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# Message from the President



Scott M. Dubowsky, DMD, FAGD  
*President*

**T**he New Jersey Academy of General Dentistry had an outstanding meeting in Washington, DC this summer. Not only was our own Dr. Vincent Mayher elected national vice president, but our delegation dramatically made itself heard on several issues vital to the future of dentistry and general practice. I was very proud to see the level of professionalism and dedication exhibited by every member of our region.

A number of diverse issues with direct impact on your practice were discussed and debated at the annual session, including national licensure, the role of oral conscious sedation in general practice, and the role of advanced dental auxiliaries. This year, we were proud to honor seven New Jersey members who received their Mastership awards and fourteen members who received their Fellowship. In addition to the awards, each recipient received a letter of commendation from the Governor and a special gift from the NJAGD. Our congratulations go out to all of them. It was especially gratifying for me to present the Governor's citation personally to Dr. Auggie Pelligrini, President of the NJDA, a fellow practitioner in Bayonne, and a new Fellow.

This has been an exciting time for the NJAGD. We have constructed new and revitalized Master-Track and



Continuing Education programs which will include co-sponsorship with groups such as the New Jersey Dental Association and the Association of Pediatric Dentists. We are also developing a defibrillator course that will include a defibrillator in the course fee at a significantly reduced price.

We have forged new and exciting ties with the NJDA and plan to hold our annual session with them in June of 2006.

We also are holding our first ever raffle for a 2005 E320 Mercedes-Benz. There may still be tickets left — call quickly!

With all that is going on there is only one element missing... and that is YOU!

Many of you have been and are fervent supporters of the AGD and have diligently paid your dues, but that is not enough for a volunteer organization. We need you to step up and help run and revitalize this organization. While there's much work to be done, it can also be fun and the camaraderie found is priceless. If you want to help out, it's easy. Just give us a call at 1-866-Go NJAGD. 🍷



# In My Opinion...



Evan Spivack, DDS, FAGD  
*Editor*

**T**he Academy of General Dentistry is devoted to continuing dental education. Most often, this education comes in the form of lectures, hands-on courses or distance learning, teaching new skills or improving on existing ones. Sometimes, though, the education is more personal—and perhaps more important.

I was recently informed that a number of patients with epidermolysis bullosa (EB) were being referred to our center for care. Those unfamiliar with this disease should know that it is a rare genetic disorder that manifests itself in large, painfully disfiguring blisters that resist healing and often lead to severe disfigurement, disability and often, early death.

I searched the web for information on EB to share with my staff, and came across a large, comprehensive site, [ebinfoworld.com](http://ebinfoworld.com). In addition to the medical and dental information there, the site

offers a moving and in-depth portrayal of the tragic consequences of this disorder. The stories of the children and adults living and dying with this disease, and the family members who suffer along with them, are intense and personal. Viewing this website had a profound impact on me and on my staff, as well as on others to whom I e-mailed the link.

The effect of this glimpse into the nightmare of EB is to give one a better sense of perspective about his or her own life. Suddenly, some of the aggravations of daily life become less important, and we see them for what they truly are—trivial nuisances that should be shrugged off without second thought. For better or for worse, we can gain this sense of perspective from so many of our daily encounters. Learning lessons from our everyday lives are not only an inexpensive form of CE, but arguably may be the most important. Make the commitment today—become a lifelong learner. ❤️

# Volunteerism



Manuel Cordero, DDS, MAGD  
Regional Director, NJAGD (Region IV)

Dentistry is at a crossroads. While we face rewarding times, we also have numerous challenges to overcome. Following September 11, we were left with a sense of urgency. Self-examination and focus on ourselves, on our families and on that which we value seemed to be the order of the day.

A lasting aftershock of September 11 has been the lack of involvement amongst professionals in their respective organizations. The AGD, like other groups, is experiencing a decrease in membership and working volunteers. Members believe that, somehow, "things will get done." The truth is that things will get done--but not necessarily to the level of which they should.

