

# The REVEILLE

Newsletter of Isaac Knapp District Dental Society



IKDDS ANNUAL MEETING

## What I Hope We Don't Lose in Dentistry

It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society this year and as I reflect on our past year, I am grateful for all that have contributed to make it a success.

Our theme this year, **"We Are Family"** was emphasized throughout the year, and our programming and events allowed our component dentists and staff to grow and excel personally and professionally in this ever-changing dental world. As I write my final Reveille article, I find myself reflecting less on what is changing in dentistry and more on what I hope never does.

There is no question that our profession has evolved in remarkable ways. The technology available to us today would have seemed unimaginable not all that long ago. From digital imaging and AI integration, to improved materials, better diagnostics, and more efficient workflows, dentistry continues to move forward at an impressive pace. In many respects, our patients are benefiting from care that is faster, more precise, and more comfortable than ever before. That progress is something to celebrate.

But after spending many years in this profession, and especially after having the privilege of serving in organized

dentistry, I have also come to appreciate that the most important things in dentistry are not always the newest things. In fact, many of the qualities that make this profession meaningful are the ones that have little to do with equipment, software, or systems. As I close this chapter, there are a few things I hope we do not lose.

First, I hope we do not lose the importance of **trust**.

Every day, patients walk into our offices carrying more than just dental needs. They bring anxiety, financial concerns, embarrassment, fear, and often years of hesitation. They place themselves in a vulnerable position and ask us to help them. Before they ever accept treatment, many are asking themselves a much simpler question: **Can I trust this dentist?**

That trust is earned the old-fashioned way. Through honesty, careful listening, sound judgment, and genuine concern for the person sitting in the chair. Long after patients forget the technical details of what we did, they remember how they were treated and whether they felt respected. That human connection still matters, and I hope it always will.



DR. DOUG JANSEN  
IKDDS PRESIDENT

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Second, I hope we do not lose our commitment to **ethics and professional judgment.**

Dentistry today is practiced in a world of increasing pressure. Increasing student debt, high costs of running a practice, production goals, staffing challenges, administrative burdens, competition, and constant demands on our time and attention are real. But they also make it even more important that we hold tightly to what defines us as professionals.

Sometimes the right treatment plan is not the biggest one. Sometimes the best care is conservative care. Sometimes the most important thing we can do is tell a patient what they **do not** need. Do we allow options and flexibility to work within a specific budget for our patients? Those are the moments that define professional integrity.

Our profession depends on the public's trust, and that trust is built one honest conversation at a time. I hope we never lose sight of the fact that our responsibility is not just to provide treatment, but to provide judgment.

Third, and perhaps most personally, I hope we do not lose the value of **community within our profession.**

One of the greatest privileges of serving in the IKDDS has been the reminder that dentistry is not meant to be practiced in isolation. Our district society matters not simply because it hosts meetings or fulfills an organizational role, but because it connects people who share a profession, a calling, and often the same challenges.

In a smaller, multi-county district like ours, those relationships are especially important. IKDDS has the strong foundation it has because of the generational bonds our dental forefathers provided for us. We know one another not just as names on a roster, but as colleagues, neighbors, and friends.

We see each other at continuing education meetings, community events, and in the everyday work of serving our towns and counties. That kind of professional community is valuable, and increasingly rare. As an example of our great society, I received a thank-you card just this week from **Dr. Rich Madow**, our all-day meeting speaker. Not only did he thank us for allowing him to speak, but he also congratulated us on how tremendous our dental society is and that we should be proud of it.

I hope younger dentists will continue to see the value of being involved, not just for CE credits or networking, but for the deeper benefit of belonging to something larger than their own office walls. And I hope those of us who have been around longer will continue to make room, offer encouragement, and share what we have learned. Dentistry needs mentorship. It needs camaraderie. And local dental societies like ours still have an important role to play in preserving both.

