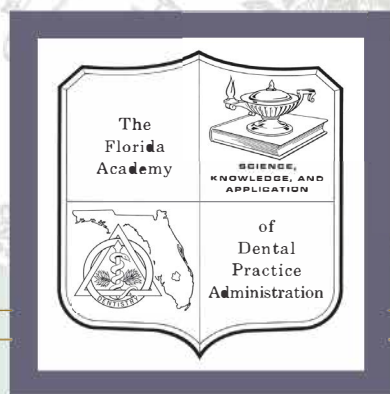


The FADPA's  
65th Annual Meeting  
APRIL 16-18, 2026



The Charleston Place  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

# Experience Southern Elegance

## The FADPA in Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The FADPA Board invites you to our Annual Meeting, April 16–18, 2026, at The Charleston Place, nestled in the heart of historic downtown Charleston, South Carolina. Experience a weekend of insightful sessions, thoughtfully curated activities, and true Southern hospitality in this beautiful and vibrant city.



We are pleased to announce that this year's speaker will be Mr. Joseph Stith, the inspiring and thought-provoking Director of Business Development at WEO Media. With over 30 years of experience in the dental industry, Mr. Stith is a recognized expert in strategic growth and business development. He will share innovative strategies and actionable insights to help you accelerate your practice growth and long-term success.

After your mornings of engaging sessions, please enjoy special opportunities to balance hard work with a little well-earned fun—in true Southern fashion. Whether you'd like to explore the city by way of its coastal waters, step back in time on a guided pub crawl, or take in a private historical tour, there are countless ways to experience all that Charleston has to offer.

Per tradition, our weekend will culminate in our Saturday evening soirée, where we invite all dapper gentlemen and



sophisticated Southern belles to step into the charm and genteel refinement of Southern Elegance. From statement hairpieces, lace, and vintage pearls to pocket squares, wingtips, and bow ties — feel free to make our celebration unforgettable. Our guests are known to go all out!

We encourage you to register soon and invite your like-minded colleagues to join us for this unforgettable weekend. We look forward to welcoming you to Charleston in April.

Best Wishes,

Dr. Chad Wright



**REGISTER TODAY!**

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# Program Schedule

## Thursday, April 16, 2026

### Welcome Reception

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Members, guests and spouses will gather in the heart of Charleston to kick off a weekend filled with the classic FADPA charm embraced in Charleston's southern elegance. Enjoy spirits and hors d'oeuvres before heading out into the town to enjoy dinner on your own.

## Friday, April 17, 2026

### New Member Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Sponsors must bring their guests to the new member breakfast to introduce them to other members and their guests. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Academy and meet active members and other guests.

### Innovative Strategies for Accelerating Practice Growth in Dentistry, Part One

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mr. Joseph Stith

Day One: Building a High-Performance Work Team and Finding Your Competitive Advantage

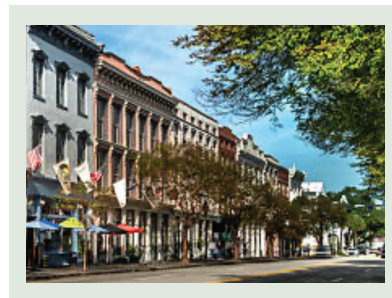
### Historic Pub Crawl

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

### Master Mind Session

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Engage in deeper dialogue with our speaker, Mr. Joseph Stith during a Q&A session.



## Saturday, April 18, 2026

### District Caucus Breakfast and General Assembly

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Business breakfast meeting for Active and New Members only.

### Innovative Strategies for Accelerating Practice Growth in Dentistry, Part Two

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mr. Joseph Stith

Day Two: Reputation Management and Advanced Digital Marketing Strategies

### Cruising on the Palmetto Breeze

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

### Closing Reception & Dinner: A Night of Southern Elegance

6:30 pm Cocktails, 7:30 pm Dinner

Dinner and dancing are followed by an awards presentation, installation of new officers and new members. The drawing for "The Dental Education Fund" raffle will take place during this event; \$310 for spouses, retired members and other guests.

### Dental Education Raffle

Your donation of \$100 to the Academy's "Dental Education Fund" will make you eligible to win a 3-night stay during the 2027 Annual Meeting.



