

Dear Fellow Members,

Welcome to the 81st year of the Maimonides Dental Society! We welcome you to another year of camaraderie and superb continuing education. We have a few updates and changes to our location, dues, and programming so **please read this letter carefully**.

Our educational programming also carries Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) PACE accreditation and may be counted toward the continuing education hours needed for AGD Fellowship and Mastership. We have lined up a schedule of excellent speakers on a variety of topics ranging from clinical dentistry to updates in the latest with technology and digital workflow to facial pain, as well as some non-clinical topics. The full schedule may be referenced in the attached flyer and at www.maimonidesdds.org. We are very thankful to our current sponsors, please take some time to speak with them at the upcoming meetings.

We encourage you to reach out to us for future topics and speakers you would like to hear from! Our society prides itself on maintaining the highest levels of continuing education, but we also want it to be topics that are of interest to the group! Similarly, we are always looking for new faces to join our executive board! Please let us know if you are interested in joining. The society can only continue to operate with help from these fabulous volunteers.

Our first change to announce is that our meeting locations will be held at three different locations - please pay attention to this!

Our 2025 meetings (**September, October, and November**) will continue to be held at **Maggiano's Little Italy in Chevy Chase**. This location offers discounted parking with validation at the host stand, as well as easy access to the Metrorail. For these meetings, we will continue to offer an open bar happy hour starting at 5:00 pm, followed by the start of our continuing education program and family-style Italian dinner at 6:00 pm.

However, at this time, Maggiano's has informed us they are planning to move locations in 2026 and do not know when that new establishment will be ready to host guests. Therefore, we will be hosting our January, February, and April meetings at Courtyard by Marriott Bethesda (5520 Wisconsin Ave, Chevy Chase, MD 20815). The meeting will be held in a room on the second floor. There is parking indoors and outdoors, as well. At this time, we believe they will discount our parking to \$10. We will still offer a cocktail hour with an open bar from 5-6 pm however, dinner will be a plated pre-fixed meal so **please let us know of any dietary restrictions** so we can do our best to accommodate. Considering this change in dinner service, **we will need a head count one week in advance or you will not be able to have a meal.**

Our Joint Meeting with Alpha Omega in March will be held at the Pooks Hill Marriott (5151 Pooks Hill Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814).

Our second announcement is that as part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and sustainability, we want to inform you of an upcoming adjustment to our membership dues. **We have not changed our memberships due for many years, but considering increases in global fees and operational costs beyond our control, we will be adjusting our dues to ensure we can continue providing the high level of service you have come to expect from our society.** Therefore, effective for this incoming 2025-2026 season, the new dues will be as follows:

- **Active members: \$475**
- **Retired members (if previously an active member): \$75/meeting, \$295/all-day meeting**
- **Team Members: \$75/meeting, \$295/all-day meeting**
- **Recent Dental School Graduates: 2025 - \$325, 2024 - \$375 dues, 2023 - \$425.**
- **Dental Students and Once Per Lifetime Dentist as a Guest: One complimentary meeting, \$295/all-day meeting**

We've made every effort to minimize the impact of this change, and this adjustment reflects only what is necessary to keep pace with rising costs while maintaining the value and quality you deserve. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact maimonidesdental@gmail.com. We encourage you to bring colleagues as a complimentary guest so we can continue to grow the membership!

We are still collaborating with Alpha Omega to offer an all-day spring course in March. As mentioned above, this will be held at the Pooks Hill Marriott. The format for this course will be two half-day presentations that includes breakfast and lunch - **you must sign in for each section individually to be able to receive CE credit.** Dr. Gerry Kugel has been selected as the presenter for this course and will be covering two separate topics: "Adhesive Bonding, Direct Composites, and Bioactive Materials" and "3D Printing and Digital Dentistry". As with previous iterations, this course is still covered in your Maimonides dues for the 2025-2026 programming year. We hope that you can join us for Dr. Kugel's course on March 20, 2026.

I look forward to seeing you on September 16th!

April Linder-Pacheco, DDS
President

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