PREsIDENT’S MESSAGE
by Michael G. Arvystas, DMD

I am humbled and pleased to have been elected the next President of our venerable society. I am indebted to my wonderful wife, Mimi Buchness, who has achieved the highest standards in her education at Harvard University, Columbia University Medical School, and her dermatology training at Columbia University. She is a brilliant dermatologist; the vice president of the New York State Dermatologic Society. Her most important achievement is being the mother of the joy of our lives, our son, AJ. They have put up with my absences at the dinner table, while I have spent time at dental society meetings and our Thanksgivings serving on the organizational committee of the Greater New York Dental Meeting for seven years. My son, A.J., always corrects me when I tell him to listen to me since I am the boss of the house. He states, “dad, come on, you know you are not the boss, mom is!” He is right.

The years 2006, 2007 and 2008 were trying years for our Society but through strong leadership, our Society prevailed. We are stronger than ever as we enter 2009. My role as your president will be to continue to be vigilant and protect our autonomy, while continuing the tradition of excellence in professional and social interaction that the New York County Dental Society has enjoyed for decades.

It will be appropriate in 2009 for us to review our principles, values, ideology, and ethics, not only as they apply to our patients, but how we act towards each other. Recently, we in dentistry suffered the loss of Lloyd Miller, a dentist who was a role model for many of us. His name was synonymous with ethical behavior. Ethics, Lloyd believed, are not just intellectual imperatives or professional standards, but abstract notions that only take meaning in concrete situations. Ethics, he said, (continued on page 3)

TRIBUTES: In Memoriam

HERMAN L. BOSBOOM, DDS, 1992 president of the Society passed away in January after a long illness.

Dr. Bosboom was a highly regarded figure in the New York dental community, where he served on numerous professional and community boards and committees. He was a longtime member and chair of the Society’s Ethics Committee and a representative to the New York State Dental Association’s Council on Ethics. Prior to moving up to the position of NYCDS President, Dr. Bosboom participated in numerous Society committees including the Program, Lord Chaim Award and the Greater New York Dental Meeting. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Award after his presidency of the Eastern District Dental Society.

Outside of the Society he served as President of the New York University College of Dentistry Alumni Association, the New York chapter of the International College of Dentists and the New York chapter of the American (continued on page 2)
From the CE Director

by John R. Varoscak, DDS

Since the motivation for taking continuing education courses varies from dentist to dentist, our CE program must address all of our preferences. Many dentists seek courses to enhance their skills and knowledge to better treat their patients. The majority of our course offerings are designed to improve our performance of those procedures that we already perform, enhance our diagnostic skills, or introduce new techniques. The current Henry Spenadel CE catalog and the upcoming summer catalog feature several new programs that address these goals. During the period of March–June, a variety of courses are presented to enhance skills in prosthetic, restorative and cosmetic dentistry including: All Ceramic Restorations; Restorative Implant Dentistry for the G. P.; The Whole is Greater—Successful Dental Collaboration; Composites and the Smile Makeover; and The Do’s and Don’ts of Porcelain Laminate Veneers.

For dentists desiring to expand their knowledge or scope of practice, the following courses are offered: The Mini Dental Implant System; The Interplay Between Periodontics, Orthodontics and Restorative Dentistry; The Endo—Restorative Continuum; Stress-Free Endo: Beyond Engine Driven NiTi; Enteral Sedation; Stem Cells: Sources, Therapies and the Dental Professional; Oral Surgical Skills for the GP: Part II; A Potpourri of Clinical Dental Pharmacology; and Oral Dermatology: Filling the Gap Between Dentistry and Medicine.

This list is not complete, but is representative of the innovative courses taught by experts in their areas. Other courses, details, dates and times can be found in the current catalog. Another motivation for taking CE courses is to fulfill the newly required 60 hours of CE being phased-in for triennial registration in New York State. Included in the new requirements are several mandated courses, all of which are offered throughout the year. A new requirement, The Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of Practicing Dentistry in New York State, is offered tuition-free to New York County Dental Society members. During the period March–August, the course is given four times. Other mandated courses, CPR, Defibrillations, and Emergency Medicine; Oral Cancer Detection and Prevention; and Infection Control are also offered several times. These required courses are very popular and early registration is important. For dentists who would like to combine CE with a vacation, a cruise to Bermuda is offered between July 4–July 9. This program on Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry: Traditional vs. Contemporary Treatment is co-sponsored with the New York Academy of Dentistry and the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine. Discounted tuition is offered to Dental Society members.

