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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

*"Human Papillomavirus
and Oral Cancer*

2 CE

presented by

Dr. Maria Fornatora

at

Toscani Wood Fire Grill

6-9 p.m.

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President's Message

A Family Forgotten

We all know that practicing dentistry is very rewarding. Those rewards span well beyond the cozy homes we live in, the cars we drive, and the offices in which we work. The implications of what we do everyday reach people from across the demographic and social spectrums. With all the political discussions regarding nationalized healthcare, we in dentistry have got to be certain that we stand up for ourselves and for each other. Remember the shtick your grandmother used to tell you, "If you don't speak for yourself, someone else will."

The ADA is lobbying to seat dentists at the table when discussions commence concerning the roles and obligations of dentistry in our President's grand health plan. Who better to tell our story? Do politicians really understand what we do? The answer to that question is a resounding "NO." Last October, I attended PDA's Day on the Hill and as I wandered from legislator to legislator, I realized why our fluoride bill has never passed. It is because we inadvertently conceal its importance. We propagate it to our patients but not to our legislators. When did you last promote fluoride to your state representative or senator? Do you email Mike O'Pake about issues of importance to you? The emails he receives from constituents against mandatory water fluoridation must far outweigh the volume of emails he gets from dentists promoting it. After all, politicians like to address the majority. Are you and dentistry in that majority, or minority?

The PDA's Day on the Hill will take place on Tuesday, October 20th. It is a day to make the voice of dentistry clearly heard. If more of us ascend upon Harrisburg that day, our leaders will view our concerns more seriously. If you are retired, you owe it to all practicing dentists to help protect the profession you enjoyed so much. Last year, over 50 dental students attended lobby day; they are concerned about the future, are you? You can register online at www.padental.org. I hope to see many of you there!

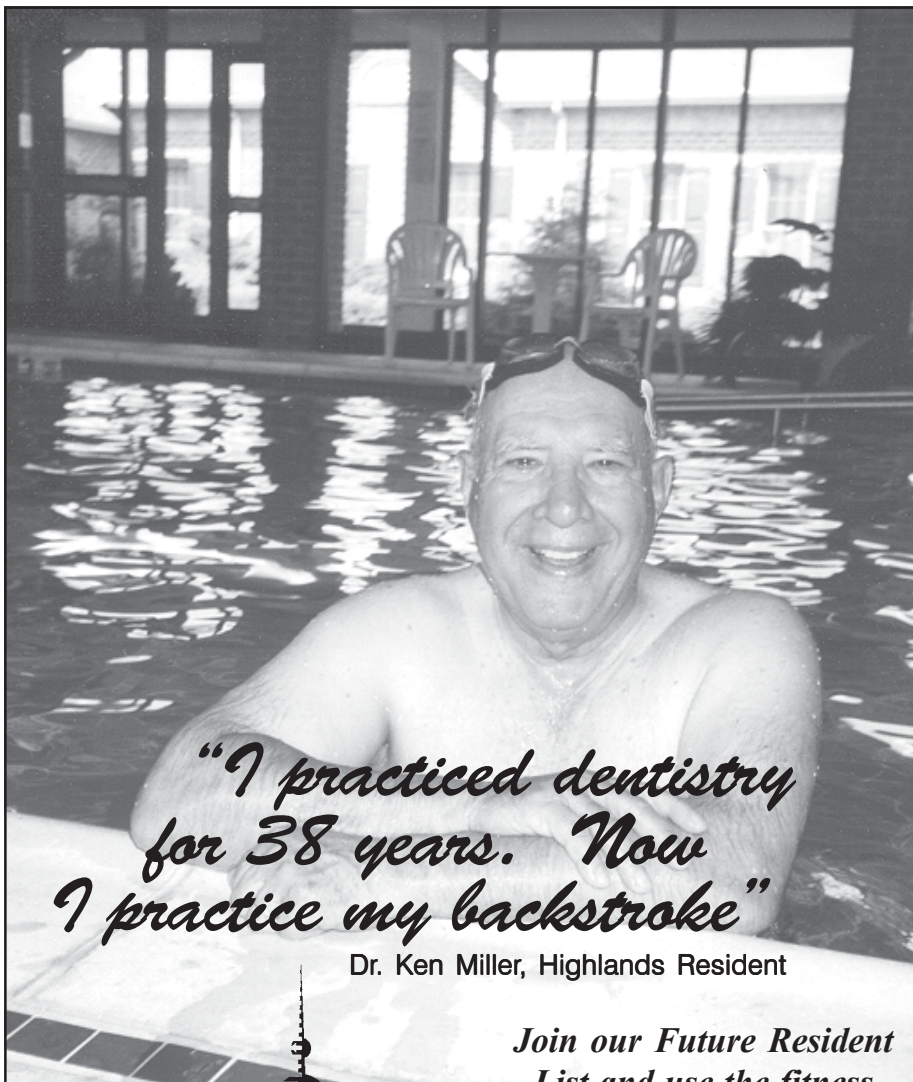
Another thing you can do is support PADPAC, dentistry's voice in the state legislature. Its strength is directly proportional to the number of dentists who support it and if it is struggling, so is dentistry! The stronger your PAC is, the stronger our plights will be viewed and addressed. **Please think about joining PADPAC.**

