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MDA LAUNCHES ONLINE DENTAL SUPPLY BUYING STOREFRONT

MDA MEMBERS MAY SAVE UP TO 20 PERCENT OR MORE ON SUPPLIES

On October 1, the MDA launched MDA Supply Source, an online dental supply buying storefront developed to provide members with discounts on more than 65,000 dental products from over 300 trusted brands.

This exclusive members-only benefit offers convenient, low-cost, one-stop online shopping. Orders are shipped free direct from manufacturers or authorized distributors to maximize savings. All products include full manufacturer warranties with no gray market or expired products.

Informational videos are available at www.mndental.org/mdasupplysource. Visit MDA Supply Source at www.mdasupplysource.com to start your order and start saving! Questions or comments? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact MDA Executive Director Carmelo Cinqueonce at ccinque@mndental.org or by phone at 612.767.8400. ■



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MIDTERM ELECTIONS NEAR, MINDENPAC IN POSITION TO MAKE WAVES THANKS TO FRIENDS OF THE SUNSET CAMPAIGN

With only five weeks remaining until the midterm elections, it is important to take stock of the progress of the historic Friends of the Sunset fundraising campaign. Thanks to the efforts of the Minnesota Dental Political Action Committee (MINDENPAC) and our MINDENPAC members, MINDENPAC received an unprecedented amount of contributions over the course of the campaign.

The Friends of the Sunset Campaign began in late June with the goal of raising \$100,000 by the end of September to help boost our advocacy efforts ahead of the 2018 midterm elections and ensure that our allies who support ending the sick tax are elected and reelected come

November. We are pleased to announce that we met our goal of raising over \$100,000! Thanks to over 100 MDA members, MINDENPAC raised \$26,810 from individual member contributions.

We are also overwhelmed by the support from many of our district dental societies including the Northeastern District (\$15,000), Northwestern District (\$15,000), West Central District (\$15,000), Southern District (\$15,000), Southeastern District (\$10,000), Saint Paul District (5,000), and Minneapolis District (\$5,000). Those contributions, along with a \$8,250 contribution from Park Dental, brings the corporate funding to a total of \$88,250. All corporate contributions will be directed to the

Minnesota Jobs Coalition Legislative Fund to help support messaging campaigns for candidates who support sunseting the tax.

Thank you to all our supporters for helping us raise over \$115,000 to help our friends of the sunset! The level of support that MINDENPAC will be able to give candidates and committees means that dentistry's voice leading up to the midterm elections will be louder than ever before! But the support can't stop here! It's never too late to do your part to help MINDENPAC support candidates dedicated to the advancement of oral health and the dental profession. Donate today at

www.mindenpac.org/donate. ■

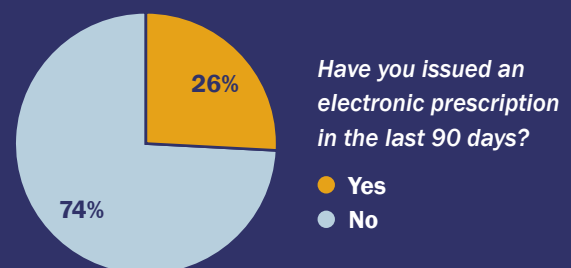
SCIENTIFIC SESSION COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBER

The Scientific Session Committee (SSC) is looking for a new member to serve a six-year term beginning in June 2019 and going through May 2025. This position requires you to be a part of the team that is responsible for providing the MDA's annual educational programs and tradeshow (Star of the North Meeting). This is a great group of volunteers that works hard but has fun too! Applications will be accepted until December 15, 2018. The committee will review all submitted applications at their January meeting and contact potential members to discuss specific committee roles and responsibilities. A final decision will be made in February with hopes that the new member will attend the April committee meeting for a "behind the scenes" peak before starting their term in June.

Visit star.mndental.org/about/committee_members to view the Information Packet and to download a copy of the application. Please contact Shannan Cook, CMP, at scook@mndental.org if you have questions. ■

MEMBERSHIP POLL RESULTS

Thank you to those who participated in our first poll (61 members). Below are the results:



Have you issued an electronic prescription in the last 90 days?

- Yes
- No

Help us with our next survey: **Are you a contracted provider for Minnesota Medicaid? If yes, are you accepting new patients?**

Complete the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/5NLDHZR. We will report back in the next issue of MDA News. Thanks for your participation!

STAR OF THE NORTH UPDATES

Plans are well under way for the 2019 Star of the North Meeting which will be held on April 25–27, 2019, at the Saint Paul RiverCentre. You'll find an excerpt of the program in the November/December issue of Northwest Dentistry plus each member will receive a copy of the 2019 Preliminary Program in December. Books are being sent out early, so you will have time to review the speakers and course options before registration opens on Tuesday, January 2.

EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE

We're excited to premiere over 25 speakers who have never presented at the Star of the North Meeting before! We have CE options for every dental professional plus workshops to give attendees valuable hands-on learning. We also have plenty of CORE sessions covering patient communication, diagnosis and treatment planning, medical emergencies, ethics, and record keeping. Full course descriptions are listed in the Preliminary Program and online at www.starofthenorthmeeting.org.

