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Richmond Welcomes the 21st Annual Colonial Conference

Richmond, Virginia welcomes back the Virginia Academy of General Dentistry for our 21st Annual Colonial Conference. This premiere continuing education event will take place November 6th and 7th at the Richmond Marriott West Hotel in Glen Allen. The speakers this year will surely make this conference successful for yet another year!

Right— Enjoy Richmond's magnificent views. Here's a glance from South of the James River.



Featured speakers this year include Dr. Howard Farran discussing *The Virtues of Profitable Dentistry* and Dr. Harvey Levy leading us through both lecture and participation on the *Management of Anxious and Special Needs Patients*. Both of these top-notch speakers are sure to entertain as they teach! Once again this year the Colonial Conference will include courses for ACLS Re-Certification and CPR Re-Certification.

On November 6th, Dr. Farran will show how harmony, dignity, and happiness/prosperity can help build a great, meaningful, and profitable

Right—The Virginia State Capital welcomes visitors in the City.



dental office that will make a difference to any community. See how these virtues can guide business moves and lead to increased profitability with diminished stress.

On November 7th, Dr. Levy will bring his energetic personality to share some myths of special-needs patient care. He will help in identifying anxious or special-needs patients and teach how to manage most of them using a combination of techniques. He will also share the reasons that treatment in the hospital may be the best answer for many patients.

Right—General Robert E. Lee is one of many statues that adorns historic Monument Avenue..



Registration information as well as detailed course descriptions are included in this issue. Come join us this fall for 16 hours of fabulous CE! Mark your calendar to join us in Richmond for the 21st Annual Colonial Conference --- November 6th and 7th!

Message from the President...

Ali Zarrinfar, DDS



Academy of General Dentistry held its 57th annual meeting in Baltimore in July 2009.

By all accounts this was one of the most successful AGD annual meetings to date. Attendance was at all time high, specifically a record attendance by student members from across the country. High quality and technologically unmatched hands-on courses were available thanks to the availability of the facilities at the University of Maryland College of Dentistry, renowned clinicians and lecturers and a great background setting, the "Orioles Park".

Although I was mostly involved with my duties as a delegate, I tried to engage the attendees as often as I could and ask for feedback. I shared memories with some of my classmates that I had not seen since graduation. I ran into some friends and colleagues that I have not had the good fortune to see often enough. All in all, I came back with many valuable lessons from these encounters and once more I realized the "spirit of AGD".

On behalf of the entire VAGD board I would like to acknowledge the great work the Baltimore Local Arrangements Committee has done to assemble such a fabulous gathering of so many dentist from all across the nation. Special thanks to the Chairmanship of this council, Dr. Charles Doring. Also thanks for the tireless efforts of Dr. John Drumm, whose wisdom I had the privilege of sharing at the House of Delegates and to our own, Dr. Pamela Stover the VAGD's president-elect who was an integral part of this committee.

I am also proud to announce that VAGD was recognized as "the top constituent recruiter of students and overall new membership in its category". Our board will continue its efforts to recruit new members and specially stay active with student representation at the VCU School of Dentistry to help new graduates understand the value of membership in AGD and lend a hand in

anyway possible to ease their transition from school to the workforce. We will also work diligently with our general membership to retain our longtime friends and colleagues and provide them with all the tools that AGD can offer for their professional growth.

I would like to keep you informed of some of the more important issues that were touched upon at the various meetings:

ADA: Significant increase in "AGD" presence at the ADA House of Delegates and continued collaboration between the two organizations for a unified front in lieu of foreseeable major reform in the healthcare system. In the words of Dr. Paula Jones president of AGD "we have developed a reputation for the superb defense of our profession".

IMPLANTS: Position paper on the "Educational Objectives for the Provision of Dental Implant Therapy", which was written in response to a corporation that was limiting its education of surgical implant placement to SPECIALISTS ONLY.

ADVOCACY: AGD in response to a corporate entity in the ORTHODONTIC field which had instigated a quota system for its providers to retain their certification sent an ACTION ALERT to all AGD members and as a result 1445 letters of protest were sent to the offending corporation. Dr. Jones in her speech said: "AGD opposes any corporate entity imposing proficiency requirements without sound science substantiating their actions and trying to establish standards of care for our profession in the name of patients' safety".