I also hope we do not lose sight of the fact that **dentistry is, at its heart, still about people.**

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The agreement benefits public health, dental licensure candidates, the dental profession, and licensing boards to help ensure dentists enter the profession with proven competence and uphold the highest standards for patient safety.

Read more in [ADA News](#).



DR. JONATHAN HALE  
REVEILLE EDITOR

# Alone in a Crowd: The Importance of Community in Our Lives

We live in a world that has never been more connected, yet many people feel more alone than ever.

Our days are full. Schedules are packed. Between work, family responsibilities, and everything in between, it can feel like we are constantly

moving from one obligation to the next. We interact with countless people throughout the day—patients, coworkers, friends, even strangers—but still find ourselves lacking something deeper. True connection. The feeling of being known.

It's an interesting paradox: being surrounded by people, yet feeling isolated.

As dentists, we are especially familiar with this dynamic. Our days are spent in constant interaction. We care for our patients, lead our teams, and manage the many moving parts of our practices. From the outside, it may seem like we are anything but alone. But the reality is that leadership, responsibility, and the expectations we place on ourselves can sometimes create a quiet sense of isolation. We are often the ones others rely on, which can make it difficult to admit when we need support ourselves.

### The truth is, no one is meant to do this alone.

One of the most valuable lessons I've come to appreciate is the importance of community—not just being around people, but being truly known by them. Real community is built on **trust, openness, and the willingness to share** not only our successes, but also our struggles. It's found in conversations that go beyond the surface, in friendships that allow honesty, and in relationships where we don't feel the need to have everything figured out.

That kind of connection doesn't happen automatically. It takes intention.

It might look like reaching out to a colleague to check in, even when there's no specific reason. It might mean attending a meeting or event not just for the content, but for the opportunity to connect. It might be as simple as having an honest conversation with a friend instead of keeping everything to yourself. These small steps can lead to something much more meaningful over time.

Within our Isaac Knapp community, we have a unique opportunity to foster this kind of connection. Yes, we come together to learn, to grow, and to advance our profession—but we also come together as people. People with shared experiences, similar challenges, and a common understanding of what this profession asks of us. When we take the time to invest in those relationships, we create something more than a professional network—we build a support system.

### And that support matters.

Because at some point, every one of us will face moments where we feel overwhelmed, discouraged, or simply stretched thin. In those moments, knowing that there are people we can turn to—people who understand, who listen, and who care—can make all the difference.

It's also important to recognize that support doesn't have to come from just one place. For some, it may be found within our dental community. For others, it may come from family, close friends, faith communities, or professional resources designed to help navigate mental health challenges. What matters most is that we don't try to carry everything on our own.

### There is strength in reaching out.

Just as important, we can also be intentional about reaching out to others. Sometimes the people around us who seem the busiest, the strongest, or the most put together are the ones quietly carrying the heaviest burdens. A simple check-in, a quick call, or taking a few extra minutes to ask someone how they are really doing can go further than we realize. Meaningful conversations—ones that go beyond the surface—create space for people to feel seen and supported. We may not always have the perfect words, but simply being present and willing to listen can make a lasting difference.

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If you or someone you know could benefit from additional support, there are resources available.

Organizations like [RemedyLive](https://remedylive.com) offer a confidential support line and can be found at [remedylive.com](https://remedylive.com). The [Indiana Dental Association's Be Well Program](https://indental.org/be-well) is another valuable resource specifically for dental professionals, with more information available at [indental.org/be-well](https://indental.org/be-well). And for those in more immediate need, the [Indiana Crisis Line](https://www.incrisisline.org) is available by simply dialing 988.


As we continue through this year, I encourage each of us to be **intentional about building and maintaining community in our lives**. Not just in the large, visible ways, but in the quiet, consistent ones. Check in with someone. Make time for a conversation. Be willing to listen. And just as importantly, be willing to share.

Because at the end of the day, being part of a community—being part of a family—means more than simply showing up. It means showing up for one another.

And sometimes, the most meaningful thing we can do is **remind someone that they are not alone**.

