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Congratulations to the Gehani family, Dr. Chad Gehani has been elected as President Elect of New York State Dental Association. Dr. Gehani will ascend to be the President of New York State Dental Association in June 2011.

Congratulations to the Parikh family, Dr. Amrish Parikh was installed Vice President of Second District Dental Society on Jan 9, 2011 in a ritzy ceremony. Dr. Parikh has also been a past president and trustee of IDA (USA) Inc.



Mrs and Mr. Steve Kess light up the invocation lamp to officially start the annual convention.

Gala Dinner and Annual Convention 2010

The gala dinner and annual convention 2010 of IDA (USA) Inc, was held on October 21, 22 and 23 2010. This was the first time IDA had its annual convention on three separate days. The event was a huge success.

Day one, Friday October 21, 2010 was held in Tandoor, where about 30 members and volunteer officers participated in an implant prosthetic program sponsored by Zimmer dental. Day two, Saturday October 22, 2010 was our annual gala dinner held at the prestigious Akbar banquet hall in Garden City, New York. This year several ADA and NYSDA dignitaries attended our celebration. Dr. Mark Feldman, past ADA president and currently NYSDA Executive Director, Dr. Steven Gounardes ADA trustee from second district, Dr. Robert Doherty, President NYSDA, Dr. Chad Gehani, President Elect NYSDA, Mr. Steven Kess Henry Schein VP, global relations, Dr. Kedar Rastogi, Colgate and Dr. Tony Volpe,, Colgate Mr. William Bayer, Executive Director Queens County Dental Society to name a few.

This year our honors committee rightfully chose Dr. Edwin Mehlman to receive one of the highest honors given by IDA (USA), The Life time Achievement Award. Dr. Mehlman was present at the ceremony where he was recognized and he accepted the award. Dignitary comments and award ceremony were followed by a lavish dinner and live entertainment. All in all it was an enjoyable evening for all who attended.

Sunday October 23, 2010, day three of the convention, was our CE event, which was an overwhelming success.. A day full of top-notch continuing

education with a bazaar of techy sponsors, held at the LaGuardia Airport Marriott, Flushing, NY, our members made the most of it. This one was the memorable one and had the largest attendance.

Our goals, like that of any large event of this caliber, were well met. We made a statement to our sponsors, as a result of which they are eager to return to our events. We made a statement to organized dentistry and hopefully they will be more inclusive of our members and diversity in general in mainstream organized dentistry. We also increased camaraderie among our members..

Our main sponsors for our 2010 convention were Zimmer Dental, David Lerner Associates, Henry Schein, Megagen and Glaxo Smith Kline. My sincere thanks to all of them as they help make events like these and more happen year round.

Looking ahead, IDA (USA) Inc. is constantly taking positive steps to make our association user friendly for our members. A top priority this year is upgrading our website so our members can access IDA (USA) resources more readily online. Our continuing education courses will be better than ever and some will be on Sundays. One such event is coming up on Sunday February 6, 2011. Please visit our website and look for more information on this Mega CE event elsewhere in this bulletin and register.

We are actively seeking more dentists to volunteer for committee assignments. We can only be successful collectively, as none of us is as good as all of us.