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## IDA (USA) Maintains Strong Financial Position.

by Dr. Viren Jhaveri

**W**hat! Bad economy, no Moolah! Not in IDA (USA), in the last several years IDA (USA) has maintained a strong financial position, more so in the last two years. This is largely thanks to our membership, our strong infrastructure, support of our sponsors and wise financial decisions made by our hierarchy. Our association continues to grow in membership, our continuing education programs have become more and more classy and savvy i.e. of practical understanding, and our members, I can't say enough about our members, they have invested wisely in their IDA (USA) membership and continuing education programs and are reaping the benefits.

Another dimension of success is our user friendly website. Updated more frequently than any other time in the history of IDA (USA), we are now accepting payments online for our continuing education courses, membership dues, even new member applications are being processed online. I am happy to inform you that in 2010 we had approximately 25 new student and life members combined that joined IDA (USA) through our website. We are also paying all our bills on line. This has not only simplified the entire process and made it very transparent, but has also dramatically reduced our carbon footprint. IDA (USA) is going green.

We at our association have reached the next level, but as they say there is always room for improvement, I want all our members to know that we are constantly working to improve our website and provide our members with a more user friendly environment. We are also working to enhance our continuing education offerings.

In diversity dental organizations, Indian Dental Association (USA) if not the strongest, it is one of the strongest dental groups, we are recognized, listened to and looked upon respectfully not only by all other ethnic dental groups but also by mainstream organized dentistry viz. the American Dental Association, its constituent and component societies and others.



Lastly, as the saying goes "there is no I in team" I believe this a result of teamwork and synergy that comes with it, as always suggestions are welcome and considered appropriately. I look forward to seeing you at our convention in June. Thank you for your support.

## Executive Director's Message

**F**irst of all myself and Rekha wish to thank you for your support, as I am preparing to go to Albany to become 142nd President of New York State Dental Association, your telephone calls and your emails mean a lot to the Gehani family.

There are many issues confronting dentistry today, including poor state of economy that not only affects dentists, but also our patients in their ability to choose dental services, some of them are being forced to neglect their oral health due to financial situation. At this time educating general public as well as law makers that good general health begins with good oral health and access to dental care is of paramount importance.

Yes I am asking you to be in contact with your Assemblypersons, Senators and Congresspersons. We have so far been lucky in saving adult dental Medicaid, the bad news is that we are facing a further reduction in fees in dental Medicaid, OMIG is cracking down on down on dentists left right and center.

If you are contacted by OMIG or any Governmental agency, I suggest that you contact your attorney before doing anything else.

Composition of the dental team may be changing. We need to get more informed about future team models like Dental Hygiene Therapist, Dental Health Coordinator, Advanced Dental Health Practitioner. NO ONE KNOWS DENTISTRY BETTER THAN A DENTIST. Only a dentist has the required training and expertise to be in charge of oral health of all Americans, regardless of their Financial status and their geographic location. This year US Congress has stopped funding for quite a few programs.

New York State Dental Association has had many victories in the past year. We were able to hold off the statute of limitations, which trial lawyers are trying to change. NYSDA defeated every attempt made by certain people to create the profession of Denturology.

The Align law prohibits manufacturers from mandating the use of patient quotas for dental treatments. American Dental Association was able to get exemption to Dentists from application of Red Flag Rules. We also got exemption from filling 1099 for payments of \$600 or less. Your Organization, along with your support to State Dental Association and American Dental Association is the strongest voice you can have for our future.



I am hoping to see many of you in Albany on June 17, 2011 We all are looking forward to celebrating OUR DAY on June 25, 26 in New York City.

Thank you

Dr. Chad P. Gehani

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Gehani family



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## Dean of GDC&H Amdavad visits NYC.

By Dr. Viren Jhaveri

Change can be sustained if it is made at the grassroots level, If I could gather the attention of top educators and decision makers in India,, I would hold them by the hand, bring them to the United States and show them the day to day activities of our schools, so they could gather the salient features of the system here and hopefully implement them in our schools back home, to bring about fundamental and meaning full changes in our generations to come.

