

Volunteering Dentists

David Angell, Oshkosh
Robert Asp, Hilbert
Ryan Auth, Appleton
Robert Bastic, Appleton
Edward Bekx, Kimberly
Jacqueline Belter, Oshkosh
Robert Bennot, Wautoma
Christopher Bergstrom, Appleton
Christopher Berkers, Chilton
Robert Brennan, Neenah
Dawn Brown, Neenah
Timothy Brown, Neenah
Tipton Brown, Neenah
Jeffery Casperson, Appleton
Robert Chabalowski, Menasha
William Clark, Appleton/Oshkosh
Jason Cooke, Appleton/Oshkosh
Deb Dimitrakakis, Appleton
Michael Ebben, Little Chute
David Emanuel, Appleton
William Farrow, Kaukauna
William Flanagan, Appleton
Phillip Florek, Neenah
Jay Frazier, Green Bay
Michael Gabler, Appleton
David Gamm, Appleton/Oshkosh

Larry Gressler, Menasha
Joseph Guerard, Winneconne
Richard Hack, Appleton
William Hammond, Oshkosh
Michael Hanneman, Oshkosh
Peter Hehli, Appleton/Oshkosh
Heather Heil, Kaukauna
Robert Heil, Appleton
Arthur Helgerson, Appleton
Amy Henderson, Neenah
Jason Henderson, Neenah
Robert Hering, Neenah
Richard Hilsabeck, Appleton
Donald Hoff, Seymour
Daniel Johaneck, Appleton
Gay Witte-Johnson, Appleton
George Jumes, Appleton/Oshkosh
Jeffrey Keesler, Neenah
Marissa Keesler, Neenah
James Killinger, Oshkosh
Terry Kippa, Oshkosh
Timothy Koll, Appleton
Gordon Korhals, Oshkosh
Anthony Kraft, Seymour
James Kramer, Neenah
Douglas Krueger, Appleton

Lisa Lang-Riegel, Menasha
Mark Lenz, Little Chute
Thomas Lornson, Black Creek
Gregory Ludden, Appleton
Robert Magnin, Kimberly
John Masak, Appleton
Michael Maslowski, Oshkosh
Jane Mathen, Appleton
Patricia McConnell, Appleton
Christopher McFarlane, Oshkosh/Neenah
Robert Hering, Neenah
Oshkosh/Neenah
Daniel McKinnon, Appleton
Mark McNeil, Neenah
Perry Menos, Appleton
David Mentz, Neenah
Gregory Messina, Fond du Lac
Todd Needham, Appleton/Oshkosh
James Olsen, Appleton
Henry Plautz, Appleton
Jason Pohl, Appleton
Richard Romenesko, Appleton
Timothy Rose, Appleton/Oshkosh
Timothy Ryan, Oshkosh
Dale Scharine, Appleton

Paul Schmidt, Oshkosh/Fond du Lac
Gilbert Schmidtke, Appleton
Gilpatrick Schmidtke, Appleton
Richard Schoengarth, Appleton
Sidney Schulz, Sherwood
Susan Schuster, Oshkosh
William Schuster, Oshkosh
Paul Shoberg, Appleton
James Springborn, Appleton
Roger Stanek, Appleton
James Steinmetz, Appleton
Mark Steinmetz, Appleton
William Stilp, Appleton
Steven Stoll, Neenah
Loren Swanson, Oshkosh
Paul Tetting, Appleton
Timothy Tweedy, Neenah
Richard Tulip, Oshkosh
Patrick White, Appleton/Oshkosh
Michael Wockenfus, Menasha
Douglas Wolk, Oshkosh
Jeffrey Wolk, Oshkosh
Timothy Zuck, Appleton

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A newsletter from Tri-County Community Dental Clinic

Volunteering Dental Assistants

Katy Aklansis
Cheryl Block
Ashley Brantmeier
Jessie Bongart
Suzana Coghi
Treasure Denzler
Barb Goehler
Jayne Green

Leah Guse
Lisa Gutmiedl
Carrie Hietpas
Haley Houle
Rhonda Howe
Lynn Huffman
Julie Jansen
Sheree Joosten

Dani Ketchpay
Annette Laughlin
Debbie Lemmens
Diane Matuszewki
Nancy Metcalf
Judy Morgan
Tammy Nelson
Tina Pastorell

