Teeth Sharpening in the Belgian Congo and the Tragic History of Ota Benga

The degradation of the Pygmy Benga remains incomprehensible to this day.

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Sometimes, the most important and impactful historical incidents are the most unpleasant and disturbing to research. Such is the tragic case of a man named Ota Benga. The horrific treatment of this man is a not-so-subtle reminder of the inalienable rights and dignity of each and every human being and the responsibility of scientific researchers to uphold the highest ethical standards while conducting any form of research or observation involving human subjects.

Pygmies have inhabited a narrow band of Africa's tropical rain forest about four degrees above and four degrees below the equator for thousands of years. The average height of a Pygmy man is 4 feet, 11 inches. Teeth filing or sharpening is a painful practice of the Pygmies of the Congo Basin. It started over five centuries ago in an effort to make its adherents less attractive to slave traders and continues to this day among certain Pygmy peoples.

Over the years, teeth sharpening became an integral part of Pygmy culture, as the resulting teeth were thought to be attractive. But having one's teeth filed into a particular triangular geometric shape was a positive attribute as well, as sharpened teeth were an aid in eating meat. The entire process takes about 45 minutes and is performed on all six maxillary anterior teeth. The tooth modification is accomplished with a knife, hammer or heavy blunt object, and a stick or wooden rod. The wood is placed in the mouth and acts as a bite block. The hammer chisels away the tooth structure until the desired shape is achieved. It is an extremely painful process, and the teeth are coated with a paste made from plantains in an effort to alleviate some of the discomfort. The individual can drink but cannot eat for four days following the procedure.

American and European explorers of the Congo Basin in the 19th and early 20th centuries were very interested in the fact that dental caries was virtually nonexistent in these indigenous people. These early researchers had little to no knowledge of the role sugar plays in the formation of tooth decay. They attributed the lack of dental caries to the masticatory process being extremely thorough due to the sharpened teeth and to the Darwinian principle of survival of the fittest.

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Fascinating Mystery

I READ WILLIAM MALONEY’S article in the October NYSDA News concerning the revelations obtained via analysis of King Richard III’s teeth (“Dental Revelations from the Teeth of King Richard III”). I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed it. (My father was a dentist who attended NYU College of Dentistry, giving me access to this publication.)

I’m a Long Island-based arts and leisure writer, so I appreciate fine writing. I am sure many readers were fascinated by the mystery Dr. Maloney unraveled with his words. The fact that Richard’s extractions were done by an individual described as skilled and highly experienced is particularly amazing. I also enjoyed reading about the suppositions concerning his diet. Your research is impeccable.

Bravo!

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explorer noted that the Pygmies “were apparently blessed with extraordinary good and strong teeth . . .”1

In March 1904, the American explorer Samuel Phillips Verner travelled to local slave markets in Belgian Congo in search of Pygmies. Verner’s desire was to exhibit them at the St. Louis World’s Fair. When Verner reached his destination, he encountered a group of Pygmies that was readily available. Verner inspected the teeth of one of the Pygmies and was particularly enchanted by his sharpened teeth. He thought these teeth would have a startling effect on the crowd at the St. Louis Fair. Verner bought the freedom of Ota Benga for a pound of sugar and a piece of cloth.

A year or so later, following the World’s Fair, Verner returned most of the Pygmies to Africa, including Benga. However, Benga became despondent, as his wife had died, and he begged Verner to bring him back to America. Benga returned to New York with Verner, but Verner did not know what to do with him. He finally arranged for him to live inside the American Museum of Natural History. One evening at a gathering of New York’s social elite and benefactors of the museum, Benga hurled a chair, which only narrowly missed the head of Florence Guggenheim. Verner was soon in search of a new home for Benga.