ADPAC: Resolutions passed and discussed in length at the HOD in regards to establishment of an "ADVOCACY FUND" and a "POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE".

These topics as well as many other subjects that were discussed in this three day meeting are the essence of what AGD is all about: **"Representing and safeguarding what is important to the PROFESSION OF GENERAL DENTISTRY"**. If you have any questions in regards to any of these issues please contact me or one of your board members. We are here to help you and answer all your questions.

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**Regional Director's Report
July, 2009
George R Shepley, DDS, MAGD
Regional Director, Region 5**



The Academy of General Dentistry had another successful Annual meeting in Baltimore on July 8-12, 2009. In an economy where most convention and meeting events are experiencing a 10-20% decrease in attendance, the AGD

nearly matched their biggest numbers! The attendees really enjoyed Baltimore, where there is a new Hilton Hotel connected to the Convention Center, which is right next to Camden Yards, home of the Orioles, and many of the rooms look right into the stadium. The first day the courses were all held at the new University of Maryland Dental School. Right between the school and convention center, only two blocks away, is the National Dental Museum. The Education program was great, with double the participation courses usually given. A great party for all at the B & O Train Museum culminated this meeting. This was a meeting enjoyed by all. Be sure to get ready to attend the next AGD Annual meeting which will be held in New Orleans July 5-11, 2010. New Orleans is a fabulous place to visit and you will not want to miss this one!

One of the other highlights of the meeting is that Dr. David Halpern, one of Maryland's finest, and one of AGD's finest, was installed as the new President of AGD. Region 5 is very proud to have two members on the Executive Committee, Dr. David Halpern as President, and Dr. Jeffrey Cole as Treasurer. These are two of the finest leaders in AGD. We are all looking forward to a very productive year. The other great addition has been that AGD has hired a new Executive Director, Charles "Chuck" Macfarlane. It is perfect timing to have this vacancy filled along with an outstanding new President taking office.

Region 5 also continues to be served very well by our Trustee from Virginia, Dr. Ted Sherwin, who was the Chair of the Task Force that produced the AGD White Paper on Access to Care, which has been well received nationally.

Region 5 held a Reception for the newly awarded

Fellows and Masters. It is a pleasure to see many in Region 5 continue to pursue this distinguished award and who are showing their commitment to Life Long Learning. As far as awards go, I also want to congratulate Virginia for their winning of the Membership Award. Virginia has done an outstanding job of recruiting Dental Students. They were also recognized at the meeting for their effort in this area. I want to acknowledge both Betsy Nance and Stephanie Chambers for their role in facilitating this important accomplishment. I am also happy to see Virginia working with their Dental School to continue their Master Track program. Participation in a Master Track is one of the most rewarding CE experiences available for general dentists. Both Virginia and Maryland have done outstanding work in the area of Master Track and working with Dental Students. It is very important that we enroll young dentists into organized dentistry and I encourage all of you to take part in this important part of giving back and keeping our profession strong for the future.

Region 5 plans to hold their 13th Annual CE meeting next spring, so be on the lookout for information for this meeting. Region 5 also continues to be served by many members on National Councils and Committees. It is a very rewarding experience to serve on these and I think it enhances one's professional life. I would encourage any of you to consider serving on you local constituents Board in some capacity. Two ways to do this are one, go to the AGD website and fill out the Call for Volunteers and indicate what area you are interested in serving. The other way is to just call your local President or Executive Secretary to let them know you are interested. It really is a win/win for all.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Regional Director; it is both an honor and a privilege. I also want you to know I will also be serving in another position at the National level, as the Division Coordinator of the Dental Education Division. I am looking forward to serving, as CE is a passion of mine. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

George R Shepley, DDS, MAGD

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**DR. PAUL SCRUGGS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2009**

HOTEL ROANOKE, ROANOKE, VA

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Technology Trends in Implant Dentistry for the General Dentist (Hands-On and lecture!)

