



Trustee Candidate Statement

By Julia Townsend, DDS

I was chosen by the Nominating Committee to be the next Santa Clara County Dental Society (SCCDS) Trustee. I ask for your support by voting for me for this position.

As an active Board member of the SCCDS, I have attended several House of Delegates meetings, and was previously Chair of the SCCDS Membership Committee. My qualifications for the position of Trustee are my 23 years as an active duty Air Force officer. I achieved the rank of Colonel (O-6), attained by only 5% of Air Force Officers. Prior to Air Force retirement, I was Chairman of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department at David Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base, CA. I directed training of eight oral surgery residents and six Advanced Education in General Dentistry residents (AEGD). Additionally, I supervised six oral & maxillofacial surgeons and 14 enlisted airmen. As a member of the David Grant Medical Executive Committee overseeing the performance and integration of the various medical departments throughout the hospital, I was also involved in the develop-

ment and execution of strategic planning at both the local and national level within the Air Force.

Preceding Travis, I was Chairman of the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Department at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Overseeing operation of our clinic with a budget of \$1.8 million, I also facilitated a building renovation costing \$2.5 million. At Scott, the mission included training six AEGD residents yearly and providing oral surgery services for military members of all US Services. I led overseas dental missions to both Paraguay and Guatemala, delivering dental care to over 2,000 and 1,800 patients respectively. Air Force dentistry resembles the corporate dentistry model with a vertical chain of command. I fostered cooperation among various medical and dental specialists. I enjoyed working with multiple health care providers and could consider and appreciate diverging approaches and points of view.

I joined Kaiser in September 2005 to develop the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery department at Santa Clara. Hired to initiate a new department, I enabled the collaborative

integration of patient care bringing various medical specialists (plastic surgery, otolaryngology and oncology) to participate together. I was lead surgeon until 2009 when I left Kaiser for private practice.

While there is no equivalent of a Dental Society Presidency in the USAF, I have extensive experience in leading an organization, including the equivalent of a President's position. My military experience, dedication to leadership and desire to serve and support the SCCDS is why I seek the Trustee position.

My pledge as trustee is to uphold the reputation SCCDS Trustees have within the CDA. We recently had two Trustees advance, becoming CDA President. SCCDS has a strong reputation within the CDA as an active and engaged component. As Trustee, you must be an effective communicator on many levels - within the SCCDS, with outside agencies and with others that may have different points of view. I will fulfill that role. I have an allegiance to SCCDS.

I appreciate your voting for me as your trustee.

