LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY.
VISION FOR TOMORROW.
“LEADERSHIP is about setting a vision and engaging those around you to reach their full potential.”
At the age of 14 when I saw my next-door neighbor change my sister’s life with her orthodontic care, I knew I wanted to be a dentist. After forty years of general dental practice, I continue to be enamored by the life changing transformations we can make in the lives of our patients. Since that time in 1967 when I first saw up close how someone can be affected by dentistry, I’ve never looked back.

Five years after beginning practice, I was asked to be the Secretary of our local constituent dental society. I quickly realized I enjoyed this facet of dentistry just as much as the clinical and management challenges of private practice. From that first volunteer position in 1983, I’ve never look back.

The joy I’ve had in my career and the professional and personal opportunities dentistry has afforded me are something that I want all dentists to experience. I will lead the ADA with three key objectives:

- **Empower** the next generation of dentists by ensuring freedom in how they choose to practice to foster the love of dentistry.
- **Embrace** diversity and welcome inclusion to provide an early pathway to leadership at all levels of organized dentistry.
- **Energize** members to advocate for the health of the public and success of the profession by evidence based solutions and practice.

I am an optimistic and collaborative leader who will listen and mutually discover solutions to the challenges that face our profession. I promise to be accessible to dentists of the ADA, accountable for the actions of the Board of Trustees as we focus on Common Ground 2025 and approachable as the leader of our Association. Today is about looking forward so we can protect the freedoms of all dentists and move the ADA into the future in its quest to serve both the profession and the public. I sincerely ask for your vote in the upcoming election.
### NATIONAL
- **ADA Trustee – District 6**
- **Member, Board Standing Committee on Diversity & Inclusion**
- **Chair, ADA House Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order**
- **ADA Delegate and Alternate**
- **Member, Reference Committee – Budget and Administrative Matters**
- **Chair, Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations**
- **Member, Reference Committee – Presidential Address & Miscellaneous Matters**
- **Vice Chair, Commission on the Young Professional**
- **Chair, Academy of General Dentistry Annual Meeting Council**
- **ADA Foundation Board**

### STATE
- **President, Tennessee Dental Association**
- **Member, Board of Trustees**
- **Liaison, TDA to Tennessee Board of Dentistry**
- **Member, TennDPac Board**
- **Member, Government Affairs Committee**
- **President, Tennessee Academy of General Dentistry**
- **Chair, TN AGD Legislative Committee**
- **General Session Chair, TDA Annual Meeting**
- **Chair, TDA Reference Committee**

### MEMBERSHIP
- **American College of Dentists**
- **International College of Dentists**
- **Pierre Fauchard Academy**
- **Academy of Dental Practice**

### COMMUNITY
- **Chair, Board Member and Volunteer Dentist of Interfaith Dental Clinic**
- **Volunteer, Dental Lifeline Network**
- **President, United Way of Rutherford County**
- **President, Kiwanis Club of Murfreesboro**
- **Member, North Boulevard Church of Christ**
  - **Sunday School Class Leader**
  - **Chair, Budget and Finance Committee**
- **Chair, American Heart Association Heart Walk**

### AWARDS
- **TDA Jack Wells Dedication to Dentistry Award**
- **Academy of General Dentistry Lifelong Service Award**
- **Tennessee AGD Dentist of the Year**
- **Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow**
- **Academy of General Dentistry Fellowship & Mastership**
- **Tennessee Titan's Community Quarterback Award**
- **Mary Catherine Strobel Award – Innovator of the Year**
- **Hands On Nashville Awards of Excellent – Non-Profit Board Member of the Year**

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