Sara Pingel
Jill Rickert
Jana Robl
Amber Smith
Nicole Van Handel
Tracy Weyenberg

Administrative Volunteers

Pam Arent
MaryAnn Brochtrup
Cathy Bos
Sally Brotski
Nancy Brown

Tracy Conger
Ginny Devine
Pam Duffy
Jane Erickson
Mary Florek

Judy Germonprez
Sarah Heinemeier
Karen Jenneman
Paula Libbin
Cynthia Porter

Joan Strebel
Macaire Theil
Lisa Ver Voort

Pre-dental Undergraduate Student Volunteers

Sara Al-Bitar
Erin Chmelik
Adam Dahlke
Jon Gescki

Mitch Hulbert
Calen Leider
Chris Ludden
Maire McFarland

Kim Murray
Lindsay Nelson
Joseph Olsen
Chad Schulz

Ed Stuparitz
Phil Voissem

Our Mission

Tri-County Community Dental Clinic is an all volunteer dental clinic whose mission is to provide quality oral health care services in a caring and compassionate manner to those individuals in Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties whose access to dental health care is limited due to inadequate income or reduced access to Medicaid care eligibility.

Was your name or address missed or misspelled? Please accept our apologies and contact Barbara Uehling at 920-882-9989 or budental@tds.net and we will correct our records.



Clinic Helps Head Start Children

One of the goals of the Head Start program is to promote health education and nutrition to the children and their family members. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh coordinates the program in this area for 600 three to five year olds.

Tri-County Community Dental Clinic volunteers provide the annual dental screening for half of the children. Each child receives one-on-one education and instruction on proper brushing and

flossing techniques and the importance of a balanced diet and a bag of dental supplies. Many of these children and their families receive their regular dental care at the clinic.

Diana Aronson RN, BSN, for the UW Oshkosh program, notes, "Without the help of TCCDC many of our children would go without dental care. We appreciate the hard work provided by the volunteers, students and staff of the clinic."

This year TCCDC held three Head Start Screening Days. Thank you to the many hygienists, FVTC hygiene students and Drs. Heidi Daub, Karen Dustrude, Lisa Lang-Riegel and Jane Mathen for their help.

Clinic upgrades computer and x-ray system



The clinic converted to all new dental software and hardware in November. We are happy to have a new digital x-ray system as part of this change. This new system is more convenient, the x-rays are better quality and it takes less patient and staff time. The system is also environmentally friendly, as we no longer use any chemicals or film for our x-rays.

Many people helped make this change a positive experience for the clinic. Patterson Dental Supply/EagleSoft, Schick Technologies, and Schenck Business Solutions contributed toward the software and equipment. Patterson, Schenck and our volunteers contributed many hours of support. The Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc. provided \$15,000 toward the total cost. Thank you everyone for a job well done.

Clinic wish list

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste for adult patients
- Special toothbrushes and other dental aids for special needs and elderly patients
- Surgical instruments
- Office Supplies

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Meet TCCDC's Staff Dental Assistants

Recently a volunteer dental hygienist commented, "Dental Assistants are the backbone of a dental office." Nowhere is that more true than at TCCDC. The four staff members help the clinic run smoothly from the opening of the doors to seeing the last patient out.

Jaime Kadlec, Clinic Coordinator, is responsible for daily clinical operations. She joined TCCDC in January 2004 as one of the first staff members. She received her degree from NWTC. The other three dental assistants did a portion of their FVTC student training at the clinic and joined the staff after graduation: Nikki in October 2004, Rachel in April 2006 and Brittany in October 2006.

Each day brings new challenges. Our volunteer dentists and hygienists change every four hours and weekly



there are four new Marquette University School of Dentistry students. There are emergency cases and scheduling changes. Along with these ever-changing needs, the dental

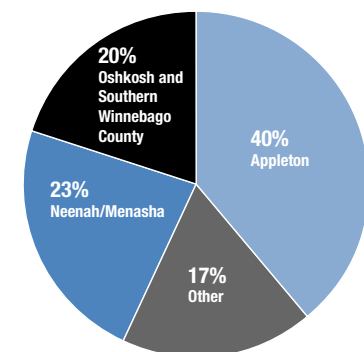
assistants provide chair side assistance, sterilize instruments, disinfect rooms, work with the MUSoD dental students, FVTC dental hygiene and dental assisting students

and volunteer pre-dental college students. They also accompany each patient to and from the lobby. We are very lucky to have four wonderful staff dental assistants.

