

New Haven Dental Association NEWSBRIEF

A BULLETIN FOR NEW HAVEN DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

MARCH 2004

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NEXT MEETING :
Thursday, March 4

★ Staff Night! ★

Bring the favorite members of your dental team to this historic first New Haven Dental Association meeting for Doctors and Staff. Staff availability is limited, and we have had significant interest already. So, please call immediately if you wish to have your staff attend!

Dr. Gus Karazulas, the Chief Forensic Odontologist at the State of Connecticut Crime Labs will engage us with a fascinating look at today's true "CSI"-type crime sleuths!

The New Haven Country Club
6:00 pm cocktails
6:45 pm - buffet and business meeting
7:15 Lecture
(the lecture will not be open for staff members
not already attending the dinner)

\$34.00 per person

For reservations, please call Dr. Joe Tagliarini at 624-5515 by Monday, March 1 at 12 noon. Staff space is limited, so don't hesitate to call! Also, no-shows (or cancellations within 24 hours of the event) may be charged, so please let us know ASAP if your plans change. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Have you seen a physician lately? What first strikes me when I enter a physician's office is a busy and overworked staff. They have little time to chat with patients and they rarely show compassion over the patient's problem. They often seem so overburdened that they don't have the time to show any interest in the patient whatsoever.

The doctor's visit itself is quick, efficient, and to the point. Little time is spent in getting to know the patient or relating to life issues that lie beyond the information necessary to make a diagnosis, which primarily relies on symptoms, physical examination and lab results. Once the diagnosis is made, there is a cookbook approach to prescribing treatment, and the thought process often ends the moment the diagnosis is made.

Most physicians I know work extraordinarily hard, and are kind, caring and conscientious people. Unfortunately, the system which compensates them penalizes them, because their compensation is reduced when they see fewer patients and this is inevitable if they devote more time to each patient.

Many of us grew up with very special relationships with our physicians. In some respects they were extended members of our families. At the very least, they knew who we were and what we were about as people. Our current health care system makes these kinds of relationships difficult to create and almost impossible to sustain. In the process we have all been shortchanged - the physicians have lost the intimate relationships with their patients that brought so much joy and fulfillment to their lives, and the patients have lost the intimacy and caring which materially contributed to their physical and emotional well being.

How lucky we are as dentists! To a large degree, we have resisted becoming participants in managed care. Instead, we have chosen to work in a fee for service model which allows us the time to develop relationships with our patients, to know them, even to know their families. This has not only brightened our lives immeasurably, it has meant better care for our patients. Changing someone's smile is more involved than taking a series of measurements and having an artistic vision. By understanding our patient's needs, feelings, and fears, we can address their treatment needs in a much more meaningful way. After all, the brightest smiles are those that come from within.

Avie

NHDA NOMINATIONS FOR 2004-2005

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF CANDIDATES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELECTION:

JR. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER:

Richmond Hung

DELEGATES TO THE CSDA HOUSE:

Kurt Koral – Caucus Chairman

Avie Goldstein

Tom Duplinsky

Doug Rollins

Phil Harrington

Mark Previt

Gary Ross

John Plachtyna

ALTERNATE DELEGATES:

Art McDermott

Jim Quigley

Ron D'Andrea

David Fantarella

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE PROPOSED BY MEMBERS AT THE MARCH 4TH MEETING WITH THE FINAL VOTE TO BE HELD AT OUR LAST REGULAR NHDA MEMBER'S MEETING APRIL 1, 2004.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dean Cloutier - Chairman

Ron D'Andrea

Phil Harrington

SPECIAL THANKS:

HOME TALENT NIGHT. Thanks again to all involved in Home Talent night. Drs. Michael Cotter, Barry Weiss, Avie Goldstein, and John Parnoff provided three terrific, concise, and thoughtful presentations. Those polled agreed that the sequential format worked beautifully, and should be repeated.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH. Thanks also to the many people involved in Children's Dental Health Month - your lectures at the schools, your participation in the event last Sunday, and also for your toothbrushes.

