

Curriculum Vitae/ Biography for Armen Manasar, updated April 2014

1960-64 Attended the Peekskill Military Academy for the Sophomore, Junior and Senior years of High School. Lettered in Varsity Tennis and Swimming. Company Commander and Battalion Staff Intelligence Officer of the Cadet Corps and **received Junior Reserved Officer Training Corps (JROTC) degree for the enrollment at the Academy to be on my permanent record.**

Received the honor of Salutatorian of the graduating class of 1964.

1968 **Bachelor of Science, Biology, Union College, Schenectady, N.Y..**
Head Resident Advisor, Davidson Hall Complex, Junior and Senior years, for non-fraternity students. Room and board were provided for me.
Chairman of the Board, Rathskellar Corp., Union College.
Chairman of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for non-fraternity Students. Union College is known correctly as the 'Mother of Fraternities' in America, with 16 National Chapters founded there. As Head

Resident Advisor

and Disciplinary Chair for non-fraternity students, hallucinatory drugs, including LSD were rampantly used during this period of the protest torn war in Vietnam. It required extreme caution, vigilance and action by me and my Committee peers.

Math, During my studies of Biology I also studied Nuclear Physics and advanced

beyond my requirements and did **advanced study in my Senior Year in the 'Neuro-Physiology of Nerve Transmission' using the Squid Giant Axon, and studied Embryology** with Seniors, as a Sophomore, with the **globally leading researcher who unlocked the process of Mitosis and Meiosis. Dr. Rappaport** was the Director each summer at the Marine Biological Laboratory on Mount Desert Island in Bar Harbor, Maine. In the year

following my

studies with him he studied with Emperor Hirohito of Japan in his Palace.

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Emperor as a world class embryologist invited him to stay and research with him for that year. Tragically, Dr. Rappaport died of a heart attack upon his return to Union in my Senior year. **My studies in Biology decidedly directed my future into the Health Sciences.**

1965 & 66 In these two summers, when home in Peekskill from Union College, **I attended The City College of New York for Comparative Anatomy ('65) and Quantitative Analysis ('66)** to advance my credits and studies at

Union.

planned This enabled me to get a year ahead in my requirements at Union as I

my future in very uncertain times.

1968-72 **Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.), Northwestern University School of Dentistry, Chicago, Illinois. Senior year recipient of the Maxillo-Facial Surgery Award, receiving Honorary membership in the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology.** In my Senior year I was elected **Student Body President** of the Dental School and School of Dental Hygiene.

1970-72 **Assistant Administrator, the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, as part time weekend Administrator of the Institute.** RIC, as it is known, is one of several hospitals including the Medical School of Northwestern University Medical Center. The Medical Center is recognized as the largest private Medical Center in the U.S. and beyond. **RIC is considered the**

global

Gold Standard of Rehabilitation Institutes for Paraplegics, Quadraplegics, Post-Burn victims, including then from the Vietnam War, among other disabling conditions. During my time there it was a 5 story building. **I created a dental treatment program for the moderately paralyzed patients at my nearby N.U. Dental school (NUDS).** At RIC there was no dental care for the patients. **I helped design a combined dental and podiatry suite** for in-

house

care for patients **in a new 18 story RIC** which was to be built after

I graduated.

In 2010 when I attended the NYSDA new Governance Caucus on behalf of the 9th District as President I visited RIC which was one block away

from the

ADA. I identified myself with my ADA/NYSDA badge and introduced myself as

the

Assistant Administrator for weekends as a graduate student at NUDS in 1970-

72.

I was welcomed by members of the Administration and met patients and had lunch with patients. It was truly an emotional and memorable visit. I had not returned to Chicago for 38 years ! I'll never forget that day. During the two

years

at RIC I provided solo dental care for patients from RIC at NUDS. I am proud

to

have left a legacy of providing dental care for the critically disabled at RIC.

As a point of information the first functional prosthetic hands coupled to arm muscles via myo-electrodes were developed at the Institute while I was there.