Today's dentists must see the value of preserving our integrity and freedom as a profession through the strength of our organization. There is a need to belong to the AGD and to the ADA since they both speak for organized dentistry. United we stand, divided we fall.

The AGD was born out of the necessity to study in order to improve our skills and to better serve the needs of our patients. But is this enough? The AGD must evolve if we are to survive the present and the future environment that we face. We currently are privileged to choose the areas of dentistry we practice based on the training and knowledge that we attain through continuing education.

I am calling on you to not only become involved, but to bring into our organization those individuals that support your values and ethical pursuits in the field of dentistry. Bring a friend! There is no better feeling than to be excited to attend another course where you know you are going to meet a good friend or colleague who is not only knowledgeable but willing to share his or her knowledge. After all, the AGD remains the



largest study club in the world. I urge you to reach out to a younger or older neighboring dentist and share your passion for what you do; they, in turn, will surprise you with unimaginable knowledge that can only grow when it is shared. The dental profession is blessed with the most unique combination of talents. The level of intensity that we express in our profession is unsurpassed.

We are the ultimate scientists with a love for art, and engineering that makes us blush when we think of our chemical bonds. Our energy and love for knowledge are boundless and I invite you to open up and share your passion with your neighbors and friends in the profession.

The NJAGD is looking for a few good dentists that are willing to share their time with our board in the development of a stronger New Jersey region. Please feel free to come to our meetings and contribute your time and ideas to improve the services we provide our members.

In May of 2000, when I became president of NJAGD, I asked all of you to feel free to contact me with ideas and suggestions on how we can make our organization stronger. I am sorry to say that very few people have taken advantage of this offer. I am once again asking you to get involved through coming to meetings, writing letters or articles for *Wisdom*, mentoring another dentist or simply by supporting us in our efforts by attending our courses. An organization is only as strong as its members. Let us work together for the benefit of our patients and our profession.

Come and join us! Future NJAGD board meeting dates are September 15 and November 14, 2005, and January 17 and March 1, 2006. ☺

# Trustee's Report

Manuel Cordero, DDS, MAGD

This summer marks another special season for New Jersey. We have returned from our annual meeting in Washington, DC victorious, with Dr. Vincent Mayher as the newly elected vice president of the AGD. It certainly feels good when we see an honest man and his ethical work prevail at a time when it is most needed. To quote our former President Dr. Joe Perno, "Vinny has himself to thank for his election, since he did his campaigning during his years of selfless and effective service for the AGD."

As regional director, I was challenged with running a delegation at a crucial time of transition in the life of the Academy. This meeting demonstrated leadership at its best, with the NJAGD having a significant effect as a gatekeeper for the Academy. Our president, Scott Dubowsky, was instrumental in the identification of key issues and in the development of their discussion. We should also be proud of our Board of Directors and their leadership role, as our delegation accomplished every goal we identified. Allow me to publicly thank our delegates and alternate delegates to the 2005 Annual Meeting: Drs. Navin Boggavarapu, Elizabeth Clemente, John DiPonziano, Scott Dubowsky, Yosh Jefferson, Luciano Ghisalberti, Shari Hyder, Jeffrey Linfante, Karin Miller, Melvin Pierson, Barbara Rich, Joseph Sandberg and Bruce Small. We need to celebrate and support those volunteers that take the time away from

home and office to advance the cause that strengthens and protects our profession.

The NJAGD has a long history of accomplishments and leadership, and I am honored to have been elected trustee of Region 4, New Jersey. My new role is not to motivate our home-grown leadership, but to make decisions on behalf of the AGD. I embrace this new role with respect, enthusiasm and a great sense of responsibility. I would continue to ask for your input in order to better serve those that I ultimately represent--the grass roots members.

The position of trustee will allow me the opportunity to have direct contact with the issues that most affect our future. This year we launched the AGD 2010 initiative. Based on the goals and objectives identified by the participants of the conference, as well as surveys of members and non members, this initiative will allow the Academy to better serve its stakeholders. We are moving from a blue-print type of management to a knowledge-based organization.