# Speaker Program

## Innovative Strategies for Accelerating Practice Growth in Dentistry

### Day 1: Building a High-Performance Work Team and Finding Your Competitive Advantage

- Learn how to reduce common pain points in every aspect of practice management.
- Redefine technology to achieve a unique innovative advantage and prioritize practice objectives for growth.
- Learn how to transform your team culture and convert your vision into motivation and positive momentum.
- Consider essential leadership skills for attracting, building, and retaining a High-Performance Work Team.
- Polishing your treatment presentation skills for greater acceptance and ROI.
- Explore advanced leadership concepts with realistic methods for implementation.
- Understand how Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) can be converted to "Gamification" for increased morale and performance.
- Learn how soft-skills and emotional intelligence represent the heart of your practice and how you can make learning these skills an on-going adventure in growth.

### Day 2: Reputation Management and Advanced Digital Marketing Strategies

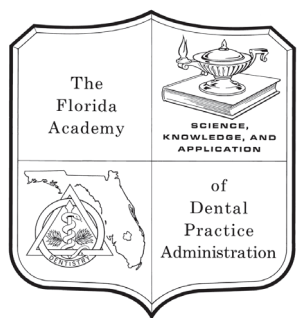
- Evaluate critical online review factors that influence decision making and inspire trust with current trends in the way people now rely on reviews in healthcare.
- Learn how your website should form the foundation of your entire marketing effort.
- Understand professional protocol for responding to online reviews and the impact of social media on your reputation.
- Explore new and exciting ways to incorporate advanced technologies like AI into your practice to save time and leverage your marketing efforts — all without any costs.

## About Our Speaker Mr. Joseph Stith



A leadership coach for over 30 years in dentistry, Joseph now teaches large audiences sharing the concepts he used to help practices accelerate their growth from one level of production to the next. Having worked directly with thousands of dental professionals, he speaks on refreshing organizational change strategies for building the High-Performance Work Team. He is an expert on dental practice leadership skills essential in every economic model -from private practice to DSO's, with a focus on putting people first in the humanization of dentistry. Joseph is an early adopter of The Arbinger Institute since 2001. He is a licensed Arbinger Facilitator and a graduate of the Choice in Coaching Course. Since 2018, Joseph has worked directly with WEO Media as Director of Business Development to advance their opportunities to speak as CE providers through AGD PACE. Their commitment is to expand dentists understanding and appreciation of complex internal and external marketing strategies in today's ever changing digital, high-tech world. Joseph's leadership experience began while serving in the United States Marine Corps as a Drill Instructor training Marine Recruits at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. He resides in South Jordan, Utah with his dear wife of almost 40 years.

- Learn how reputation management can positively impact Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and how to maximize those benefits.
- Understanding paid ads for building targeted marketing campaigns for attracting specific patients needed for specialized verticals in dentistry
- Rediscover the power of video for enhancing your practice image and searchability.
- Consider various aspects of social media and learn how to implement and manage your posting activities.



## *Fellow Inductions*

Being named a Fellow of the Florida Academy of Dental Practice Administration represents more than a distinguished honor; it reflects a legacy of service, leadership, and meaningful impact on our Academy and its members.

These physicians have not only shaped the lives of their patients and advanced the field of dentistry, but their mentorship, generosity, and unwavering dedication to FADPA have enriched our community in immeasurable ways.

Please join us in Charleston as we celebrate and honor Dr. Glenn DuPont and Dr. Stephen Krist for their extraordinary contributions to FADPA and to the dental profession as a whole. Their influence will be felt for generations to come.

## **Dr. Glenn DuPont**

Following graduation from Emory University's College of Dentistry, Dr. DuPont joined the practice of Drs. Peter Dawson and Pete Roach over four decades ago. He became a lab technician in Pete Dawson's lab. His natural talent for sculpting was quickly recognized by Dr. Peter Dawson — a world renowned educator and innovator in restorative dentistry. Dr. Dawson invited Dr. DuPont to work by his side and learn his approach and overall philosophy of finding conservative solutions to help patients save their teeth for a lifetime.



Prior to retirement in 2023, Dr. DuPont was a partner in the practice of Esthetic and Integrative Dentistry, formerly DuPont & Wilkerson Dentistry with fellow Dawson Academy senior faculty member Dr. DeWitt Wilkerson and Dr. Kenton Brandimore. Dr. DuPont spent his career solving serious and extensive esthetic and functional dental problems for a growing number of grateful patients. The time-tested principles that he learned early, applied, and improved upon, have served him well in his approach to solving severe esthetic and functional problems. Dr. DuPont's passion for developing comprehensive treatment plans, his delivery of compassionate patient care, and his dedication to both esthetic and functional excellence have resulted in many hundreds of success stories.

