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6:30pm-7:30pm Lecture
San Juan College, Zia Room
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Voices: Our World Is Changing And So Are We

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Course Description: A big wave can be an overwhelming and destructive thing, but to a surfer it is the ultimate adventure. Whether we ride it or are drowned by it is largely dependent on our attitude and preparation. In this course, we will look at how changes in the world are changing dentistry and consider how we as dentists can respond to changes in healthy and productive ways. Using an NMDA-produced video, we will look at how our profession is changing without losing our core values. We will also consider how we can thrive in an environment of accelerated change.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize how demographic trends are affecting the dental profession
- Consider how these trends may impact our practices and patient care
- Identify how shared core values are the key to success in a changing world
- Discuss how mission and goals can be the difference between sinking and swimming when waves hit
- Learn best practices to respond to change and thrive

Bio: Tom Schripsema has practiced dentistry in New Mexico for 41 years as both an owner and an employee. During that time, he has witnessed many changes both in who makes up the profession and in how we practice. Some changes have been managed well and others not so much. As executive director of the NMDA and before that in many other capacities, he has had access to lots of data that informs the trends that will impact dentistry. As a lifelong New Mexican, he has insights into how these trends could impact us. His experience with and knowledge of state and national policies that drive dental care, education, and demographics is extensive. Tom is a proud graduate of Creighton University Dental School and has practiced as a general dentist.

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