Verner decided to present Benga as a gift to the New York Zoological Society, which accepted his offering for its new zoo in the Bronx. Visitors to the Bronx Zoo on Saturday, September 8, 1906, were startled by the appearance of the new inhabitant of the monkey house. It was Ota Benga, who was living in a cage strewn with bones and other objects that attempted to give the look of the jungle.2 The New York Times reported on the incident with a headline of “Bushman Shares Cage with Bronx Park Apes.”3 Almost incomprehensibly, the newspaper could not understand why many African-American religious leaders were protesting the inhumane treatment of Benga. The paper concluded that Benga was “probably enjoying himself as he could anywhere in this country, and it is absurd to make mean moan over the imagined humiliation and degradation he is suffering.”4

Up to 40,000 people a day flocked to the monkey house to mock Benga as he played with an orangutan and his bow and arrow.5 Benga was finally released to Rev. James H. Gordon of the Howard Colored Orphan Asylum of Brooklyn.6 A few years later, he moved to Lynchburg, VA, where he tried desperately to assimilate into his new surroundings. One of the things Benga did to try to integrate into the local culture was to have a dentist place crowns over his six maxillary anterior teeth, once the source of much pride for Benga and a primary reason why Verner had, years before, bought Benga’s freedom.

Benga spent much of his time hunting in the forests of Virginia. However, it gradually became apparent that his attempts at assimilation were futile. He was falling into despair and becoming desperate. On March 20, 1916, Benga went into a stable, took a pistol and shot himself through the heart. Shortly before he committed suicide, Benga ripped off the crowns, thus exposing his teeth in the manner of his homeland.

Today, the official website of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation describes the 1906 exhibit of a human being in the Bronx Zoo as ‘mis-guided.’” The tragic treatment of Ota Benga is a stark reminder that the denial of basic dignities, liberties and rights, which are inherent in each individual, cannot be erased by another person or people on the basis of cultural, racial or personal dissimilarities. The tragic incident in the Bronx Zoo should cause us to reflect on the vision of the once smiling face of Oto Benga and the wise words of Rev. R. MacArthur of Calvary Baptist Church, who stated that the person who was responsible for the cruel exhibition “degrades himself as much as he does the African.”7,8

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Getting into Shape

The gym provided a two-for-one value: I learned to enjoy sweating, and added a couple of patients to my practice.

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I couldn’t believe it. My wife, who is also my office manager, best friend and harshest critic, had just handed me a present for our wedding anniversary: a gift certificate for 10, twice-a-week sessions with a personal trainer at the local fitness club.

“You have to get into shape!” admonished my wife.

“Get into shape?” I countered. “Isn’t round a shape?”

Showing Up

My protests were to no avail. So, fashionably dressed in a snazzy Nike workout ensemble and wearing my brand new Reebok sneakers, I considerably showed up at the gym 30 minutes early. I hate when my own patients come late for an appointment.

I was greeted by two gorgeous, blond receptionists wearing matching, form-fitting Lycra outfits. They looked like they had just stepped out of a Victoria’s Secret catalogue. I felt like I fit right in.

The first one greeted me, asked me to fill out an information sheet on a clipboard and smiled. I noticed that her upper and lower anteriors were severely overcrowded. The second receptionist told me that, after my workout session, she would be happy to discuss my signing up for an annual gym membership. She smiled at me and I noticed that she was missing her upper left first premolar.

I calculated that the dentistry needed at this front desk alone could pay, many times over, for an annual gym membership.

Giving Good Advice

After filling out my information sheet, I toured the state-of-the-art gym while waiting for the appointment with my trainer.

Clipboard in hand, I walked around and was amazed at the variety of individuals around me. Folks of all sizes, shapes and ages were busily straining, puffing, puffing, stretching, lifting and otherwise torturing themselves on an incredible assortment of machines. A good number of the machines looked like macabre medieval torture devices.

Out of the corner of my eye, I saw an extremely old man walking toward me. This gentleman was not looking very good. In fact, he was in terrible physical condition. By the time he reached me, he was out of breath. If he had shown up at my office for a dental appointment, my assistants would have immediately insisted that he sit down while they checked his pulse and blood pressure.

Addressing me, he said, “Excuse me. I have a question.”

I realized he was mistaking me for one of the trainers. Completely understandable, I thought, given my flashy gym outfit, clipboard and outstanding physique. No problem. I am used to giving people advice. I responded, “How can I help you?”

He looked around furtively and asked confidentially, “If I want to attract a beautiful young woman, which machine should I use?”