Young and dynamic dean of GDC&H Amdavad, Dr. Girish Parmar is doing exactly that. Dr. Parmar was recently on an official visit to New York University College of Dentistry. He observed several clinics and their proceedings in NYUCD and witnessed conducting of the North East Regional Board Examination.

Dr. Parmar took over as dean of GDC&H Amdavad in 2005 and since than created a structural and cultural renaissance in the dental college bringing it "up to snuff."

Dean Parmar was felicitated by Alumni of GDC&H Amdavad at a private gathering hosted by Dr. A. G. Patel, Dr. Amrish Parikh and Dr. C.M. Patel on May 1, 2011 where he educated the invited alumni and guests on his doings at the dental college in Amdavad since he took over in 2005. He thanked Dr. Bharat Joshi for his enthusiastic commitment, advice and guidance during the academic development process of several programs at the college. " I am personally inviting all of you to our celebration of 50 years of commitment, dedicated, community services and dental education in December 2013", he proudly mentioned. Drs. Chad and Rekha Gehani were also honored, for their achievements and even though not an alumni of GDC&H Amdavad they were recognized as one of their own by several alumni at the gathering.



Left to Right  
Dr. Viren Jhaveri  
Dr. A.G. Patel  
Dr. Chad Gehani  
Dean Dr. Girish Parmar  
Dr. Amrish Parikh



Dr. A.G. Patel  
Dr. Praveen Pandhi  
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## OBITUARIES

Dr. Avinash Patel of Nutley, New Jersey passed away unexpectedly on February 21, 2011.

Mrs. Sharda Patel passed wife Dr. Natvarbhai Patel, passed away on April 29, 2011.



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## Member Spot Light

### Highlighting community services efforts of IDA (USA) life members Drs. Shaila and Dinesh Vasa

By Dr. Sudhakar Shetty

The so called "Baby boomers" (born between 1946 to 1964), are now emerging as an aging population considerably different than their parents. Most of them see retirement as a way to complete unfulfilled dreams which could not be fulfilled in the earlier years of strenuous work and pressure. Each person chooses their own special way of making this a reality. Some like to travel, others pursue new hobbies or interests. An increasing number of individuals like to give back to the community through meaningful volunteer work.

A recent survey conducted by AARP of workers over the age of 45 revealed that a large majority (69 percent) of those interviewed, plan to work in some capacity in their retirement years. More than 34 percent of the total sample said they would work part-time out of interest or enjoyment, 19 percent said they would work part-time for needed income, 10 percent would go into business for themselves, and 6 percent would work "full-time doing something else." Fewer than 28 percent of the respondents said they would not work at all (AARP 2010).

As a baby boomer moving towards the retirement years myself, I am inspired by my long time friends and colleagues Drs. Dinesh and Shaila Vasa, who decided to take a bold step into the next chapter of their lives.

They envisioned and evaluated volunteer opportunities through the lenses of their career experiences. They decided to use their skills acquired through many years of practicing dentistry to give back to the community, providing free dental services to families and individuals who otherwise have no access to dental health care in remote areas of India.



Drs. Dinesh and Shaila Vasa educating children on importance of oral health



Dr. Dinesh Vasa examining a child in the camp

When asked to share their personal service experience, they modestly obliged, and this was what Dr. Dinesh Vasa had to say about their "Indian Safari".....

Our trip was initiated by a desire to help the needy in Gujarat and Maharashtra. Having heard from many Organizations that the underprivileged in tribal areas lived a life in anonymity and poverty, our goal was to reach those regions, explore and then expand our wings, to know them, educate them and help them if and when possible.

The journey though difficult, as warned by our family and by our learned colleagues, began in November 2010 and lasted up to March 2011.

