

# The REVEILLE

Newsletter of the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society

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## ISAAC KNAPP WE ARE FAMILY: A VISION FOR THE ISAAC KNAPP DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

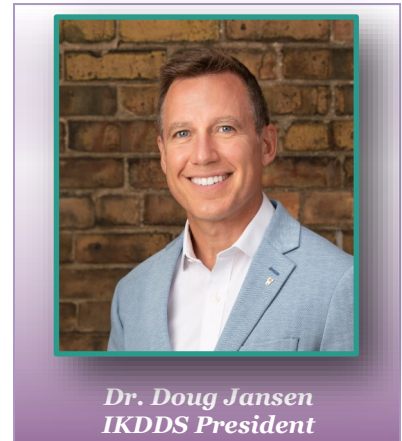
By Dr. Doug Jansen, IKDDS President

I want to start by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to serve as the President of the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society. **Thank you** for your trust, your support, and for being a part of this amazing group. I feel humbly proud to be added to the list of those who have served this society before me.

In preparing for this year, one phrase kept resonating in my mind: **“We Are Family.”** *This theme is not just a catchy phrase; it embodies the deep connections we share within this organization.*

My understanding of this concept was shaped during my time on the board of IKDDS and as a delegate to the IDA and later, the ADA.

This profession, and this society, have brought so many remarkable people into my life, and I am sure yours. People who feel like family to us. I call them our **“Family of Mentors”**. They have been our guiding lights. Their generosity in sharing time, knowledge, and encouragement has been invaluable to us. Whether it was our childhood dentist sparking the idea of dentistry as a career, a professor in dental school that helped us through a difficult time or a colleague dentist that took us under their wing, most



Dr. Doug Jansen  
IKDDS President

of us wouldn’t be here today without them. **Consider reaching out to your mentors if you can, to thank them for what they have meant to you.** To my mentors—**Uncle Ralph Schimmele, Steve Schimmele, John Shank Sr, Jim Jansen and Bob Jansen**—thank you!

Then there are our fellow dentists in this society—our “Dental Family”. They are some of the most brilliant, supportive, and generous individuals we know. Whether we’re collaborating on a case, sharing advice, or just catching up at a meeting, our connections exemplify the truth that **we are stronger together**. We challenge and uplift one another as well as learn from one another, just as family does. Continue building and developing these relationships. I truly believe IKDDS is unique and stronger as a society because of these generational collaborations our member dentist had and continue to have with one another.

Next is our **“Work Family”**—our outstanding teams at our offices—they are our rock stars. They keep

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## GROWING TOGETHER: STRENGTHENING OUR DENTAL COMMUNITY

By Dr. Jonathan Hale

When I reflect on why I chose dentistry, it always takes me back to my own journey as a patient. From a young age, it became clear that my dental development was far from typical. By the time all my adult teeth (including wisdom teeth) should have come in, I was missing 13 of them. I spent countless hours in the chairs of general dentists, oral surgeons, endodontists, and orthodontists — all of whom were members of Isaac Knapp. The care I received from these professionals wasn't just clinical; it was deeply personal. I felt seen, supported, and

valued. **It was because of this outstanding care that I decided to become a dentist myself.** I wanted to be part of a profession that treated people with compassion and made a real difference in their lives.

My connection to dentistry didn't stop there. My dad has spent his career selling and servicing dental equipment. Growing up, I often tagged along with him on service calls, wandering through dental offices and absorbing the energy and sense of community among dental teams. When I first got involved with Isaac Knapp, I'd often hear, "Hey, I know your dad!" Now, in a fun twist of roles, my dad meets dentists who say, "Hey, I know your son!" That full-circle connection is just another reminder that, in many ways, **dentistry really is a family affair.**

This year's theme, **"We Are Family,"** resonates deeply with me because it captures so much more than just a slogan. It reflects the spirit that has carried me from patient to dentist, from observer to active member. In dentistry, family isn't just the people we go home to each night — it's also the colleagues who support us, the teams who stand beside us, and the patients who trust us year after year. **We share joys, challenges, setbacks, and triumphs, just as a family does.**

At Isaac Knapp, this sense of family goes even further. Our society is a place where mentorship thrives, where new dentists find their footing, and where experienced practitioners continue to grow and give back. It's a place where we can share our experiences openly, celebrate our wins together, and support each other through difficult times. We see each other not just as colleagues but as extended family members, all working toward a common purpose.