Whatever your continuing education requirements or interests, our accommodating staff is anxious to help you fulfill your needs.

IN MEMORIAM (continued from page 1)

College of Dentists. NYU’s Alumni Federation awarded him its Meritorious Service Award. Dr. Bosboom was proud to have been the oldest member of the Dental Identification Unit of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York, identifying victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York City.

Born in the Netherlands, Dr. Bosboom immigrated to this country as a young man and remained active in the Netherlands Club. He served as its Director and was also Director of the Orde van den Prince. He graduated from New York University’s College of Dentistry and went on to design and build the first mobile dental unit in Korea. Until his illness he practiced with, and mentored, his daughter, Dolrine Bosboom, and son-in-law, Steven DeCrescenzo. He also leaves his wife Tata. He will be remembered for his caring and generous spirit.
are about obligations, about relationships between people. They’re more than impersonal ideas or principles. An idea, when violated, cannot take retribution. A principle cannot refuse to shake my hand. Only people can do that.

We are dentists. We are good and kind people who enjoy immense respect from our patients and the public at large. We need to lead and make decisions in both the best interests of the community … and of ourselves … and not be overwhelmed by those lay persons who have their own personal agendas.

Certainly, on occasion, we all feel the inconvenient squeeze of moral choice. We all get infected by an infrequent ethical fog. Sometimes it’s simple befuddlement, sometimes an ethical disunity. But our relationship, the bond among dentists, is special. How we treat each other, how we labor for our successes as a group should never be an ethical issue.

Let us go forth this next year caring for our patients, our families and each other. Let us continue to serve the profession at the local, state, and national levels with pride, determination and know how.

I look forward to working with a NEW New York State Dental Association whose leadership has taken on the important issue of Governance.

Lastly, I want every member of the New York County Dental Society to know what a special history that we have; the Henry Spenadel charter with the State Education Department to give CE courses to all of our members and the extraordinary relationship that we have with the 2nd District Dental Society, as co-owners of the Greater New York Dental Meeting. The work and dedication of these two societies to create the largest dental meeting in the United States, the foresight of our leaders and the executive directors of this meeting from its beginnings and more recent leadership of Irving Gruber, Howard Menell and our present executive director, Robert Edwab. We have great tradition, great achievement, and provide great services to our membership.

We will have a great 2009.

Outgoing President’s Message
by Anthony E. Chillura, DMD

Your New York County Dental Society faced many challenges this past year both internally and externally. The very existence of our 150 year old hallowed institution came under fire on multiple fronts, even the New York State legislature became involved, and sadly even some of our own members. Our mettle was tested, but today I am happy to tell you that your officers and Board of Directors met these issues head on with the results being very positive for our Society, including our work through the Spenadel Continuing Education Program to offer at no charge the state-mandated ethics course.

Suffice to say there existed a culture of entitlement by a select few in our society whose value system was much different than our own. As volunteers, we chose to serve the membership, not the other way around. We chose to protect the membership and preserve our society so that it could continue to be governed by our own duly elected members as mandated by our constitution.

And, as the year closed, we can take with us the satisfaction that the proceeds from a consciousness of duty was faithfully executed and today our Society remains intact.

All that our Society has gained this year will now be entrusted to our Board under the new leadership of Mike Arvystas, a man of high integrity, character, and standard; a man who has become my close friend. And with those qualities, Mike is well suited for the task and will meet all challenges to come.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my own staff who rose to the occasion time and time again to answer all those phone calls, to schedule all those meetings and to reschedule all those patients. I thank you all very much for your help.

I would be remiss if I didn’t thank our Society’s staff for doing an outstanding job, especially this year during some turbulent times. And their leader, Executive Director Ellen Gerber. Thank you all for your help, it was a pleasure to work with you.

To the members of the Board of the NYCDS, on behalf of myself and all the members of this component, I thank you for all your efforts.