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<b>Location</b>	IDDS Conference Room, Indianapolis, Indiana
<b>Format</b>	Live, in-person
<b>Credits</b>	2 continuing education credits
<b>Audience</b>	Dental professionals and dental students
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## Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation continues to give back - thanks to your support!



Happy Spring to all our Isaac Knapp members!

There is always a unique energy this time of year as the days grow longer and warmer, allowing us to finally step outdoors and enjoy the season. As we move further into this new year, I would like to provide an update on the Foundation's progress and our exciting plans for the remainder of 2026.

We recently concluded our spring meeting, where we finalized the 2026 budget and carefully reviewed this year's grant requests. Looking ahead, we have **two major events on the horizon**:

- **Annual Golf Outing:** Planning is officially underway for our outing at Chestnut Hills.
- **Pickleball Fundraiser:** We are in the early stages of organizing our 4th Annual Pickleball event for early 2027. Stay tuned for registration details coming shortly.

The Foundation remains committed to expanding access to care through strategic investments. During our meeting, we discussed how we can best support **Matthew 25** in their upcoming initiative to fund a new facility—a project that will significantly enhance their capacity to serve the community.

This follows a year of substantial contributions, most notably our support of the **Neighborhood Health Clinic's Oxford Project**. This state-of-the-art clinic is a vital resource for our most vulnerable residents, ensuring they receive the high-quality dental care they deserve.

We are also proud to announce our continued support for the **FLIK program** as it enters its fourth successful year.

None of this would be possible without the vision and foresight of our **founding members** who made this Foundation a reality. Moreover, we are grateful to you—our members—for your ongoing support. Because of your commitment, we can continue to grow our influence and provide essential resources throughout the Isaac Knapp community.

### 2026 Grant Recipients

THE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED BELOW WILL BE RECIPIENTS OF GRANT FUNDING FROM ISAAC KNAPP DENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION THIS YEAR

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# GOLF TOURNAMENT

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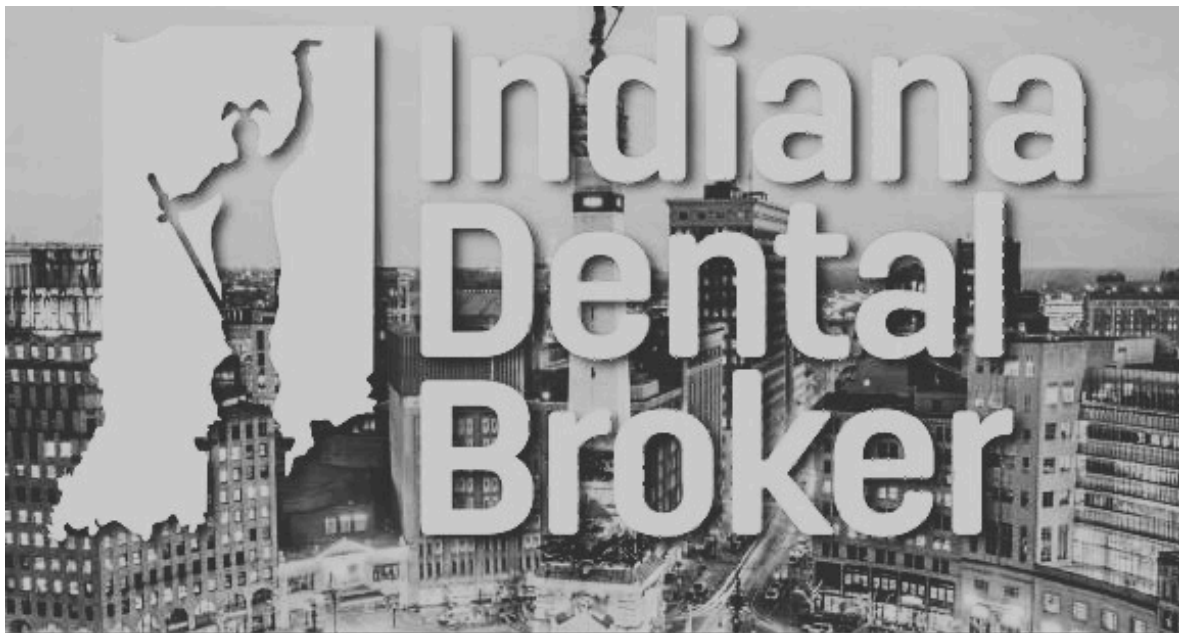
## SAVE THE DATE