That purpose is beautifully captured in our mission: **Advancing the health of the public by promoting the art, science, and profession of dentistry.** Every act of involvement supports this mission, whether big or small.

There are so many ways to become more engaged in this family. You might start by attending social events or continuing education courses to connect and learn alongside peers. If you're a newer dentist, consider joining the Young Dentist Committee (YDC) events,

where you can build friendships and professional networks early in your career. One of the most impactful programs in my own journey has been FLIK — it helped me grow not only as a dentist but as a leader and as a person. I encourage you to explore it.

For those looking to contribute more actively, joining one of our committees or getting involved with the Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation are fantastic options. These avenues allow you to help shape the future of our society and support educational initiatives that benefit the entire community. You can also serve as a delegate to the Indiana Dental Association (IDA), participating in the legislative process and helping guide decisions that shape the profession statewide. From there, opportunities also exist to become more involved with both the IDA and the American Dental Association.

Perhaps the most important takeaway is that **involvement doesn't have to start with a big commitment.** It often begins with a simple conversation — chatting with a committee member, a board member, or our executive director, Jamee. We are all happy to share our experiences and answer your questions because, at the end of the day, **We Are Family.**

When I think back on the exceptional care I received as a child, the countless offices I visited with my dad, and the warmth I've felt in our society, it all reinforces one thing: I chose dentistry because I wanted to make a difference, just as others did for me. By getting involved and investing in our professional family, you too can help shape the future of our society and our profession.

This year, let's go beyond simply belonging — let's truly participate, connect, and grow together. I invite you to take that next step. After all, any step we take to support each other strengthens our family, our mission, and our impact on the community we serve.

**IKDDS** We are Family!

1ST ANNUAL

JULY 20, 2025

# Floss & Toss

Sponsored by IKDEF & The Shops @ The Sanctuary



## 1st Annual Corn Hole Tournament

Sunday, July 20th | 3pm | 202 N. Chauncey St.,  
Columbia City

Grab the Family, Friends, Staff and join us for this fun-filled time to help raise money for the Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation! There will be great food, Live Music, a Bounce House for the kids, and E. Brewing will be there serving up adult beverages.

Whether entering the tournament or not please come for the festivities!

Sign up as a 2-person team or individually. Event starts at 3pm and bags fly at 3:30! Cost is **\$25 per person** (12 and under FREE)! This includes food, entertainment, and optional entry to the Corn Hole Tournament. E.Brewing will be cash bar. The Shops @ The Sanctuary will be open for this private event and a portion of the sales will be donated to IKDEF.

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### FOOD

Pass the Plate / Pass the Cookie will be serving up something great!

2

### LIVE MUSIC

Adam Strack will be singing on the outdoor stage starting at 3:30pm

3

### BOUNCE HOUSE

A supervised Bounce House will be on site for your Littles!



### RSVP

Please register at:  
<https://givebutter.com/FlossToss>



Location:

202 N.  
**Chauncey St.**  
Columbia City



### Adam Strack

Will be singing his heart out for this event.



## SUMMER UPDATE FROM IKDEF



By Dr. Jason Glassley, IKDEF President

We hope you're having a wonderful summer! We're thrilled to share some exciting updates and upcoming events that will help support the Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation.

### Neighborhood Health Oxford Building Ribbon-Cutting

We're incredibly excited about the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Neighborhood Health Oxford building. Our foundation is immensely proud to have made its **largest-ever donation of \$50,000** to support this project. It's truly rewarding to see this new building come to fruition and know all the wonderful things it will offer the community.

### 1st Annual Floss and Toss Event

Get ready for a fun-filled afternoon at our 1st annual **Floss and Toss event on Sunday, July 20th!** **Dr. Ben Yoder** and the Foundation have put together a fantastic, family-friendly event. We'd love for you, your family, friends, and staff to join us for:

- **Great food from the E. Brewing food truck**
- **Live music by Adam Strack**
- **A bounce house for the kids**
- **A cornhole tournament**

**The Shops at The Sanctuary** will also be open for this private event, and a portion of their sales will be donated to the Foundation. It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy a summer day while supporting a great cause!