Summary of care provided

From October 2003, when the clinic opened, to December 2006:

- 15,800 patients registered
- 8,000 patients were treated in 18,200 visits
- 62% have Medicaid, the rest have limited ability to pay
- \$3.8 million of donated dental services were provided



Board of Directors



TCCDC's 2006 Board of Directors from the left: Rick Hilsabeck DDS, Tim Brown DDS, Lisa Lang-Riegel DDS, Lisa Ahles RDH, Tom Bartz, Jim Springborn DDS, Sally Mielke, Ron Lampe, Margie Weiss, Phil Florek DDS, Barbara Uehling, Executive Director, John Masak DDS, and Bob Glass. Not pictured: Karla Blair and Loren Swanson DDS.

In January, TCCDC elected officers for 2007. They are:

President-Phil Florek DDS
Vice President-Bob Brennan DDS
Secretary-Sally Mielke MSN
Treasurer-Karla Blair CPA, CFP

Bob Brennan DDS and Bill Hammond DDS are new board members. Sharri Crowe RDH also joined the board as the President of the Fox Valley Hygiene Association.

We thank our past year's officers for their tireless support of the clinic:
President-Jim Springborn DDS
Vice-President-Lisa Lang-Riegel DDS
Past President-Tim Brown DDS.

Thanks also to retiring board members Loren Swanson DDS, and Lisa Ahles RDH (Past President of Fox Valley Hygiene Association).

Clinic Receives State Oral Health Grant to Expand Services

In February, the Department of Health and Family Services awarded TCCDC \$75,000, one-time federal income augmentation funds marked for expansion of oral health access for low-income children and families. State Representative Dean Kaufert, R-Neenah, helped secure the funds for the clinic. He said, "There is strong demand for access to dental services in the Fox Valley and the Tri-County Community Dental Clinic does a superb job of meeting part of that need. I make so many referrals to this clinic that I was glad I could secure some funding for their efforts."



TCCDC received a \$75,000 oral health access grant. Pictured, from left: Rep. Tom Nelson, D, Assembly District 5; Kevin Hayden, Secretary, Wis. Department of Health & Human Services; Barbara Uehling, Executive Director; Rep. Dean Kaufert, R, Assembly District 55; Jim Springborn DDS, Immediate Past President & Past President of Wisconsin Dental Association; and Phil Florek DDS, President.

Volunteering Registered Hygienists

Lisa Ahles
Kristin Barrows
Christine Becich
Nancy Brown
Ann Clarke
Barb Collins
Sharri Crowe
Sara Dittman
Laura Forrest
Lisa Forst
Mary Fries

Diane Giese
Lisa Goodwin
Nichole Guyette
Sara Hajos
Paula Hemmele
Paul Janda
Sheree Joosten
Melissa Katzenmaier
Krista Kerkhoff
Sue Kilgas
Stephanie Klick

Michelle Kluess
Joelle Knauer
KathyKnott
Carrie Knurowski
Megan Kranner
Elizabeth Lang
Anne Langkau
Kim Merrick
Kari Meyer
Debra Mickelson
Kristine Miller

Kym Pajala
Cynthia Porter
Terri Roesler
Julie Ross
Erica Rusch
Kelly Schroeder
Brenda Schertz
Tania Skaletski
Theresa Skaletski
Leah Wagner
Teresa Wener

Executive Director's Message

By Barbara Uehling

This is my third year as Executive Director of our wonderful dental clinic. Who would have imagined our volunteers and our students would touch the lives of over 8,000 patients in such a short time. Many of our patients are thankful for receiving relief from very painful toothaches due to infection and swelling. Others have never seen a dentist or have not been treated in years.

Researchers continue to look at the link between oral health and overall health. We do know tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs and certain medications can have a negative effect on oral and overall health. Studies are looking at the effects of periodontitis, swelling and infection of the gums, on heart disease, diabetes, and pregnant women.

What can we do to help? At the clinic, we teach and remind our patients of the importance of brushing, flossing and eating a balanced diet. We try to apply fluoride varnish, a newer product that can help slow the progression of cavities, on children and adults who have a higher risk of cavities.

You can help by encouraging programs that teach children and adults to eat a balanced diet and that discuss how soda, fruit juices and candy can cause cavities. You can also help TCCDC continue its work through your contributions of time and money.



Barb Uehling

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