And to those members and Governors across the city and state who rose to the occasion to do the right thing and forge a new path for all dentists of this great state, I thank you for your courage and perseverance. To our neighbors in Brooklyn and GNYDM partners, your support and efforts made it possible for the success that we now enjoy. We could not have done it without you.

To all my new friends and colleagues at the GNYDM, I thank you for my warm welcome and your hospitality.

Lastly, I would have found it impossible to carry the heavy burdens of this year without the help and support of the woman I love, my wife Deb. You are very special to me and you were the best throughout a very difficult year of personal challenges.

For myself, its been an honor to hold this office and to work with other dedicated officers, board members and general members from our component. I thank you all very much for the privilege and the opportunity to have served as your president.
The Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) achieved its most successful event in its 84 year history. Total registration was enormous and dentists appeared in droves to continue to make our Meeting the largest and best of its kind in the United States. Total registration in 2008 was 57,854, a 3.8 percent increase over attendance in 2007. In 2007, 16,602 dentists attended the GNYDM. This year that number grew 6.6% for a record 17,710. International attendance saw the most growth. The GNYDM’s considerable efforts to reach out to the international community met with great success. An 18.8% increase this year to 4,889 individuals from 123 different countries validated these efforts.

Attendees found an unbelievable amount of educational opportunities. New additions such as: glass enclosed workshops, a Live Dentistry arena, Invisalign Expo, and the Zahn Dental Laboratory Expo proved very successful. Literally hundreds of educational programs filled every possible space of the Javits Center over the course of the week. Courses covered every dental discipline and were given by an array of internationally known and respected educators. The GNYDM even expanded its number of courses taught in Spanish in order to accommodate the large international contingent.

Two other new programs made their way into the GNYDM schedule this year—the NYS mandated ethics course requirement for FREE through attendance at the Henry Spenadel Continuing Education course “The Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of Practicing Dentistry in New York State.” Taught by Margaret Surowka Rossi, the course was cosponsored with the Second District Dental Society. Four separate sessions were held throughout the week and it was “standing room only” at each session. The inaugural Greater New York Smiles Program brought New York City school children from all five boroughs to the Jacob Javits Center for a day filled with fun oral health activities.

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was well attended and well received. Both cocktail parties at the International Reception and the Wednesday Night Happening had a record number of participants.

This year, as it has in the past 84 years, the GNYDM continued its never-ending quest to deliver the best all-around experience for attendees and exhibitors alike. The results speak for themselves.

The GNYDM will continue to be the world’s biggest and best Dental Congress in the United States. Its success has always been the result of a tremendous amount of work and energy by a small group of individuals. The Organizational Committee of the GNYDM works tirelessly throughout the year to ensure the meeting’s success. This year was no different. Lead by its General Chairman, Cliff Salm and Executive Director, Robert Edwab, the Committee took the Meeting to new heights. Our thanks must go to the NYCDS representatives on the GNYDM Committee: Drs. Richard Rausch, Maitreya Padukone, Lois Jackson and Lawrence Bailey as well as the SDDS representatives on the GNYDM Committee: Drs. John McIntyre, Steven Schwartz, John Halikias, Kathy Agoglia and Ian Lerner. Of course, additional thanks must go to the countless NYCDS and SDDS member volunteers who comprised the many sub-committees that make the Meeting run.

The GNYDM’s success always translates to financial success for the NYCDS and SDDS as well. It is through the GNYDM that NYCDS and SDDS have been able to continue their long tradition of low cost, high quality continuing education and member services.

Mark your calendar for next year’s Meeting, November 27 – December 2. The plans for the 2009 GNYDM are already well underway and promise to be another unparalleled success.

Please help us make 2009 even greater by volunteering to serve the Meeting. Complete the form below and fax it to 212-398-6934 or e-mail info@gnydm.com.