### Annual Golf Outing

Mark your calendars for our **annual golf outing at Chestnut Hills on Friday, September 12th**. Start putting your team together now and join us for another wonderful afternoon of golf and camaraderie. You can also support the event by sponsoring a hole or donating to our popular "**Putt It to Win It**" game on the putting green.

We know how busy summer can be, but we'd love to see you at one or both of these events. Have a great rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

**Jason Glassley, IKDEF President**



### IKDEF recognized at Neighborhood Health Clinic - Oxford Ribbon Cutting

Neighborhood Health Clinic hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of their 4th clinic location set to increase access to care and provide comprehensive healthcare in southeast Fort Wayne. Pictured at the ribbon cutting ceremony are: **Dr. Tyler Kimmel** (Neighborhood Health Chief Dental Officer), **Dr. Ralph Merkel** (Founding member of IKDEF), **Jamee Lock** (IKDDS Executive Director), **Dr. Ben Yoder** (IKDDS Trustee), and **Dr. Jill Stetzel Torkeo and Scarlett** (IKDDS President-Elect and future dentist)

ISAAC KNAPP DENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

# GOLF

## SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT



**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

**NOON SHOTGUN START**

**\$125 ENTRY FEE OR \$450 FOURSOME**

Includes cart, green fees, and box lunch. Check-in begins at 10:30 am; Lunch served at 11:00 am. Awards to immediately follow

**FORMAT**

Foursome scramble

**DOES YOUR OFFICE WANT TO SPONSOR A HOLE?**

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**REGISTRATION WILL OPEN JUNE 2025**

Support the **Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation** at our annual golf outing. *Sponsorships and Golf Registrations will benefit Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation (a 501 c3 organization).*

**Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation TIN: 35-1710974**

### Golf Registration

Checks should be written to **IKDEF**, PO Box 97, Arcola, IN 46704

CONTACT NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please Place me on a Foursome

I already know who I am playing with and will list their name below.

If registering for more than one person or if you know your foursome, please write their names below

(These names will be at registration)

**Registration:**

(Includes lunch, golf, and happy hour)

QTY:

SINGLE GOLF ENTRY FEE - \$125

FOURSOME - \$450

MULLIGAN PACKAGE - VARIES

AMOUNT DUE TO **IKDEF**:

### Sponsorships/Donations to **IKDEF**

Please consider adding a donation or sponsoring a hole to support the Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation (**IKDEF**)

**Yes! I'd like to support the Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation by:**

AMOUNT

ADDITIONAL DONATION:

BEING A HOLE SPONSOR - \$200

(Sign with your logo will be at Tee Box!)

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Jamee Lock | [jllock@ikdds.org](mailto:jllock@ikdds.org)



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future leaders  
of isaac knapp

# Congrats!

*2025-26 Cohort*

# FLIK

The following dentists have been accepted to participate with our next FLIK cohort starting in September. FLIK is a leadership development program made for dentists by dentists. Each year, IKDDS accepts a cohort of 8 - 12 dentists. This cohort commits to 6 training modules and 1 volunteer day.



**DR. ALEX AHMADI**



**DR. ZACH FORTIER**



**DR. KOLE KLEINRICHT**



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forward.



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## YDC NEWS

By Dr. Jesse Blair - YDC Chair



The Young Dentist Committee has brought a lot to the table as of late. Leading the way has been the YD Series. At these events, a local specialist presents on a key topic of their choosing within their field of practice. The presentations educate young dentists and help bridge concepts from the specialists to the general practitioner.

In April, a pilot event was held at Ruckman Oral Surgery and Implant Center. It

was very well received and there is much anticipation for future YD Series events. We are working on hosting another **YD Series to be held on August 21st**.

A few major events for the YDC branch upcoming are the **TinCaps game on July 29th**, we are fortunate to have once again secured the J Chapman Suite for food and drinks for those who attend. This event is highly sought after, register while a few spots still remain.