Dr. DuPont's numerous professional and academic affiliations include serving as an Affiliated Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. He is the past president of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, the Florida Academy of Dental Practice Administration, The Florida Prosthodontic Study Group, and the Pinellas County Dental Association. He taught at the L.D. Pankey institute for many years. Dr. DuPont was honored by his peers as a Fellow in the American College of Dentists.

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Dr. DuPont is a founding member and was a senior faculty member of the Center for Advanced Dental Studies — now called The Dawson Academy — from 1980-2021. Over the past 40 years, Dr. DuPont has taught thousands of dentists all around the world. Additionally, Dr. DuPont has lectured internationally on techniques and creative approaches to solving difficult dental problems for patients. He is passionate about sharing his extensive experience and knowledge with fellow dental professionals. He continues to teach at the L. D. Pankey Institute. He also is consulting on a one-on-one basis with dentists helping them with treatment planning, sequencing cases, and problem solving to improve predictability and profitability with their cases.

Dr. DuPont is also very involved with his church and his community. He and his wife, Janet, were married in 1975 and have four daughters. He is enjoying retirement spending time with his family, traveling with family and friends, and especially enjoying being “Pops” with his nine grandchildren.



## Dr. Stephen Krist

In 1979, Dr. Krist joined his uncle Dr. Edward VanEpoel in his dental practice on Davis Islands in Tampa Florida. Dr. VanEpoel had also been a member of the Florida Academy of Dental Practice Administration which he dearly loved. Dr. Krist practiced Dentistry in the same location for 44 years. He was a graduate of Jesuit High School, the University of Florida, and Emory University College of Dentistry.

In 1981, Dr. Krist began his journey at the L.D. Pankey Institute in Miami. During this same time frame, he also immersed himself into the Pete Dawson series of courses. He was asked to serve as a visiting faculty member at both the Pankey Institute and the Dawson Academy which he enjoyed for many years. He also served as a visiting faculty member at the University of Florida General Practice Residency program in Seminole.

Dr. Krist has served as President of the Hillsborough County Dental Association, President of the Tampa Bay Academy of General Dentistry,

and President of the Florida Academy of Dental Practice Administration. His passion for quality continuing education drew him to serve as Chairman of the Program committee for the West Coast Dental Association for over 10 years, Chairman of the Program Committee of the Florida Academy of Dental Practice Administration for over 10 years and was a member of the Florida Dental Association Program Committee for 10 years.

Dr. Krist was heavily involved with the Florida Mission of Mercy annual event and served as “Lead” in the Dental Triage department from 2014-2025. He was honored to receive the Florida Dental Association “Public Service Award” in 2018. In 2020, the West Coast Dental Association awarded him the “Distinguished Service Award.” The Hillsborough County Dental Association presented to Dr. Krist “The Lifetime Achievement Award “ in 2014.

Since retirement, Dr. Krist remains actively involved in various ministries. He is currently chairman of a \$20 million fundraising campaign at his church. He is actively involved in “Bicycles from The Heart,” which refurbishes used bicycles and distributes them to the poor and homeless.

In 2026, Dr. Krist and his wife Ardath will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Their three daughters and nine grandchildren are their constant source of joy.



# Organized Activities

## Historic Pub Crawl

Friday, April 17th from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Do as George Washington did and go to a pub! Charleston is a port city, and with a port city comes a lot of tales, woes and fables of our drinking history. Enjoy this true history tour while walking in the footsteps of pirates, presidents, and statesman with your FADPA colleagues. Stops could include The Bar at Husk, The Blind Tiger, Roof Top Bar at Vendue, Henry's Rooftop, or The Griffon. Guests are encouraged to get one drink per stop, with 2-4 stops, total. \$200 per person, due at registration. (Limited to 60 registrants).

## Cruising on the Palmetto Breeze

Saturday, April 18th from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Sit back and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Charleston Harbor with your FADPA colleagues on a comfortably-sized sailing vessel. While you're on board, you can see sights such as Shem Creek, Crab Bank, Old Village, Castle Pinckney, USS Yorktown, and The Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge. The licensed tour guide will sail with you, answering questions and recounting historical accounts to small groups on the vessel. Transportation for this event is included in the price. \$280 per person, due at registration. (Limited to 75 registrants).



