

Greetings to all Northwest Side Branch members!

I trust everyone is enjoying their summer and looking forward to the 2019-2020 season. I am honored to serve as your president this year and have worked to put together a speaker line-up that you will find engaging and informative.

First, I am greeting you by way of Constant Contact, our new email system for branch communications starting this season. Constant Contact will take the place of Lyris. As we all become more familiar with receiving branch newsletters and emails on Constant Contact, you will notice that it has the ability to RSVP with a simple click. We welcome your feedback on the use and features of Constant Contact as well.

A special event we have scheduled on Friday, Oct. 18, is a Nordent factory tour in Elk Grove Village, where we will have the opportunity to both observe the manufacturing process as well as view a presentation on some of the unique products that Nordent offers. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until approximately noon. Mark your calendars for **Oct. 18** for this event; registration information will be sent out soon.

As in previous years, our meetings will be held at Gene and Georgetti's in Rosemont, with cocktails being served at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Our first official meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 1, when we will host Dr. Brian Shah (DDS, MD). Dr. Shah is a Harvard-trained dual degree oral and maxillofacial surgeon. He has tremendous wealth of knowledge and has experience both as a private practice surgeon, as well as having been involved in academics at Yale University. He will speak to our branch on surgically facilitated orthodontic therapy.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 5, and we will be joined by orthodontist Dr. Iwei Huang (DMD, MS). He will discuss the utilization of 3D modeling to treatment plan the dentoalveolar complex, and he will integrate a discussion of surgically facilitated orthodontics into his talk.

On March 3, local prosthodontist Dr. Sahand Zomorroodian (DMD, MS) will give us valuable insights on the use of provisional restorations for soft tissue molding around dental implant restorations.

Finally, on April 7, we will hear from oral surgeon Dr. Nick Callahan (DMD, MD, MPH). Dr. Callahan is a professor in the OMFS department at UIC and is fellowship-trained in head and neck oncology. He will talk to us about technological advances and nerve repair in head and neck surgery. Additionally, we will host a shredding event prior to the April meeting, so be sure to take advantage of this free service that the branch is offering.

This year's holiday party will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Pinstripes Restaurant in Northbrook. In addition to enjoying great food and drinks, attendees will be able to challenge each other in bowling and Bocce ball on one of the many lanes and courts we

have reserved. As always, the Holiday Party is free to season ticket holders, and we encourage members to bring guests and staff for a ticket price of \$75 each.

I would also encourage current members to help get the word out about our branch, particularly to any new dentists or dental students who are in our area. As always, dental students and new attendees may attend branch meetings at no charge.

Finally, I would like to thank all who have been involved in helping prepare this upcoming season, especially the branch director, officers, and committee members. We are all looking forward to seeing you for a great 2019-2020 season!

Robert Busan
Northwest Side Branch President