After folding up our Dental Practice in New York, we embarked on our journey to Mumbai and on to Baroda. The places we travelled to and explored included Goraj, Jagadia, Mangrol, Sayla, Halol, Khadki, Vavad, and Nagaria. Most of these areas have Adivasi (tribal) population. The people in spite of what little they had, welcomed us with open arms and big hearts.

Included in our trip were 3 dental camps arranged by Share and Care Organization of USA. Near Sholapur, we stayed in a school dorm. In Harali, which was an earthquake stricken area, we taught the students through Hindi and Marathi interpretation, brushing techniques, cancer prevention and performed Dental check-ups. Here we were assisted

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## Talk of the Town

By Dr. Viren Jhaveri

Our own Dr. Chad P. Gehani will be installed as President of New York State Dental Association soon, is the buzz around town, not only is the Indian community proud of him but also several ethnic dental groups are talking about his monumental achievements with hearts full of joy.

This is truly a breakthrough in mainstream organized dentistry. What is remarkable about the man is that not only does he have support from the ethnic communities, but he also has overwhelming support from mainstream American dentists who he has worked with mentored and been around as an ombudsman forever. Compliments and congratulatory messages from around the world are pouring into IDA (USA) message box, below is his bio.

Dr. Chad P. Gehani is currently the President Elect of the New York State Dental Association and will ascend to be the President of NYSDA in June 2011. He is the first individual of ethnic origin to achieve this highest honor.

Dr. Gehani has several commendable achievements on all possible levels. He is a Fellow of American College of Dentists, Fellow International College of Dentists, Fellow Pierre Fauchard Academy, Honorary life member of the Indian Dental Association, India, and honorary life member of the Indian Endodontic Society. In November 2006 Dr. Gehani was honored by the New York State Dental Foundation as the recipient of the Foundation of Excellence in Community Service Award. In 2004 he received a recognition award from the Head office of the International College of Dentists recognizing his efforts for servicing the International Community. India section of International College of Dentists awarded him the Best Teachers Award in 1990.

Dr. Gehani has given over 250 lectures world wide, some of his speaking engagements include speaking at the American Dental Association, Federation Dentaire International, Asia Pacific Dental Federation, Asia Pacific Dental Congress, Greater New York Dental Meeting, Greater Long Island Dental Meeting and many more. Dr. Gehani is the only individual who has given the coveted Colgate Oration twice, highest honor to any individual bestowed upon by Indian Dental Association, India.

Dr. Gehani is an Endodontist in private practice. He received his dental training at the University of Bombay, with post-graduate training in Endodontics from Columbia University. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Endodontics at New York University College of Dentistry since 1982 and is chair of the Department of Endodontics at Flushing Hospital Medical Center.

At the American Dental Association level he has served as an ADA delegate since 1999, he was Member of Council on ADA Membership, Member, Council on ADA International Programs

and Development and served a Team Leader of the ADA Tripartite Grassroots Membership Initiative for 5 years.

At the New York State Dental Association level, he has served as Chair, Council on Membership and Communications for 4 years, Chair Council on Nominations for 5 years, served on the NYSDA Executive Committee and Board Member since 2005 and is a past NYSDA Governor.



Dr. Chand P. Gehani wife Dr. Rekha Gehani

At the local level, he is a past president of the Queens County Dental Society, past director of the Greater Long Island Dental Meeting, past president of the Indian Dental Association (USA) and currently the Executive Director of the Indian Dental Association (USA).

Dr. Gehani is one of the most respected leaders of the New York State Dental Association and of the Indian Dental Association (USA) Inc; his influence extends to many other ethnic groups within dentistry. He is widely respected for his ability to bring groups together and has been personally responsible for an impressive increase in membership in organized dentistry in the New York City area and several other components in the country. Dr. Gehani is loyal to the ADA and works tirelessly to promote the profession as a whole. Chad is the leading dentist working with New York State Dental Association to ensure the continuation and development of New York State's Medicaid program, the primary vehicle through which the poor receive dental services. Most recently, Dr. Gehani's efforts were instrumental in enabling NYSDA to defeat a proposal to eliminate adult services from the Medicaid program. As a result, millions of New York citizens still have access to quality dental care. In addition, Dr. Gehani continues to lead organized dentistry's efforts to include diversity within the framework of its membership.

