

Giving Back, Every Day

We're proud to report that responses to our volunteer requests cast a bright light on the ways we, as a society, contribute to our communities. Here are a few of the stories we've discovered:

Once a month, Dr. Arthur Koppelman of West Haven, makes a donation that helps save lives. At the Red Cross in Farmington, he donates platelets to patients undergoing cancer therapy, recovering from organ and bone marrow transplants, with leukemia or aplastic anemia - all groups of people who have greatly reduced supplies of platelets who can't fight infection on their own. In fact, since 1991, Dr. Koppelman has donated 103 units (pints) of platelets. Before 1991, he was a regular blood donor who had given 79 units of blood to the Red Cross.

One of our society members, who wishes to remain anonymous, found a unique way pay tribute to a friend lost on September 11. She had just been accepted as a future Big Sister of New York City, and by offering his clients bleaching at a reduced rate, he raised \$800 for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of New York City, with all proceeds going to the organization in her memory.

If you volunteer your time, let us know how and help us spread the good word about our good works in Greater New Haven.

... **send info about your volunteer efforts to Avie Goldstein**

Please send your comments or items of interest to:

Avie Goldstein – NHDA Secretary

Address: 419 Whalley Ave., New Haven, CT 06511

Phone: (203) 777-5385 – Fax: (203) 776-7233 – email: Goldstein@periodonticspc.com



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

New Haven Dental Association
Dr. Avrum R. Goldstein, Secretary
419 Whalley Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511

New Haven Dental Association NEWSBRIEF

A Bulletin For New Haven Dental Association Members

January 2002

Officers 2001 - 2002

Dr. Ronald J. D'Andrea
President

Dr. Dean G. Cloutier
Vice-President

Dr. Avrum R. Goldstein
Secretary

Dr. Thomas G. Duplinsky
Treasurer

Executive Committee

Dr. Philip C. Harrington

Dr. Douglas A. Rollins

Dr. Gerald D. Alexander

Board of Trustees

Dr. David Kusovitsky

Dr. Harold L. Horton

Dr. Morton Weyler

Dr. Sheldon H. Natkin

Dr. Ronald H. Delfini

NHDA WEBSITE
www.newhavendental.org

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2002

Dental Implants – The Future of Dentistry

with Dr. David Gelb

Dr. Gelb is well recognized in Implant Dentistry. He has been in the forefront in the development of surgical procedures for finite esthetics in implant dentistry, immediate implant placement, and bone regeneration around implants. He has lectured internationally, and has published in international journals on implant dentistry. His practice in West Hartford, CT, is limited to implant surgery and periodontics.

New Haven Country Club

6:00 PM *Cocktails*

6:45 PM *Dinner*

7:30 PM *Program*

RSVP to Jerry Alexander — 782-0677

by Tuesday February 5, 2002.

You may mail your reservation and payment to his office at
129 York Street, New Haven, CT 06511

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

The snow is falling, a log is burning in the fireplace, and beside me sits a glass of fine red wine. Winter has finally arrived in New England. I really appreciate the change of seasons even if it means shoveling some snow and clearing a soft cloud of white covering my car. If it had come just a few weeks before, the snow would have made for a beautiful holiday scene. I hope they were memorable for all of you.

(What a pathetic opening paragraph! Who do I think I am? Ernest Hemingway?)

If you did not attend the Holiday Party at the New Haven Country Club, you missed a good time. I still find it hard to believe that so many of you do not take advantage this wonderful get together. The food was plentiful, the drinks were refreshing and the music and singing were quite entertaining. Some of us even gathered around the piano and belted out a few carols. We need events like these during the year to feel our unity and friendship.

I have a couple of items to report in this communication.

Preparations are under way for Children's Dental Health Month in February. This is our chance to shine in the community. Organizing this affair, Dr. Michael Kim is doing a great job organizing the visits to area schools. In coordination with this and in leading up to our event at the Peabody Museum on Dinomite Day, the Executive Board has met with the public relations firm Sullivan & LeShane to write an article about our association including our volunteer efforts and community service. With the several fine letters that we received from many of our members, we will position our New Haven Dental Association as the voice of Dentistry in the area. Our association should be considered the place to get expert advice on questions of a dental nature. We must speak with one voice for the present and future. Hopefully, through actions such as these, we will end the days in which individual dentists in our area claim to be "the experts".

Secondly, it seems that the Blue Cross lawsuit is being taken seriously by this insurance company. A recent letter from the CSDA indicates promising and encouraging news. The lawsuit has been temporarily withdrawn. I look forward to more significant news from the CSDA in the near future.

I hope to see more of you at the monthly meeting and on Dinomite Day at the Peabody.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ron D'Andrea

Children's Dental Health Month

Open wide—it will soon be time to sink your teeth into Children's Dental Health Month! The New Haven Dental Association, in cooperation with the University of New Haven School of Dental Hygiene, New Haven Dental Hygiene Association, Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Hospital of St. Raphael, plans to visit every first grader in the Greater New Haven area during the month of February, and help them "brush" up on their dental health knowledge. We still have a couple of schools without an "appointment" so please contact me ASAP if you are interested in helping out (281-1022).



In addition, we will hold Dinomite Dental Day which has become an annual event at the Peabody Museum. This year it will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from noon-4:00 pm, and feature Chris Rowlands' Dino Rock concert. Dudley the Dinosaur will be in attendance, and the first 1000 kids will receive Dino-Goodie Bags. Over 20 table displays will be featured, and St. Raphael's Smiles2Go Dental Van will be stationed just outside.

Thanks in advance to all those people who have already volunteered. They include Drs. Cloutier, D'Andrea, Gallo, D. Fantarella, J. Fantarella, Le, Muller, O'Brien, O'Meara, Ortman, Pantera, Pearl, Previtt, Quigley, Rappaport, Rauch, Rollins, Rosomondo, Steen, Vecchitto, and Woods, Gina @ Dr. Cloutier's, and Jennifer and LeAnn @ Dr. Natkin's. By the way, if you haven't done so already, please get me your student and class counts ASAP.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank my entire office staff (Jill Bouvier, JoAnn Apuzzo, Cheri Champigny, Cathy D'Ambrosia, Angela Izzo, Mary Lou Pierce, and Tamar Torres) for their ongoing efforts and putting up with me.

Michael Kim, DDS
Chairman
Children's Dental Health Month

Note: Our Annual Banquet is on May 9th, not May 2nd.

HOME TALENT NIGHT

Thursday, March 7, 2002

If you would like to participate, please contact

Dr. Doug Rollins at 288-0900