On Saturdays I would watch the prosthetic engineer create the hand

prostheses.

1970 **Founding Member and Speaker of the first Earth Day, Chicago Chapter,** internationally commemorated in April of each year. My presentation at the Cook County Legislative Chambers to the assembled audience with eight

fellow speakers (8 different topics including nuclear energy) was **'The Effects of Sulphur Dioxide Pollution on the Environment and Human Health'**.

The by-product of the combustion of fossil fuels, along with other pollutants, **sulfur dioxide is responsible for Acid Rain**. My presentation was based on my research at Union College in 1967. The title 'Acid Rain' was coined later.

1972-73 **General Practice Residency, New Rochelle Hospital**, New Rochelle, N.Y.

1973-2012 **Private practice in General Dentistry**, Wappingers Falls, New York

1973-2014 **Membership** in the 9th District Dental Association, New York State Dental Association and the American Dental Association. The three levels together are referred to as **Tripartite Dentistry**. Additional membership in the Dutchess County Dental Society which is a County component of the Ninth District.

1974-2014 **Member of the Medical and Dental Staff of the Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Director of Dentistry at VBMC from 1992-2014.**

1977-2014 **Member Dutchess County Dental Society and President 1986**

1977-80 **Advisory Board** Dutchess Community College Dental Assisting Program
1990's

1980's- Served several terms on the **9th District Board of Governors**
2000's

1984 **Founding Member** Wappingers Falls Business & Professional Association

1984-86 **Chairman, Committee on Ethics 9th District** and **Member** on corresponding New York State Dental Association **Council on Ethics**.

1986 May 14 **Program Chairman and Coordinator, all-day seminar Dentistry for the Handicapped at Dutchess Community College, co-sponsored by the Dutchess County Dental Society and the 9th District Dental Society and presented by the Pediatric Dental Residency Staff of the Rose Kennedy Pavilion of the Albert Einstein Medical Center.** Chief of the Albert Einstein program, Dr. Harold Diner and Chief of Outpatient Anesthesia, Dr. Barry

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co-chaired the all-day presentations with Residents from their Staff. DCC donated the venue to the Seminar with its Amphitheater and with a projectionist

for

movie-presented treatment techniques. The 9th District provided the luncheon. All of the proceeds from the 125 or so attendees were donated to the Albert Einstein Residency Program.

In 1972-73 during my Dental Residency at New Rochelle Hospital I had **the opportunity to do a Residency Rotation at the Albert Einstein Program.** It was a profound learning experience early in my career.

1986 **Founding Board Member and later Chairman of the Board of the Direct Reimbursement corporation, the Mid-Hudson Dental Management and Marketing Corporation.** The dentist stockholders from throughout the 9th created MHDMAMC to promote Direct Reimbursement benefits to employers and their employees as a quality dental benefit at significant cost savings. **The ADA promoted DR nationally** through a department dedicated to it.

1987 **Proposed the Vassar Brothers Hospital Dental Care Center** for emergencies and comprehensive dental care for inpatients and outpatients in the hospital catchment area. **It was finalized and opened in August, 1987.** Prior to that the dental facility was only used on Friday mornings for emergencies and staffed by the Dentist On Call.

The Dental Care Center became a 5 day a week fully staffed operation under the Dental Department and remained an active Center. It is one of only perhaps a few fully functioning private non-teaching hospital based dental facilities in New York State. Today the Dental Care Center is Vassar Medical Center based but is contracted to a management firm. Patients with or without dental insurance are seen as well as Medicaid recipients and others in special categories.

1990-Oct 3 **Presentation and Report to the New York State Hudson River Valley Greenway Council in a public hearing at the Howland Center in Beacon, N.Y.**

on the establishment of the Hudson River Valley Greenway.
The Hudson River Greenway Act was written by the Hudson River Greenway Council. The Council was created by the NYS Legislature and its formation signed into law by Governor Mario M. Cuomo on August 16, 1988. **The Hudson River Valley Greenway Act was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on April 22, 1992 at the Mills Mansion N.Y. Historic Site in Staatsburg, N.Y..**

The Hudson River Valley Greenway is the first linear park of its kind in the United States and encompasses 12 Counties from Albany and Rensselaer Counties to Bronx and New York Counties including 12 Cities, 2 Boroughs, 42 Towns and 26 Villages (82 units of local government) from the Mohawk River south to the Battery in Manhattan.