The Greater New York Dental Meeting is accepting applications for Table Clinics for the 2009 Program. The Meeting will be held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center of New York from November 27th through December 2nd. If you would like to present one of your interesting and unique techniques during the meeting, write or fax:

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The installation ceremonies for the Society’s newest officers took place on January 15 at the grand Roosevelt Hotel. NYSDA president Michael Breault installed the officers for 2009: President Michael G. Arvystas, President Elect Edward J. Miller, Jr., Vice President Patricia Sukmonowski, Secretary Jeffrey S. Senzer and Treasurer Dorline H. Bosboom. Thanks to NYCDS Corporate Friends: Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, Inc., National Employee Benefit Companies, Inc., NYU Imaging and other sponsors including the Professional Protector Plan for Dentists and T-Mobile, USA, Inc., members enjoyed an elegant cocktail hour and gourmet dinner. Before the swearing-in ceremonies took place, one of the Society’s newest members, Michael Mistretta, was presented with a free Blackberry Pearl donated by T-Mobile.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Arvystas noted that the Dental Society is “stronger than ever as we enter 2009.” He said his role as president will be to “...continue to be vigilant and protect our autonomy, while continuing the tradition of excellence in professional and social interaction that the Society has enjoyed for decades.” Outgoing president Anthony Chil lurra touched on the challenges the Society faced in the past year and the positive outcomes that were achieved. One such victory was the ability of the Henry Spenadel Continuing Education Program to offer—at no charge—its own program meeting the state mandate for a one time ethics course.

Special guests included: Michael Breault, president, NYS-DA; Robert Doherty, president elect, NYSDA; Mark Feldman, interim executive director, NYSDA; Steven Gourndades, past president, NYSDA; Clifford Salm, general chair, GNYDM and John Halikias, chair elect, GNYDM. Second District Dental Society president Richard Oshrain attended along with several of his Second District officers. Robert Peskin represented Nassau County.

Despite the frigid temperatures and threat of snow, almost 200 members attended the gala event which is the premiere networking opportunity offered through Society membership.
Saliva is a versatile substance that serves many purposes in the oral and pharyngeal environment. It is a lubricant that facilitates swallowing, it cleans the teeth of debris, it contains antibodies, it starts the digestive process, and it is essential for taste. Decrease salivation is termed “hyposalivation” and the sensation of dry mouth is termed “xerostomia.”

Most people are not conscious of their salivary function, however, when salivary function is diminished by approximately 50%, the symptoms of dry mouth can begin to appear. Salivary hypofunction and xerostomia are common findings in elderly patients. The elderly patient population is the most rapidly growing sector in the US. It has been estimated that the population 65 years or older will increase from 12.4 percent in 2000 to 19.6 percent in 2030. These numbers are higher for adults 80 years or older, whose numbers are anticipated to increase from 9.3 million in 2000 to 19.5 million in 2030.

It was originally believed that salivary function declined with increasing age, although studies have now demonstrated that the amount of saliva from the salivary glands does not decrease in healthy individuals. The majority of cases of dry mouth are caused by medications. As patients live longer in association with coexisting medical disease and are on complex drug regimens, the likelihood of developing dry mouth increases, with a concurrent decrease on their quality of life.

Even, when hyposalivation is present, there still exists a large functional reserve that allows the gland to function enough to maintain a relatively normal oral environment. However, when the physiologic strain is too great, the secretory reserve is overwhelmed and the function of the gland is impaired significantly.

Patients with hyposalivation, but still functional glands, will respond to salivary stimulants which include sugarless candies, mints, and gums, and nonsugared beverages. For patients with severe dry mouth, the oral medications cevimeline HCl (30 mg) three times a day or pilocarpine (5 to 7.5 mg) three times daily and every night at bedtime can be prescribed. Pilocarpine and cevimeline are contraindicated for patients with narrow-angle glaucoma, congestive heart disease, and pulmonary disease. Their major side effects are sweating and diarrhea. If there is little or no functioning salivary tissue, saliva substitutes and the frequent intake of nonsugared beverages are necessary to maintain oral health.

When severe hyposalivation occurs, it leads to many problems, including dental caries, candidiasis, erosion and ulceration of the mucosal tissues, difficulty swallowing, gingivitis, halitosis and impaired use of removable prostheses. Prevention of these problems includes frequent dental recall, daily use of fluorides, brushing and flossing after each meal, and rigorous prosthesis hygiene.

Treatment of salivary hypofunction involves identification of the causative agent and then appropriate therapy. Most symptoms can be palliated by replacement of lost fluid with artificial salivary formulations (gels, rinses, sprays) and salivary stimulants like sugar-free gums and mints. Prescription drugs should be reserved for the most severe cases. Medical consultation should be sought for alternatives in patient’s drug regimen to decrease hyposalivation.