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### Member Spot Light

by Dr. Sanghani. The 3day camp ended with an impressive cultural performance by the young students.

The next camp was in Vaghecha near Surat in Gujarat. With the help of school teachers and students, the Dental exams were conducted with a flash light and mirrors. At the end of the camp their awesome cultural performance was followed by our involvement in their Garbas. At this stage I felt that if one can define Happiness then this was close to it!

The third and final camp near Rajkot at Amberdi, Bhimora and Amarpuri was very nicely arranged. We, along with Dr. Varsha, went to different schools with portable dental chairs with lights and were also able to perform cleaning with the use of cavitron on a few patients.

At all these Camps I insisted on and was able to play games like Volleball, Badminton, Cricket and a "made up" Basketball game .Some of them were proud to show how they played some of their games. This was also the time I could interact with them asking them about their life and sharing stories about ours.

Besides this we went to Sayla where the Jain Ashram sponsors a Dental Clinic, Hospitals and schools. The Dental Clinic had Modern equipment and we spent 2 weeks giving free treatment to local folks and gave some oral cancer education.

We concluded our trip by visiting Nagaria near Valsad where ARCH has special activities such as Kindergarten School, Health worker training, library, and education research. Dr. Daxaben who is in charge of this organization requested us to start a Dental Clinic for the local population. We plan to go back in September.

Along this journey, I had many moments when my eyes shed tears, both of joy and compassion.

I think that says it all. India is great!

### Welcome New Members, 2011

- Dr. Devang Modi Piscataway, NJ (Life Member)
- Dr. Atul Gulation New York, NY (Life Member)
- Dr. Viraj Gakar Syosset, NY (Life Member)
- Dr. Krina Shah Boston, MA (Student Member, 2011)

### IDA (USA) President Dr. Viren Jhaveri Becomes a Fellow of the American College of Dentists

The nation's oldest national honorary organization for dentists, the American College of Dentists, has granted membership to Dr. Viren Jhaveri who is now a Fellow.

FACD members exemplify excellence through outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to dentistry and society. Founded in 1920, the College seeks to elevate standards of dentistry, encourage graduate study and grant Fellowship to those who have done meritorious work.

Dr. Jhaveri is also a Fellow of the International College of Dentists as well as a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and Associate Fellow of American Academy of Implant Dentistry. He is a previous editor of the QCDS bulletin, former QCDS president, serves as a Delegate to both the ADA annual session and the NYSDA House of Delegates annual meeting, is currently president of the Indian Dental Association and a faculty member in Implant Dentistry at the NYU College of Dentistry.

He is in private practice with his wife, Sharmila, and has two sons.

### Talk of the Town

Dr. Gehani has an impressive record of contributions to international dentistry. He gathers dentists from Southeast Asia, at various dental institutions to learn American dental techniques to serve patients more effectively. He visits Southeast Asia frequently to lecture and convince young dentists to consider their postdoctoral study in the United States. He is also an advisor to at least five dental colleges in India.

Most importantly, Dr. Gehani is a mentor and role model to hundreds of young dentists of all nationalities. He has taken the New York State recruitment and retention efforts to new levels and shown, by example, how to reach out to all of the diverse members of our profession.

The Gehani's are well known in the dental community, his wife Dr. Rekha Gehani is past chair and currently an extended board member of the New York State Board of Dentistry since 1998 and has served New York State and still serves New York State Office of Professional Discipline. Their son Dr. Daniel Gehani and daughter Dr. Kiren Gehani are both orthodontists and the youngest son Dr. Neal Gehani is finishing up his ENT fellowship. Chad and Rekha are proud grand parents of Vidanya Pari Gehani. Chad is well known for speaking his mind, he is a known advocate of organized dentistry, he believes that all dentists should have one voice, under one umbrella of ADA and NYSDA and believes in equal treatment of all dentists practicing in the USA and speaking in one united voice for the dental profession.

