

# Tide-Dent News



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Tidewater Dental Association*

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## *President's Message*

As we begin to settle into 2022, the world of organized dentistry has been busy blazing ahead. The Virginia Dental Association held its second annual Legislative Reception followed by the Day on the Hill in January. It was refreshing to return to Richmond and have face-to-face meetings with our legislators. Our legislative agenda this year include an increase to age restrictions for general anesthesia, and a much overdue increase to Medicaid reimbursements. While we are still anticipating the final fate of our efforts, our initiatives were well received among members of the General Assembly.

Advocacy has long been touted as one of the largest benefits of organized dentistry, and here in Virginia, that is no exception. The VDA legislative team is always working hard to protect the practice of dentistry, so that we may continue providing our patients with exceptional care. As we usher in a new year, it is time to once again make your contributions to the VDA PAC. Contributions can be made on the VDA website and all go in support of the Tooth Party.

Exciting news in Tidewater: our Executive Committee held its first in-person meeting since March 2020, and the Investment Committee has officially started our portfolio with Palladium. The TDA is always looking for new faces to get involved. With a new year underway, it is the perfect time to get involved. Please reach out to any member of the Executive Committee if you are interested. Aside from the EC, several events for the spring and early summer are on the books including our annual CPR/OSHA training which will take place March 18th, our biennial "Pills & Pilsners" Opioid lecture on April 28th, and the return of our New Member/Summer social on June 2nd. Be on the look-



**Dr. Dani Howell**

out for the details on the coming weeks for Pills & Pilsners and the social- I hope to see there!

Lastly, I would like to take the time to thank **Dr. Rod Rogge** for his dedication to the publication of this newsletter. Dr. Rogge became the editor of Tide-Dent News in 2010 and he has decided that this will be his last edition. Putting together a newsletter is a huge task and because of his commitment as editor, TDA has been able to disseminate information throughout this component: Thank you, Dr. Rogge—your work the past 13 years is appreciated more than you know and you'll leave behind very large shoes to fill!

Best wishes,  
Dr. Dani Howell

**CPR / OSHA  
Friday, March 18**

**Norfolk Yacht and Country Club**

**CPR - 8:00 am to noon    OSHA-1:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Contact Angie Deacon for additional information  
or to register [angiebdeacon71@gmail.com](mailto:angiebdeacon71@gmail.com)  
or 757-289-4044**

**(This may get cancelled due to low registration.)**

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY CROSSOVER UPDATE

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### VDA Key Legislation

- Foreign Trained Dentists – the lobbying team was able to fend off several foreign trained dental bills that had been drafted – all of which would have relaxed education requirements and allowed such dentists to practice in the Commonwealth. None of the bills were ultimately filed.
- Out-of-State Dental Licensure HB 981 (Scott) – this bill would have required the Board of Dentistry (BoD) to grant an application by endorsement to any applicant who was licensed. Currently, the BoD is authorized but not required to grant a license for applicants wishing to practice dentistry in Virginia. The VDA OPPOSED this legislation and, after significant discussion with the patron and others on the house health committee, the bill has DIED for the 2022 session.
- Med-Malpractice Cap Increase SB 599 (Stanley) – this bill would have raised the medical malpractice cap for dentists and oral surgeons around the Commonwealth. Along with other provider groups, the VDA vigorously OPPOSED this legislation and it was killed in the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- Dental School Faculty SB 590 (Pillion) – this bill was brought by the VCU School of Dentistry to allow the BoD to grant a faculty license to teach dentistry in an accredited dental program. The VDA HOD asked for criteria including a 3-year sunset clause and clarification on the level of clinical evaluation to be applied to this new section that would track with existing law. With those criteria included, it has PASSED the Senate unanimously and it will head to the House for consideration later this week or next.

### VDA – Key Budget Items

- Medicaid Reimbursement Increase. At the request of the VDA, Senators Barker (key finance committee member) and Saslaw (Majority Leader) are carrying budget amendments to increase Medicaid dental rates by 30%. Dental rates have not been increased in 17 years and the Senate seems poised to have a significant increase in their version of the budget. The House may be less inclined to have such an increase in their budget. The specific amount of a future increase will be worked out in the weeks ahead.
- Increasing Pediatric Anesthesia Access. At the request of the VDA, Senator Locke and Delegate Brewer are carrying budget amendments that require DMAS (Medicaid) to cover general anesthesia for all children under the age of 10 who undergo a dental procedure in cases where the doctor thinks it is necessary. Currently, the maximum age at which DMAS must approve is only 5. This will increase access to care for children and remove obstacles for pediatric dentists in particular. The fate of this measure will be decided over the next several weeks as budget negotiators determine key priorities.

