions** for the **Award of Excellence** and the **Membership Award**. The **“Alabama Composite”** was given the **ACE Award** (Academy Constituent Editor). Many hard-working AL AGD members worked in the trenches to make these honors possible.

Our Alabama constituent is proud of **Dr. Lindalee Clayton, Huntsville**, who earned a AGD Mastership. Winners of AGD Fellowships were **Drs. Rex Adams, Cullman** and **Brandon O'Donnell, Mobile**. *(continued on next page)*



Green ribbons worn in Boston—and throughout 2016—in remembrance of our beloved friend and mentor, Dr. Howard Gamble

The highlight of the Alabama AGD year is always the Annual Review of Dentistry, this year held at the Grand Sandestin Hotel in Destin, FL. Thanks to the due diligence of President Osborne and her committee workers, this meeting was a roaring success.

Next summer, our Annual Review will be held at the Sandestin Hilton, on the beach. Mark your calendars for **September 7-9, 2017**.

This new year will be the first time the Scientific Session and Governance Session will be held separately at the national level.

The HOD will gather in Chicago in November, while the Scientific meeting will be held in **Las Vegas, July 13-17**. Here's your chance for a deductible trip to VEGAS!

Coming up this February, our **new AL AGD President, Dr. Toni Neumier**, will be installed. **Dr. Derrick Mendez** will be tapped as **President-Elect**. This should be an inspiring and educational year.

To each of you, Happy New Year!
Bill Chesser, D.M.D.

Alabama's 2016 Constituent of the Year Awards

2016 ACE Award
Winner

2016 Continuing Education
Award Honorable Mention

2016 Advocacy Award
Honorable Mention

2016 Membership Award
Honorable Mention

Meet Our President-elect

Toni Neumeier, D.M.D.

Three years ago, I attended the Board members' planning meeting in Destin, where Dr. Howard Gamble encouraged me to be an officer in AL AGD. I protested, but he assured me I could do it. He was right, and I really benefitted from my involvement. 2017 has arrived, and my year as AL AGD President is at hand. Let's all work together to make this another great year for AL AGD.

- ▶ Our number one goal this year is to **recruit more dentists to AGD**. We need to advocate our positions in the current health care system. We offer a special discount on ALAGD Annual Meeting registration fee for new members and the recruiters. More detail will be posted.
- ▶ We must offer **continuing education courses** in order to help members stay on top of the profession and to encourage more AGD members to become **AGD Fellows** and **AGD Masters**.
- ▶ There should be **more educational programs at the annual meeting** to provide the most current updated dental knowledge to all meeting attendees and also provide more chances to network with other colleagues.
- ▶ The fourth goal is to better **utilize social media** to allow us to communicate with



Pictured: Dr. Toni Neumeier

each other, as well as to advertise AL AGD. Our official website can be accessed from either **alagd.org** or **alagd.com** and you can follow us on our **Facebook** and **Instagram** profiles.

Due to requests from most of the previous Annual Review of Dentistry attendees, the Board has decided to change the meeting dates and location. We will meet at the **Sandestin Hilton, September 7-9, 2017**, (with only a **half-day on Saturday**). This is shorter than previous meetings and facilitates travel for many.

We have added several new events to the annual meeting. *We will invite an **AGD executive officer to be a keynote speaker**, *have a **welcome reception** for all attendees, *do **e-poster presentations**, *offer **members' case presentations**, and ***presentations from CEOs of**

commercial labs. (The rules and deadline for submitting the abstract for the e-poster session and member's clinical case presentation will be posted later.)

I strongly encourage everyone to consider sharing your interesting or challenging cases with others. Let us know how you have provided the best service for your patients, and why you are proud of it.

Dentistry has changed rapidly in the past 10 years, and we have to keep up with

the current trends in order to make our daily jobs easier. We need to have better communication with the commercial labs, providing better care for our patients. Join me in creating another great **Annual Session for AL AGD**. I hope to see you at all our upcoming events.

Sincerely,
Toni Neumeier, D.M.D.

Curriculum Vitae for Dr. Toni Yeu-shyr Tien Neumeier

Dr. Toni Neumeier, who was born in Taipei, Taiwan, graduated from National Taiwan Normal University in 1976, with a BA in Biology. After arriving in the USA that same year, she entered Mississippi University for Women, where she earned an MA in Microbiology in 1978.

For the next two years, she worked as a Quality Controller for Marshall Durbin Company, after which she was employed as a Research Assistant for UAB Pharmacology Department, until 1985. In 1989, she graduated from UAB School of Dentistry in Birmingham. Two years later, in 1991, she received Certification from UAB School of Dentistry in the Graduate Prosthodontics program. In 1998, she earned her AGD Fellowship, and in 2010, her AGD Mastership.

Since 1991, Dr. Neumeier has served as an Associate Professor at UAB School of Dentistry. Since 2013, she has been Quality Assurance Team Leader for Prosthodontics and Co-Group Five Manager for the Comprehensive Care Clinic in the Department of Restorative Sciences.

She is active in many professional organizations, and loves gardening, reading, and creating flower arrangements. Her husband is Dr. Harold Neumeier, on the Faculty at Samford University in Birmingham. The Neumeiers have two sons: Dr. William Neumeier, a Post-Doc Fellow at Lakeshore Rehabilitation Center and UAB, and Joseph Neumeier, a senior at UAB.