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June 25, 2011

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**The Roosevelt Hotel NYC**  
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6:30- 7:30 pm Cocktails  
7:30 pm Onwards celebrations and dinner

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June 26, 2011

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## Continuing Education Presentation June 26, 2011

### Changing the Shape of Endodontics The SAF System

Dr. Chad Gehani and Mr. John Ferone



The cleaning, shaping and disinfection of the root canal system is the most important step in endodontic treatment. Currently, endodontic procedures are performed with hand and rotary instruments that do not adapt to the canal walls. The irrigation steps are intermittent and deliver limited amounts of irrigant to the apical third of the root. Unfortunately the literature is replete with examples of instrument breakage, poor results with chemo-mechanical preparation, canal transportation, and over-thinning of the canal walls. Since hand and rotary files are round in cross section, they leave more than half of the canal walls untouched - and require multiple sequences of filling and irrigation.

The new SAF instrument actively adapts to the shape of each canal, moves in a new oscillating up-and-down motion, and allows simultaneous irrigation. After the proper glide path is established, only one SAF instrument is required to finish the entire 3-D instrumentation of the canal. This revolutionary technology has been proven in numerous peer-reviewed, published articles to contact more canal surfaces, improve canal disinfection, and provide better results. SAF technology provides a virtually unbreakable instrument and is changing the way we perform endodontics.

At conclusion, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the shortcomings of present rotary driven endodontic systems
2. Compare the benefits of adaptive technology and simultaneous irrigation vs. rotary techniques
3. Describe the components and steps for using the SAF Endo System

### Interpreting the Findings of the Oral Mucosal Examination

Dr. Joan Phelan



The oral mucosal assessment is a routine component of a complete oral examination. Interpreting the findings of that examination is often problematic because most clinicians rarely see significant and life threatening oral mucosal lesions.

The dentist may identify variants of normal, lesions due to trauma, oral manifestations of dermatologic

diseases, and pre malignant and malignant lesions all during the oral mucosal examination. Oral cancer is one of the few life threatening diseases that may be encountered in the practice of dentistry. No other health care provider has the ability to visualize oral mucosa as well as a dentist or dental hygienist. Identifying and removing a pre malignant lesion or an early oral cancer may result in saving a patient's life.

The objective of this presentation is to assist the dentist in identifying and appropriately managing oral mucosal examination findings so that pre malignant and malignant oral mucosal lesions are identified and removed as early as possible.

### Functional Smile Design An Introduction to Craniofacial Aesthetics

Dr. Sandesh Mayekar



Patient's demand for aesthetic and cosmetic dentistry has never been greater. This has led many dentists to invest considerable time, effort, and money, mastering various cosmetic procedures and techniques.

While this is commendable, it should be recognized that it is one thing to be able to make pretty teeth, and an entirely different thing to make pretty teeth that actually last and function in harmony with the rest of the masticatory system.

An acceptable aesthetic result without regard for function and/or parafunction, will often result in premature case failure. What the truly successful clinician of today requires is a logical and systematic methodology in approaching aesthetic and cosmetic/ restorative cases that will lead to a reasonably predictable and durable end result.

This requires a practical understanding of fundamental occlusal principles, materials, and more importantly, just how to use them.

In this presentation, Dr.Sandesh Mayekar will emphasize on the concept of comprehensive, all-inclusive dentistry and demonstrate how to predictably plan the treatment, ranging from porcelain veneers to complex full-mouth reconstructions.

Aesthetic dentistry has become an important part of present day practice of general dentistry. However, Craniofacial Aesthetics is the future. Craniofacial Aesthetic involves all the faculties of Dentistry in a holistic approach and can help the clinician in the Correct Diagnosis, The right treatment plan and proper treatment (CRP)