References:
City’s School Children at Risk

New York City’s 105 year-old Oral Health Program maintaining clinics in public schools is in imminent danger of elimination due to the City’s fiscal troubles. Mayor Bloomberg is seeking to close all Oral Health Clinics; lay-off unionized dentists and staff, and shut down the oral health program that survived all previous national and city-wide economic downturns. The program, operated by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), maintains clinics in city public schools and offers free comprehensive dental care to the city’s poorest children. Without this critical safety net, thousands of children will have to rely on the overburdened and troubled Medicaid system—itself the target of deep funding cuts. The Oral Health Program has been one of the best ways to get proper medical care to poor communities for more than a century.

Please take a moment and go to www.nycdentalsociety.org and sign, print and mail the petition to Mayor Bloomberg, DOHMH Commissioner Frieden and the City Council Members. You’re encouraged to have your patients sign the petition as well.

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The NYS Office of the Professions has introduced an Online Registration Renewal service. This new service is available for licensees in all professions who are in the final five months of their current registration period or no more than four months past the expiration of their last valid registration period. Each month a new group of licensees will be mailed their registration renewal documents and be eligible to renew online. The service allows you to do the following:

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- Change your address

The website uses encryption technology for all personal data input. To learn more, go to www.op.nysed.gov/renewalinfo.htm

Dental School “Honors” Elective in Private Practice Seeks Manhattan Dentist Participants

by Dr. Jeffrey Dorfman

An “Honors” Elective in Private Practice is being offered to selected students at both Columbia and NYU dental schools. The students first spend time observing and then actually treating patients. The patients receive a 40% fee discount for treatment including: cosmetic dentistry, whitening, bonding, veneers, crowns and small fixed bridges. It could expand to include specialty work.

This program was created about ten years ago to help patients who could not afford the dentistry and also to teach “real life” dentistry to dental students. It is a worthwhile charitable endeavor that is legally cleared by the NYS Education Department, NY State Dental Association, MMLIC (malpractice insurer) and the Trustees of both dental schools. It should not be confused with “Donated Dental Services” wherein dentists provide the charitable dentistry.

We want to expand this program and need more dentists to volunteer. Participating dentists will be offered a faculty position at one or possibly both local dental schools. Please contact me if you are interested in helping at 212-758-1000. You can also read "Dental Student Experiences" at www.NYCdentist.com/blog.
Peer Review: A Case History

This column features an actual case, recently heard by the NYCDS Peer Review Committee, and is described with anonymity.

Hard Driving Evidence—Part 1

By Egidio A. Farone, DMD
Peer Review Committee Chair

Introduction
The Peer Review process is a benefit to all members of the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA). It serves to resolve disputes between patients and doctors regarding dental care performed. Most often the patient initiates the process, and the doctor, as a member of the Dental Society, must participate in the process as a requirement of membership. Compliance on the part of the doctor involves completing the dentist’s statement portion of the Peer Review Agreement, providing all requested treatment and billing records, and signing the Agreement. The doctor does not have to be present at the hearing although his/her presence is recommended in order to provide a defense not previously stated in the Peer Review Agreement and to verify whether the treatment in dispute is in the patient’s mouth and has not been altered. In this particular case the patient initiated the Peer Review complaint and the doctor complied as a requirement of membership in the Dental Society. Failure to comply with Peer Review requests will result in referral of the doctor to the Society’s Ethics Committee for disciplinary action.

The Complaint
The Peer Review was initiated by the patient against a general dentist. The complaint stemmed from the fact that the patient was unhappy with the fit of a Nesbit removable partial denture that was fabricated. The patient felt the Nesbit did not fit as well as her original Nesbit, irritated her tongue and kept coming loose. Furthermore, the patient complained of some soreness on tooth #20. The treatment performed by the dentist consisted of root canal treatment for tooth #20, post and core for tooth #20, porcelain fused-to-metal crown for tooth #20 and the Nesbit partial replacing tooth #19.