Many advances have occurred in the last few years that impact the diagnosis, treatment planning, surgical placement and restoration of dental implants. This course will review all the current trends and improve your ability to use implant dentistry in your practice. A two hour hands on component will review the surgical and restorative procedures for the Nobel-Biocare implant systems. Learning objectives for the course are as follows. Understand CT scanning. When to use it and how to interpret the scan for implant placement.

When and where to refer for complicated cases. The participant will understand which cases can be treated by the general dentist and which may need specialist consideration.

The participant will gain understanding of CAD designed surgical guides using the Nobel Guide software program.

Understand when immediate placement is indicated for single and full arch restorations.

The participant should gain a good working knowledge of over-dentures and single tooth replacements both in traditional treatment and immediate placements.

Understand the latest materials for implants to include Zirconia frameworks, all ceramic crowns, and zirconia abutments.

Paul Scruggs is a Prosthodontist from

Raleigh N.C. who has been restoring and placing implants over the last 20 years. His practice has grown from the occasional implant procedure to presently consuming most of the day with implants. The course entitled "Dental Implants: making it simple predictable and rewarding" will discuss treatment planning using new technical and clinical advances, immediate insertion and loading of anterior implants, simplified Overdentures and complex implant cases. Teeth in an Hour and computerized guided surgery will also be introduced. In all cases a systematic approach will be presented to make the transition into implants in your practice easier and more predictable.

Registration		
Dr. Paul Scruggs—September 18, 2009 8:30AM—5:00PM (8 Credit Hours) Hotel Roanoke, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016. Tel. 540-985-5900		
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Howard Farran DDS, MBA, MAGD

Harvey Levy, DMD, MAGD

ACLS Re-Certification

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Glen Allen, VA

November 6-7, 2009

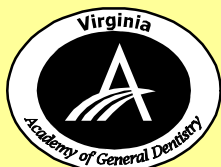
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Cancellation and Refund Policy for All Continuing Education Courses: Must be in writing. Refunds up to two weeks prior to the course. \$35 processing fee after that date. No refunds within 72 hours of course.



**Friday, November 6th
Course 1**

**Howard Farran, DDS,
MBA, MAGD**

**The Virtues of
Profitable Dentistry**



Start building your ideal dream dental office! In the new millennium the lack of virtues is the greatest threat to our patients, our profession and to our profitability. All of the greatest and most successful civilizations throughout history have been built on the same basic virtuous principles, for example concordia (harmony), dignitas (dignity) and felicitas (happiness/prosperity).

Dr. Farran's "Virtues of Profitable Dentistry" lecture shows you how these same virtues can help you build a great, meaningful and profitable dental office that will make a difference to your community. Spend the day learning practical hands-on applications, not fluff or superfluous fanciful theories.

For the first time, I am opening my office to you and sharing the processes and procedures that have made it so successful.

Now is the time to take a step back and re-evaluate the most basic virtuous business fundamentals. See how these virtues can be the compass that guides your every dental business move and leads you to increased profitability with greatly diminished stress.

Dr. Howard Farran, DDS, MBA, MAGD is a noted international lecturer on faster, easier, more efficient dentistry. He has captivated audiences around the

world with his innovative, informational and entertaining style. In his seminar entitled, "The Virtues of Profitable Dentistry" he gets down to the nitty gritty details of running a thriving family practice. He can show any dental team how they too can achieve their dreams and goals.

Dr. Farran graduated from UMKC dental school in 1987. He earned his MBA from Arizona State University in 1999. He received his MAGD in 1998. He received his Diplomat in the International College of Oral Implantology in 1998.

Dr Farran has received wide-range recognition, such as being named Alumni of the year by the University of Missouri in 1997, Arizona Public Health Dentist of the year award in 1995 by the Arizona Office of Dental Health, and the Arizona Award in 1989 from the Arizona State Dental Association for outstanding contributions made to the profession of dentistry efforts to fluoridate the water of Phoenix.