More casually, on October 24th the dental society will be celebrating in style at the newly renovated Reading Pagoda. Our annual Meet and Greet will begin at 4 o'clock and last until 8 in the evening. The event is totally complimentary and the view over the city ought to be spectacular that autumn night. Every member should make it a point to attend this event because the basic nature of the BCDS is family. We are in this together, through thick and through thin. United we stand, divided we fall! We need to remember one of the greatest rewards that dentistry has to offer, our local dental society, our forgotten family.

Restoratively Yours,

Brian

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Calendar of Events

- 9/29 -10/7** '09 ADA Annual Session, Hawaii
- 10/14/09** General Membership Meeting – Toscani – 2 CE – Dr. Maria Fornatora
“Human Papillomavirus and Oral Cancer” – 6-9 pm
- 10/20/09** PDA Day on the Hill
- 10/24/09** Annual Meet n Greet – 4-8 pm – at The Pagoda
- 10/27/09** Executive Board Meeting – 5:45 Office of Dr. Brian Schwab, Blandon
- 10/30/09** District 4 Fall CE
- 11/5/09** Dinner with Learning – Stirling Guest Hotel - 1 CE –
Speakers: Dr. DuFour, Dr. Fallon, and Dr. Muhr – 6:00 to 8:30 pm
- 11/24/09** Executive Board Meeting – 5:45 Office of Dr. Brian Schwab, Blandon
- 1/26/10** Executive Board Meeting
- 3/2/10** Executive Board Meeting
- 3/30/10** Executive Board Meeting
- 4/27/10** Executive Board Meeting
- 5/14/10** Annual Banquet