The YDC is happy to help promote the **1st Annual Floss & Toss**, family friendly event at the Shops @ the Sanctuary in Columbia City, July 20th. **Fall social** will be held at Country Heritage October 9th.

YDC is filled with optimism for the year to come. We aim to bring together the younger dentists in the community. All too often, we hear from new members how thankful they are to have found a supportive group as the embark on young careers.



Join the private **YDC - IKDDS** Facebook group for discussion groups & updates!

**\$30 per person**

# YDC Welcome Tincaps Game

**Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

PARKVIEW FIELD | J CHAPMAN'S SUITE

Gates open at 6:00 pm.  
Game starts at 7:05 pm

RSVP at [IKDDS.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.ikdds.org/events)

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## YDC LEADERSHIP TEAM

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 Dr. Tom Blake - *Mentor* | Dr. Courtney McGrew | Dr. Emma Meyer | Dr. Jas Kaur  
 Dr. Eric Wiedemann | Dr. Parker Groom | Dr. Leah Stetzel | Dr. Andrew Ross | Dr. Ryan Natal

**\*Young Dentists are qualified as ANY dentist/dental specialist who has practiced 10 years or fewer regardless of membership status.** YDC events are a great opportunity for new dentists to get connected with their peers and to grow in this unique season of their career.

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# IKDDS REPRESENTS AT MIDWEST DENTAL ASSEMBLY

In May, several Isaac Knapp members attended the Indiana Dental Association's Midwest Dental Assembly in French Lick.

The **IDPAC Golf Outing** kicked off events on Wednesday, May 14th at the beautiful Donald Ross Golf Course in French Lick.

The **IDA House of Delegates** ran simultaneously during MDA and was led by Dr. Lisa Conard. Dr. Rebecca De La Rosa from Avon, IN succeeds Dr. De La Rosa and will serve as the IDA's 167th president until May 2026.

Delegates and Alternate Delegates representing Isaac Knapp this year were: **Dr. Ben Clinkenbeard, Dr. Caroline Derrow, Dr. Tyler Kimmel, Dr. Matt Kolkman, Dr. Jill Torkeo, Dr. Wayne Walker, Dr. Steve Ellinwood, Dr. Adam Everhart, Dr. Doug Jansen, Dr. Ryan Hart, Dr. Jake Yager, Dr. Roger Valliere, and Dr. Jeffrey Valliere.** **Dr. Ben Yoder**, IKDDS Trustee, led our Delegation to successfully represent our members. Several resolutions were passed. I encourage you to reach out to your IKDDS Delegates/Alternate Delegates and ask them about their experience.

## New IDA Board Members Elected

**Dr. Brian Oyler** (Southeastern District) was unopposed in his bid for Vice President-Elect. He will advance through the officer chairs and serve as IDA President in 2028-29. **Dr. Jennifer Neese** (Ben Hur) was unopposed in her election for an additional one-year term as Speaker, and **Dr. Joseph Platt** (IKDDS) was elected to an additional term as Vice Speaker.