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## PRACTICE FOR SALE

Well-established dental practice for sale in Virginia Beach which can include building overlooking Mount Trashmore. Dentist is retiring after 50 years in practice due to health. Please call Robert Anderson at Schein Dental – (804) 334-0871.

## PROBING THOUGHTS

by Rod Rogge

This may be the toughest editorial I have had to write. With mixed feelings, this will be my last edition of the Tide-Dent News. I believe an editor with greater social media savvy can take Tide-Dent to a new and better level, more relevant and more accessible. For 13 years, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to be able to communicate several times a year with members of the Tidewater Dental Association. I enjoyed working with 13 TDA Presidents and their executive committees, attending meetings, and traveling to many parts of the state. Using my title of editor gained me access to leaders in the ADA and the Virginia General Assembly, as well as with dental industry executives and dental board members. It has been fun, exciting, humbling, and a chance to continue my love to write.

I guess you might call me a compulsive correspondent; it seems I have always been trying to get my thoughts published in one form or another. I have been an editor of yearbooks and school newspapers from high school through dental school. I was even the editor of the American Student Dental Association News for a few years, which was a great opportunity to visit Chicago multiple times, a real treat for a starving dental student. In my 24 years in the US Navy, I wrote for ship, base and command newsletters and yearbooks, occasionally trying to get something into an ADA publication. When I started in private practice, my good friend and colleague **Dr. Ralph Howell** inspired and encouraged me to get involved in the TDA / VDA. Thank you, Ralph, I will always be grateful to you.

I deeply appreciate all the colleagues who have contributed to Tide-Dent over the years. I will single out **Dr. Bruce**

**Barr**, who has written numerous editorials with elegance and panache, and **Dr. Zaneta Hamlin**, who has sent me word scrambles, descriptive articles, and is now just starting a new column, "The Dental Oenophile". I am confident that my replacement will find many more contributors, who can enrich Tide-Dent with insight and creativity.

I want to thank the editor of the VDA Journal, **Dr. Richard Roadcap**, for his mentorship and encouragement. Through him, I joined the American Association of Dental Editors, which was a great help to my development of each issue. I am not going to list all the people who have helped and encouraged me, but I do want to recognize our publisher, Mr. Alan Prescott, who has worked so patiently with me as I sent things haphazardly and unpredictably. Most of all, I want to thank our TDA Executive Secretary, **Ms. Angie Deacon**, for her tireless efforts on behalf of the organization, and for helping me get all the issues together. Without question, the best thing I ever did for the TDA was being part of the team that found Angie and encouraged her to replace the nearly irreplaceable **Ginnie Donne**, her predecessor, as TDA Executive Secretary. Finally, I would be most negligent not to thank my great editor and semantic mentor, my wife, Susan. She reviewed every word I put into Tide-Dent the past 13 years, and made every issue far more concise, clear, and accessible than I ever could have on my own.

As a working periodontist, I will continue to support and advocate for the local, state, and national dental associations. We have one of the greatest professions in the world, and I continue to be grateful to the people and organizations who have helped me in my career.

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### Department of Health Professions • Virginia Board of Dentistry

## NOTICE TO LICENSEES AND APPLICANTS

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The Board of Dentistry will cease mailing hard-copy licenses, certifications, permits, and registrations each renewal period for the following regulated professions:

DENTIST

DENTAL HYGIENIST

DENTAL ASSISTANT II

ORAL MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON REGISTRATION

DEEP SEDATION / GENERAL ANESTHESIA PERMIT

MODERATE SEDATION PERMIT

COSMETIC PROCEDURE CERTIFICATION, and

MOBILE DENTAL FACILITY / PORTABLE DENTAL  
OPERATION REGISTRATION

For those who renew their licensure, certification, permit or registration, a permanent hard copy will be issued that contains no expiration date.

For those who are approved for initial licensure, certification, permit or registration, a permanent hard copy will be issued that contains no expiration date.

This final copy should be maintained, carried, or posted in accordance with relevant applicable laws and regulations. State health regulatory boards, employers, insurance providers and citizens seeking verification of current licensure status in the Commonwealth of Virginia may obtain this information via License Lookup.

## TWO BILLS OPPOSED BY VDA PASSED BY FOR THE YEAR

Feb 7, 2022

In the last week, two significant bills that could have negatively impacted dentistry in Virginia were passed by for the year, effectively closing their current path to become law. In both instances, the VDA Government affairs team worked with other medical associations, members of the relevant committees and the bills' authors to ensure that the legitimate concerns of dentists about the impact of the bills were addressed.

While stopping them this year was a success, dentists should remain wary of these proposals that could be reintroduced in future years in the General Assembly.