### IKDEF Events

Our annual Golf Outing will be held on **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Chestnut Hills Golf Club**. Please note the change of date due to the IHSAA Girls Golf Sectionals moving.

Registration will open in June 2026. We will need donations of alcohol, coffee, or other fun items for our Hit-It-To-Win-It Contest.

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For all the changes in our profession, the most meaningful moments remain surprisingly simple. A patient who can finally sleep through the night without pain. A person who smiles confidently again after years of hiding their teeth. A child whose first visit goes better than expected. A fearful patient who returns because they felt safe. Those moments are easy to overlook when we are busy, tired, or buried in the daily frustrations of practice. But they are the reason this work matters.

And finally, I hope we do not lose our willingness to protect and invest in the profession itself. That means showing up. Staying involved. Supporting organized dentistry. Mentoring the next generation. Advocating for thoughtful policy and high standards of care. Professions do not remain strong by accident. They remain strong because people are willing to care for them, contribute to them, and leave them better than they found them.

Serving as president of IKDDS has been an honor. I am grateful for the friendships, conversations, and shared commitment I have experienced through this role. Dentistry will continue to change. It should. But as it does, I hope we hold on to the things that matter most: trust, integrity, mentorship, service, and our dental families. Those things are not old-fashioned. They are the foundation.

And I hope we never lose them.

--Dr. Doug Jansen, IKDDS President

# Save the Dates

**New Dentists - Check our Events Calendar for YD Series Information!**

**Committee and Board Meetings are listed on the online Events Calendar**

April 23, 2026	<b>Spring Fling:</b> Past Presidents & Future Leaders; LaVetta
May 13-16, 2026	<b>Midwest Dental Assembly - Indiana Dental Association</b> Fort Wayne, IN - Register at <a href="http://indental.org/register">indental.org/register</a>
June 14, 2026	<b>IKDDS Family Fun Day</b> The Shops @ The Sanctuary (Columbia City)
August 20, 2026	<b>YDC New Dentist Welcome TinCaps Game</b> Parkview Field (J. Chapman's Suite)
September 25, 2026	<b>IKDEF Golf Outing</b> Chestnut Hills Golf Club
October 29, 2026	<b>IKDDS Legislative Forum</b> Location TBD
November 19, 2026	<b>November Dine &amp; Learn; Table Talks</b> "Cases that Haunt You"; Location TBD
January 14, 2027	<b>January Dine &amp; Learn Featuring Dr. Sreenivas Koka</b> "Ethics of Decision Making in Dentistry"; Location TBD
February 4, 2027	<b>YDC Winter CE - Topic TBD</b> Location TBD
March 12, 2027	<b>IKDDS Annual Meeting Featuring Dr. Lee Ann Brady</b> "Occlusion in Everyday Dentistry" with afternoon breakout sessions choice of "HIPAA Requirements" or "Ergonomics in the Dental Office"
May 6, 2027	<b>IKDDS Spring Fling: A Century of Excellence</b>



DR. JESSE BLAIR  
YDC CHAIR

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On **February 26th**, the YDC hosted the **Winter CE event featuring Dr. Adam Frounfelzer**. Dr. Frounfelzer's continuing education presentation brought in a large crowd at Electric Works.

This year, we will host an annual **Family Fun Day on Sunday June 14th 3-7pm** at The Shops @ The Sanctuary in Columbia City, owned by our very own **Dr. Ben Yoder**. The event centers around an official cornhole tournament. Food, refreshments, and family friendly activities will be offered. More information to come soon.

