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## **WEB SITE :**

[www.DetroitDentalClinicClub.com](http://www.DetroitDentalClinicClub.com)

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

September 24, 2015	Thursday
December 3, 2015	Thursday Past President's Recognition Event
February 18, 2016	Thursday
May 19, 2016	Thursday

## FALL MEETING

*THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015*

**ANDIAMO'S**

**6676 TELEGRAPH RD., BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, MI**

### **"AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH TO BRUXISM, CLENCHING AND MYOFASCIAL PAIN"**

*Presentation by Joseph Alamat, D.D.S., M.D.*

What do you do with that patient that is constantly clenching and stressed? What do you do with that patient that presents complaining of jaw pain, headaches and fractured restorations? You have tried a night guard, muscle relaxants, anti-inflammatories but to no avail. Is there something else that can be done for these patients?

This lecture will focus on the underlying patho-physiology of neurotransmitter imbalances that may manifest as stress, anxiety, clenching and grinding. Learn what vitamins and supplements you can use to naturally up-regulate inhibitory neurotransmitters and down regulate excitatory neuro-transmitters



*Dr. Alamat received his DDS from University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and his MD from Wayne State University Medical School. He completed his training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from Sinai Grace Hospital. He also completed an advanced fellowship in integrative and functional medicine, and is enrolled in a Master's Degree program through the Univ. of South Florida School of Medicine in Nutritional and Metabolic Medicine. Dr. Alamat practices the full scope of his specialty at Summit oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

By the time you receive this message, probably most of the summer will be gone. I hope everyone is having a nice summer and that you and yours are in good health.

Right after I became the president of this fine organization I started working with the board to continue the Dental Clinic Club mission. We have a few issues on the board; the most important issue is membership. Membership is very important to our organization. Our century old organization's membership is still strong. We have solid membership, but a good number of our members are retiring and becoming life members. To keep active membership at an acceptable level, we need new graduates - specifically young dentists (no offense to all members in today's age term, all of us are young and 70 years old is still young). Talking about retiring and young age - God bless my 94 year old father who is still working five days a week. Yes, in his and our eyes, going to my brother's store and staying there watching people go in and out, making breakfasts for my brother, and the work is keeping him busy and away from my mother. (She likes it this way!)

I want to thank my colleagues Oliver, Norm, Ed, Sue, Allan and James for their continuous support and staying involved in managing the Detroit Dental Clinic Club. I would also like to thank our great TMJ Doctor Stuart Davidson, for encourage me getting involved in TMJ and Facial Pain section, and Mark Barsamian for encouraging me to be on the board.

Now to my report. We are establishing a membership committee after having been a one-person job to look for new members and maintain the membership, also trying to activate non-active members who forgot to renew their membership. Please - if you know of a colleague who is interested, in getting Continuing Education in his/her back yard for low cost, invite him/her to call and join us at a meeting. Thank you Ollie and Mark.

Additionally we established a Continuing Education Committee to look for quality speakers and topics to cover the membership interests. Thank you Doctors Lasser and Aksu for working hard on recruiting committee members.

As you know the board has dissolved the sections for many reasons, some of it, lack of commitment from the members. I like to thank our colleagues Samir Zakaria (Perio section) and Tim Kosinski (Implant Section) for their long-term commitment. Thank you Samir and thank you Tim.

Please call me at (248)521-9827 or email me at [kaspo511@gmail.com](mailto:kaspo511@gmail.com) for any questions related to your interest to help the committees and leadership.

I look forward to seeing you all on September 24, 2015, where we are going to have our first meeting for this season.

Yours,

Ghabi

President, Detroit Dental Clinic Club 2015 - 2016

## BOARD NEWS



Congratulations to our Immediate Past President Dr. Ted Hadgis and thank you for serving on the DDCC Board. He is pictured here with newly elected DDCC President Dr. Ghabi Kaspo as he receives a plaque in recognition of his service to our club.

Our December 3, 2015 meeting will be held at the Southfield Marriott Hotel and will recognize all past DDCC Presidents. Plans are in the works to make this a great program and evening.

## COMMITTEES

Two new committees were formed and have met in the last few weeks. A **Membership Committee** was formed to find ways to expand our membership base. This committee has a mix of young and “seasoned” members who are looking at this issue from a broad perspective. They will report on their recommendations at future DDCC meetings.

The **Program / CE Committee** was formed to develop a stronger program of meeting presentations that will be of greater interest to our members. The Chairman of this committee is Dr. Allan Lasser and other members are UDM Dental Dean Dr. Mert Aksu, Dr. Kevin Cook, Dr. Edward Sarkisian, and Dr. Ben Underwood. Their first meeting was very productive and many new ideas were developed. In coming weeks they will report on the final program for 2015. Please contact Dr. Lasser if you have any suggestions for speakers or programs.

## PROPOSED CHANGES - DDCC CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Board of the Detroit Dental Clinic Club has continued to review the Constitution / By-Laws and made revisions to bring them up to modern times and practices. Specific items related to more detail of the roles and responsibilities of Board Members. The rationale was to define roles and provide continuity as the club changes officers yearly. It is helpful for new officers to understand their responsibilities.

After much deliberation, the Board has recommended the elimination of individual sections and will conduct all future meetings and business as a single general body. In accordance with this action, the accreditation status of the club to administer CE Credits will be limited only to general body meetings.

## DDCC WEB SITE - [DetroitDentalClinicClub.ORG](http://DetroitDentalClinicClub.ORG)

Several years ago our club transitioned to a new web presence and hired a company to design and maintain our site. The Board needs someone to communicate with this company to feed them calendar changes, meeting announcements, newsletters, and officer lists. We are asking for a volunteer to join the Board as a web communication officer. This person will call or email updates to the web company representative. He will also check the web site periodically to be sure that there are no mistakes and that requested changes have been made by the web site maintenance company. Please contact a Board officer if you are able to help the DDCC in this important function. We desperately need your help !

**“AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH TO BRUXISM, CLENCHING AND MYOFASCIAL PAIN”**

**Presentation by Joseph Alamat, D.D.S., M.D.**

**Where:** Andiamo’s 6676 Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Township, MI

**Dress:** Professional Business Attire (defined as business suits, sport coat / blazer and tie for men; suits, pantsuits, dresses, blazers and tailored slacks for women. No denim).

**When:** **Thursday, September 24, 2015**

5:30 pm... Board Meeting                      6:30 pm... Cocktails and Dinner                      7:30 pm - 9:00 pm... Program

**Member Name** \_\_\_\_\_ BEEF \_\_\_ FISH \_\_\_ CHICKEN \_\_\_ VEG \_\_\_  
Active Dues paid members \$30 / person .....Life Members \$70 / person

**Guest / Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_ BEEF \_\_\_ FISH \_\_\_ CHICKEN \_\_\_ VEG \_\_\_  
(Guest Fee \$70/ person)

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** - We must ask for your check in advance to hold your place.  
*\*Reservations and checks must be received by **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015***

Checks payable to : **The Detroit Dental Clinic Club**  
\*Please enclose a check for each person attending

Mail reservation form and check(s) to:  
**Dr. Oliver Marcotte, Detroit Dental Clinic Club**  
**30903A West Ten Mile Rd.**  
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