I looked him over and answered, “I suggest you use the ATM machine, outside.”

Getting Started

Finally, my trainer, Tomi, came over and introduced himself.

He went over my info sheet and asked, “What are your goals over the next five weeks?”

I glanced at the myriad of folks around me who were stretching, twisting and contorting their bodies into tortuous positions.

“Uh, survival!” I ventured.

He smiled condescendingly and pointed to a very energetic fellow working out on a nearby machine. The “gym rat” was racing up a machine that I learned is called a vertical StairMaster. His arms and legs were moving so quickly I could barely discern a blur of motion. I remembered a National Geographic film that featured slow motion videos of a hummingbird in flight. The narrator explained that the hummingbird flaps its wings 4,200 times per minute. The client’s arms and legs looked like the wings of that hummingbird.

“Wouldn’t you like to be able to do that?” Tomi asked. “Look at him. He doesn’t have an ounce of fat on his body!”

I watched the fellow racing up the interminable stairs and noticed that the floor around the StairMaster was covered by a puddle of sweat. I couldn’t help but think back to the World Trade Center on 9/11 and how it would be a much more valuable skill to learn how to quickly run down a flight of stairs instead of up.

“So, Doc,” insisted Tomi, “don’t you wish you could be like that?”

I tried explaining that turtles live a lot longer than hummingbirds.

Tomi looked at me and sighed.

It all Works Out

I survived the five weeks, signed up for an annual gym membership and, all-in-all, considered the experience to have been worthwhile.

I ditched my expensive Nike outfit for more comfortable sweat pants and T-shirts, learned how to use some of the fancy exercise machines and survived the taunts of friends who mocked my long-held belief that it is extremely undignified to sweat. I actually did allow myself to perspire, on occasion, in a gentlemanly fashion.

Even better, Tomi’s girlfriend and one of the receptionists wound up doing Invisalign orthodontics in my office. And I restored the other receptionist’s missing premolar with an implant and crown.

Even better, I discovered a terrific pizza store that features brick oven pizzas with extra cheese toppings right down the block from the gym.

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FEATURED CLEMENS GROUP LISTINGS:

BRONX: Grossing $949K. Very busy storefront retail location, established 7 years. Mostly Third Party. Very busy multichair office run part time by non-dentist. Motivated seller. Practice is gold mine in right hands. No reasonable offer refused.

BROOKLYN: Midwood. Grossing $500K. Long-established. Best location in high-traffic area with parking. Recently relocated on same block in new, fully equipped, state-of-the-art facility that can accommodate 6 chairs. Seller offering flexible transition options. Lots of patients and plenty of dentistry to be done.

BROOKLYN: Midwood/Flatbush. Grossing $786,880. Outstanding storefront. 7-chair facility with high visibility. Fully digitized; long established. Mixed third party and private. Owner not paying attention. Practice consistently doing over $1M for many years. Patients are there. Asking $350K.

COLUMBIA COUNTY: Grossing $1.6M. Long-established with 6 chairs and 80 new patients/month. No marketing. insurance and cash. Nets $252K to practicing chairside owner. Will be profitable to non-chairside dentist as well. Very transferable. 2 full-time hygienists and long-term staff. Owner will stay for transfer.

MIDDLETOWN: Grossing $431,787. Long-established with 2 chairs expandable to 4 chairs. Digital with mostly insurance, 30 hours of hygiene. Owner does conservative treatment and wants to retire. Will make a good deal for the practice and real estate. Terrific starter in busy growth area.

MID-SUFFOLK: Grossing $829K long-established with 5 chairs. Location, location, location. Insurance-driven; 3 owner days. Practice nets $300K. Up-to-date facility with CEREC. Commercial real estate with income. Substantial upside with more hours and some proven Internet marketing.

MID-SUFFOLK: Grossing $331K. Long-established, insurance-driven with 5 chairs in clean and appropriately designed space. Practice located in professional setting on major road in middle-class area. Convenient to all major highways. Seller has lost interest in trying to manage busy practice and will either stay as associate or move out of area. Practice had been very active and has level of activity to do much better. Great opportunity for change in leadership. Everything else is basically in place. Practice nets $331K.