The **YD Series** will offer a local specialist lecture this April. We will have the opportunity to hear from **Dr. Nomin Groves** on **Thursday, April 30th!** Spaces are limited so please register ASAP!



YDC Presents  
**YD Series**  
Featuring **Dr. Nomin Groves**

\$10 for \*New Dentists Only

**Thursday, April 30, 2026**

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6:00 - 8:30 pm

Dinner and beverages will be served



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**3:00 - 7:00 pm**  
The Shops @ The Sanctuary, Columbia City  
More information to come soon!



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# February YDC Winter CE and March Annual Meeting

Isaac Knapp District Dental Society was able to bring **Dr. Adam Frounfelter** to Fort Wayne to lecture on digital implant workflow. Dr. Frounfelter, a private-practice implant dentist who made the transition from analog to fully digital brought many real-world cases and presented to a group of approximately 50 dentists at Electric Works. Annual Sponsor, Patterson Dental was in attendance to help with check-in!

Last month, our IKDDS Annual Meeting brought the largest crowd in many years! With 450 attendees and 43 vendor booths, the day was filled with fun, continuing education, and community.

Our presenter, **Dr. Richard Madow**, kept the crowd engaged while walking through best practices about creating a positive patient experience in your practice.

We received a [video statement from ADA President, Dr. Rich Rosato](#). Click here to view his statement.

Special thank you to **SYM Financial** for being our Main Event Sponsor for the Annual Meeting.

**Blue & Co., Inc** was our Lunch Sponsor. We are thankful for their support and to all of the other vendors in attendance!

**Dr. Doug Jansen** called a business meeting to order and after officer reports, members elected the following individuals to represent IKDDS on the Board of Directors

Congratulations to the following members elected to serve on the Isaac Knapp Board of Directors:

- **Dr. Logan Goodrich**
- **Dr. Teresa Nicholson**
- **Dr. Mark Stoner**
- **Dr. Kimbra Druley, Treasurer**
- **Dr. Claire Hemphill, President-Elect**

[Click here to read minutes from the IKDDS Annual Meeting](#)



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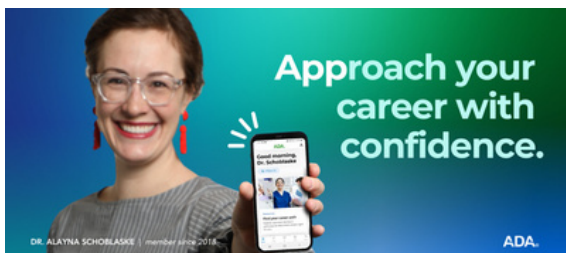
The ADA recently released updated sedation and anesthesia use and teaching guidelines, thanks to the collaboration of experts from eight dental and medical organizations.

The new guidelines, adopted by the ADA House of Delegates, incorporate updated clinical recommendations, education standards and safety expectations to reflect today's evidence-informed practices. [Read more about it in ADA News!](#)

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## IKDDS Members Give Kids A Smile at Annual Doctor's Day at Science Central

IKDDS Members, **Drs. Tamara Watkins, Parker Groom, Kelsey Pence, Rachel Gentz-Holstad, Teresa Nicholson** and IKDDS Executive Director, **Jamee Lock** recently attended Doctor's Day at Science Central.

Hosted by the Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance, this free, hands-on health career fair provided interactive experiences and education from medical and wellness professionals, including dentistry and oral healthcare.

**Dr. Rachel Hoagburg** presented to the children during one of the featured stations. She was able to share about orthodontics to the group of children.



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### TIME:

8:00AM - 3:00PM ET



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# CE Passport to launch this fall exclusively to IKDDS Members

A new licensure cycle has begun! A frequent concern from our member dentists is finding a good system to track and store continuing education credits so they have that information readily available to them once they have to report it to PLA.