Dr. Farran is the founder and publisher of Dentaltown and Hygienetown Magazines which are mailed to over 155,000 dentists in 38 countries and over 81,000 hygienists each month. Dr. Farran is also the founder of www.docere.com which includes dentaltown.com and hygienetown.com where over 80,000 registered dentists and over 16,000 registered hygienists share information with each other daily! In addition to Dentaltown and Hygienetown, Dr. Farran is the author of several dental practice management articles and multiple video series. Dr. Farran's experience ranges from all aspects of practice management, including business planning, operations and finance, to e-commerce business, and Internet marketing.

21ST COLONIAL DENTAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 7th

Course 2

Harvey Levy, DMD, MAGD



Management of Anxious and Special Needs Patients

8:00 — Registration

8:30 AM — Debunking The Myths Of Special-Needs Patient Care (1-1/2 hours—Lecture) 29 reasons dentists give for not seeing special-needs patients, with 29 better reasons why you should welcome them, treat them, and be pleased with your success and your profit.

10:00 AM — Break

10:10 AM — Office Management Of Anxious And Special-Needs Patients (2 hours—Lecture) How to identify anxious or special-needs patients, and successfully manage most of them using a combination of techniques including nitrous oxide, oral sedation drugs, Velcro® restraints, mouth props, and more.

12:00 — Lunch

1:00 PM — Hospital Dentistry (1-1/2 hours—Lecture) How do you successfully complete cases too difficult to manage in the office? Treatment in the hospital may be the best answer for patients who are uncooperative, mentally challenged, medically compromised, too young to understand, or too anxious to sit still. You may discover that you can do your best quality, most effective, most efficient and most profitable work while the patient is safely asleep in a surgical center or hospital.

2:30 PM — Break

2:40 PM—Extractions With No Fatigue And Few Fractures (1-3/4 hours—Participation and Lecture) Learn a new, simple way to extract teeth that results in 75% fewer fractures, with no fatigue of the wrist, arm or body. Learn, in a hands-on fashion, how effective body mechanics commonly known to martial artists can be applied to exodontias.

4:25 PM — Try It On (1/2 hour—Participation) Try some equipment we use to easily manage difficult patients: Aribex Nomad® Handheld X-Ray unit, Ergonom-X® self-developing films, Velcro® wraps, special mouth props, and more.

4:55 PM—Wrap up and close

Dr. Harvey Levy is a general dentist from Frederick, Maryland who has earned Mastership and Lifelong Learning Service Recognition in the AGD along with eight fellowships, and four diplomate certifications, including Special Patient Care and DOCS. He completed a two-year residency in Rochester, NY, and was a GPR residency

clinical director at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. With 35 years experience in treating special-needs patients, he has written many articles, produced audio and video tapes, and lectured about management of anxious and special patient care. His work with special-needs patients earned him the 1986 AGD Humanitarian Award, the ADA Access to Care Award, and was a 2002 Winter Olympic torch runner. To date, Dr. Levy has treated 1000 patients in the OR and 30,000 patient visits in his office via oral sedation.

ACLS Re-Certification, Sat. Nov. 7th, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM — Course 3 — (REQUIRED BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY IF YOU PRACTICE SEDATION DENTISTRY!)

CPR Re-Certification, Sat. Nov. 7th, 2:00 PM—4:30 PM — Course 4

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Course 2—Dr. Harvey Levy
Course 3—ACLS Re-Certification
Course 4—CPR Re-Certification

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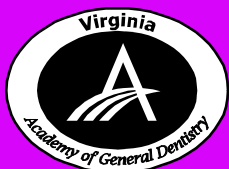
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A 360 Slam Dunk Guide for Successful Teams— Complex Treatment Planning

**“Change is inevitable –
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In this fast past, ever changing world, dental teams must commit to taking a serious look at every aspect of the practice. With a comprehensive feedback process you gain insight into your performance, which allows you to identify opportunities for growth. Learn how to diagnose, plan treatment, and deliver optimal care, whether single tooth, quadrant, or full mouth rehabilitation. Enjoy this fast paced, fun filled, dynamic seminar that will super charge your practice today!