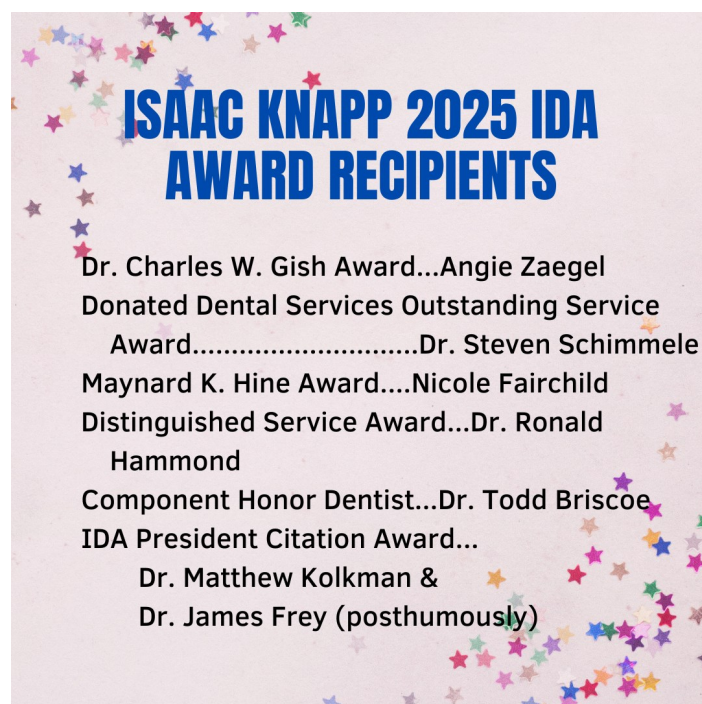
## ADA Delegates Elected

**Drs. Joseph Platt** (IKDDS), **Jill Stetzel Torkeo** (IKDDS), **Matt Kolkman** (IKDDS), **Dan Fridh** (NW), **Steve Holm** (NW), and **Nia Bigby** (IDDS) were elected to two-year terms on the delegation representing the IDA at the ADA House of Delegates to be held in in 2026 and 2027.

## IKDDS Members Recognized at the Awards Ceremony

The IDA Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday, May 15th. We are so proud of the many Isaac Knappers who were recognized for various impacts to the profession of dentistry and community. Award recipients from Isaac Knapp District are listed below.

Special thank you to the following IKDDS Members: **Dr. Ben Yoder** for leading our delegation and serving as IKDDS Trustee, **Dr. Tom Blake** for his for serving as IDA Past President, **Dr. Joseph Platt** for serving as the IDA Vice Speaker of the House, **Dr. Caroline Derrow** for her work as the official Queen of Credentials, **Dr. Jake Yager** and **Dr. Steve Ellinwood** for serving on the Reference Committees. Their hard work helped to make the House of Delegates run smoothly to better serve our members.





# IDA MIDWEST DENTAL ASSEMBLY



## ISAAC KNAPP MEMBERS ELECTED TO LEADERSHIP



**Dr. Joseph Platt**  
IDA Vice Speaker of the House & ADA Delegate  
2026-2027



ADA Delegates  
2026-2027

**Dr. Matt Kolkman**  
**Dr. Jill Stetzel Torkeo**



## RECOGNITION OF LIFE MEMBERS

*Life Members must have been IDA members for 30 consecutive years or a total of 40 years*

**Dr. Guy H. Fortier**

**Dr. Thomas Gilbert**

**Dr. Joseph Kinder**

**Dr. Guy J. Moore**

**Dr. Todd R. Saalfrank**

*Congratulations to our 50-year member*  
**Dr. Arlen Rex Horsewood**



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## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL TECHNOLOGY RETURNS TO IUFW

We are excited to announce the relaunch of our Associate of Science in Dental Technology degree, effective Fall 2025. This is a significant step in addressing critical workforce needs while offering students a more accessible pathway into the profession.

The reinstated associate degree allows students to enter the field sooner, with

strong foundational training and hands-on experience.

Our updated curriculum and modernized technology reflect the evolving demands of today's dental labs and clinical environments. As always, students will gain a solid understanding of dental terminology, anatomy, and occlusion, while developing their essential hand skills. The curriculum also includes specialized training in creating orthodontic, fixed, and removable dental appliances using both CAD/CAM and analog techniques.

This expansion enhances our commitment to preparing graduates for immediate employment and long-term success in dental technology. We're thrilled to bring this opportunity back to our students and community.

If you have any questions, please contact the program director, [Professor Painter](#) or [Dr. Steven Ellinwood](#).



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our practices running smoothly, keep our patients smiling, and help us maintain our sanities! The dedication and expertise they provide to us and our patients are what make our work meaningful. Thank you to them for being such a vital part of our journeys.

Lastly, we would be remiss if we didn't recognize our "**Personal Families**"—the ones who stand by us through the highs and lows. We cannot thank them enough or too often. Personally, I am blessed with **two wonderful boys** who are pursuing careers in this amazing profession. But those who truly know me understand that my wife, **Susan**, is the reason I can do what I do. She is my foundation and "My Everything". **Have you told your personal family lately what they mean to you?**

Isaac Knapp represents the best in dental societies. We must recognize the contributions made by those who

came before us and take responsibility for keeping our society healthy and vibrant.

