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Working with persons with dementia

On January 21, Oral Health Kansas is sponsoring a session called, "[Working with Persons with Dementia](#)".

Speaker Rita Jaudon-Jablonski, Ph.D, CRNP, FAAN, will educate on techniques to help dementia patients with oral care.

To register, click [here](#).

2016 Oral Health Kansas Conference a success!



Last week we held our annual Oral Health Kansas conference at the Double Tree Hotel in Overland Park. We were thrilled to have attendees from different realms join us! We believe bringing together a group of people interested in improving oral health, sharing stories and ideas, is a step in creating new models for change! We want to tell everyone who attended, THANK YOU for being a part of "Igniting Collective Impact: Inspiring



Marketing messages on feeding young children

Experts agree that breast milk is the best option for children six months and younger and optimally breastfeeding should continue until 12 months and beyond. But marketing practices tend to make parents believe formula has additional benefits than breast feeding.

A [study](#) was done to examine the nutritional quality and other characteristics of food and drink products marketed to parents for their babies and toddlers (up to age 3), as well as the messages used to promote these products, and evaluate how well they correspond to expert advice about feeding young children.

Click [here](#) for the report summary and infographics.

Communities". We hope you found it as rewarding and helpful as we did!

The Power Point presentations will soon be on our website. We will keep you posted!



Dental Champions Pre-Conference Session



Panel, Surgeon General's Report:
15 Years of Igniting Collective Impact



Visiting with exhibitors



Myths about the ACA

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has been around since 2010. We've heard stories about people and you might not know what is true. Sylvia Mathews Burwell, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary and Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Services, wrote a blog busting the myths surrounding the ACA.

Read the [blog](#) and see what's fact or fiction!



Sugary Drink Display

This fall has been busy! Including our sugary drink display reservations. If you are considering reserving a display, don't hesitate. The slots fill up fast.

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. The display is free to use and we reimburse postage. You must sign up to [reserve](#) a sugary drink display.



Dr. Michael Shermer



Saturday session with Dr. Alan Murray

Kansas Legislature shifts toward center in 2016 election

The 2016 general election in Kansas has concluded and the outcome is likely set.

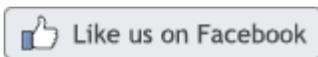
At this time, the general election affirms the moderation of the Legislature by most measures. The Kansas Senate will have thirty-one Republican and nine Democrat members, a shift of one Republican seat to the Democratic party. The Kansas



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House will see a more significant shift. The House Democratic party picked up twelve seats, mainly at the expense of conservative Republicans. The House Republicans majority is reduced from ninety-seven down twelve to eighty five. The Democrats picked up twelve seats and the new House division will be eighty-five Republicans to forty Democrats.

The scale of change, however, is much more significant due to the general election impact combined with results of the primary election held in August. Moderate Republicans significantly reduced the impact of conservative Republicans during the primary. In the House, twenty-six legislators did not seek re-election and moderate Republicans defeated eight conservatives in the primary. In the Kansas Senate, eight conservative Republicans did not seek re-election and moderates defeated six conservatives in the primary. Fourteen conservative Republicans will not be back serving in the Senate.

The combined impact of the House and Senate general elections will be to shift the majority that governs more toward the center of the political spectrum. No one faction will have complete domination of the political process for the next two years. This shift in political power will make governing more challenging and require more efforts at negotiation and compromise.

One final note from the general election: despite the heated media campaign and lots of money, all judicial positions up for retention vote were affirmed and retained in office.

The newly elected legislators will gather in Topeka on Monday, December 5th to elect their leadership in the House and Senate. Following that event, the new leadership will begin making committee chairperson assignments and committee assignments. The session begins on Monday January 9th. It will be long and difficult as this very new legislature will wrestle with issues of tax policy, education funding, and healthcare issues.



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