Pictured: Dr. Toni Neumeier and her family

ALAGD 2016 Review

Installation of AL AGD Officers



Pictured (left from to right): Dr. Derrick Mendez (vice president), Dr. Toni Neumeier (president-elect), Dr. Rachel Osborne (president), Dr. Bill Chesser (editor), Dr. Douglas Beckham (immediate past president)

Dr. Gary Myers Installed as Alumni President



Pictured (second from left): Alabama AGD Executive Director Dr. Gary Myers

Dr. Lyldon Strickland Named the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus



Pictured (left to right): Dr. Michael Reddy (School of Dentistry Dean) and Dr. Lyldon Strickland 2015 Distinguished Alumnus

AGD Members Installed as ALDA Officers

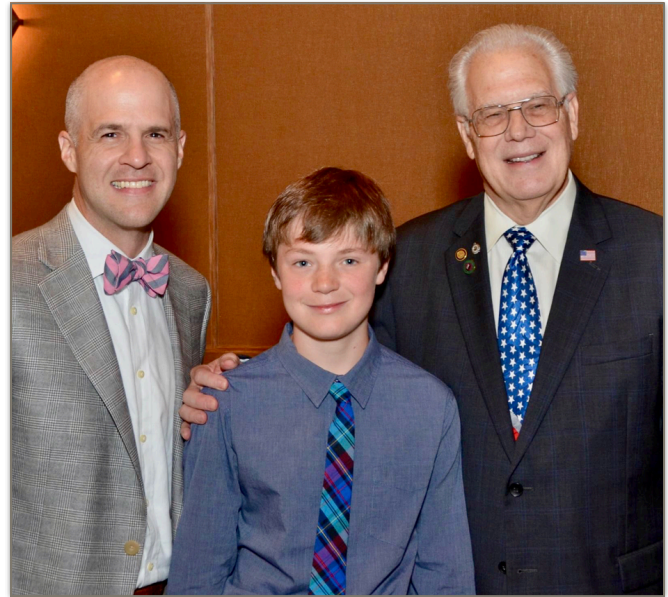


Pictured (left to right): Gary Myers installed as President of ALDA, Gordon Isbell: President-Elect, Stacy Gardner: Vice President, Bob Jones: Treasurer and Bruce Cunningham: Speaker of the House

Installation of Dr. Gary Myers as President of ALDA

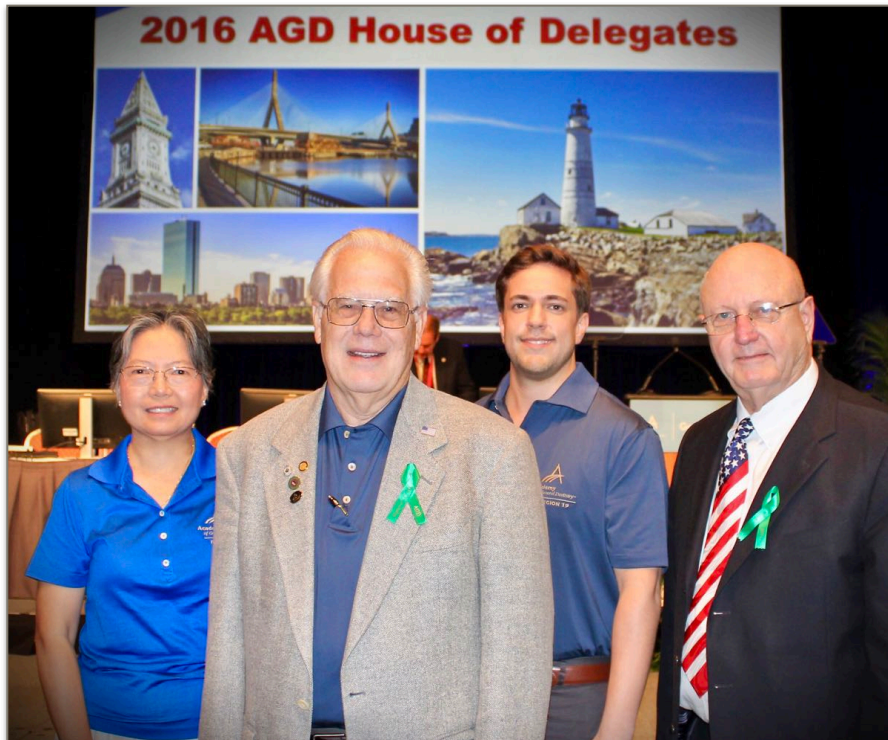


Pictured: Dr. Bill Ingram (right) passes the gavel to Dr. Gary Myers as president of ALDA



Pictured: Gary's son and grandson attend the installation

Representatives to the House of Delegates in Boston



Pictured (left to right): Dr. Toni Neumeier, Dr. Gary Myers, Dr. Derrick Mendez, and Dr. Bill Chesser represent Alabama at the 2016 House of Delegates meeting in Boston, MA

Remembering Dr. Howard Gamble



Pictured: Sherry Gamble (standing) and her daughter Allison McWilliams (far right) address the Region 19 caucus at the national meeting in Boston, MA



Pictured: Dr. Bill Chesser (at podium) speaks at the House of Delegates tribute to Dr. Gamble

2016 Annual Review of Dentistry in Sandestin



Pictured: Alabama AGD President, Dr. Racbel Osborne, presides at the annual board dinner in Sandestin



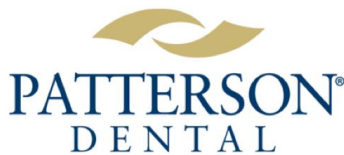
Pictured: Happy winner at the Exhibit Hall Party



Pictured: UAB School of Dentistry Dean, Dr. Michael Reddy, addresses the attendees at the Dean's Reception

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