IKDDS is launching an **annual CE Passport** for member dentists! **Set it and forget it!** Beginning late summer, IKDDS members will have the option to register for a CE Passport. This annual passport will provide the opportunity for members to automatically be registered for all local CE courses offered November - March each year that will equate 12 CE credits annually. Thus, if members participate in it annually, they will meet required courses necessary to renew their license.

In March each year, passport holders will receive a folder with completed course CE Certificates so it is in one spot. In addition, passport holders will receive a 10% discount on registration fees! Stay tuned for information on how to register for a CE Passport!

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- November Dine & Learn  
2 CEs - November 19, 2026
- January Dine & Learn (Ethics)  
2 CEs - January 14, 2027
- YDC Presents: Winter CE  
2 CEs - February 4, 2027
- IKDDS Annual Meeting  
6 CEs - March 12, 2027

\*Cost is \$360 new dentists who have practiced 10 years or fewer




## CE Passport

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**\*Cost: \$390**




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## CE Passport Benefits

- IKDDS keeps track of your IKDDS CE for March 2, 2026 - March 1, 2028 licensure cycle
- \*12 Hours of CE Annually with 4 events.
- Easy registration - Register and pay only 1 time per year and receive calendar invitations sent to your calendar with event information. Set it and forget it.
- Extra drink ticket at events.
- 10% Savings on CE Registration annually. You must be a member of Isaac Knapp District Dental Society to register for CE Passport.

\*Must attend all events to receive full CE Credits. No refunds or transfers



## IKDDS Produces Leaders

About 10% of our members serve on local, state, or national leadership committees and boards to shape the profession of dentistry.

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# Member Good News



IKDDS Member, **Dr. Jill Stetzel Torkeo**, and her husband, **Jake** welcomed **Cecilia Jo** home. Big sister, **Scarlett**, also celebrated the arrival on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Cecilia weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz and was 21 inches tall!

*Congratulations!*

**Dr. Matt and Mandie Kolkman** welcomed **Mira Sawyer** home. Big sister, **Maeve**, also celebrated the arrival on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mira weighed 8 lbs, 13 oz.



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Do you have a unique experience that would make a good article? Have you recently gotten married or had a baby? We want to celebrate with you! Email Jamee your good news!

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**IKDDS** *We are Family!*

**8 out of 10 dentists in northeast Indiana are IKDDS members**



# Another FLIK Cohort to graduate!

Last September, eight IKDDS Members embarked on a journey to advance their skills. Our third FLIK cohort participants will be recognized at our annual Spring Fling!

On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, the FLIK participants will round out their program requirements by volunteering at Matthew 25. FLIK alum will be volunteering at St. Martin's Healthcare clinic on that same day.

Are you in a season where your goals and future are changing rapidly and you feel lost? Do you have a desire to build relationships with your peers and opportunity to sharpen your leadership, communication, and business accumen?

F:LIK may be just for you! Applications for Cohort 4 is open now! Spots are limited!