Once again, I am honored to serve and represent the NJAGD and its members. Please feel free to contact me at any time to address issues of concern or if you have ideas that can benefit our association. I can be reached at [dentalmac@yahoo.com](mailto:dentalmac@yahoo.com) or (856) 589-8533. 🍷

## Hear De! Hear De! Calling All Authors

The editorial staff of NJAGD's publication, *Wisdom*, is always looking for articles contributed by our members. Whether your contribution is large or small, it will go far towards helping make *Wisdom* an outstanding publication of which we can all be proud.

Articles may be letters or opinion pieces, scientific articles, helpful clinical tips, news affecting dentists and dentistry or short case reports. We welcome your photos of AGD related events as well as any other articles or photos you may wish to share.

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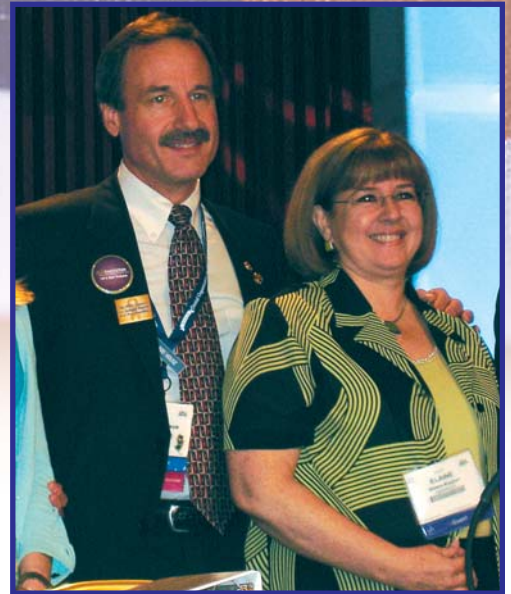


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# NJ Member is National AGD Vice President



**T**he AGD Annual Meeting & Exhibition 2005 in Washington, D.C., wrapped up with the House of Delegates Closing Session and the final day of on-site courses.

Officer election results were announced during the morning session of the House of Delegates, with Vinnie Mayher, DMD, MAGD, of New Jersey, winning the office of vice president and Howard Gamble, DMD, FAGD, being named speaker of the house. The House erupted in cheers as soon as the results were revealed. Members of the New Jersey contingent rushed to shake hands and exchange hugs with Dr. Mayher, a past president of the New Jersey AGD. Elaine Mayher was the first to greet her husband as the news was announced.

"My sincere congratulations to Vinnie," said Gene Antenucci, DDS, FAGD, the other candidate for vice president. "I think the AGD is in excellent hands."

"This campaign is unprecedented," Dr. Mayher said. "Gene, you're a class act. I am humbled and honored, but mostly invigorated by this honor. There's a lot of work to be done and I can't wait to get started."

The House responded by giving both Drs. Mayher and Gamble standing ovations.

"Is there anything stronger than the heart of a volunteer?" asked Michael Garrett, DDS, FAGD, who was one of three candidates for speaker. "My heart is still strong. I want to thank the regions who supported me."

The third candidate, Mark Donald, DMD, FAGD, echoed Dr. Garrett and Dr. Antenucci in thanking the delegates for a clean campaign.

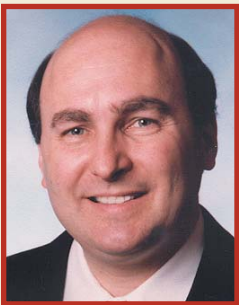
"I truly enjoyed this experience," Dr. Donald said. "I met a lot of great people that I will know for years."

Dr. Gamble was beaming as he crossed the room to try to call his wife. She wasn't the first to hear the news, but a parade of well-wishers kept him occupied.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," said Dr. Gamble, a past president of both the Alabama AGD and Alabama Dental Association. "I especially want to thank Mike and Mark. We got together at the beginning of this campaign. We wanted to make this election exemplary for the AGD."