MANHATTAN: Chelsea. Grossing $375K. Storefront location, location, location. Insurance-driven satellite practice. Grossing $375K. Owner does conservative treatment and will either stay as associate or move out of area. Practice had been very active and has level of activity to do much better. Great opportunity for change in leadership. Everything else is basically in place. Practice nets $375K.

MANHATTAN: Midtown. Grossing $500K. Long-established, FFS, 4 chairs. 2 days hygiene. Owner recently disabled. Bring your practice here for a home run. Call today.

MANHATTAN: Midtown. Grossing $900K. Established, 5 chairs. Almost new, high-tech office overlooking W. 57th Street. PPOs and FFS. Upscale practice with many young professionals. No expense spared for plant and equipment, including CAT and CEREC. Definitely a place you where you would be proud and productive.

Contact The Clemens Group for more information at (212) 370-1169. Or visit: www.theclemensgroup.com.

SYRACUSE SUBURB: Great opportunity to buy low & grow or acquire satellite location. 3 equipped ops, digital, Dentrix. Located on main road in growing community. 5 minutes from Thruway. Syracuse and Destiny Mall. Selling for $227K. PPO and FFS mix. Good hygiene production. Contact Henry Schein Professional Practice Transitions representative Donna Barnbrick: (315) 430-0643, or email: donna.barnbrick@henryschein.com. #NY155.


SYRACUSE: Western suburbs. Fee-for-service general gem. 1,470-square-foot office, 4 operatories on lower level and full home rental with $775 monthly income. Main highways and major shopping close by. Dedicated staff supporting wall-
NYSDA Department of Health Warnings About E-Prescribing

Recently, the New York State Department of Health issued a notice to all prescribers reminding them of the March 27, 2016 deadline for mandatory electronic prescribing. The Department noted in that letter, that software implementation “... may be lengthy” and that it “... strongly recommends that you begin [enrollment] immediately.”

There are numerous options available to prescribers and one of the most cost-effective is the Henry Schein ePrescribe solution. NYSDA has teamed with Schein to bring members special pricing that’s fully compliant with all state and federal requirements. For more information or to enroll, call Schein at 800-734-5561 x.2 or visit www.HSePrescribe.com.

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FINGER LAKES/SOUTHERN TIER: Walk to work and restaurants. Beautiful view on scenic river in low stress FFS practice established in 1919. Longtime client base “in the coolest small town in America.” 4.5 ops, digital Xray, intraoral camera, laser. Last 5-year average gross $460K, net $470K with 44% overhead and 8 weeks vacation. Owner ready to retire, but can stay 1-2 years for transition. Building with upstairs apartment available or can lease from seller. Contact: skident@aol.com.

FOR RENT

MANHATTAN: Midtown. 1-2 dental operatories available in newly built, highend dental office. Ideally located in Class A building with attended lobby just off Fifth Avenue/Rockefeller Center/St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Excellent views of St. Patrick’s spires on high floor. Private office for doctor, excellent reception desk space. Rent reasonable. Email: frsmds3@hotmail.com, or call (516) 817-9909.


BUFFALO: Dental operatory for rent in our newly renovated office located at 305 Madison Avenue and 3rd Street. Please call (212) 688-2820, or email: info@drkarena.com.

ALBANY: Operatory for rent in newly renovated dental office conveniently located two blocks south of Grand Central. Full or part time, with minimum 2-day commitment. Spacious, attractive office with room for your practice to grow. Ideal for pleasant dentist seeking great place to stay long term. Reasonable rent and eventual buyout possible of prestigious Midtown restorative practice. If this sounds interesting, contact: (212) 685-0312; or email: skater8475@verizon.net.


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LONG ISLAND – DIX HILLS: Small office for rent. Approximately 500 square feet. Waiting room, business area, private office, lab/sterilization. One operatory fully equipped. Panorx and conventional Xrays. Ideal for satellite office or new start up. Email: ardurgan78@aol.com.