Richmond Hung

Jim Pucci

Gary Rappaport

Oresta Bilous

Kevin O'Connell

Doug Muller

Doug Rollins

Karen Gallo

Joe Tagliarini

Shelly Natkin

Dean Cloutier

Gerry Alexander

Jeralyn and David Fantarella

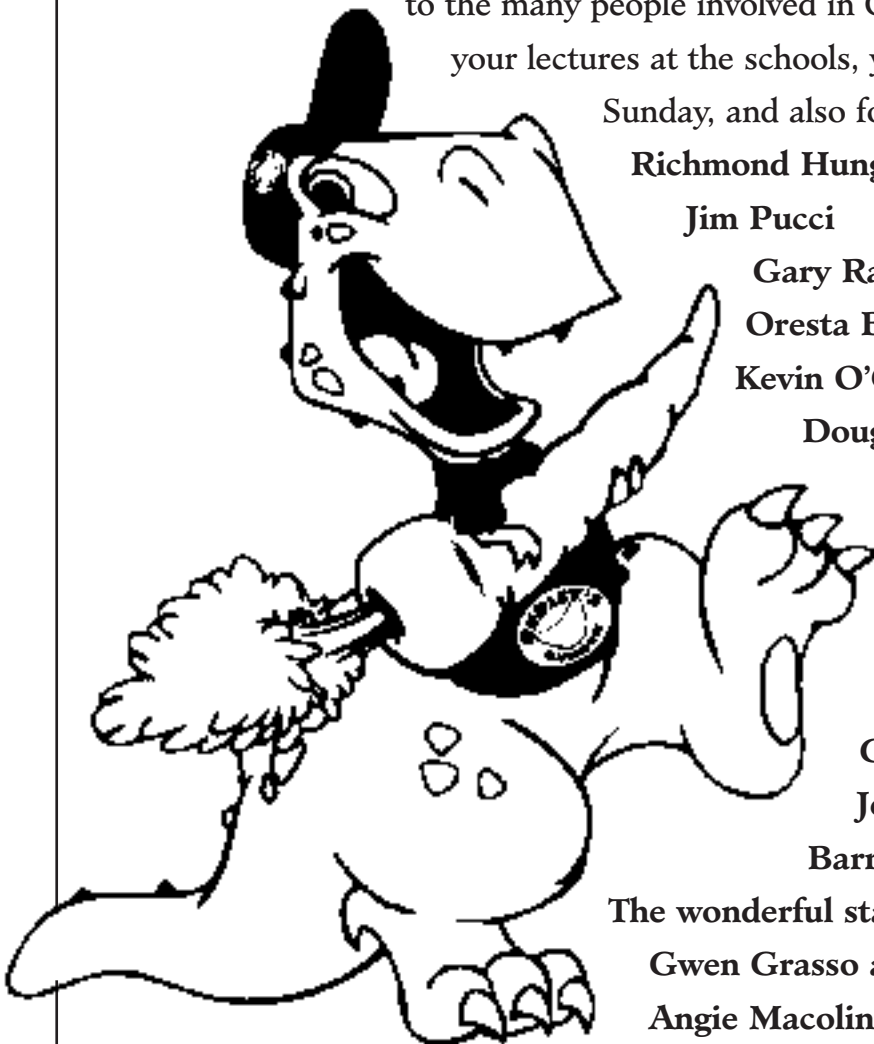
Barry Weiss

The wonderful staff at Dr. Hung's office

Gwen Grasso at UNH

Angie Macolino at Eli Whitney

And to any names we left out (sorry if we did!) double thanks...



2004-2005 NHDA PROPOSED BUDGET

	2002-2003 Budget	2002-2003 Actual	2003-2004 Budget	2004-2005 Proposed
INCOME:				
Dues	16,700	16,941	16,300	6,500
Trustee Acct	8,100	3,000	7,600	8,100
Meetings/Outings	12,200	10,969	13,700	13,500
Other {Gift}		100		
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TOTALS:	37,000	31,101	37,600	38,100
 EXPENSES:				
Meetings/Outings	15,500	18,432	16,500	16,200
Annual Meetings	4,500	0	4,300	4,200
Charitable Contributions	500	100	500	500
Honoraria	1,800	300	1,500	1,500
Telephone	1,000	617	900	800
Supplies	200	0	200	200
Dental Health Ed.	1,000	1,235	1,800	2,000
Secretarial	3,200	891	900	900
Postage/Printing	3,300	4,126	3,400	4,000
Gifts	200	500	200	200
Miscellaneous	100	0	100	100
Executive Board	3,200	2,477	3,200	3,300
House of Delegates	500	689	500	600
Scholarship	1,000	2,025	2,000	2,000
Professional Fees	500	450	500	500
Bank Charges	100	65	100	100
Web Site	400	1,088	1,000	1,000
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TOTALS:	37,000	32,995	37,600	38,100

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dental Society of Greater Waterbury is presenting its 57th Annual Daniel F. Lynch Award to Dr. Roger Ostrander, Jr. This award has traditionally been bestowed upon a native dentist who is distinguished in their profession. The dinner and award presentation will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2004. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and any responses should be made by March 31. Anyone interested in attending should contact Dr. Judy Lombardo at 203-263-5300.

Ms. Sandy D'Amato-Palumbo, Director of the UNH Department of Dental Hygiene, is in great need of dentist volunteers to sign up to help in the UNH Dental Clinic. This program is a vital feeder to our local hygienist population, and should be supported whenever possible. Anyone interested in giving any time at all should contact Sandy D'Amato-Palumbo at 931-6025, or at spalumbo@newhaven.edu.



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