Dr. Gamble estimated that by posting the candidate's platforms on the AGD Web site, the candidates save constituents upwards of \$70,000. None of the constituents spent money on badges or brochures, instead utilizing the Web site for all campaign needs. ☺

# Single Visit Natural Tooth Pontic Bridge with Fiber Reinforcement Ribbon



Howard E. Strassler, DMD, FADM, FAGD

**L**oss of an anterior tooth is a catastrophic event for a patient. The missing anterior tooth has implications in how one presents themselves to others and the psychologic effects of how we feel about ourselves. Sudden tooth loss in the esthetic zone of the anterior region is usually due to trauma, periodontal disease, or endodontic failure. While the fixed replacement of the single missing anterior tooth can be accomplished with a fixed partial denture or implant when there is an immediate need, a fiber reinforced bridge can be placed.

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of the use of a natural tooth pontic, denture tooth, or composite resin tooth pontic combined with enamel bonded composite resin and internal reinforcement materials. In the past, wire and nylon meshes were used and had the problem of being too thick. In recent years, the challenge to place a thin-but-strong bonded composite resin-based single visit bridge was met with the introduction of a high-strength polyethylene, bondable, biocompatible, esthetic, easily manipulated, fiber ribbons that could be embedded into a resin structure. This author has been using one brand of fiber reinforcement ribbon, Ribbond Reinforcement Ribbon, for over 10 years with good success. Ribbond is a bondable, polyethylene, lock-stitch multidirectional reinforcement ribbon for composite resin. Research has demonstrated that the fiber reinforcement with Ribbond Reinforcement Ribbon provides for an increase in flexural strength and flexural modulus of composite resins.<sup>1,2</sup> In a long term clinical evaluation of splinting, using the original Ribbond Reinforcement Ribbon including single visit bridges, it has been reported that over a period of 42-96 months (mean=68.6 mos.) fiber reinforced composite resins are highly successful.<sup>3</sup>

## Case Report

We present a patient with a previous dental history of esthetic treatment, by this author, of her tetracycline stained anterior maxillary teeth with porcelain veneers. During routine recall, it was noted that there was a reddish discoloration underlying the enamel of the lingual surface of tooth #9. The area was probed and a defect on the root surface was discovered. A radiograph was made demonstrating a large radiolucency at the cervical of #9 (Figure 1). A preliminary diagnosis of root resorption was made and with consultation with specialists it was decided the tooth was unrestorable.

In order to preserve the porcelain veneer and tooth crown, the crown was cut from the root with a very thin diamond being certain to cut the crown off slightly subgingival to allow for the construction of an emerging pontic with the natural tooth crown. Once the incisor crown was removed, a surgical flap was used to remove the remaining root. The tooth crown was reshaped with an adhesive composite resin filling in the root defect on the gingival surface. The tooth



**Figure 1:** Radiographic evidence of resorptive lesion on maxillary central incisor.

crown was tried back in using the putty matrix as a stent to stabilize and position the natural tooth crown pontic. Class 3 mesiolingual preparations were made on teeth #8 and #10. A channel was prepared into the lingual surface of the natural tooth pontic. A dental dam was placed. The natural tooth pontic was bonded to place using a square orthodontic wire embedded into a hybrid composite resin (Figure 2). The completed single visit natural tooth pontic wire supported fixed partial denture was esthetically acceptable to the patient.



