Lucy Hobbs Taylor

*A Trailblazing Pioneer in Dentistry*

A true pioneer doesn’t take “no” for an answer.

William J. Maloney, D.D.S.

...today, women have ascended to the highest levels of the dental profession. They are leaders in organized dentistry, esteemed professors in our dental schools, highly skilled and talented clinicians, respected researchers and authors. This was not always the case, however.

Pioneers flourished in 19th-century America. They used their strength, courage and wits to conquer what must have oftentimes seemed like insurmountable odds and unbeatable foes. And they bravely paved the way for future generations. This was true whether it was a physical path in an uncharted wilderness or invisible barriers removed so future generations might thrive and society as a whole might benefit from their skills and talents.

One such pioneer was Dr. Lucy Hobbs Taylor. Dr. Hobbs Taylor was born on March 14, 1833, in Constable, NY. She graduated from the Franklin Academy in Malone, NY, in 1849. The career choices for educated women in the middle of the 19th century were limited. So, Hobbs Taylor became a schoolteacher, like so many other bright, young women of her generation.

Hobbs Taylor decided to move west from New York and settled in Michigan. For the next decade, she was employed as a teacher. In 1859, she made another move—this time to the neighboring state of Ohio. She lived in Cincinnati and applied for admission to the Eclectic Medical College. The college had previously admitted women but, unfortunately for Hobbs Taylor, had recently made the decision to no longer accept women. Though she was denied admission, she found a professor at the college who agreed to tutor her in medicine while, at the same time, encouraging her to practice dentistry. She heeded her tutor’s advice and applied for admission to the Ohio College of Dentistry.

Again, Lucy Hobbs Taylor faced the cruel blockade of gender discrimination and was refused admittance. Similar to her experience at the Eclectic Medical College, an individual stepped forward to give her whatever assistance he could provide in her pursuit of a professional education. This time, it was a recent graduate of the Ohio College of Dentistry, Dr. Samuel Wardle, who agreed to tutor Lucy Hobbs Taylor. Soon thereafter, in 1861, she opened her own dental practice in Cincinnati, albeit without a dental degree.

Fortunately, Hobbs Taylor was, like other pioneers of her day, not one to be easily discouraged. She continued to practice as she soon opened a dental practice in Iowa. Her practice became profitable as Hobbs Taylor’s skill and dedication to her patients became evident, continued on page 12
Fauchard Academy Honors John Essepian, Mark Weinberger

John Essepian, D.D.S., whose long career in dentistry has been notable for the dedication he has shown to his patients; to the dental and dental hygiene students he has taught; and to organized dentistry, which he has served in multiple roles, is the 2018 recipient of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Distinguished Service Award, presented by the New York section of the academy.

The presentation to Dr. Essepian was made June 1 during the NYSDA Annual Meeting at the Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga, NY. It was during that gathering that the academy also honored NYSDA Treasurer Mark Weinberger, D.D.S., who received the PFA Honor Award, which is bestowed by PFA International, in recognition of his outstanding service to the profession and organizational leadership. Attendees also witnessed the induction of 10 dentists as fellows of the academy.

Dr. Essepian is a general dentist, with a practice in Latham, Third District. He is a past president of the Third District, co-founder and past president of the Adirondack-Hudson Chapter of the New York Academy of General Dentistry and a past national chairman of continuing education for

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New Yorkers Ascend to Posts with National Board

Several New York State residents have been elected to offices with the American Association of Dental Boards. They are pictured here. From left: Wayne Kye, Queens County, incoming chair, New York State Board for Dentistry, elected vice chair, AADB East Caucus; Luis Fujimoto, New York County, past chair, NYSBD, elected AADB President; Bruce Seidlberg, Fifth District, past chair, NYSBD, elected AADB Secretary; James Comey, elected public member, AADB, a position he holds with the State Board for Dentistry.

Luis Fujimoto, left, newly elected president, American Association Dental Boards, accepts gavel from outgoing president, Norman Magnuson, Eugene, OR. Dr. Fujimoto, New York City periodontist and president-elect, New York County Dental Society, also received AADB Citizen of Year Award for outstanding service to AADB, dentistry and the public.
Five HIPAA-Relevant Questions You Should Ask Before Sending That Next Gmail

BY THE END OF 2017, Google estimates 1.2 billion people used Gmail for countless personal and business matters. However, healthcare providers may be putting themselves at risk by using Gmail for any message that contains protected health information (PHI). This can include even the smallest bits of health information, such as patient names and appointment times. You may have read that Gmail—and other large services for everyday email—are HIPAA compliant and secure. Before you press “Send” on that next email, you should be sure you can confidently answer the five questions listed below.

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3. **Have you increased message encryption to the highest level?** Google provides varying encryption levels; however, Google states that how their encryption works depends on each customer's software configuration. Some HIPAA email exchanges for health professionals provide end-to-end (person-to-person) security and 2048-bit encryption without the need to perform custom configurations.

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5. **If you are audited, will Google provide a comprehensive audit trail of all access to ePHI?** How? In order to be fully HIPAA compliant with regard to regulation §164.312(b), an email exchange must be able to produce a highly detailed audit trail of every exchange of ePHI. It’s also important that you be able to receive this audit trail when it’s needed. Some HIPAA email exchanges for health professionals provide a phone number that allows you to speak with an actual healthcare support specialist who can provide exactly the audit trail you need in a matter of minutes. To learn more about HIPAA compliance requirements and options for dental professionals, visit CoreConnect.com. CoreConnect is endorsed by NYSDA for secure messaging in dental practices. NYSDA members receive substantial discounts off normal monthly pricing. To reach CoreConnect, call (888) 810-7706.