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April Meeting Minutes

General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2009

- Dr. Brian Schwab, President Elect called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
- I. Dr. Schwab introduced Mr. Gil Davis, PDAIS CEO. Mr. Davis then proceeded to present the Society with a royalties check for \$4,176.41.
 - II. Dr. Schwab introduced our guest speaker Dr. Tom Gamba, PDA President. Dr. Gamba then discussed issues at the state and national levels with members in attendance.
 - III. Proposals/Reports from Committee Chairmen
 - A. Treasurers Report – Dr. Gallen reported to members that we currently have \$12,690.36 in our checking, \$14,173.82 in savings, and \$30.60 in petty cash. Total Assets - \$26,771.58. She also commented that society did not lose money on any events for the 2008/2009 year.
 - B. Government Updates – Dr. Reitz discussed current issues with the membership
 - IV. Dr. Schwab entertained a motion to accept the minutes for the February executive board meeting as printed in the April bulletin. The motion was moved by Dr. Eric Zehner and seconded by Dr. Douglas Henschel.
 - V. Dr. Schwab entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report from the February and March bulletins. The motion was moved by Dr. Ned Kotula and seconded by Dr. David Szymanski.
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Slate of Officers – Ballots were distributed by Karen Lord Executive Secretary. Dr. Schwab announced that we are in need of a nomination for Vice President and Member at Large. The nominated officers were presented as follows:
 - Dr. Brian Schwab – automatically proceeds to President
 - Dr. Michael Balthaser – President Elect
 - Dr. Natalie Parisi – Secretary
 - Dr. Connie Gallen – Treasurer
 - Dr. Michael Shuman – Member at LargeNo one was nominated for Vice President so this position remains vacant. Dr. Joseph Blackburn and Dr. Ned Kotula were nominated for member at large. Ballots were reviewed and Dr. Ned Kotula will be voted in as member at large. Dr. Schwab asked members for any opposition to the nominations. There was no opposition. Dr. Schwab entertained a motion to accept the ballot. The motion was moved by Dr. Brian Frey and seconded by Dr. Dave Auchter. All were in favor, so motion to accept ballot was accepted.
 - B. Dr. Eric Zehner made his farewell comments and congratulated Dr. Brian Schwab on his appointment as President. Dr. Zehner then turned the meeting over to Dr. Schwab
 - C. Dr. Schwab made his incoming welcome address.
 - VII. Announcements
 1. Banquet, Friday, May 8th at Teen Challenge – Invitations have been mailed.
 2. Golf outing – Tentative date 9/4/09 – details to follow
 - VIII. Motion to adjourn meeting

April Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2009

Dr. Brian Schwab, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following doctors were in attendance – Natalie Parisi, Ned Kotula, Connie Gallen, Mike Shuman and Michael Balthaser.

I. Proposals/Reports

A. Treasurer's Report – Dr. Gallen reported the following

1. Account Balances
2. Hersh 2009 Totals – we had approximately \$3500 in profits
3. 15th 2009 Meeting – income \$595.00 still awaiting invoice from Moselem Springs

II. New Business

A. Anne Neuin & Steve Myers – Berks Career & Tech Center –

B. Alliance Report – Bonnie Shuman discussed the Upcoming installation of Carol Reitz and the need for donation from the BCDS. She gave us her proposal. She also discussed Meet n Greet. The alliance will be working on their 2009/2010 programs this summer.

C. Dr. Schwab and the board have instructed Karen to contact the president of the Hygienist's Association and invite her to attend our executive meetings. This will help with scheduling of CE's.

D. Dr. Schwab and the board unanimously approved the concept of electronic voting (voting via email). Karen Lord will print the email and keep it in the record if any vote would warrant a recount. The board also liked the idea of discussing business via email instead of waiting until next board meeting. This will help move the business at hand along more smoothly.

E. The following meeting dates were discussed – to be added to calendar

8/25 board meeting

9/12 BCDS/ Alliance Daytrip to Knoebels Grove, Columbia County

9/14 General Membership Meeting with speaker and 2 CE

9/22 board meeting

10/14 General Membership meeting with speaker 2 CE

10/24 Meet N Greet Event – open to all members & non-members

10/27 board meeting

11/5 Dinner with Learning – Stirling Guest Hotel

11/24 board meeting

Dr. Balthaser will look into speakers for September and October. He will also work on half day seminar for the spring.

F. The executive board will continue to explore the idea of a BCDS webpage. Karen will contact several companies for quotes. The board will vote electronically to approve quote, so we can get the webpage up and running by end of summer.

