

**Southern Illinois Dental Society  
2008-2009 Officer Biographies**

***Dr. Kyle Childers, President***

(Information forthcoming)

***Dr. Robin Wetherell, President-elect***

Dr. Wetherell is a general dentist in Vienna with 25 years of practice experience. He is a native and long-time resident of Southern Illinois. He is a graduate of Shawnee Community College, a 1979 graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a degree in physiology, and a 1983 graduate of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

Dr. Wetherell has served on the Southern Illinois Dental Society Executive Council for five years and is currently President-elect. He has also served as a delegate and alternate delegate to the ISDS House of Delegates, ISDS credentials committee and is a member of DENT-IL-PAC and Governor's Club.

His practice interests are in the field of craniofacial pain and temporomandibular dysfunction. His professional affiliations and accolades include Fellow of the American Academy of Craniofacial Pain, Master of the International College of Craniomandibular Orthopedics, Diplomate of the American Academy of Pain Management, and Diplomate of the American College of Forensic Examiners. Most recently, he was published in *The Application of the Principles of Neuromuscular Dentistry to Clinical Practice*, "Neuromuscular Association of Masticatory Muscle Dysfunction and Chronic Otitis Media: A Surface Electromyographic Study of the Anterior Temporalis and Masseter."

In his community, Dr. Wetherell has served on the Vienna Hospitality House Board of Directors, Johnson County Revitalization Committee, Vienna Civic Club, Vice-President and board member of the Johnson County Chamber of Commerce, sponsor and coach for the Johnson County youth league girl's softball team. He is member of the Vienna First United Methodist Church.

Dr. Wetherell and his wife, Donna, reside in rural Johnson County. They have one daughter, Kristen, who is currently in college. His hobbies include golfing, boating, fishing, hunting, and photography.

***Dr. Donald Guebert, Vice President***

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General dentist

Practice interests include: crown and bridge, restorative, implant, and cosmetic.

*Professional Affiliations:*

- American Dental Association member
- Illinois State Dental Society member
- Southern Illinois Dental Society member
- DENT-IL-PAC/Governor's Club member
- Delegate and Alternate Delegate to ISDS House of Delegates
- GROWS Implant Study Club member

*Community:*

- Rotary International member
- Herrin Chamber of Commerce Member

*Education:*

-University of Illinois graduate  
-Southern Illinois University-School of Dental Medicine graduate (1987)

*Personal:*

- Married (Barbara) and father of three (Greg, Katie, and Laura)

*Hobbies:*

- Watching my children's athletic contests
- Watching college and professional sports
- Hunting
- Working outside in yard

*Dr. Wayne Hawkins, Secretary/Treasurer*

Dr. Hawkins graduated from Southern Illinois University/Alton Dental School in 1984 and for the past 24 years has practiced general dentistry in Pinckneyville, Illinois. Dr. Hawkins and his wife, Casey of 27 years have two sets of twins. Zach and Thad ages 19 attend Southern Illinois University and Edwardsville and play baseball for the Cougars. Daughters, Alexandria and Maddelynn ages 18 will be attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and St. Louis University, respectively. Dr. Hawkins enjoys hunting, fishing, and jet skiing on the family pit with his wife and children.

*Dr. Geoffrey Partlow, Secretary One Year Out*

Dr. Geoffrey Partlow is a graduate of the University of Illinois and SIU School of Dental Medicine in Alton Illinois. Dr. Partlow is entering his eighth year of private practice and relocated back to Carbondale in 2005 to start his own full time general practice. Dr. Partlow and his wife of ten years, Leah, have three children, Emma, Adan and Alex who are twin boys. Dr. Partlow is a native of Southern Illinois and very much enjoys living locally. Dr. Partlow enjoys listening to and collecting music, gardening, fishing and spending time with his family.

*Dr. Fred Whitlatch, Immediate Past President*

Originally from Tower Hill, Illinois, Dr. Fred Whitlatch received his BS in Education from Eastern Illinois University in 1974. After teaching and coaching at Girard High School for three years, he returned to school at the University Of Illinois College Of Dentistry in Chicago. Upon graduation in 1982, Dr. Whitlatch purchased a general dentistry practice in West Frankfort, Illinois and has practiced there for 25 years. He has been a member of the ADA during that time and has just finished his 3<sup>rd</sup> term as component president.

Dr. Whitlatch and his Wife Debby of 33 years have two daughters who have graduated from college and a son who will graduate in May. He is an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he plays guitar. He is also a member of the West Frankfort Lions Club and the West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce. He is currently serving as assistant director of the Southern Illinois Emmaus Community, a non-denominational organization dedicated to training Christian leaders. He is a fifteen year member of the John A. Logan College advisory committee for the dental assisting and dental hygiene programs.

Hobbies and interests include music, oil painting and golf.