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**MASSACHUSETTS DENTAL SOCIETY HONORS THE PAST,
CELEBRATES THE FUTURE WITH 150TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCES**

(SOUTHBOROUGH, MA) – The leading Massachusetts organization dedicated to improving the public’s oral health and advancing the professional development of dentists and allied dental health professionals is smiling about its future and its past in 2014.

The nearly 5,000-member [Massachusetts Dental Society](#) kicked off its 150th Anniversary Celebration in January at the recent [Yankee Dental Congress](#) in Boston with the publication of a Sesquicentennial Edition of the [Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society](#), a special Cupcake Break, and a Social Event featuring NESN anchor/reporter Jamie Erdahl and photos with the Boston Red Sox 2013 World Series Championship Trophy. Three hundred dental professionals from across Massachusetts and New England attended the event.

MDS’s 150th Anniversary marks one-and-a-half centuries since the organization’s founding by a group of 12 self-taught or apprenticed dentists in Boston in 1864. Over the past 15 decades, MDS has grown into one of the most influential dental societies in America with a membership comprising approximately 80% of all dentists in Massachusetts and a relentless dedication to providing compassionate oral health care, oral health advocacy, and continuing public and professional education.

The growth of technology has had a dramatic impact on the practice of dentistry and the care of dental patients, explains MDS President Michael H. Wasserman, DDS, who practices in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

“For many years, people who feared dental treatment were often unable to care for their teeth properly because the anxiety outweighed their willingness to undergo

routine dental care,” Dr. Wasserman says. “That is no longer the case. The availability of new treatment protocols and effective ways to relieve patient anxiety mean most dental procedures can be performed with little or no discomfort in a relaxing, stress-free environment.”

After 150 years on the cutting edge of dental innovation in Massachusetts, the MDS and its members are continuing to lead efforts to maintain and improve oral health and overall health in 2014.

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The Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) is a nearly 5,000-member professional association and statewide constituent of the American Dental Association. Established in 1864, the MDS is dedicated to improving the oral health of the public in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and advancing the professional development of its membership through initiatives in education, advocacy, and promotion of the highest professional standards. Learn more about the MDS and its programs by visiting <http://www.massdental.org>.