So, as we embark on this new year together, let's focus on our theme: "**We are family.**" Let's support one another with the same care we extend to our patients. Let's check in on each other and support each other during the challenges and celebrate the successes. Together we thrive, as professionals and as people.

I invite each of you to reflect on your own mentors, fellow dentists, work families, and personal families. Reach out to them. Express your gratitude.

Thank you for trusting me with this role. Let's make this a year of connection, a year of purpose.

**Isaac Knapp District Dental Society: We Are Family!**



**Get to Know  
our President!**

**Dr. Doug Jansen**

**Education:**

- East Noble High School (Kendallville, IN)
- Indiana University, Bloomington
- IU School of Dentistry

**What are your hobbies?** I enjoy traveling and old British Cars among a few other things

**What do you appreciate most about your membership of IKDDS, IDA, and ADA?**

The importance of belonging to the tri-partite is realized in the good works being done at all levels by great individuals allowing for personal and professional growth at every stage of my career and personal life journey.

**What are you looking forward to during your term as President?**

I am looking forward most of all to our IKDDS meetings, both social and continuing education, and working hard to enhance the benefits to our members.

**Family:** Susan and two sons, Jack and Ben (both in dental school)

# IKDDS DENTISTS VOLUNTEER

In April, our recent **FLIK** graduates spent the day providing dental care to patients at **Matthew 25** and **St. Martin's Clinic**. They were able to treat dozens of patients in one day and learn about the amazing volunteer dental clinics we have in our community.

Last month, Isaac Knapp partnered with the **TeamSmile** event at Parkview Field. Other community supporters included the Fort Wayne TinCaps, IU School of Dentistry, Delta Dental Foundation, YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Rotary, and CTN. This collaborative effort and work of many volunteers helped 230 children receive free dental care and support. Thank you to everyone who participated.





# I DON'T HAVE FRIENDS, I HAVE FAMILY

By Jamee Lock IKDDS Executive Director

Did you know that family is mentioned over 100 times in the *Fast and Furious* Franchise? That isn't too surprising since there seems to be a gazillion *Fast and Furious* movies, but in the 2023 *Fast X* movie, the word "family" is said 56 times. There is an urban lore that if you drank a shot of alcohol every time the word family is said in that movie, you'd be drinking once every 2.5 minutes of the movie.

What is the appeal for audiences and screenwriters to emphasize family so much? I have a strong belief that it is a reflection of how every human has an innate desire to be known, accepted, and loved—to be part of a family.

While there are siblings in the *Fast and Furious* movies portrayed, family is often referred to those who are not biologically related, but instead friends who are family. The character Dom has a famous line, "I don't have friends. I have family."

When I ponder on this year's theme of **We are Family**, I am reminded of how I grew up on a family farm/beef ranch. I've always been intrigued about how the profession of dentistry reminds me of a family farm because so many dental offices are generational. **Dr. Jonathan Hale's** article paints a beautiful picture of how that familial aspect of dentistry is extended to patients, dental suppliers, and their dental team members.

The ties many of you made in dental school connect you throughout your professional career. However, it is well documented that sometimes dentistry can also feel lonely. **That is where Isaac Knapp comes in!**

There are obvious tangible benefits of membership such as access to local continuing education, dental advocacy with legislators, liability insurance, and even cost savings via partnerships with national programs. While those are great, often the relationships formed provide a greater-value but often overlooked benefit. **We are family.**

It is inspiring to me to see so many of our members who step up and lead. In a world that is constantly validating the prioritization of self, our souls crave something more. What are some examples of that look in our membership?

It's members like **Dr. Ben Yoder** who sees an opportunity to provide a family fun **Floss & Toss event** to raise money for IKDEF that make an impact. **Dr. Ralph Merkel** was a founding member of the Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation. He was able to see the fruits of the vision he started many years ago by being at the Neighborhood Health Clinic Oxford Ribbon Cutting. **Dr. Jason Glassley** and the foundation board devote their time to leading the foundation for even more opportunities to give back.