# Suggested Activities

## By Foot or Carriage

**Rainbow Row** is a famous series of 13 colorful historic row houses on East Bay Street, painted in a variety of pastel colors. It's one of Charleston's most photographed landmarks. 15-minute walk.

**The Charleston City Market** is a historic, four-block public market established in the 1790s that serves as a hub for local entrepreneurs and artisans. 1-minute walk.

**Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon** is one of the oldest public buildings in Charleston, with a history that includes serving as a British prison during the Revolutionary War.

## To Eat – Must Try

**Church and Union:** Filled with stained glass windows from old churches and offers traditional American cuisine with a refined dining experience atmosphere. Grab a seat to eat at the bar if you aren't able to snag a table.

**Leon's:** A Holy City staple, Leon's is consistently recognized by locals as one of the best restaurants and has received plenty of recognition across the food scene! A laid-back low country establishment specializing in poultry and oysters.

**Post House Inn:** This small coastal tavern and inn has a delightful restaurant with an impressive selection of seasonal fare and incredible wines and cocktails!

## FADPA President Dr. Chad Wright Recommends:

**Darling Oyster Bar:** Offers oysters from six different locations on the east coast and is a must try while on King Street!

**Forte Jazz Club:** This club on King Street has shows that generally run from 7-9 pm with a live band, dance floor and bar! The cover ranges from \$25-\$55 depending on seat location.

## Take a Tour!

**Middleton Place Garden Tour:** The country's oldest landscaped gardens, a must-see for anyone with an interest in American history and culture.

**Boone Hall Plantation Tour:** Learn the long and fascinating history of this plantation founded near Charleston in 1681 and what life was like for people who lived and worked there. All-access admission ticket includes a Black History in America exhibit.

# Meeting Details

## Meeting Location and Contact:

The Charleston Place, Charleston, South Carolina  
130 Market Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401  
(855) 666-8103

## Room Reservations

To reserve your room at The Charleston Place visit <https://www.fadpa.org/futuremeetings> or call 1-800-611-5545 or email at [reservations@charlestonplace.com](mailto:reservations@charlestonplace.com). If you are calling or emailing, please let them know you are a part of FADPA. Room rates begin at \$450 per night. Two nights' room rate deposit required for each room reservation. Our group rate will be extended for a period of up to 3 nights pre- and 3 nights post meeting dates based on availability.

## Room reservations reserved or canceled after January 22, 2026 are non-refundable.

## Meeting Registration/Cancellation Policy

Register for the FADPA meeting online or via email: [kelsey@fadpa.org](mailto:kelsey@fadpa.org) or [abby@fadpa.org](mailto:abby@fadpa.org); P.O. Box 4482, Brandon, FL 33509. It is policy of the Florida Academy of Dental Practice Administration to charge an additional \$50.00 fee after to pre-registration date, four weeks prior to the meeting, March 19, 2026. All requests for refunds or cancellations must be made in writing to the FADPA prior to the pre-registration deadline. A cancellation/processing fee of 15% will be charged. No refunds will be given if a cancellation is received after the pre-registration deadline of March 19, 2026. No refunds will be given on site.

## Name Badges

All registered attendees will receive name badges and will be available for pick-up onsite.

# About Charleston Place

When it was built in 1986, The Charleston Place answered a call to be part of a larger, audacious vision for the city of Charleston — a catalyst for its revival and resurgence as a world class travel destination. Designed to complement Charleston's historic architecture, the hotel breathed new life into the city. Together with its restaurants, cocktail lounge, spa, and retail shops, The Charleston Place created jobs and won the hearts of locals, vacationers, corporate travelers, meeting planners, and wedding planners alike.

Now, as stewards of its stories, we are called to write our own. We believe that hospitality is a transformative art — that this “place” can do more than inspire and nurture its guests, team, and partners. It can inspire an entire city, country, and world.

In 1986, Mayor Joe Riley had a bold vision for the future of Charleston and set out on a journey to transform what was once an empty parking lot into what we know today as The Charleston Place. Looking back, the creation of The Charleston Place was a turning point in our beautiful city's history— one that helped put Charleston on the map as a beloved and award-winning destination.

Woven into the fabric of the community, The Charleston Place offers a legacy of connection that lives on through the past, present, and future of Charleston.

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