**Figure 2:** Radiograph of natural tooth pontic bridge supported by orthodontic wire

Over the next four years, the bridge was repaired once. When the patient returned with the tooth pontic loose on the distal surface due to fracture, the decision was made to replace the wire with a fiber reinforcement ribbon (Ribbond Reinforcement Ribbon, Seattle, WA). The natural tooth pontic was stabilized with adhesive composite resin on the facial interproximal surfaces in the connector region. The facial composite resin serves to seal the interproximal areas against recurrent caries and provides a 180-degree wrap of composite resin to each of the splinted teeth. With the pontic stabilized, the wire and the remaining composite resin on the lingual surface was removed (Figure 3). The width of the channel was 3mm, the same width as the Ribbond Reinforcement Ribbon that was to be used. A template of dental floss was cut to the correct length and then the Ribbond was cut to that length with the special scissors. The ribbon was wetted with adhesive resin and then blotted to remove the excess resin with a patient napkin. The Class 3 preparations and pontic channel were etched with a phosphoric acid etchant for 15 seconds, rinsed with water and dried. Adhesive was painted on the etched tooth surfaces light and cured for 20 seconds. A hybrid composite resin was placed into the tooth preparations. The Ribbond was picked up and embedded into the composite. The restored surfaces were inspected to assure the complete covering of the fiber ribbon with the composite. The lingual surfaces were light cured for 20 seconds. The composite resin was shaped, finished, and polished to remove any excess restorative material



**Figure 3:** Lingual preparation of abutment teeth and natural tooth pontic.

and achieve an esthetic result. The Ribbond-reinforced natural tooth pontic provided the patient with a highly esthetic result (Figure 4). The post-operative radiograph shows the ribbon embedded in the composite resin (Figure 5). In September of 2003, the patient returned for a post-operative reevaluation. The Ribbond reinforced natural tooth pontic bridge is highly successful at 8.5 years. It should also be noted that the Cerinate Porcelain Veneers are also highly successful at 15.5 years (Figure 6). ♥



**Figure 4A:** Completed Ribbond natural tooth pontic bridge (Facial view)



**Figure 4B:** Completed Ribbond natural tooth pontic bridge (Lingual view)

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**Figure 5:** Radiograph of completed bridge



**Figure 6:** Recall of Ribbond bridge at 8.5 years. (Cerinate veneers at 15.5 years)

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# Get Your Masters in Four Years



Navin Boggavarapu, DDS, MAGD  
AIM Masters Track Chairman

The prestigious Master of Academy of General Dentistry (MAGD) award requires a total of 600 hours of CE, with 400 of those hours being participation-type credits in specified areas of dentistry. Trying to meet these requirements can be difficult, as courses offering participation credits in some subject areas may be hard to find. To make the path to Mastership easier, the NJAGD has developed its AIM (Accelerate in Mastership) program.

AIM provides a timely, cost-effective means of accumulating your participation credits in all required areas. It consists of a small group forum, which encourages interaction between participants and instructors, making for a stimulating and enjoyable experience. Following each session, participants receive a challenging in-office assignment, which, when completed, qualify for participation credits towards Mastership.

Each meeting is 3 1/2 days in length, from Thursday to Sunday. Participants will return to their offices and complete an assignment over the following six-month period, prior to the next AIM meeting. The assignment usually consists of case presentations and write-ups, which are to be presented to the class on Thursday of the next AIM weekend. This format awards 52 credit hours for each of the meetings, which are presented twice a year. Continuous enrollment in AIM allow for accumulation of all the required participation credits in as little as four years.

The best part about AIM is the camaraderie. On Friday night, there is a social get-together, usually at the home of an AIM participant who lives near the course site. There is also a banquet on Saturday night held at a local restaurant.

Tuition for the AIM weekend is \$1,050.00 and includes continental breakfasts, lunches, the Friday social and the Saturday banquet.

The upcoming session will be held in Mt. Holly, NJ, on October 7, 8 and 9. Presented by Dr. Howard Strassler of the University of Maryland, this program combines seminar and hands-on formats to provide the participant with concepts in diagnosis and treatment planning, techniques and case presentation in a variety of areas, including caries diagnosis, adhesives, composite resins and resin-modified glass ionomers, fiber-reinforced ribbon, crown and bridge repair, curing lights, no-prep porcelain veneers, treatment of the worn dentition and more.

