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FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2003

Home Talent Night

Dr. Bruce Cha • Mission Trip to Peru

Dr. Jack Levine • Volunteerism in New Haven

Dr. Barry Weiss • Sinus Graft as an Aid to Implant Placement

Dr. James Pucci • Surgical Techniques to Treat
Gingival Recession

Dr. Gerald Alexander • Use of Resin Cements

Dr. Robert Golia / Dr. Avrum Goldstein • Challenge in
the Complex Implant Restorative Case

New Haven Country Club

6:00 PM *Cocktails*

6:45 PM *Dinner*

7:30 PM *Program*

RSVP to Dr. Karen Gallo — 467-3333

by Tuesday February 4, 2003.

You may mail your reservation and payment to her office at
36 Main Street, East Haven, CT 06512

A **Buffet Dinner** will be served.

Cost will be **\$34** with a reservation and **\$38** without a reservation.

Members are welcome to attend the program portion at no charge.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is off to a good start in 2003. I have only recently been able to shed the holiday revelry and buckle down to business again.

Looking back at 2002, I wish to inform you of a couple nice things that happened at the end of the year.

- **The NHDA Holiday Party** continues to be a successful and meaningful event on our calendar. Over 65 people attended, enjoying the live music, great food and fellowship.
- **The ADA News, December 16th edition featured a short article on our successful Legislator Night** in October. This national recognition was a result of Mr. Noel Bishop's strong advocacy for Connecticut. He was very impressed with this event which he hopes to use as a model throughout Connecticut. All the legislators who came are getting a copy of the ADA piece.

Looking ahead in 2003, there are several items of interest.

- **We have already had our January 23rd CE video presentation.** Over 20 members attended a "dinner and learn" evening at Brazzi's Restaurant, viewing Joe Blaise's Virtuoso Veneers video. It was our first attempt at something new for January. The venue worked well and may hold some promise for the future.
- **Amalgam wastewater** has definitely captured the attention of the Connecticut DEP. Brace yourselves for what seems to be inevitable – amalgam separators installed in all offices that deal with amalgam. The CSDA will keep our members informed.
- **February is a big month for special activities. Besides our Dyno-bite day at the Peabody Museum and classroom dental presentations, there is the February 21 – Give Kids a Smile event.**
The purpose of this day is to call attention to the dental community's commitment to help the underserved, while demonstrating our inability to solve this access to care problem without legislative help. I hope you all have considered some response to this call to action. A convenient way that would make a meaningful statement in our area is to participate in BeneCare's program "Bringing Children to Treatment". You can treat a child/children in your office that day, without any long-term obligation by calling Mr. Pat Carallon or Ms. Toni Coletta at (203) 234-6374. This program was announced in our NHDA November newsletter. (Can be viewed at NHDA.org, select Newsletters) Please participate in any or all of NHDA February activities and make a difference in the life of our community.

I hope to see you all at Home Talent Night. Please consider calling a colleague and extending an invitation for them to join you.

Dean

A New Year's Resolution:

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.

Mark Twain

Children's Dental Health Month

Children's Dental Health Month is almost upon us and the New Haven Dental Association is once again roaring its way into the project! Our mission: advocating the importance of proper oral health to kids (and all those who will listen) and instilling life long habits that will give them a happy, lasting smiles.

Dental professionals throughout the New Haven community are taking to the streets and talking to first graders about the importance of healthy teeth and gums. Dentists, hygienists, and hygiene students are working with local school officials and educating kids about caries, fluoride, and brushing with hopes of providing a solid foundation for a long, healthy smile.



The Yale / Peabody event will be held on February 16th from 12 Noon - 4. Multiple table clinics will be present highlighting various topics including caries prevention, sealants, gum disease, and nutrition. Many hands-on activities will be available such as 'Dress-Up like the Dentist/ Hygienist'; coloring activities; and guessing games. Live entertainment will be provided by the perennial favorite, Chris Rowland, with two performances (1:00 and 2:30).



Many thanks to all those who have participated and volunteered their time and energy. Special thanks to Doug Rollins who between running a practice, raising a family, building a house, and saving the world has found time to help coordinate events. Also, special thanks to Unilever/ Close-Up / Mentadent who generously donated thousands of toothpaste samples and Ms. Sandy Palumbo who has blessed the project with her time, students, and most importantly, toothbrushes.

An Invitation to Grand Rounds, Department of Dentistry, Yale New Haven Hospital

February Grand Rounds – "Historic Dental Treasures at Yale"

A special presentation of some of the priceless dental holdings in the Yale Medical Historical Library and Medical Instrument Collection. The presentation will be made by Toby Appel, curator/librarian of the Medical Historical Library and will be held in the Yale Medical Library at the School of Medicine on Cedar Street.

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2003 • Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

For Your Information . . .

- Community Health Center Inc. is seeking dentists to join their team. Completion of a dental residency is preferred but is not a limiting factor. An attractive compensation package is offered and dentists may qualify for loan repayment. Bilingual and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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