**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.**

**40+ CE HOURS**

**COST: \$1,500**

**CLICK HERE TO VIEW 2026-2027 PROGRAM DATES**

*Thank you to these supporters!*



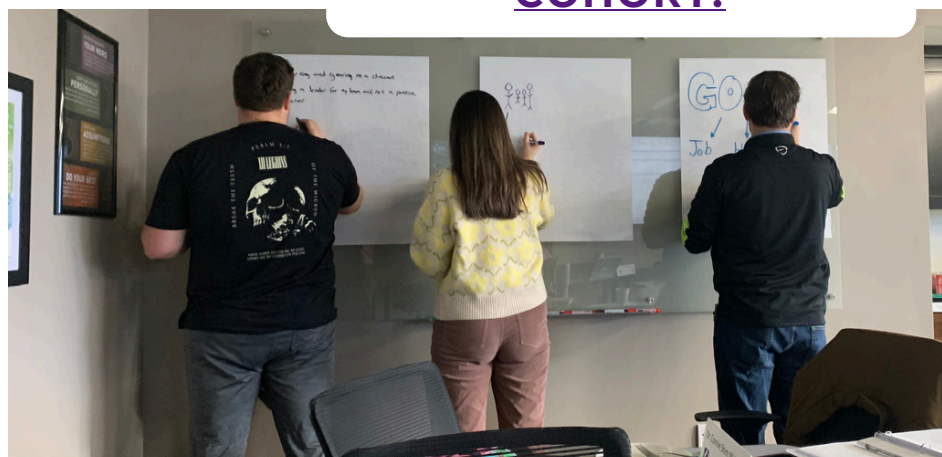
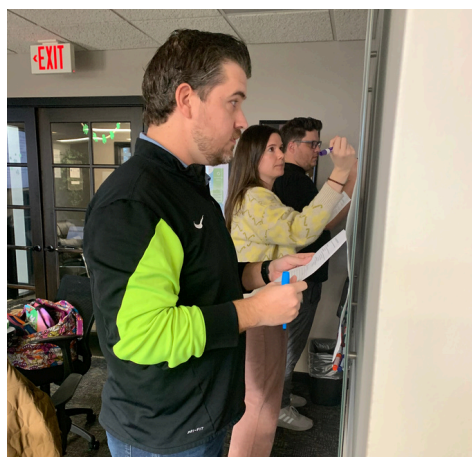
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**Registration is open through May!**



**CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR 2026-2027 COHORT!**



# Why I Dental...

“Volunteering with DLN is probably the most rewarding thing that I do. You donate your time, you donate your services, and you impact this one individual's life more than you can ever imagine. And just seeing the smile on their face when we're done - it just makes it worth it.”

Amanda Miller, DDS  
DLN • IN Board of Directors



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When you volunteer with Dental Lifeline Network's Donated Dental Services (DDS) program, you change lives, find your purpose, and redefine success.



Volunteering is easy.

### Apply

A potential patient applies for the program through an application

### 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)



**JAMEE LOCK**  
IKDDS EXEC. DIRECTOR

## The World is Your Oyster

In 1602, when William Shakespeare first threw out the word image of "Why then the world's mine oyster, Which I with sword will open," opportunity looked a little different and force was assumed a necessary step in obtaining it. In today's world, we have so many opportunities available at our fingertips and often the biggest hurdle is stepping out on faith.

As I was compiling this newsletter, it struck me how incredibly resource-rich our tripartite organization is. The ADA, IDA, and IKDDS have worked hard to offer our members ample resources. None of which have to be taken by force, but most often simply initiative to seek it out.

Dr. Hale wrote about the resources available to our members struggling with either mental health. More than 82% of dentists report feeling "major" stress about their careers. That tells me that approximately 300 of our local dentists are on the verge of burnout. Roughly 8 out of 10 dentists in northeast Indiana are IKDDS members...which means this is a statistic we need to be serious about.

Thankfully, ADA and IDA have developed some resources to help you if you are struggling in this area. [Visit Dr. Hale's article for Well-being links.](#)

Another area that is rapidly advancing for our members are resources for scientific advancement. The [ADA Forsyth Institute](#) has been an innovative leader in oral health research and clinical care. Today, ADA Forsyth is a top-tier NIH-funded research institute focused on exploring the connections between oral health and overall well-being.

IDA continues to work on your behalf with legislation. This year, IDA worked with legislators to pass the following initiatives:

- Helped address the hygiene shortage by establishing a pathway for foreign-trained dentists who meet specified criteria to apply for a dental hygiene license in Indiana
- Allows the State Board of Dentistry to approve nitrous oxide administration certification programs for hygienists and assistants
- Updates the "three-strikes" rule, giving the State Board of Dentistry flexibility to consider special circumstances when a dental school graduate is taking his or her initial dental licensure exam.

Next month, IDA will be hosting the [Midwest Dental Assembly](#) in our backyard! Since it will be in Fort Wayne, it is convenient for you to participate!