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LOWESTadt: Seeking Endodontist looking to rent space and begin own practice. New office with state-of-the-art equipment, including CT scanner, in close proximity to train. Please send correspondence to: driver2003@gmail.com.

SARATOGA: Rare general practice opportunity available in great location collecting $1.2 million per year with over 50% profitability. Over 3,500 active patients and extremely strong hygiene department. Seller willing to stay PT for transition period if desired. Real estate available. Contact Dr. Jonathan Carey by email: jcary@paragon.us.com, or call: (585) 451-5898

ORLEANS COUNTY: Longstanding 5-operatory general practice collecting $875k/year with less than 50% overhead. Take home $400k after financing. 3,500 active patients, PPO & FFS. Real estate also available. Contact Dr. Jonathan Carey by email: jcary@paragon.us.com, or call: (585) 451-5898

SUFFOLK COUNTY: Seeking family practice for purchase. Are you looking to slow down or retire? I am caring and skilled general dentist with 5 years experience looking to take over nice family dental practice in Suffolk County. If interested, please email me at matis320@yahoo.com to discuss in complete confidence.

SUFFOLK COUNTY: Dental office for sale or lease: Beautiful, state-of-the-art, 4,000-square-foot dental space. 1 chair or many chairs available to accommodate established practice. Prime Midtown location: Networked computers, digital imaging, 3D Cat scan. Available immediately. Ideal for all. Can share staff. Respond: reiddll1@foxcom.com, or call: (917) 526-3417.

MIDTOWN: Dental office to rent or share. Beautiful, state-of-the-art. 4,000-square-foot dental space. 1 chair or many chairs available to accommodate established practice. Prime Midtown location: Networked computers, digital imaging, 3D Cat scan. Available immediately. Ideal for all. Can share staff. Respond: reiddll1@foxcom.com, or call: (917) 526-3417.

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HUDSON TRANSITION PARTNERS, Inc.  Never any buyer’s fees.

ROCKLAND COUNTY: Orthodontic practice available in very nice professional building. Great opportunity for second location or foundation for growth. $6590

HUDSON VALLEY: General practice grossing $500K with three operatories and digital Xray. $6852

WATERTOWN: Newly remodelled and equipped general practice in North Country grossing over $500K with low overhead. $5063

BUFFALO: General practice located in Southtowns of Buffalo gross- ing $1.3M, with six operatories and room for expansion. $4705

CAPITOL DISTRICT: Fee-for-service general practice with four operatories grossing $650K, with digital Xray including pan. Great high traffic location. #3284

DUTCHESS COUNTY: General practice with three operatories and digital X-ray grossing $300K part time. Great opportunity to grow practice in area with little competition. $2252

BUFFALO: General practice grossing $1.50K part time with limit- ed insurance and three operatories. #5224.

BUFFALO: Fee-for-service general practice in Southtowns with four operatories, digital Xray and digital pan grossing $475K. #5940.

SYRACUSE: General practice in nice suburb grossing $430K with four ADEc operatories and digital Xray. #3214.

COOPERSTOWN: Fee-for-service general practice in beautiful area, grossing $340K part time. #6233.

BUFFALO: Northtowns general practice with 3 operatories gross- ing $115K part time. #2542.

ALBANY: Suburban fee-for-service general practice grossing $770K with 9 operatories in area with little competition. #3812.

UPSTATE: Beautiful 8.500-square-foot waterfront home/office gen- eral practice. Gross $1.2M/net $600K. 6 operatories. #1065

ALBANY COUNTY: General practice south of Albany grossing over $300K with 3 operatories and room for expansion. #3412.


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VESTAL: DHPSA Area. Well-established private practice seeking general dental 9 operators, which includes 3 hygienists. Practice is committed to high quality and excellence with ownership/partnership opportunity available. Please contact Brenda Carter by email: brendakapowyneda@dentalny.com. For more information about the specific benefits available to practitioners located in federally identified provider shortage areas (DHPSA), contact Mercedes Susi by email: mss@nydentistry.org.

SYRACUSE: Endodontist. Seeking Endodontist to join our group. Excellent compensation and benefits. Opportunity to join cohesive group performing state-of-the-art treatment, including surgery and implants. Contact Dr. Jeffrey Mullin by email: drjim44@dental.com.

