

March 24, 2023

Kelly Suchman, DDS

3 CE Credit Hours

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**Dr. Kelly Rodgers Suchman** is a graduate of *UMKC School of Dentistry* and earned a certificate in *Advanced Education in General Dentistry* from *UMKC*. After many years of private practice, she was a Clinical Assistant Professor at *UMKC School of Dentistry* and most recently was the *Director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency Program*. Dr. Suchman holds a Fellowships from the *Academy of General Dentistry* and the *American College of Dentists*.

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# Upcoming Meetings

## Greater Kansas City Dental Society:

**February 10, 2023** – *Continuing Education Meeting.* 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Mr. Robert Thompson presents a malpractice lecture. *Adams Pointe Conference Center;* Blue Springs, MO. \$235 per member dentist/\$320 for non-member dentist/\$65 per staff member, if paying for individual course. Program included in Season Underwriter subscription. RSVP to Sam at gkcds@att.net or 816.737.5353.

**March 24, 2023** – *Continuing Education Meeting.* 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Dr. Kelly Suchman presents a cariology lecture. *Adams Pointe Conference Center;* Blue Springs, MO. \$120 per member dentist/\$165 for non-member dentist/\$45 per staff member, if paying for individual course. Program included in Season Underwriter subscription. RSVP to Sam at gkcds@att.net or 816.737.5353.

## Other Meetings:

**February 1, 2023** – *National Children's Dental Health Month.* Free resources can be found at <https://www.ada.org/resources/community-initiatives/national-childrens-dental-health-month>

**February 1, 2023** – *Virtual MDA Town Hall.* This is a great opportunity for members to hear from leaders of the Missouri Legislature directly and ask questions, all from the comfort of your home. Last year's panelists included Missouri Senate Majority Leader Caleb Rowden, Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz and Speaker of the House Rob Vescovo. Register at <https://www.modental.org/member-center/advocacy/voter-voice>.

**February 3, 2023** – *Give Kids a Smile.* Register your office for a day of giving at [www.adafoundation.org](http://www.adafoundation.org).

**March 1, 2023** – *Dental Day at the Capitol.* Jefferson City, MO. Last year, after a brief hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, members from all corners of the state attended meetings with 35 state representatives and senators to advocate for our legislative priorities during Dental Day. Without a doubt, this face-to-face interaction between dentists and legislators surely contributed to our successes in 2022. Come talk to your members of congress about important dental legislation this year! Register at <https://www.modental.org/member-center/advocacy/voter-voice>.

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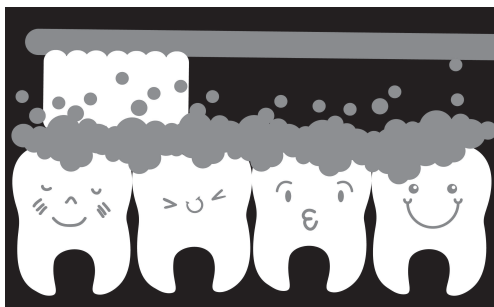
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## From the President . . .

I have seen a lot of chatter recently regarding the dental team on an online forum I follow. The most recent posts have included every type of situation: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Sometimes I think back to dental school and the memory of working solo in the cubicle, with the suction in one hand and handpiece in the other. As more time passes, I'm honestly not sure how we all did it. But I do know I likely cost someone a lot of money from the supplies I dropped on the floor. A mentor once told me a good dentist is lost without the people around them; and as I progress in my career, I absolutely know he was right. I'm sure we have all lived through a day when one of our staff members was missing, and it is evident that we are all better when our entire team is together. I am so thankful for my team because I know there is absolutely no way I could be at my best without them. And as many of us know, inheriting or assembling a great staff makes going to work so much more fun.

I'm sure we have all been to a restaurant since 2020 that seemed to be really struggling with staffing. As professionals working in a service industry, we are all acutely aware of how these experiences shape our opinion of the company as a whole. Unfortunately, staff shortages in dentistry have been just as prominent. Last year, the *MDA* convened an ad-hoc committee to address this very issue. As a member of that committee, I heard many stories of difficulties in hiring and keeping great staff, especially in the more rural areas of our state. Our dental society is hard at work on trying to find ways to help with solutions to this problem.