We have **members volunteering** to serve at events like the TeamSmile event or the Junior Achievement Job Spark event to invest into the lives of the next generation. We have so many of our members who volunteer at our dental clinics and service trips.

We have leaders like **Dr. Doug Jansen** and others who serve or have served faithfully on our **IKDDS Board**, the IDA or ADA Delegation, and committees. I think of members like **Dr. Steve Ellinwood** who, after a successful career in dentistry, take a leap and enter into the world of educating future dentists.

I am proud of the 8 individuals who are expanding their family by signing onto the next cohort of **FLIK**. One of the foundational mindsets woven into FLIK is found in Dr. Barry Polansky's book ***The Porch: A Dental Fable***. The story line shares how important it is to have those in your life who you can lean on during hard times and celebrate with during the good times. FLIK was designed to help create opportunities for deeper relationships—to build a family.

We recognize that there is both a cultural shift and also a much-needed transition occurring throughout the tripartite (IKDDS, IDA, and ADA). Maintaining an organization that is led by its members and also meeting the needs of the next generation of dentists requires change. However, at the very core of change our members remain the central focus. **We are family.** It is apparent that we are at an important crossroads of what organized dentistry looks like.

Like family, we may not always agree. Please continue to be active with your voice! You bring a perspective that is valued! We want to be an organization where its members feel seen and accepted. We have an amazing



board who desires to represent its members well. I encourage you to attend events and reach out to our board members or office if you have any questions.

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

### NOON SHOTGUN START

**\$125 ENTRY FEE OR \$450 FOURSOME**

Includes cart, green fees, and box lunch. Check-in begins at 10:30 am; Lunch served at 11:00 am. Awards to immediately follow

### FORMAT

Foursome scramble

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*Country Heritage Winery*

**Free Event**

**Thursday, October 9, 2025**  
COUNTRY HERITAGE WINERY  
6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Dinner and beverages will be served

RSVP at [IKDDS.ORG/EVENTS](https://ikdds.org/events)



**November Dine & Learn: TOOTH Talks**

Featuring IKDDS Members

**2 CE Credits**

We are looking for Presenters!

Are you interested with being a presenter at our November Dine & Learn? Contact Dr. Doug Jansen or Jamee Lock for more information!

Save the Date! Tentatively....

**November 13, 2025**  
LOCATION TBD

6:00 - 9:00 pm  
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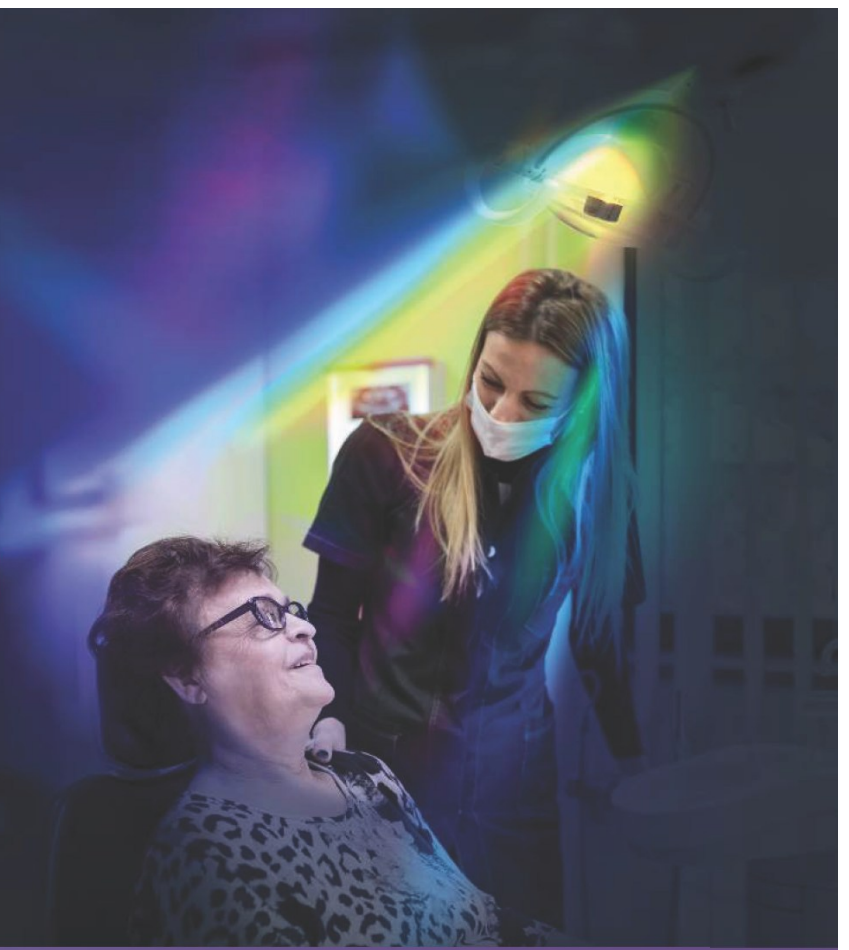
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Amanda Miller, DDS  
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#### Apply