We are excited to debut some new Bundle & Save options for staff. The first savings is if you register three staff attendees, the fourth person is free. We will also feature new Bundle & Save options for hygiene, dental therapy, dental assisting, and administrative attendees. Purchase a package of three classes (a day and a half of CE) and save on the total price of course fees. Sign up early – seats will be limited.

We continue to stagger our course schedules to alleviate overcrowding plus we are offering a variety of course lengths (one, two, and three hours) to accommodate your busy schedules. The popular STAR Series will be offered on Friday and the Table Clinics are a great opportunity to grab some free CE on Friday. Back by popular demand is the Keynote Session which will feature Medal of Honor recipient, Sergeant Dakota Meyer.

NETWORK WITH OTHER DENTISTS

Share ideas and experiences with your dental peers from across the Midwest. We've got plenty of activities to help you mingle – cooking class, complimentary coffee each morning, receptions, and class reunions. You've got to stick around for THE BIG Party on Friday night, April 26, featuring The Purple Xperience. The first 500 people to walk through the door wearing purple will receive a complimentary drink ticket.



LEARN ABOUT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Talk face-to-face with over 250 exhibitors and experience firsthand the latest advances in dental equipment and products for your practice. Reserve time in your schedule to visit the exhibit hall and take advantage of all the fun activities available – Buyer's Happy Hour, the Cash Cube, prize giveaways, the passport game, and much more!

REGISTRATION OPENS ON JANUARY 2

Take advantage of one of the best benefits of MDA membership by registering for the Star of the North Meeting. Registration is FREE for all MDA members who have paid their 2019 dues. Spouses and guests may attend for only \$15 which allows them to visit the exhibit floor and attend The BIG Party and Keynote Session. Registration for dental team members is an affordable \$25 for all three days. Registration gives you access to the exhibit floor, table clinics, social events, plus three elective credits just for attending. Even better, as a registered attendee, you can choose from over 100 affordable continuing education programs presented by some of the best clinicians in the dental industry – all located conveniently within driving distance of your home or practice!

The MDA Scientific Session Committee is excited to offer a spectacular line-up of nationally recognized speakers, presenting cutting edge research and techniques to benefit you and your practice. These three days will provide outstanding opportunities for the entire dental team. ■



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Minnesota Dental Association is pleased to welcome new or reinstated members to organized dentistry (as of 10-3-18).

Mohamed Ali, *Hutchinson* MDDS
Safiya Abdullahi, *Minneapolis* MDDS
Daniel Allman, *Saint Paul* SPDDS
Katherine Bell, *Minneapolis* MDDS
Andrew Bezek, *Saint Cloud* WCDDS
Younghyup Byun, *Sartell* WCDDS
Fred Carlson, *Blue Earth* SDDS
Rachel Carpino, *Minneapolis* MDDS
Nathaniel Cook, *Saint Paul* SPDDS
Reggie Crowe, *Morton* SDDS
Jordan Dittberner, *Saint Paul* SPDDS
Nafisa Elmi, *Minneapolis* MDDS
Brekke Hudelson, *Hibbing* NEDDS
Keri Ishibashi, *Minneapolis* MDDS
Paridhi Kalia, *Saint Paul* SPDDS
Christopher Kimble, *Saint Paul* SPDDS
Clint Kroeker, *Lakeville* SPDDS
Jonathan McCabe, *Lakeville* SPDDS
Ashley Metcalf, *Bemidji* NWDDS
Chia Moua, *Saint Paul* SPDDS

Elizabeth Mueller, *Minneapolis* MDDS
Jayme Noeske, *Minneapolis* MDDS
Sagal Nur, *Saint Paul* SPDDS
Marin Parsons, *Minneapolis* MDDS
Sheel Patel, *Minnnetonka* MDDS
Wendy Peterson, *Duluth* NEDDS
Merissa Richter, *Eagan* SPDDS
Shaun Rizzo, *Winona* SEDDS
Grant Schmura, *Saint Paul* SPDDS
Diksha Sheth, *Saint Paul* SPDDS
Garrett Skonseng, *Hawley* NWDDS
Katie Sonnabend, *Mankato* SDDS
Christina Sorensen, *Minneapolis* MDDS
Jacob Stricherz, *Willmar* WCDDS
Fallon Theis, *Litchfield* WCDDS
Pao Vang, *Saint Paul* SPDDS
Emily Williams, *Chaska* MDDS
Stephen Williams, *Forest Lake* SPDDS
Yoonjin Yi, *Rochester* SEDDS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

MDA membership renewal is just around the corner. For your convenience, we offer an auto renewal payment plan with installments. This is offered with no additional fees or charges. You have the option to pay your full dues amount at once or spread it out between three, six, nine, or 12 months. Your membership commitment provides the support needed to continue addressing the challenging issues facing our profession. Help us maintain a strong membership base by renewing your membership! Look for your membership investment statement the week of October 29. If you need additional information regarding a change in your membership status, contact the MDA Membership Department at 612.767.8400. ■