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ASSOCIATES AVAILABLE


SULLIVAN COUNTY: Associatehip for friendly, well-established, quality-oriented dental practice focused on comprehensive care. 4-season resort area. 2 hours from Manhattan. Contact: (845) 794-4545, or fax: (845) 791-7925.

SYRACUSE: Associate wanted for established, high-quality FFS dental practice. Our staff is skilled and friendly. Generous compensation and benefit package includes medical and 401k with employer match and/or ownership opportunity. Email: syracusedentist99@gmail.com.

SOUTH BUFFALO: DHPSA Area. Associate/Partner wanted for very busy, 15-year solo practice. Great opportunity for right individual. We have great systems, staff and patients. Send CV for consideration. drpilip@comcast.net. For more information about the specific benefits available to practitioners located in federally identified provider shortage areas (DHPSA), contact Mercedes Susi by email: mss@nydentistry.org.

SOUTHERN TIER: DHPSA Area Family dental practice in Endicott seeking full-time associate. Busy office with emphasis on prevention. Large hygiene staff, great community reputation. Established 40+ years with multi-generation patient flow. Productive, with all phases of dentistry. Please email resume and any questions to: madelinesignard@bntny.com. For more information about the specific benefits available to practitioners located in federally identified provider shortage areas (DHPSA), contact Mercedes Susi by email: mss@nydentistry.org.

MIDDLETOWN: High-quality, fee-for-service, family dental practice in same location for 40+ years seeks experienced general dentist. Join us part-time to start, with interest to buy into the practice. This is a wonderful opportunity to join our fully equipped, recently remodeled, state-of-the-art practice with great staff. Send resume to: Info@nygenledentistry.com, or fax: (845) 342-5411. Visit our website: www.nygenledentistry.com.

FINGER LAKES: Dental wanted for growing practice with three locations. Seeking dynamic individual with excellent clinical and people skills. All phases of dentistry are practiced in our offices. Generous benefits and commission-based compensation offered. Busy, established practice. Experienced dentist could earn $250,000+ per year. State-of-the-art facilities located in beautiful Finger Lakes region, Bath and Penn Yan. Call Jesi (315) 536-3341; or email: jesaws@covaddental.com.

ORANGE COUNTY: Seeking general dentist/associate for long-term position in growing practice near the beautiful Delaware River. Willing to mentor young dentist in remodeled facility with highly trained staff. Applicant must have excellent clinical and verbal skills. Come join our team. Email CV to: drfaithedm@gmail.com.

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FOR 40 YEARS, G. Kirk Gleason, D.D.S., was a high school coach, sports booster and community leader. He was even the voice of his hometown football team. Little surprise, then, that on the evening of Oct. 15, Dr. Gleason was appropriately honored by induction into the Shenendehowa Sports Hall of Fame.

Shenendehowa, in southern Saratoga County, with almost 10,000 students, is one of the largest school systems in New York State. It’s where Dr. Gleason’s own children, Chris and Cara, went, and where two of his grandchildren are now enrolled. Both of his children were active in multiple sports while in school, with his son winning the UNCAS award his senior year, the top athletic award.

Dr. Gleason, who lives and practiced in the Saratoga County town of Clifton Park, volunteered with many aspects of the school athletic program. He coached both the boys and girls JV tennis teams for 16 years; announced football games for 11 years; started and helped coach both the alpine ski team and adult basketball league; and coached in the soccer program.

At the same time, Dr. Gleason has been a prominent figure in the community, filling leadership roles on the boards of the YMCA, the Education Foundation and the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library, and helping to run events in the town and at the school. His wife, Dale, shares his civic responsibility. She was a school board member for 12 years and its president three times. She has also been active on several town boards and was chair of the YMCA Board.

Dr. Gleason has managed to find time to be an active participant of organized dentistry as well. The former Fourth District Dental Society Executive Director and ADA Second District Trustee, currently serves as chair of the New York State Dental Foundation and as a member of the Board of the Empire Dental Political Action Committee.