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the AGA. He previously served as a NYSDA Governor, member of the Committee on Governance and chairman of the Council on Education.

He was chairman of the Department of Dentistry at Memorial Hospital in Albany, and the Cohoes Hospital Department of Dentistry in Cohoes. He has served as a missionary at Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital in Sierra Leone and is a trustee for Houghton College, his alma mater. Dr. Essepian is a graduate as well of McGill University and the University of Michigan Graduate School of Dentistry. He is a veteran of the Army Air Corps.

Dr. Weinberger, who completed a five-year term as NYSDA Treasurer at the Annual Meeting, is continuing as a member of NYSDA Support Services and delegate to the ADA House. A past president of the Third District Dental Society, he chaired the 2018 NYSDA Annual Meeting, which was hosted by the Third District.

Dr. Weinberger, now retired, graduated from Case Western Reserve School of Dentistry. He completed a one-year general practice residency at the VA Hospital in Albany before establishing a general practice in Brunswick, Rensselaer County. He also completed a two-year program in comprehensive dentistry at the University of Florida School of Dentistry. He has been involved in organized dentistry for over 30 years, including terms as a DSSNY Governor and NYSDA Trustee, and as an integral member of the Budget and Finance Committee. He held multiple positions within the ADA House, as well as a member of the ADA Council on Member Insurance Programs and Retirement Plans.

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED

The Pierre Fauchard Academy seeks to educate dental professionals about the latest techniques in dentistry and to foster a sharing of ideas to improve the profession. Amarilis Jacobo, Bronx County, is section vice chair. Edward Feinberg, Ninth District, is section vice chair. This year’s inductees include the following:

Steven Akzeire, Nassau County; Alison Buchalter, Second District; David Delaney, Third District; Neal Demby, Second District; Anna D’Emilio, Northvale, NJ; Seth Farren, Fourth District; Mark Gainor, New York County; Richard Hoskinson, Fourth District; Christopher Walsh, Third District; Richard Yang, Queens County.

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Preparing Dental Students for their chosen career includes teaching them how to recognize and resolve ethical dilemmas they may encounter in their professional lives. At the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine, such instruction is mandatory for first-year students. This is where the American College of Dentists comes in. Each year, ACD members from Western New York appear on campus to present an “Ethics and Professionalism” program.

The program includes a presentation on ACD, after which students divide into small groups to consider three different ethical dilemmas, aided by ACD members, who act as facilitators. At the conclusion of their deliberation, each group delivers its conclusions.

Confronting Ethical Predicaments Before they Occur

This year’s program at UB Dental was presented by the following ACD Fellows: Mark Bauman, Brendan Dowd, NYSDA President and senior group director, restorative director at UB; Joseph Gambacorta, UB Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, Frank Barnashuk, NYSDA Secretary-Treasurer and clinical assistant professor, restorative dentistry, at UB; Chet Gary, NYSDJ Editor and clinical assistant professor, restorative dentistry, at UB; Andrew Vorrasi, past Western New York Section Chair; Richard Andolina, ACD Western New York Section Secretary-Treasurer; and Brad Davidson, immediate past chair, ACD Western New York Section.

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THE NEW YORK STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION salutes and honors military veterans. It also looks out for their oral health. This year, the NYSDA Dental Demonstration Project is being expanded to include the Association’s annual Veterans Smile initiative, which provides free dental services to veterans, many of whom do not qualify for dental care through the Veterans Health Administration.

The first of these events took place Oct. 27 in Albany, a combined effort by NYSDA, the Third District Dental Society and St. Peter’s Hospital. On Nov. 10, NYSDA will partner with the University at Buffalo for a free clinic at the University’s dental clinic. The goal of both events is to provide immediate care to veterans, but also to offer a “dental home,” where they can complete their treatment after the clinic.

The Dental Demonstration Project (DDP), now in its fourth year, is an opportunity to serve people in need. A final event for 2018 is set to take place Nov. 16 at Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn. In all instances, volunteers are needed to staff events. To learn more about DDP and/or to register for future events, visit the New York State Dental Foundation Volunteer Registry page, www.nysdentalfoundation.org/ddp.html.
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thus earning her a stellar reputation. She experienced success in her dental practice, but one thing was still missing—a dental diploma.

The tide was about to turn, however, due to Hobbs Taylor’s indefatigable spirit, which opened the eyes of so many to the amazing contributions women could make to dentistry. The Iowa State Dental Society, at its 1865 meeting, stated, “The profession has nothing in its pursuits foreign to the instincts of women.” The society admitted Lucy Hobbs Taylor to membership, and it persuaded Ohio College of Dental Surgery to admit her. Not only was she admitted to the dental school, the college gave her advanced standing status in recognition of all her years of previous dental practice. She received her elusive dental degree in 1866, graduating after only one year of study at the Ohio College of Dental Surgery.  

Dr. Hobbs Taylor again moved, this time to Chicago. It was in Chicago that she met a Civil War veteran, James Myrtle Taylor. She tutored Taylor in dentistry and the two eventually married and moved to Lawrence, KS, where they practiced dentistry together until James Taylor’s death in 1886. Dr. Hobbs Taylor took a nine-year hiatus from dentistry following her husband’s death, during which time she was active in charitable work and promoting women’s rights. She resumed practicing dentistry in 1895 and continued to provide dental care to patients until her death in 1910. Today, Dr. Lucy Hobbs Taylor is remembered with annual awards named in her honor and a number of other tributes.

Dr. Hobbs Taylor was no less a pioneer in our nation’s history than those other intrepid 19th-century individuals who blazed the path of western expansion or fought against various forms of prejudice and discrimination. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for standing tall in the face of adversity and forging the way forward for today’s women of dentistry.

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