Past participants have offered glowing comments on the AIM program:

*“Great courses. Quality courses with quality people”*  
— Howard Lassin, DMD, FAGD

*“It took me 15 years to get my mastership in the AGD...Now when you sign up for the New Jersey AGD's AIM (accelerate into mastership) program you can do it in four years! Going through the process of achieving mastership in the AGD was one of the most outstanding periods in my professional career.”*  
— Bruce W. Small, DMD, MAGD

*“The AIM program is a positive and wonderful program that has helped me to grow professionally and expand my paradigms in the various disciplines of General Dentistry. The camaraderie, friendship and interactions with my AIM colleagues has been extremely rewarding and gratifying.”*  
— David Paulussen, DMD, FAGD

I have been through the program and found it rewarding in many ways. The program is open to anyone who wants to take the course. You can get more information by calling (866) Go-NJAGD, or contact me via e-mail at [gentledental@poboxes.com](mailto:gentledental@poboxes.com). 🐣

# AGD Foundation Campaign Nears \$2.5 Million in Support

Elizabeth Clemente, DDS, FAGD  
AGD Foundation President

**D**uring a reception at this year's AGD Annual Meeting, the AGD Foundation announced that more than \$2,465,000 has been pledged to the Foundation's first-ever capital campaign -

*"Fostering A Brighter Tomorrow."* Over the course of the last year, AGD members, dental industry leaders and friends of general dentistry have been asked to contribute to this historic effort in order to fund the expansion of quality continuing dental education opportunities for general dentists, and provide financial support for the AGD's proposed Oral Health Literacy Initiative.

Highlights from the campaign include:

- More than 650 AGD member contributions;
- Unparalleled member generosity with more than 50 pledges of \$5,000 or more;
- AGD and AGD Foundation Board gifts totaled more than \$250,000;
- Five corporate partners made pledges ranging from \$250,000 to \$550,000 each; and
- Funding for new dental CE programs.

Pledged commitments will be collected over a five-year redemption period. During this time, the Foundation will continue to seek additional support from members, corporations and charitable foundations for the needs outlined in the campaign and for the Foundation's ongoing operations and grant programs.

## Foundation Program Benefits

By working in concert with the corporate community, the AGD Foundation has secured support for several new continuing dental educational programs. Programs funded via the campaign include:

### Periodontal Disease Lecture Series

A generous \$250,000 educational grant from OraPharma to the AGD Foundation will help finance the development of a series of Periodontal Disease continuing education lectures to be held throughout the country. These courses will also be supported through complimentary online and teleconference programs.

### Continuing Education Course Grant Program

Procter & Gamble has partnered with the AGD and the Foundation to fund a \$320,000 grant program that will

provide industry-leading speakers for AGD-approved CE courses at six AGD Constituent meetings and AGD's Annual Meeting each year over the next four years.

### Free Online Continuing

Dental Education Modules

In keeping with the campaign's goal to expand accessible CE offerings for dental professionals, AGD and the Foundation have partnered with GC America to develop a series of eight online continuing education modules. These restorative dentistry courses are free to all AGD members and will be accessible at anytime from any location with an internet connection.


### AGD Practice Management Manual

A \$250,000 gift from Dentists Advantage will help to fund a new AGD Practice Management Manual for dental school students nearing graduation. This helpful resource will provide practical information to new dentists preparing to operate a successful practice.

### Regional Dental Implant Workshops

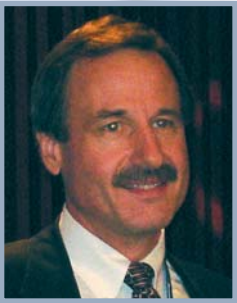
As part of a \$500,000 pledge to the Foundation's General Education Fund, Nobel has partnered with the AGD, AGD Foundation and the Perio Institute to provide dental implant CE courses at AGD's Annual Meeting and at regional workshops across the country over the next five years. These hands-on, AGD-approved courses are offered at a discounted rate to AGD members.

### Pledge Your Support Today!

It's not too late to join the many AGD member contributors helping to improve oral health and better continuing dental education by pledging their support to *"Fostering A Brighter Tomorrow."* Your gift is an investment in the future of our profession, and will help the Foundation to fund programs that illustrate AGD's commitment to life-long learning. Downloadable pledge forms and updated listing of member contributors to the campaign are available online at the campaign's Web site [www.agd.org/foundation/campaign](http://www.agd.org/foundation/campaign). 