1. Understand the urgency to lead and re-align your practice today.
2. Rank the doctor and the team in the 35 key leadership issues for peak performing teams.
3. Consider key communication barriers, and how to overcome them.
4. Learn how to blend high tech and high touch relationship-based care.

Dr. Mark E. Hyman is a renowned dentist and public speaker whose work is characterized by his warmth, enthusiasm, sense of humor, and passion for dentistry. His commitment to his patients is evident in his high-quality approach to dental health,

emphasizing long-lasting relationships and the use of the most state-of-the-art equipment available.

Dr. Hyman received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his dental degree from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. He completed a two-year General Practice Residency in Oral Medicine at UNC. Dr. Hyman has been in practice in Greensboro and served on the surgical staff of Moses Cone Health System for the past 23 years. He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry.

Registration

Dr. Mark Hyman—February 26, 2010
8:30AM—5:00PM (8 Credit Hours)
Sheraton Park South Hotel, 9901 Midlothian
Turnpike, Richmond, VA Tel. 804-323-1144

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VAGD Welcomes New Members

Dr. Elizabeth T. Nance, Membership Chair



The Virginia delegation did not return home from the AGD Annual meeting in Baltimore empty handed, but with two awards: the award for recruitment of the most student members and the Universal Award for Membership in the Category 1 level (having more than 1,000 members).

These awards represent a concerted effort by the membership chair, the student membership chair, and the entire Board of the Virginia Academy of General Dentistry.

Word is spreading quickly about the significant benefits afforded by membership in the AGD. Membership includes 1) access to the NEW consumer Web portal, KnowYourTeeth.com, a consumer e-newsletter; 2) insurance contract analysis service; 3) Web tools for podcast learning, case studies, a Web page builder and free online CE courses 4) identification of CE courses by zip code 5) information about obtaining Fellow and Master status. Of interest, is an affiliate membership which is available to non-general dentists. This membership would afford access to CE and networking options for dental specialists and interested non-dentists.

As the premier national organization which exists solely for the General Practitioner, AGD continues to provide educational, advocacy, and value for the practitioner and the patient population.

Do you know a specialist dentist or a non-dentist interested in joining? Please ask them to contact our Executive Secretary Frances Kimbrough at 804-320-8803 or email VAGDmail@aol.com. Also feel free to call the AGD at 1-888-243-3368 and ask for Membership.

Elizabeth Taylor Nance, DDS, MSHA

Dental Student Update

Danielle Hoexter, Student Rep



The spring semester was a very active one at the dental school, with the main focus being on the newly implemented FellowTrack program. Thanks to Stephanie Chambers' hard work, VCU is now off to a great start with the development of the Fellowtrack program. Currently, the program allows fourth year students to obtain up to 25 hours of CE during their final year of school that is applied toward becoming a Fellow. The courses offered in the Spring were Mini-Implants, Record Keeping and Board of Dentistry Regulations, both by Dr. Jeffrey Levin; Patient Management, by Dr. Ralph Howell; and Hitting the Bullseye with your Leadership Style, by Dr. James Schroeder. The short courses were a huge hit among the students in attendance! The series proved a great way to get students involved in the AGD and become excited about life long learning through the AGD. An all student Lunch and Learn was also held in April where Dr. Ali Zarrinfar, Cory Hoffer from Hermitage Wealth Management and Stephanie Chambers spoke and the coveted "You've Graduated, Now What?" CD booklet was distributed to seniors.

Upcoming plans for the fall include an all student Lunch and Learn in September, as well as Fellowtrack lunch series courses in September, October and November for seniors. Currently, we are planning speakers for these events and working to make this fall an exciting series! We are also working with Dr. David Burns at the dental school on hosting an all day Saturday course on Implantology that will count as CE credit towards the Fellowtrack.

In addition, we are very proud to accept the Award for Membership that was awarded to the VAGD at this summer's annual meeting in Baltimore! The VAGD was number one this year, which is a great achievement and we owe many thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Nance, Stephanie Chambers and Frances Kimbrough for all their hard work in increasing membership this year. Great job VAGD!



