

For Your Information . . .

- **Home Talent Night** is on February 6, 2003 if you are interested in presenting, please contact Dr. Jerry Alexander at 782-0677
- **Wanted:** used dental X-ray unit in good working condition, call Dr. Irving Rohinsky 387-0447
- **Equipment for Sale:** GE 3000 x-ray unit, Wehmer cephalostat, Philips 810 auto developer, Wehmer dual model trimmer, dextra chairs with stools, call 288-7273 or 795-8778

Please send your comments or items of interest to:

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NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2002

Dr. David Cottrell

Chairman Oral Surgery Training Program
at Boston University

**Alveolar Distraction and
Implant Site Preparation**

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 November 5, 2002.

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.

Regarding Our Speakers



The New Haven Dental Association is proud to announce that our speaker for the Nov. 7 meeting is **Dr. David A. Cottrell, D.M.D.**, Chairman of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Boston University School of Dental Medicine. His topic will be Alveolar Distraction with emphasis on Implant Site Preparation. This promises to be an exciting presentation not to be missed. Dr. Cottrell is a highly regarded oral surgeon with prolific clinical and academic accomplishments. We are very fortunate to have him take time away from his busy schedule to speak to our association.

Dr. Cottrell started his career here in New Haven at Yale New Haven Hospital as a general practice resident in 1988. He completed his Oral Surgery Residency at Tufts University in 1992 and a fellowship in Maxillofacial Reconstruction at Baylor University in 1993. Please join us to welcome Dr. Cottrell back to New Haven.

Gerald D. Alexander, D.M.D.

Attorney Gregory Pepe of Neubert, Pepe and Montieth will be attending our November meeting. Attorney Pepe is the principal counsel to the CSDA in their action against Anthem, and he'll speak briefly about and answer questions on his work. Not to let the cat out of the bag, but the CSDA has approved an assessment on all members for each of the next three years for this historic and important lawsuit. If you've ever groused about managed care impacting negatively on your patient's care, you owe it to yourself *and your patients* to hear Greg speak. This is OUR David to the big, Blue Goliath. If you don't think this affects the rest of your life significantly, well, . . . you must not know any physicians!

Dr. Doug Rollins

PROPOSED NHDA GOVERNANCE AND BYLAW CHANGES

In our last newsletter – when NHDA committee assignments were posted, the Nominating Committee was inaccurately stated. **The Nominating Committee this year consists of Gary Ross, Phil Harrington and Ron D'Andrea.**

Proposal:

Chapter IV

Section IV Library Committee DELETE

~~Section V—IV~~

The Program Committee shall consist of the Vice President, the Senior and Junior Member of the Executive Committee ~~and four (4) members appointed by the President from the general membership.~~ They shall arrange for the clinicians and speakers for the meetings. The senior member of the Executive Committee shall serve as chairman.

~~Section VII VI~~

The Sick and Visiting Committee shall consist of ~~three (3)~~ **two (2)** members of the Association, appointed by the President, who shall advise the Association when members are incapacitated.

~~Section X IX~~

The Scholarship Loan Committee shall consist of ~~five (5)~~ **three (3)** members including the Treasurer of the Association and one member of the Finance Committee. With the exception of the Treasurer, each member shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years and may be reappointed. One new member shall be added each year to replace the retiring member. The senior member of the committee shall serve as chairman. It shall be the duty of the Scholarship Loan Committee to establish the criteria for the awarding of scholarship loans and to direct the financial agent to award and collect scholarship loans.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good beginnings are important and we had a very good start to our season. **Legislative Night was a great success for many reasons.**

- We had over 65 in attendance for this meeting, with 9 legislators-our best showing yet.
- Good connections were made and networking established between the legislators and our members.
- All the legislators spoke briefly and to the point (a minor miracle). Questions were handled with sincerity and candor. They liked our food (that's important), were impressed with our Association (that's amazing) and enjoyed the evening (that's good).
- Noel Bishop, CSDA Executive Director; Jim Polites, CSDA Government Relations; Dr. Mike Egan, CSDA President all attended and were a great asset to the meeting.
- Many members made phone calls to legislators and to fellow members – to encourage attendance. Big thanks go to Jerry Alexander and Karen Gallo.
- Kurt Koral did a marvelous job as emcee, and is thinking of joining Toastmasters.
- The meeting was over by 8:30PM!

The bad news is, there is no money in Hartford to do anything. Access to care, auxiliary shortages, and other important issues cannot be addressed financially. C'est la vie!

The CSDA House of Delegates (HOD) met October 2nd for the primary purpose of dealing with the Blue Cross/Anthem lawsuit. CSDA counsel, Mr. Greg Pepe briefed the HOD in detail while in executive session. Suffice it to say both of our lawsuits are progressing with remarkable speed and great promise. **The HOD voted overwhelmingly to fund the lawsuit through a combination of tapping the CSDA financial reserves and a member assessment.** The draw from CSDA reserves will be approximately \$400,000. The assessment of \$100/member per year for three years will add an additional \$600,000 to create a \$1,000,000 legal fund. **Please appreciate the significance of what we are doing. Connecticut is making history, many states are watching closely. We have a national theater with ADA support. And Blue Cross/Anthem is very nervous. Let us rise to the occasion and do what we must. I ask all NHDA members to give their unqualified support for this assessment and the lawsuit.**

The ADA National Convention is this month in New Orleans. Kurt Koral and I will be going as delegates to the House, representing Connecticut – proud to be from NHDA. We will give you a first hand account in November (if we survive).

November's meeting promises to be excellent, we have a great speaker with an interesting topic. Please read Jerry Alexander's article in this newsletter. Why not call a friend, another member dentist and invite them to come. Also, Mr. Greg Pepe will make a brief presentation on the Blue Cross/Anthem lawsuit.

See you at the meeting,

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Always do what is right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain