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#### Screen

A DLN/DDS coordinator reviews and screens the applicant

#### Match

Coordinator matches qualified patient with a volunteer dentist

#### Treat

Volunteer dentist sees patient in their own office

[WHYDENTAL.ORG](http://WHYDENTAL.ORG)

# COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINICS

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

<https://cchcin.org/>  
260-627-2242  
13410 Main Street  
Grabill, IN

Fort Wayne Location:  
2000 N Wells Street  
Fort Wayne, IN



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<https://www.thecommunitydentalclinic.org/>  
260-768-7918  
7750 W 200 S  
Topeka, IN 46571



## FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

*Serves uninsured adults who live in Steuben County and meet financial guidelines*

<https://faithhealthclinic.org/>  
260-665-3146  
909 S Darling Street  
Angola, IN 46703

Open the 1st, 3rd and  
4th Wednesday of the  
month. Appointments  
begin at 5:00 PM and  
end at 7:00 PM.



## IU FORT WAYNE DAVID A BLEEKE DENTAL CLINIC

*The IU Fort Wayne David A. Bleeke, DDS Dental Clinic offers a convenient location where the public can receive quality and preventive dental care.*

<https://fortwayne.iu.edu/clinic/>  
260-257-6826  
Neff Hall Room 109  
2101 E. Coliseum Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805



Call or visit website for  
clinic hours

## MATTHEW 25 HEALTH & CARE

*Provide high-quality medical, dental, vision, and mental health services at no charge to low-income, uninsured adults in Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio*

<https://www.matthew25online.org/>  
260-426-3250  
413 E Jefferson Blvd  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802



Weekdays: 8:15 am - 4 pm  
Exception Thursdays: 8:15 am - 12 pm

## NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CLINIC

*An FQHC - Assist patients through many insurance options and provides affordable care with a sliding payment scale*

<https://www.mynhfw.org/>  
260-458-2641

717 S Calhoun St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802



Call or visit website for  
clinic hours.

3350 E. Paulding Rd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46816

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<https://www.smhcin.org/>  
260-357-0077

135 S Randolph St  
Garrett, IN 46738

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260-724-2911

1040 S. 11th St.  
Decatur, IN 46733

Monday 8:30 a - 1p

Wednesday 8:30 a - 1 p

Thursday 8:30 a - 1 p



## WHERE TO REFER PATIENTS NEEDING LOW-COST OR MEDICAID PROVIDERS?

Use this list to help direct patients looking for low-cost dental care. Many of these clinics are supported by our northeast Indiana Community.

If a patient is looking for a Medicaid provider and you are not one, please encourage them to visit:

<https://ikdds.org/find-a-dentist/>

and click on the **Find A Medicaid Provider** link

This link will direct them to the Indiana state Medicaid website, which includes links to assist them in finding an IHCP Provider.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED WITH VOLUNTEERING OR SUPPORTING THESE DENTAL CLINICS?

If you are interested with volunteering with or donating to any of these clinics, please reach out to them directly.

Our **Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation** also supports many of these clinics. When you donate to the foundation, you are also supporting these organizations. IKDEF disburses approximately \$15,000 annually via grants to dental clinics annually. Visit [ikdds.org/ikdef](https://ikdds.org/ikdef) for a list of recipients.