2009 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Educational Information

ARE YOU A GRADUATE OF AN ACCREDITED* U.S./CANADIAN DENTAL SCHOOL? Yes No Currently Enrolled

Dental School _____ Graduation Date (mm/yyyy) ____/____/____

Are you a graduate of an accredited* U.S. or Canadian post-doctoral program? Yes No Currently Enrolled

*Official accreditation is given by CODA in the U.S. and CDAC in Canada.

Post-doctoral Institution _____ Begin Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ to _____ End Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

** Accredited AEGD or GPR residencies qualify for the resident membership rate. Official proof of enrollment must be provided to AGD.

Optional Information

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AGD HEADQUARTER DUES

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- Active General Dentist.....\$347
- Associate (Specialist).....\$347
- Dental Student*.....\$0

*The Virginia AGD pays for dental student dues.

- 2008/09 Graduate/Current Resident...\$70
- 2007 Graduate.....\$139
- 2006 Graduate.....\$208
- 2005 Graduate.....\$278
- Affiliate.....\$174

AGD Headquarter Dues (See above rates) \$ _____

Virginia Constituent Dues (See above rates)..... \$ _____

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VIRGINIA AGD CONSTITUENT DUES

Please check membership type applying for:

- Active General Dentist/Associate.....\$52
- 2008/09 Graduate.....\$27
- Retired.....\$29

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Please print the name as it appears on the card.

I hereby certify that all the information I have provided on this application is correct, and by remitting dues to the AGD, agree to all terms of membership.

Signature _____

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On another note my term as the president of VAGD will end in November 2009. I will continue to maintain an active role in the academy. It has been without a doubt a privilege to serve VAGD and its members. I would like to thank all of the board members for their support and assistance, especially the tireless work of our executive director Frances Kimbrough. As I mentioned we are all here to help and to listen to your concerns.

A personal thanks to my wife, Dr. Kianoush Tari, who has been my strength and guiding light ever since we met and to my boys, Milad and Emonn, who never seem to run out of energy!

To the members of the Virginia Academy of General Dentistry, thank you for your continued partnership and involvement. To our prospective members: it has never been more important than now to act now and join the ranks of AGD Culture. AGD is THE ONLY voice of the General Dentist and it needs you to gain more strength in expressing your views and defending your ideas.

Virginia AGD Welcomes New Members

The Virginia AGD would like to welcome the following 11 new members who joined between April and July, 2009:

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 Asra R. Javeed, DMD, Virginia Beach
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To all non-members: "What are you waiting for?"
 We would love to hear from you.

Respectfully,

Ali Zarrinfar DDS
 President 2008-2009

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Be sure to visit our website at www.vagd.org. Check out our CE calendar, and take advantage of online registration. Also available is our Call For Volunteers which you can fill out and submit online. As always, we appreciate your time and suggestions.

Virginia Academy of General Dentistry 2009 — 2010 Continuing Education Calendar

- Sep 18 Dr. Paul Scruggs, 'Implant Technology', Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA (8 CE Hrs.)
Oct 15 VCU/VAGD MasterTrack Session 5 Program*
15 Periodontics, Orthodontics Reports
16 Occlusion (5 CE Hrs.)
Pediatric Dentistry (2 CE Hrs.)
17 Occlusion (hands on) (5 CE Hrs.)
Special Patient Care (3 CE Hrs.)
18 Operative Dentistry (3 CE Hrs.)
Homework: Occlusion, Pediatric Dentistry, Operative Dentistry, Special Patient Care
Nov 6-7 Annual Meeting, Marriott Innsbrook Hotel, Glen Allen, VA
Nov 6 Dr. Howard Farran, 'The Virtues of Profitable Dentistry' (8 CE Hrs.)
Nov 7 Dr. Harvey Levy, 'Management of Anxious and Special-Needs Patients' (8 CE Hrs.)
Nov 7 ACLS Re-Certification (4 CE Hrs.)
Nov 7 CPR Re-Certification (4 CE Hrs.)

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- Feb 26 Dr. Mark Hyman, Sheraton Park South Hotel, Richmond, VA (8 CE Hrs.)

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