### House Bill 981 –

#### Health professions, certain; licensure by endorsement

The VDA raised serious concerns that this would amount to a legislative mandate that would force the Virginia Board of Dentistry to accept the most lenient state's standards for licensure, potentially putting patients at risk from dentists who don't meet Virginia's standards for dentists to safely and responsibly practice in the Commonwealth.

The VDA believes that further steps to increase licensure portability would be appropriately addressed through the au-

thority already granted to the Virginia Board of Dentistry and not by legislation mandating that the Board accept potentially unqualified candidates for licensure.

### SB 599

#### Medical malpractice actions, certain; limitation on recovery

This is a bill that has been proposed in past years, and risks increasing the cost of liability insurance – a cost that would be passed on to patients, with the greatest impact on patients who are paying out of pocket or struggle with the cost of dental care. Existing Virginia law includes a provision for a modest annual increase in the cap on recovery and we believe this policy strikes the proper balance in accountability without going too far to interfere with the ability of providers to care for their patients. The VDA testified against the bill in the Senate Committee on Judiciary, warning of its impact on cost and access to oral healthcare in Virginia, before the committee passed it by for the year.

The VDA Government Affairs team works year-round to ensure dentists have a seat at the table and speak with a unified voice when decisions are being made in Richmond.

## The Dental Oenophile

By Zaneta Hamlin, DDS, FAGD

By now most of you know that the idea of sitting at a vineyard, enjoying a breath-taking view and a glass of fine wine, makes me smile every single time.

*\*\*Wine Palate Disclaimer: I have only taken and passed WSET level 1. I am hopeful to take Level 2 soon\*\**

With that being said, it's my pleasure to introduce a wine or two that I have enjoyed over the past few months.

To start let's establish a legend I will use to communicate cost.

\$: \$3-\$30

\$\$: \$31-\$60

\$\$\$: \$61-100

\$\$\$\$: \$100+

Grace Town Petite Sirah 2018

Cost: \$

Varietal: 90% Petite Sirah and 10% Zinfandel

Region: Lodi, California

Alcohol: 13.5%

My take: This full body Sirah has a sweeter smell and not as much of a peppery finish which may be attributed to the addition of Zinfandel. The color is a dark ruby. It has the

aroma of a blackberry jam and even char wood (think of if you were enjoying a nice evening around a fire pit- with the smoke not blowing into your eyes). This wine is dry and the tannins are bold and grippy but the finish is smooth. It's a pretty complex sipping wine that also complements a variety of dishes.

Rombauer Vineyards: Carneros Chardonnay v 2020

Cost: \$\$

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Region: Carneros (Napa), California

Alcohol: 14.5%

My take: This is the best Chardonnay I have had so far. It was gifted to my husband by a coworker on the West Coast and I couldn't be more pleased. It has an exceptional balanced creamy texture and taste. It aged in American and French oak so you will note a subtle vanilla aroma as well as peach and lemon. It has a golden color. To my palate at least, it has a pleasant lingering lush finish. You need to try it and let me know what you think!

Cheers!

## VDA Legislative Weekend

The VDA organized a series of in-person events with members of the General Assembly on January 20 -21. On Thursday evening, VDA members, officers, and dental student members met with members of the Virginia House and Senate in a relaxed social evening at the Omni Hotel in Richmond. It was an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss issues with a large number of representatives in an

informal setting. Legislators were very receptive to and supportive of the dentists and dental students who attended.

The following morning, there was a breakfast with Attorney General Jason Miyares (details below), followed by a day in the General Assembly, with dentists meeting their elected representatives. This was the first on-site “Day on the Hill” in 2 years, and was greatly appreciated by all attendees.



Dr. Bernadine Scott, unnamed gentleman, Dr. Mellanda Colson-Scott and representative Don Scott at the social reception on Thursday night before the “Day on the Hill”



VCU Dental Students at VDA Day on the Hill social

## ATTORNEY GENERAL MIYARES AT VDA’S “DAY ON THE HILL” BREAKFAST

On Friday, January 21, Attorney General Jason Miyares spoke at the opening breakfast for the VDA’s “Day on the Hill”. He previously served as the representative for district 82, replacing Bill DeSteph, who moved to the Senate in 2015. A good friend of **Dr. Dag Zapatero**, Mr. Miyares generously spent a good deal of time with the TDA dentists before his speech.

Mr. Miyares reflected on Virginia history in his speech, describing how some of the best and also some of the worst things have happened in the 400 year past of the Old Dominion. “The General Assembly is the longest continuous legislative body in the USA, dating back to the first colonial assembly in 1619. But we must not forget that 1 week later, at Point Comfort, the first slaves were delivered onto Virginia soil. We cannot change the past,” said the Attorney General, “but in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, quoting the declaration of independence, this country must fulfill the promise to every American, that we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, with certain inalienable rights.”