# Is There Anything Stronger Than the Heart of a Volunteer



Vincent Mayher, DMD, MAGD

These words were spoken by a gentleman from Tennessee, Dr. Mike Garrett, DDS, MAGD, while making a concession speech after the election results for AGD Speaker of the House were announced in Washington, DC on July 17th. Truer words were never spoken. Over the past 17 years of leadership activity, I have had the pleasure of witnessing countless examples of heartfelt efforts by many good people in the service of our Academy.

Those of you who have pursued volunteer activities, whether they were in organized dentistry, or other entities, know and appreciate the “good feeling” generated by lending one’s “time, talent and treasure,” for those things in life deemed special.

It is only when no financial remuneration for earnest effort is attained, than one can truly bask in the joy of accomplishment.

Volunteerism has many sizes and shapes, which include Rotary Clubs, churches, synagogues and mosques, health related activities, and the universal “sports mom and dad” activities. Who would argue with the fact that a parent who coaches a son’s or daughter’s soccer team, gets more thrill out of watching this game than watching any professional sport.

Somehow, in the midst of being a provider, a parent, and a professional, I became involved in serving the Academy of General Dentistry. At first, I was involved with the New Jersey AGD, and now I serve thirty thousand-plus members in the United States and Canada, having recently been elected as AGD Vice President.

The benefits are countless. I have met thousands of colleagues from all over the world, sat with policymakers in Trenton and Washington, DC in order to maintain the focus of our profession on optimal patient care, and have piloted changes in the operative and budgetary policy of our Academy which will leave an impact for years to come.

So, here’s to those thousands of you who have included volunteerism in your lives. I realize that many of you do not include the AGD as a recipient of your volunteer efforts. You have my compliments anyway. For those of you who would like to add the additional dimension that volunteering for an organization based on the principle of “quality of care through lifelong learning,” I promise years of fulfillment. And I can say this from the heart of a volunteer. 🍷

Vinny Mayher, DMD, MAGD  
*Vice President, Academy of General Dentistry*

# NJAGD 2005 Fall CE Schedule

## Accelerate into Mastership (AIM) Courses

Thursday, October 6, 2005

"Post-Critique Precision-Based Endodontics"  
8:00 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Lecture

Dr. Ken Koch  
737 Holly Lane, Westampton/Mt. Holly  
Fee: No Charge

Friday, October 7, 2005

"Restorative/Esthetics"  
8:00 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Lecture

Dr. Howard Strassler  
737 Holly Lane, Westampton/Mt. Holly  
Fee: \$1,050 Member (2 ½ Days)  
\$329 Additional for Non-Members

Saturday, October 8, 2005

"Restorative/Esthetics"  
8:00 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Lecture

Dr. Howard Strassler  
737 Holly Lane, Westampton/Mt. Holly  
Fee: \$1,050 Member (2 ½ Days)  
\$329 Additional for Non-Members

Sunday, October 9, 2005

"Restorative/Esthetics"  
8:00 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Lecture

Dr. Howard Strassler  
737 Holly Lane, Westampton/Mt. Holly  
Fee: \$1,050 Member (2 ½ Days)  
\$329 Additional for Non-Members

## General CE Courses

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

"Special Patient Care: Dentistry at Its Best"  
8:00 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Lecture

Dr. Evan Spivack  
NJDA, One Dental Plaza  
North Brunswick  
Fee: \$175 Member  
\$300 Non-Member  
\$99 Auxiliary

Saturday, November 19, 2005

"AED Defibrillator CPR Training"  
8:00 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Lecture

Mr. Michael Kaliroff  
NJDA, One Dental Plaza  
North Brunswick  
Fee: \$1,399  
\$199 (Course Only-Auxiliaries)

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

"Assessing Mouth Breathing in Children"  
8:00 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Lecture

Dr. Yosh Jefferson  
737 Holly Lane, Westampton/Mt. Holly  
Fee: \$175 Member  
\$300 Non-Member  
\$99 Auxiliary

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