The Greenway protects the open spaces and provides public access guarantees to the Hudson River for today's and future generations, promotes regional economic development opportunities and promotes cooperation among the municipalities

in all these endeavors, among other functions.

My Presentation and Report was the advocacy for the incorporation of a Scenic Marine Drive from Beacon to Poughkeepsie into the Greenway corridor. The Chairman of the Greenway Council acknowledged my presentation and through his Staff informed me that my report was being permanently incorporated into the State Record and used in the final draft.

The two lane roadway would be adjacent to the railroad line and be built where there was a third unused rail, given by the Penn Central Corp. to Dutchess County for \$1.00. The Drive would have provided a myriad of benefits with a hiking and biking trail and recreational areas and most importantly bypass the Route 9 traffic corridor and allow medical emergencies from Beacon and adjacent areas to be quickly transported to the Poughkeepsie Hospitals. The scenic view would have been extraordinary for a distance of 16 miles of the Drive.

I represented Mayor Hemingway and the Village of Wappingers Falls and Hank DiMarco and the Wappingers Falls Business and Professional Association in the Oct. 3 ,1990 Public Hearing of the Greenway Council and yearly for 3 or 4 years at the NYS Dept. of Transportation Hearings with Hank DiMarco and Mayor Hemingway present. NYSDOT concluded that the Marine Drive was engineering and financially feasible. To the disappointment of all proponents, individuals and municipalities, the plan did not go forward. On investigation, reports indicated that the developers of the malls and commercial enterprises in the Route 9 corridor were opposed to Marine Drive as reducing commerce and influenced the Dutchess County decision.

1990 Dec. 5,1990 **Presentation and Report** to the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation on the draft **Hudson River Estuary Management Plan and DEIS**, which was integral to the establishment of the Hudson River Valley Greenway. A formal thank you was sent to me stating that my report was being used by the working group in the formulation of the final plan.

1990's-2000's **Chairman, Committee on Dental Benefit Programs, 9th District**

1993 **Author of the report 'Managed Care vs. Freedom of Choice'** which I submitted to the Clinton Administration's Task Force on Health Care Reform within the Dept. of Health and Human Services. The ADA was copied. The Chairman under HHS Secretary Donna Shalala indicated by official letter to me that my report was well received by the Committee and was being included in the working documents of the Task Force. Acknowledgements were sent to me from Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Alfonse D'Amato and one other Senator from Rhode Island.

My report was published in the September 1993 issue of the Bulletin of the Ninth District Dental Society, Volume 77, Number 3 on pages 131-134.

1997 Author of the article '**Vassar Brothers Hospital**' in the May 1997 Bulletin of the Ninth District Dental Association, Volume 81. The theme of the Bulletin was '**Hospital Dentistry in the Ninth**'.

1999 Program Co-Director of the Conference '**Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Diseases: A Two Day Discussion of the Most Recent Developments in Research and Clinical Management**'. My presentation to the Westchester Academy of Medicine for accreditation of this Conference resulted in the Academy designating this Continuing Medical Education activity for 13 hours in Category 1 toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Health Care Providers from most specialties and County Boards of Health, Educators and Social Workers, among others attended, 277 strong.

Dr. Burgdorfer, the Keynote Speaker from the National Institutes of Health, Rocky Mountain Labs In Hamilton, Montana on conclusion of the Conference, having presented in many countries, said this was the most comprehensive and clinically relevant seminars in this century. Since 1999 the value of the Seminar resonates with those who attended with timeless information. Younger well educated

and clinically trained physicians who did not have the benefit of the Conference are expressing a call for a current conference of similar caliber. Congressional and State Legislature Hearings and Actions have been taken but need to go forward to create a climate conducive to a broad education of Physicians, other Health Care Providers, adjunctive professionals and the public for its good and welfare. In that it is a worldwide pandemic, many countries are proactive in this regard, much more so than the United States. That chapter has yet to be written.