Mr. Miyares described how his family escaped communist Cuba, and how his uncle was arrested at the Bay of Pigs rebellion. “People have died to get what we have every day” he said. He believes that he knows our challenges, he wants to make it easier for us to say, “you’re hired”, to new employees. He wants to find a way to make our jobs less difficult.

“The pandemic has made everything harder, and government needs to make it easier so we can care for people. Some good intentions can make things more difficult to work.” He believes it is important not to overburden businesses with regulations.

Addressing divisiveness so present in our country, he believes both parties can work together. He said, “There is no R or D on the graves in Arlington, they are all Americans. People who think differently are not your enemy.” He finished with a quote from President Reagan “how can you love your country if you don’t love your countrymen?” Mr. Miyares said the VDA is an excellent organization, all dentists should support it, and continue to communicate with state legislators.

## **VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY OR VIRGINIA HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

There is *one seat for a dentist* on the Virginia Board of Dentistry and *four seats for health and community health professionals* on the Virginia Healthcare Workforce Development Authority set to expire at the end of June. Those interested in applying should send in their applications soon to be considered. Learn more about these positions below.

### **Virginia Board of Dentistry**

The Board of Dentistry has significant responsibility in overseeing the practice of dentistry in the Commonwealth, interpreting and enforcing laws passed by the General Assembly and in issuing regulations that govern the profession.

To effectively promulgate regulations, the board must include individuals with a deep understanding of the profession and the impact that new regulations and guidance could have on dentists, their team members and on the communities in which they provide essential dental care.

Board members are appointed for terms of four years, and serve no more than two full successive terms. The Governor appoints ten members: seven dentists, two dental hygienists, and one citizen member. The professional members of the Board shall be licensed practitioners of dentistry and dental hygiene, of acknowledged ability in the profession, and must have practiced dentistry or dental hygiene in the Commonwealth for at least three years.

Service on the Board of Dentistry is one of the most

impactful ways in which a dentist can volunteer their time and expertise to improving oral healthcare in Virginia.

### **Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority**

The mission of the VHWDA is to facilitate the development of a statewide health professions pipeline that identifies, educates, recruits, and retains a diverse, appropriately geographically distributed and culturally competent quality workforce.

The VHWDA assesses health workforce needs in Virginia; sets priorities for the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program; informs health care workforce policy; promotes strategies for health workforce pipeline development; supports collaborations between communities, businesses, and social organizations to facilitate recruitment and retention efforts; advocates reducing the student debt load of health professionals; identifies High Priority Target Areas (HPTAs) within each region of the Commonwealth; and aims to create innovative health workforce development models.

If you're interested in serving on the Virginia Board of Dentistry or the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, contact VDA Director of Legislative and Public Policy Laura Givens at [Givens@vadental.org](mailto:Givens@vadental.org) now if you decide to apply, or are considering it and looking for more information.

If you have previously applied and are still interested, you may need to resubmit your application to indicate your interest.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Stephanie Wilke

## ***VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED***

The Chesapeake Care and Park Place Dental clinics need more volunteers now that hours of operation have increased, and visiting VCU students need mentors to work with them.

Please contact Chesapeake Care executive director Dorina Patterson at (757)545-5700, extension #254.

Contact executive director Jennifer Tomar, [execdirector@parkplaceclinic.org](mailto:execdirector@parkplaceclinic.org), for volunteering at Park Place. They will treat you very well!

# DDS: Dental Detective Series

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Coordinator

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- website: [www.chesapeakecare.org](http://www.chesapeakecare.org)
- Executive Director: Dorina Patterson

### Healthy Smiles Dental Clinic

- 664 Lincoln Street, Portsmouth
- (757) 397-1466
- Website: [www.hrhc.org](http://www.hrhc.org)
- contact person: Ms. Ginger Melton

### Park Place Dental Clinic

- (757) 683-2692
- Jennifer Tomar, Executive Director
- Website: [www.parkplaceclinic.org](http://www.parkplaceclinic.org)
- [execdirector@parkplaceclinic.org](mailto:execdirector@parkplaceclinic.org)

### Peninsula Institute for Community Health

- six primary care sites
- website: [www.pich.org/pages/locations.html](http://www.pich.org/pages/locations.html)

### Western Tidewater Free Clinic

- Dental Coordinator: Joni Webber
- [jwebber@Wtfreeclinic.org](mailto:jwebber@Wtfreeclinic.org)
- 757-923-1060 Ext. 7019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FELLOWS DINNER

Thursday, April 7, 2022

additional information coming soon

### OPIOID CE

Thursday, April 28, 2022

contact Angie Deacon for additional information  
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### 2022 NEW MEMBER / SUMMER SOCIAL

Thursday, June 2, 2022

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