April Meeting Minutes *cont'd*

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes continued

April 29, 2009

- G. The Board has approved the donation of \$1150.00 to pay for food in Hawaii at the reception for Carol Reitz who is the incoming president of the national alliance. Bonnie Shuman and Dr. Schwab stressed the fact that the BCDS will be in the national spotlight when Carol is President.
 - H. We are currently still looking for someone to host the annual meeting. Karen and Bonnie will contact some members about hosting event at their home.
 - I. Dr. Schwab and the board discussed the current distribution of profits from the silent auction/raffle. The board motioned to divide the profits per the following formula: 1/3 to the Alliance, 1/3 to St. Joseph Dental Clinic, and 1/3 to Children's Dental Health Month.
 - J. Annual Banquet – Dr. Michael Balthaser will chair the annual banquet for the next year. He would like to have the banquet at Moselem Springs Golf Club and have a Casino theme. He has asked that Karen and the Alliance assist in the process. We need to choose a date.
 - K. Dr. Schwab will check into costs associated with placing an ad in the newspaper will all the names of our members. This is a great member benefit and would put non-members in the spot light. Dr. Schwab would like to see this done annually.
 - L. Dr. Shuman will do an article in the September bulletin addressing the things that organized dentistry does for all us so we can publish for the membership.
 - M. Dr. Schwab reminded everyone that all articles for the bulletin are due the first of the month preceding the due date.
 - N. Karen Lord reported to board that the new computer is up and running. She advised the board that we will need to purchase Microsoft Office.
 - O. Dr. Schwab and the board discussed the need for information from GKAS Day to be in the bulletin. The board also feels that the membership should be reminded to log onto padental.org and click on the pro bono area and report any free services that they offer. Chips acceptance is apparently reportable too.
 - P. We will invite the following for dinner with learning: Jack Muhr – a new sinus augmentation technique, Steve Fallon – cat scan in dentistry, and Anne DuFour – allograft connective tissue grafts. No labs or vendors this year.
 - Q. Dr. Gallen reported to the board that we currently have seven offices for GKAS Day.
- III. Announcements
Executive Meeting – Tuesday, August 25, 2009 – 5:45 pm at Dr. Schwab's office
- IV. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

August Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2009

Dr. Brian Schwab, President, called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm. The following were in attendance; Dr. Natalie Parisi, Dr. Edmund Kotula, Dr. Michael Balthaser, Dr. Eric Zehner, and Dr. Michael Shuman. Also in attendance were Mrs. Bonnie Shuman of the Alliance and Mrs. Liz Romberger of the Hygiene Association.

I. Proposals and Reports from committee chairmen

A. Treasurer's Report – Dr. Gallen was not present for meeting. Karen Lord – Executive Secretary reported to board we currently have \$4,315.84 in Checking, \$14,180.48 in Savings, and \$30.60 in Petty Cash. Karen also discussed Bank CD – The board agreed to wait until we have at least \$20,000 to invest in a CD.

II. New Business

A. Alliance Report – Mrs. Bonnie Shuman – advised the board of the following dates

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – Green Hills Inn – Girls Night Out

Saturday, October 24, 2009 – Meet N Greet – Pagoda – bring covered dish

October, November, & December – will be working on the Holiday Sharing Cards – Cards will be addressed on Dec. 7th at the home of Steve & Lisa Maniaci.

Debbie Auchter will receive the Thelma J. Neff Award

B. Hygiene Report – Mrs. Liz Romberger advised board that Denise Eck is the current President. They will try to have a representative at each meeting. The hygienists are willing to help the BCDS in any way they can. They are also committed to help keep the free children's dental clinic up and running

C. Wood to Wonderful – Karen Lord advised the board that we donated 1000 toothbrushes/paste/floss to this organization. They have asked if they could purchase more brushes from us to provide to the kids throughout the year. The board approved.

D. Dr. Schwab discussed the free children's dental clinic – the BCDS will try to enlist four doctors to work the six Saturday's – if doctors do not volunteer the program will fold.

E. Dr. Schwab informed the board that we will receive another check from PDAIS for approximately \$4500 – check will be presented at September 14th meeting.

F. Dr. Shuman – updated board on current legislation

August Meeting Minutes *cont'd.*

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes continued August 25, 2009