On a personal note, I am so thankful for the amazing team we have here in the *Greater Kansas City Dental Society*. We added some great new faces to our Board of Directors this year and I can't wait to work with all of them! I am also extremely grateful for the guidance I have received from the dentists that have held leadership positions in the past. And, of course, none of our programs would be possible without Sam Silvey, who makes sure everything we do runs smoothly. Please join me in expressing your appreciation for these great members of our society the next time you see them!



Dr. Katie Oatman

In the end, I would like to think we are all members of the same dental team. It seems to me that we all have the same goal: to do great dentistry and to treat our patients well. We all have uniquely different perspectives, which I believe makes us better as a whole. And, just as we try to do in our own offices, we have great programs in place that are designed to make us all better at what we do. Between committees designed to help solve specific problems, to continuing education provided to help us all be better dentists and professionals, our team is working hard to continue to move our profession forward. We are so thankful for the countless members of our organization that have given their time and talents over the years and are always looking for new participation so we can keep getting better. If you have any desire to serve on a committee, or if you just have a question, idea or concern, we would love to hear from you!







Dr. Wendy Weimer  
MDA Trustee

## MDA Report from your Trustee . . .

**Happy New Year!** Hope everyone had a great holiday season. Let's start this new year off by welcoming our new GKCDs president, Dr. Katie Oatman. And while we are at it, let's thank our past president, Dr. Garret Cochran.

Well, not much has changed since my last board report due to the holidays, so I will just remind all of you of a few things.

First, has everyone renewed their membership yet? If not, please go online to MODental.org or call the MDA office. If you ever have any questions about what your dues do for you, please give me a call. I will be more than happy to enlighten you.

Second, just a reminder of what our legislative team will be working on in the current session. They will be working on virtual credit cards, network leasing, and removing prepaid dental plans from assignment of benefit exemptions. These are just the main ones. Check out MODental.org for a complete list. Also, please consider joining us for "Day at the Capital" on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. This is the perfect time for you to talk with your legislators regarding the very important issues listed above. Our lawmakers need to hear from us as to why these issues need to be addressed.

Third and last, *Connect4Success* will be held at *Margaritaville* at the Lake of the Ozarks June 22– June 24. This is a great location to get your CE, interact with other dentists, and bring your family for a little fun on the water. Also, the *MDA House of Delegates* will now be held in conjunction with C4S instead of in November in Jefferson City.

As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please call me at 816-812-6770 or email me at [wendyweimer@yahoo.com](mailto:wendyweimer@yahoo.com).



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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the *Greater Kansas City Dental Society* was called to order Friday, January 13th, 2023 at *Adam's Pointe Conference Center* in Blue Springs, MO by President, Dr. Katie Oatman at approximately 12:30 PM.

Dr. Oatman thanked everyone for being there and reminded everyone to pick up your CE credit slips at the registration table and to retain in your files. The next meeting will be on Friday, February 10, 2023 at *Adams Pointe Conference Center* featuring Mr. Robert Thompson speaking about risk management.

Surveys are on posted on our website; please complete and get back to Sam with your feedback.

Dr. Oatman introduced Stewart and Erin Adams of *Essentials Dental* for partially sponsoring the program and encouraged everyone to talk with them and consider having an office demo with them in the near future.

Dr. Oatman welcomed all new guests, members, and Season Underwriters. We are glad to have you!

Dr. Oatman asked for approval of the December 9th, 2022 minutes as printed in the *Midwestern Dentist News and Views*. Seconded; minutes approved.

Dr. Weimer wasn't in attendance to give an *MDA Trustee* report, but please keep an eye out for her article in February's newsletter. Dr. Oatman also announced that the *MDA Legislative Town Hall* will be on February 1st on *Zoom* at 6 PM, and that *MDA Day at the Capitol* is March 1st. Please sign-up on [www.modental.org](http://www.modental.org) and let Sam know you plan on coming. Your support in all legislative activities is so helpful!

In old business, Dr. Oatman thanked everyone whom came to the Holidays Social at *Grand Street Cafe* in Kansas City in December. It was a great time!

In new business, Dr. Oatman announced there is a *Missouri Mavericks* membership event on Friday, January 27th. The cost is \$40 per person and will include a happy hour at a nearby restaurant and your ticket to the hockey game. New dentists get half-off that cost. Sign-up today with Sam!

Dr. Oatman announced that *Give Kids a Smile* is Friday, February 3rd. Please consider holding an event in your office. Helpful tips and other important information is at [www.gkas.org](http://www.gkas.org).

Dr. Oatman called for any other business; as there was none, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:32 PM.



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