You can register to golf in the **IDPAC golf outing** and bring your team for some amazing CE opportunities at the MDA. Courses on **Nitrous Oxide Administration, Forensic Dentistry, Laser Dentistry, and BOTOX** are just a few of exciting courses available! I encourage you to check out the [MDA Schedule](#) and register you and your dental team! You won't want to miss it.

Locally, we are ready to launch another cohort of FLIK. This 7 training module program is designed to help our members focus and identify areas to expand their skills. Each cohort size is capped at up to 12 dentists, so if you are interested, please be sure to register.

Also, locally, we will be launching a **CE Passport** this fall. This is just one more resource available to our member dentists to easily stay on-track for licensure requirements. [Read more about it in this issue.](#)

There are so many more opportunities available for career advancement, team leadership, and business opportunities to list here. I encourage you to review what opportunities you have as a member.

One non-tangible, but arguably the most important resource you have available to you is community. [Dr. Jansen's article](#) addressed how this is **Your Society and We Are Family.**

In today's digital world, one of the greatest resources we have is found in each other. I hope you take advantage of it. If you want to grow your network and build relationships with other dentists, that opportunity is best found by attending IKDDS events.

If you are a bit nervous to go by yourself, please reach out to me and I can connect you with a dentist on either our board or Membership Committee. They would love to help you become acquainted.

The world is your oyster and it is also at your fingertips! We look forward to continuing to serve you!



### **Start your engines!**

Join us in Indianapolis, October 8–10 at the Indiana Convention Center.

### **What's coming in 2026?**

Discover a reimagined dental meeting format built around the cornerstone experiences you value:

- Continuing Education
- Exhibits
- Networking
- Science & Innovation

The American Dental Association 2026 Scientific Session will be held alongside the Indiana Dental Association Center of Excellence program. Find more information at [ADA.org](https://www.ada.org).

Past Presidents & Future Leaders

# Spring Fling

Awards Dinner

April 23, 2026

LaVetta Event Venue



## Family Fun Day!

Join us for a family-friendly event with activities including:

- Cornhole Tournament
- Bounce House
- Face Painting
- Food Truck and more!!!!



Sunday, June 14, 2026  
3:00 - 7:00 pm

The Shops @ The Sanctuary, Columbia City

# IDA INDIANA DENTAL association

## Midwest Dental Assembly

May 13-16, 2026  
FORT WAYNE

**CONNECT** with Colleagues

**ENVISION** Possibilities with your dental team

**IGNITE** Practice Growth



## YDC Welcome Tincaps Game

New Dentists Only!

Thursday, August 20, 2026

PARKVIEW FIELD | J CHAPMAN'S SUITE

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

## CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR!

[WWW.IKDDS.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.IKDDS.ORG/EVENTS)

Stay informed of all upcoming events and registration information!



# 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



## COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC

*Provides specialized dental care consistent with Amish and Mennonite (Plain) values. The Community Dental Clinic provides clinical dental services to all individuals, regardless of religion, race or age.*

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



**Community Dental Clinic**  
A Non-Profit Community Dental Health Care Program

## 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

1717 S Calhoun St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

3350 E. Paulding Rd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46816



Call or visit website for  
clinic hours.

\*NEW LOCATION\*  
3501 Warsaw St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

## ST. MARTIN'S HEALTHCARE

*Serving the underinsured and the uninsured needs of Dekalb, Noble, Steuben, and LaGrange county residents. It is a full-service clinic that meets the needs of its residents and is impacting many individuals and families who would otherwise have no access to healthcare. All services provided at the clinic are at no charge to patients.*

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

135 S Randolph St  
Garrett, IN 46738

Call or visit website for  
clinic hours



ST. MARTIN'S  
HEALTHCARE

## UNFAILING LOVE CLINIC

*Serves uninsured, low-income adults*

[unfailingloveclinic.org](http://unfailingloveclinic.org)

260-724-2911

Monday 8:30 a - 1p

1040 S. 11th St.

Wednesday 8:30 a - 1 p

Decatur, IN 46733

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](http://ikdds.org/ikdef) for a list of recipients.