III. Old Business

- A. Newspaper article – Dr. Schwab reviewed the cost of running ad in paper. Ads are very expensive. We will try to negotiate a half page ad to run on Saturday in February for a cost of \$1500. The board agreed that this was good investment.
- B. Dr. Schwab reviewed the following dates with the board
 - September 14, 2009 – Off the Avenue – Delux Dental Labs
 - October 14, 2009 – Toscani's – Dr. Maria Fornatora
 - November 5, 2009 - Dinner with LearningIf Dinner with Learning is poorly attended again this year the board has agreed to reevaluate.
- C. The board discussed down the road to give some CE's to our members at no charge. Dr. Balthaser will work on putting a 6 CE course for the spring with several speakers to give these credits to our members at no charge. All non members would be required to pay. The board directed the Program director to come up with ways to provide the membership with CE at no charge to our members with minimal cost to the society. Only non dues money will be utilized for this purpose.
- D. Dr. Kotula commented that it is difficult to do a golf outing – there are so many golf outings being sponsored by so many groups. The board asked that Ned try to do a golf outing in June or July. If the golf outing is poorly attended, we will review other options for a annual get together.
- E. Dr. Balthaser has booked Jackpot Casino Events to provide 3 black jack tables, 1 craps table, 1 roulette table, 1 poker table at a cost of \$1460.00 for the annual banquet. The board approved. He would like to enlist the Alliance to help with setting up food and decorations.
- F. Karen Lord – September bulletin is at the printer and should be done by Friday. The directory is at the printer and hopefully it will be ready to mail mid September.
- G. Webpage – Dr. Schwab commented that he is pleased with the website – wants to encourages members to use it

IV. Announcements

- A. Executive Committee Meeting – Tuesday, September 22, 2009 Dr. Schwab's office at 5:45pm

V. Meeting Adjourned

Treasurer's Report

4/03/09 through 6/30/2009

INCOME

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 5000-DUES-GENERAL | \$ 2,400.00 |
| 5003-ROYALTY PAYMENT | \$ 4,176.41 |
| 5010-ADVERTISEMENTS | \$ 907.48 |
| 5060-SEMINARS | \$ 7,830.00 |
| 5070 – ANNUAL BANQUET RECEIPTS | \$ 1,910.00 |
| 5091- CHARITY RAFFLE | \$ 440.00 |

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 12,187.79

EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 5096-SERVICE CHARGES | \$.50 |
| 6000 - ANNUAL BANQUET EXPENSES | \$ 1,797.61 |
| 6010 – AWARDS | \$ 200.00 |
| 6041 – DINNER WITH LEARNING | \$ 250.00 |
| 6070 – SEMINAR | \$ 1,026.71 |
| 6095 – MEMBERSHIP MEETING EXPENSE | \$ 256.25 |
| 6110 – BULLETIN | \$ 1,026.08 |
| 7000 – SALARY | \$ 3,885.00 |
| 7010 – TAXES/PAYROLL | \$ 1,479.91 |
| 7020 – INSURANCE | \$ 651.00 |
| 7040 – OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$ 210.56 |
| 7060 – MILEAGE | \$ 314.05 |
| 7050 – POSTAGE | \$ 88.40 |
| 7070 – TELEPHONE | \$ 167.63 |
| 7120 – COMPUTER MAINT/TRAINING | \$ 1,172.10 |
| 7121 – WEBSITE | \$ 375.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 12,900.80

NET ORDINARY INCOME

\$ -173.01

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|------------------------|---------|
| 5095 – INTEREST INCOME | \$ 4.50 |
|------------------------|---------|

NET OTHER INCOME

\$ 4.50

NET INCOME

\$ -708.51

Treasurer's Report

7/01/09 through 9/22/2009

INCOME

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 5000 – DUES-GENERAL | \$ 560.00 |
| 5010 – ADVERTISEMENTS | \$ 950.00 |
| 5055 – GENERAL MEETING INCOME | \$ 2,740.00 |

TOTAL INCOME \$ 4,250.00

EXPENSES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 6095 – MEMBERSHIP MEETING EXPENSE | \$ 1,246.64 |
| 6103 – MEET N GREET | \$ 100.00 |
| 6110 – BULLETIN | \$ 519.40 |
| 7000 – SALARY | \$ 3,270.00 |
| 7010 – TAXES/PAYROLL | \$ 250.16 |
| 7060 – MILEAGE | \$ 128.70 |
| 7050 – POSTAGE | \$ 64.71 |
| 7070 – TELEPHONE | \$ 157.79 |
| 7120 – COMPUTER MAINT/TRAINING | \$ 40.00 |
| 7121 – WEBSITE | \$ 775.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 6,552.40