The Process
Once the completed Agreement to Submit to Peer Review is received at the New York County Dental Society’s headquarters, the documentation is reviewed to verify that the complaint pertained to treatment performed by a NYSDA member within the 2.5 year statutory period and was presently in the patient’s mouth in an unaltered state. If the treatment had been removed, the records would be checked to see if there is sufficient clinical and documentary evidence to render a judgment. Additionally, the documentation is reviewed to verify that no litigation had been initiated and no collection process was ongoing. In order for the Peer Review process to proceed, neither litigation nor collection can be in progress or have been resolved. In addition, if the patient has submitted a complaint about the same treatment to the New York State Education Department (OPD), the Peer Review process cannot go forward. However, if OPD had dismissed the complaint on jurisdictional grounds, the Peer Review process may go forward. Staff also confirms that treatment was not performed in an Article 28 clinic or reimbursed by Medicaid.

The committee chair then reviews the financial information submitted by the parties to determine the amount of money each is required to place in escrow pending the termination of the case. The patient must submit any unpaid balance and the dentist must deposit all monies received for the treatment from the patient and/or the patient’s dental benefit plan.

Mediation
Once both parties have signed the Peer Review Agreement, escrow monies received by NYCDS, and copies of the patient’s treatment records received, the next step in the Peer Review Process is mediation. The mediator, a member of the Peer Review Committee, then contacted the doctor to inquire if the doctor was willing to consider a partial or complete refund of fees to the patient. The patient was then contacted and both possibilities were discussed with the patient. In this case neither party was willing to resolve their dispute through mediation. The case was therefore referred back to the committee for a full hearing.

The Hearing
At the time of the hearing, both the patient and the dentist were present at the NYCDS headquarters along with the Peer Review Committee. Since the complaint was against a general dentist, the committee was composed of a chairperson and three general dentists. A member of the NYCDS staff was present to provide administrative support. As in all hearings, the committee is charged with the responsibility of resolving the dispute with regard to three specific criteria: appropriateness of treatment, fulfillment of contract, and execution of the dentistry according to acceptable standards of care. The committee reviewed all available records associated with the treatment in question and accepted into evidence their submissions. (continued on page 10)
The doctor stated that pre-treatment x-rays had been taken, but was unable to produce them for this hearing, because of a problem with the computer files in her office. The doctor did provide a post endodontic fill x-ray, and an x-ray showing tooth #18. Both parties were interviewed and individual clinical examinations were performed by each committee member.

The Discussion
The committee made a determination based on the testimony, physical and documentary evidence available at the hearing. Matters of credibility were weighed and resolved by the committee with due regard and consideration for consistency, plausibility, accuracy and other relevant factors. The committee found that the dentist had begun root canal therapy on tooth #20 without pre-operative periapical film. A final film did show the root canal treatment to be satisfactorily filled, but commencing root canal therapy without a pre-operative periapical x-ray did not follow the standard of care. At the time of this hearing the committee was unable to elicit any symptoms from tooth #20. The committee also found that there was an inadequate periapical x-ray of tooth #18 (one of the supporting teeth for the removable partial denture.) This also fell outside the standard of care. The committee found the post and core to be of acceptable length and width and the crown to be acceptable and appropriate treatment.

The Decision
The committee unanimously agreed that the lack of a pre-op periapical radiograph prior to commencing root canal therapy or the fabricating of a removable partial denture was not within the standard of care. Moreover, the committee found the Nesbit partial to be over-extended on the lingual aspect. The over extension in combination with a lack of an adequate periapical film of one of the abutment teeth condemned the removable partial denture. Therefore, the patient was to receive a refund for the monies paid for the removable partial denture and the root canal treatment performed.

The Appeal
In this case, an appeal was filed with The New York State Dental Association based on new evidence that was not previously available. That evidence was pre-treatment radiographs that were salvaged from the doctor’s computer hard drive. Therefore, an appeal was granted by NYSDA.

To be continued....
Part II of this case will be published in the Spring 2009 issue of Dentists’ Quarterly.

Dear Hearing Committee:

Thank you very much for the time you gave to my request for a Peer Review. I am, of course, pleased that I can now undertake to have the problems fixed without the burden of the past expenses; but I would like to think that I would be writing this letter of appreciation even if the decision had been the reverse.

I do understand the time and commitment you gave to both the good name of the dental society, and to me personally, and it is with that in mind that I sign,

Gratefully yours,
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# Henry Spenadel Continuing Education Program, New York County Dental Society

## The Continuing Education Program Calendar

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