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Please Join Us At The Annual

Holiday Party

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2002

at

The New Haven Country Club

6:00 PM

**RSVP to Dr. Karen Gallo — 467-3333
by Friday, December 6, 2002.**

**A Buffet Dinner will be served.
Cost is \$34 single or \$50 per couple.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The old adage that Thanksgiving is not just a day but a way of life has never seemed more apropos than in these tumultuous times. With so many things competing for our attention, the practice of giving thanks brings balance and perspective to our often overcrowded and discontented lives. Among the many things I am grateful for this year is the strong and viable association I inherited. As president, I am this year's steward of NHDA, following in a long line of capable and committed people who have gone before me. I wish to acknowledge and thank all the past presidents and everyone who has or is serving on committees. I appreciate your efforts and I am grateful for your contributions, great and small. Our association is stronger because of you. **Thank You All !**

Our November meeting made a little bit of history.

- 1.) At that meeting we hosted seven dental residents, five from St. Raphael's and two from YNH. We have never had such a showing! (Thanks to Jerry Alexander). I invited the residents to continue to attend our meetings, to come and learn with us and begin to appreciate the value of organized dentistry. I hope to establish a better rapport between our association and the two hospital residency programs.
- 2.) Another first – the newsletter announcing the November meeting was delivered via broadcast email. (Thanks to Bruce Cha) It was sent to those members whose email addresses we had. Do we have your current email address? If not, call Dr. Tom Duplinsky. I hope to continue to upgrade our electronic communications and website.

Other Items of importance:

- **The Anthem/Blue Cross lawsuit** was nicely explained by CSDA counsel Greg Pepe at our November meeting. All things are a "go". Please remember there will be a \$100.00 assessment beginning 2003. Give cheerfully and annoy Blue Cross.
- **The amalgam issue** will not go away. Office wastewater is a growing concern to states. Connecticut DEP is now quietly exploring options that may eventually effect us. You will get updated as necessary.
- **HIPPA compliance** is upon us. Both CSDA offered courses are sold out in December. Another CSDA course is being proposed for May. Also, the Yankee meeting in Boston is offering similar HIPPA courses.
- **Give Kids A Smile** initiative by the ADA/CSDA will translate for NHDA into our annual Peabody museum event in February as well as our school presentations to 1st graders. Dr. Richmond Hung may call upon you to participate. Please consider volunteering.

Finally, I hope to see many of you on December 10, at our annual Holiday Party. Call a colleague, bring your spouse and spread some cheer.

I wish you all the happiest of holidays.

Dean

*Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"*

How the Grinch Stole Christmas – Dr. Seuss

Something New In January!!

PLEASE COME and INVITE A COLLEAGUE for an Enjoyable Evening.

There will be a January meeting this year on Thursday, January 23. The format will be new. There will be no business meeting. The meeting will be a 6:30 P.M. dinner meeting at Brazi's at Long Wharf with a televised video presentation, "Virtuoso Veneers" by Dr. Joseph Blaes. Dr. Blaes is a well known excellent general practitioner who recently became the editor of Dental Economics. He will offer many useful tips.

The only cost to our members will be for dinner. This cost will be \$32. Please contact Dr. Gerald Alexander as soon as possible at 782-0677 if you plan to attend. Please note that there will be no January Newsletter so please call now so that final arrangements can be made.

Thank you.

Dr. Jerry Alexander

Hill Health Center

Join our dynamic group seeking dentists to provide hands-on dental care to the uninsured and underinsured patient population of New Haven and surrounding areas.

We have evening hours available Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 PM, and Saturday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. You will be working with a certified dental assistant, in a 2300 sq. ft. state of art facility with "back-up" medical services, in-house pharmacy, and security.

Salary (starting at \$50 per hour) is negotiable depending on years of experience, additional training, and/or expertise.

Please contact Gwendolyn H. Testa, DDS, Director of Dental Services, at (203) 503-3043 or Theresa Rodriquez, Office Manager at (203) 503-3044.

For Your Information . . .

In Memoriam

Dr. Samuel Caldwell

(April 4, 1930 – November 19, 2002)

- The New Haven Dental Group is seeking to purchase a general practice in the Hamden area. Please call Dr. David Gibson at 203-781-8051.
- Paul Kim DDS, a general practitioner, seeking employment in a quality dental practice in the New Haven area. Please call: 203-887-9857.

Please send your comments or items of interest to:

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