NET ORDINARY INCOME \$ -2,302.40

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|------------------------|---------|
| 5095 – INTEREST INCOME | \$ 3.43 |
|------------------------|---------|

NET OTHER INCOME \$ 3.43

NET INCOME \$ -2,298.97

Account Balances as of 9/22/09

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$ 4,987.16

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE \$ 14,180.48

PETTY CASH \$ 30.60

TOTAL \$ 19,198.24

Alliance NEWS

The Alliance of the BCDS members all have one thing in common – we are spouses or significant others of dentists. We share the Love, as well as the frustrations of that bond to dentistry. So... if you think about it, that common ground gives us a closeness as a circle of friends that only “we” can understand. When we get together, that friendship, happiness, and support are felt by all.

We have already had a dinner meeting at Green Hills Inn where we learned about women’s finances. There are many more opportunities during the year to join us. Why not start with the BCDS and Alliance “Meet and Greet” at the Pagoda overlooking Reading and Berks County. Invite a non-member dentist couple to join you. Find out the advantages of membership in the Dental Society. The Pagoda has just been remodeled. The evening is free. The evening is fun. Just bring an easy to serve covered dish – and its recipe – and meet all your friends, old, new, and yet-to-be discovered. The recipes will be bound in our book, and distributed to all who attend as a great memory of the evening. “We” – each and every one of us – can make the Dental Society and the Alliance outstanding organizations.

Tuesday, October 20th is the Visit to Capitol Hill in Harrisburg. In this climate, it’s more important than ever to talk with legislators about dental issues. The handouts are well explained and easy to present. We can only make the impression that we care, if we are there. Registration forms are in the PDA Journal, or you can call the PDA and have one faxed.

You should have received your Alliance billing and schedule of meetings. Get your \$75.00 to Maureen as soon as possible. You will also soon, if you haven’t already, be receiving the invitation to participate in the Holiday Sharing Card. Be on the Lookout! There is a lot of work involved during October and November to get the card printed before our party/meeting in December where we address these cards to all members of the Dental Society.

CONGRATULATIONS CAROL REITZ, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ALLIANCE OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION!!

From the Alliance,
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Hygienists' Message

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Thursday, November 19, 2009

6:00-8:30 pm – 2 CE's with light refreshment

"Enamel Therapy: The Next Generation of Care"

Speaker: Lil Caperila, RDH, Med

Location: Toscani Restaurant - www.toscanigrill.com, West Lawn, PA

Registration deadline – November 10, 2009

Course Fee: BSDHA Member & PDHA Academy \$50,

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Upcoming General Meeting:

November 11

6:30 P.M. at the offices of Barrer & White

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4th District Annual Meeting

THE FOURTH DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The seventy-eighth annual meeting of the Fourth District will be held on Friday, October 30, 2009 at the Lebanon Country Club located at 3375 Oak St. Lebanon, PA. The day begins with registration at 8:00 AM. At 9:00 AM, Dr. Alexandre Balaci, a local oral surgeon, will present a 2 CEU course. Our annual business meeting will be held at 11:00 with a lunch being served at noon. A block of tee times will be held for anyone wishing to play golf at the country club course. There is no charge for the lecture or lunch; the golf outing will be at your expense and proper attire is enforced.

Doctor Balaci's topic will be include facial cosmetics including the use of Botox. Our staff personnel are very welcome to attend the lecture and luncheon.

Along with the lecture we will also hear from the PDA central office, our district trustee and act on any district-wide concerns. Elections will also take place.

This year the nominations are as follows:

President: Dr. Brian Schwab
President Elect: Dr. Maria Tacosky
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Frederick Johnson
ADA Delegate: Dr. Michael Shuman
Pa State Board of Dentistry: Dr. John Reitz

PDA Delegates: Berks Co., Dr. David Auchter, Dr. Brian Schwab, Dr. David Schwartz, and Dr. Eric Zehner. Lebanon Co., Dr. Frederick Johnson. Schuylkill Co., Dr. Maria Tacosky.