2003-07 **Chairman, Committee on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry**, 9th District Dental Association and member of the corresponding NYSDA Council.

2006 **Recipient of the American Dental Association's 2006 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Science Fair Program Support and Promotion** on behalf of the Dutchess County Dental Society. Eight Golden apple Awards were presented by the ADA in 2006 in different categories. By 2006 I had been judging for 31 years. The year 2010 marks my 35th year of judging the Wappingers Central School District and the Dutchess County Regional Science Fairs in different and overlapping periods.

2007 **Author of the article 'Hospital Dentistry in 2007'** in the September 2007 publication of the Bulletin of the Ninth District Dental Association, Volume 91.

2008-11 **Appointed Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President, President-Elect and President in succession of the Ninth District Dental Association**. The Ninth District is composed of the Counties of Dutchess, Putnam, Orange,

Rockland and Westchester including Components and Study Clubs.

2010, September 11 Presented as Honoree of the 21st Annual Vassar Brothers Medical Center Diamond Gala at the New York State Historic Site Mills Mansion in Staatsburg, New York. Each year three Honorees are chosen from the 700 members of the Medical and Dental Staff. My selection was one as the 2nd Dentist to receive the honor in 21 years.

In my presentation to the audience on that special day of remembrance of the tragically fallen on September 11, 2001, I spoke to the freedoms we have that allow for diversity and give America its greatness. It was an evening with family, friends and individuals from all backgrounds to lock hands together in supporting critical medical needs. It was a time for me to always remember.

There are some reflections I have that are part of my personal Biography and mean so much to me. There is one event or combined series of events that came from me and made a lasting impact or shall I say left a very meaningful legacy.

In 1999, I presented to the Wappingers Central District School Board in the open public hearing session. I spoke to the matter of expanding scholastic sports to include students in 8th and 9th Grades. This would allow the many aspiring young men and women to enjoy participation in sports that are off limits except to the select few who qualify for Junior and Senior Varsity Interscholastic competition.

The example I set forth was baseball. As Tournament Director for the Wappingers Falls Little League one year and being involved with our son in baseball from Little League, Junior League, Senior League, Big boy League and the Mid-Hudson Bombers (to age 18), I witnessed many aspiring and able players succumb to favorite choices by coaches for the limited number of positions on Junior and Senior Varsity High School teams. Enabling 8th and 9th Graders to play filled a vacuum and indeed strengthened the later High School teams.

The year in Wappingers was an austerity budget year and room for additional expenditure was not there. I spoke to the myriad benefits young men and women achieve in sports activities...sportsmanship, accepting victory and defeat, working with teammates, improved health and focus in life, character and confidence building, among others. I had 5 minutes. Others were lining up to speak on many issues. I went home.

Later that evening I received a call to tell me that the Board had not only approved Freshman Scholastic Baseball with conditions of personally arranged transportation home from the away games, but had approved a total of 11 new sports from Field Hockey to Ice Hockey, 5 sports this year and 6 for the next year !

For many years as members of my family walked the track at Ketcham High School

in the early evening and I waited or walked also, I would see and hear the voices of players in buses returning from competition in these new sports and Freshman Baseball. Their laughter or conversations still ring in my ears. I am very happy to have contributed a legacy for the benefit of our youth.

On my personal side I have been an all-season athlete..skiing, swimming, cycling, fly-fishing and some more. From receiving Varsity Letters in Tennis and Swimming at the Academy to Freshman Tennis at Union College (end of season knee injury discouraged me from continuing the following year) I have benefited from participation in sports in my life and career. Our children enjoyed a number of these sporting activities as well and have remained with them to perhaps pass on to their children.

There are other community contributions I have made over the years. They are for another chapter and time. Thank you for the opportunity to share my Biography