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Introducing Your New Resort District eNewsletter!

Welcome to the first issue of the RDDS e-newsletter! This new e-newsletter will keep you updated on news from the RDDS as well as the MDA. You'll find it in your inbox around the first of every other month—January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Newly appointed Communications Director, Dr. Maddy Stumpos will be heading up the e-newsletter, website, and other communications to the membership of the RDDS. Please reach out if you have information that you would like to have shared with your fellow dentists. We will have several regular categories highlighting meetings, social events, upcoming events, and personal interest stories.

Submissions need to be received one month prior to the next publication. Looking forward to keeping everyone in the know!



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Resort District 2022 Highlights

2022 CE courses included a half day course on May 20, "Morning with the Specialists," featuring area specialists. This program was one of our best attended with nearly 250 attendees combined virtual and in-person. We are looking at possibilities for another half day program in 2023. Also in 2022, at the Annual Business Meeting in December, Ted Schumann presented "Ted's Top 10 Tips for Dentists". Thirty members attended this meeting.



Many of our members enjoyed some social events in 2022, including a Winter Social pop-up event in February and a New Dentist/All Dentist get together in June, planned by Trevor Kay (also our New Dentist Liaison).

Finally, we enjoyed an all-member event at Bonobo Winery attended by the MDA president and Dean support staff from University of Michigan and Detroit Mercy Dental Schools. These social events were at no charge to members, and they were all well attended. We were happy to see many of our member dentists at these events!

Upcoming RDDS Events in 2023

We are presently working on our CE and social calendar. If you have any requests for speakers, a course type, or course content, please email resortdistrict@gmail.com. We like to provide opportunities for the whole staff, and we are still working with the idea of a virtual/in-person combo. If you have a preference, please let us know.

The RDDS Mission

The Resort District is a component of the Michigan Dental Association. Our Mission is to elevate the quality of dentistry in Northwest Lower Michigan, through cooperation, education, and a deep concern for the public's welfare. Membership in the Resort District Dental Society provides you with a large supportive network of other dentists and programs to help you succeed.

Current Officers

Dr. Brian Rathke: President
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Dr. Spencer Crouch: CE
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Dr. David Rice Headlines Slate of New Dentist Courses at Annual Session

David Rice, DDS, founder of *igniteDDS*, the largest student and new dentist community on the web, will be speaking at a special MDA Annual Session course, “*New Dentist Fuel . . . Design Your Future*” on Friday, May 5 from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. The course will be followed by a free lunch, open to new dentists who graduated from dental school from 2013-22.

Rice will also headline a second CE class, “*Captivate and Keep Dental Team Members*,” from 2-5 p.m. on May 5.

Those are just two of nine courses recommended for new dentists at this year’s Annual Session in Grand Rapids, in addition to regular programming.

Bonus: New dentists who register for any of these courses (course #8, #10, #17, #20, #23, #26, #40, #53, #61) may attend the *New Dentist Network Lounge* on Friday, May 5, at no charge. The *New Dentist Network Lounge* will take place at the exclusive IDC inside the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, with panoramic views of downtown Grand Rapids.

Full details are at annualsection.michigandental.org. Be sure to sign up for courses before April 10 – prices increase \$10 after that date.

Two-Week Dental Team Postings Now Available on MDA Job Board

Dentists everywhere are experiencing staffing problems – good help is really hard to find these days! To assist you in looking for candidates, the MDA Job Board is now offering shorter, two-week postings for dental assistant, dental hygiene, and office staff positions.

A two-week dental team job posting is \$49. Jobs may also be posted for a month at \$89 – a \$10 savings.

Postings for dentist jobs are \$199 per month.

It’s always free to look for jobs on the MDA Job Board. The Job Board lets job-seekers create a profile and receive job alerts via email. It’s a great resource.



Confused about CE Requirements? Just Look to the MDA

With recent changes in the state of Michigan's continuing education requirements for relicensure, many dental professionals are unclear about what the actual requirements are.

Look to the MDA for help sorting it all out! Each issue of the MDA Journal contains a page listing the CE requirements for license renewal of dentists, hygienists, and registered dental assistants. You'll find it in the Continuing Education department in the back section of the magazine. The same information also appears on the MDA website at michigandental.org/CE-Requirements. If you're still not clear, contact the MDA CE staff at 800-589-2632, ext. 401, 402, or 403.

Have questions on any other dental topic? **Remember to think MDA first!**
Email membership@michigandental.org for answers you can rely on.

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