PDA Alternate Delegates: Berks Co., Dr. Michael Shuman, and Dr. Louis Palacios. Lebanon Co., Dr. David Steinke. Schuylkill Co., Dr. Jack Aughenbaugh

We would appreciate a head count for the lunch. Please let me know via e-mail or regular post of the number of people from your office. My e-mail address is steinke5@verizon.net and my address is Dr. David Steinke 1151 Cornwall Rd. Lebanon, PA 17042 by October 21st. Thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Steinke, DDS

4th District Annual Meeting Minutes

The Fourth District met on October 3, 2008 for their annual membership meeting at the Schuylkill Country Club in Orwigsburg, PA.

As our continuing education lecture, Dr. Thomas Boran and Dr. Joseph Cable spoke to us about the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders and sleep apnea including aspects of treatment of these problems from a dental perspective.

After lunch, the regular business meeting was held. Members of the staff from the PDA office were present to update us on legislation and developments concerning dentistry in the state. The election of officers was held and the following persons were elected into office for the Fourth District:

President: Dr. David Stachowicz

Vice President: Dr. Brian Schwab

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. David Steinke

ADA Delegate: Dr. Michael Shuman

ADA Alternate Delegate: Dr. Maria Tancelosky

PA State Board of Dentistry: Dr. John Reitz

PDA delegates to the state meeting: Dr. David Auchter, Dr. David Schwartz, Dr. Michael Shuman, Dr. Eric Zehner, Dr. David Steinke, Dr. Maria Tancelosky

PDA alternate delegates to the state meeting: Dr. Brian Schwab, Dr. Gary Wegman, Dr. Louis Palacios, Dr. Frederick Johnson, Dr. Jack Aughenbaugh

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Steinke, D.D.S.

Secretary

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Update of Dental Board

The biggest change underway effecting board action is the passage of SB 142 which provides all 29 licensing boards the authority to impose maximum fines of \$10,000 and cost of investigation on disciplined licensees. The Dental Board has been limited in the past with a \$1000 limit per violation of the dental law.

Each board oversees its licensees, with the cost of investigation and prosecution paid with licensee fees. While not our goal to cover the cost of prosecution with fines, the Dental Board did want the ability to set a fine that would discourage recidivism. My personal opinion is that the Board will consider the offence and set the fine according to how the offence harmed or could potentially harm a patient.

Another change that has not been implemented but has been finalized is the addition of an EFDA to the Dental Board along with an additional dentist. The Dental Board will now consist of the Secretary of Health, the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs, eight dentists, one hygienist, one EFDA, and two public members.

To implement a change in the regulations the process starts with a committee of the Dental Board gathering information from interested parties and forming a regulation change in the form of a motion. The entire Board hears the motion during a regular meeting and discusses and finalizes the position of the Board. The motion then moves through the regulation review process to be vetted of any legal concerns and to ensure the PA House and Senate are in agreement with the decision of the Board. When the process is completed the regulation is finalized.

Some of the regulations that are currently going through review are:

1. Allowing hygienists to administer local anesthesia.
2. EFDA education guidelines
3. Tooth whitening designated as a dental procedure.
4. Accepting all regional clinical exams for licensure.

To keep informed of changes I suggest you keep watching the dental board web site for updates and current information.

The above information is my personal opinion and does not represent the views or opinion of the Dental Board.

John Reitz DDS

Announcements

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2010 Dates

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| 1/23/2010 | 4/17/2010 |
| 2/20/2010 | 5/22/2010 |
| 3/20/2010 | 6/12/2010 |

*Please contact Karen Lord to sign up for
these dates. Thanks.*

MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

The Society will now allow members to purchase tooth brushes and tooth paste for Dental Health Month or any other event you may have at our bulk rate. All orders must be placed with Karen by the 2nd week of November. For more details please contact Karen Lord at 610-987-0143. The Society will still provide brushes and paste for all presenters doing third grade classes booked through the Society.



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