

# New Haven Dental Association NEWSBRIEF

A BULLETIN FOR NEW HAVEN DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

MARCH 2006

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## STAFF NIGHT

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006

### THE HISTORY OF THE SMILE BY ANGUS TRUMBLE

Mr. Angus Trumble is the Curator of Paintings and Sculpture at the Yale Center for British Art since 1993. Born and educated in Melbourne, Australia, he continued his education as a Fulbright Scholar in 1994 and earned a masters at the New York University's Institute of Fine Arts.

Mr. Trumble's research interests evolve around the 19th and 20th centuries, but he has published widely on subjects as diverse as Pompeo Batoni, William Orpen, Nazi loot, and the representation of teeth in art. He currently serves on various editorial boards and has authored multiple books including The History of the Smile.

All Staff Members Welcomed!

**New Haven Country Club**  
**6:00pm**

Cost: \$36, payable to the New Haven Dental Association.  
Buffett and Cocktails will be offered.

For reservations, please call Dr. Barry Weiss at  
288-5916, or e-mail him at [barrwei@yahoo.com](mailto:barrwei@yahoo.com)  
before Thursday, March 30.

*A jacket and tie are required for men.*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A lot is going on right now that I'm sure most of you are aware of, but I'll just go through a punch list for you:

- By now, you've all received the DEP mailing of the brochure "Fillings: The Choices You Have" saying you must post this in your office. Apparently, this was sent out with no warning to the CSDA, showing that once again forces beyond our control conspire to dictate the way we conduct our profession. At some points the brochure can be informative, but at many other points it is highly misleading. As an example, the brochure cites as a "Disadvantage" of Amalgam: "Current studies cannot confirm if this mercury causes health problems". To my mind, even if the data were inconclusive (which I have issues with), how can they list such a statement as a risk? Current studies cannot confirm I won't crash my car on the way to work today, but is that printed on my dashboard? Nonsense. I encourage you to read this whole brochure carefully and to contact the Commissioner of the DEP, Ms. Gina McCarthy (877-537-2488) with any questions or comments.

- For those of you at the February meeting, we heard about the possibility of Dentists one day subcontracting their services through a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) to perform Dentistry on Medicaid patients. That day, apparently, is HERE. For anyone interested in learning more, please call me. To summarize, you will be able to have the FQHC send you patients for their work, and the FQHC will process the paperwork and pay the fee they receive (higher than what you'd normally get from Medicaid, I understand); in return, the FQHC has the right to inspect your office and review your work if they desire.

- I think everyone who braved the snow for the March meeting was really rewarded by a great presentation from Kerry Straine. While it was up to the individual to whether or not they'd take up on his suggestions, it was fascinating to see what some on the "cutting edge" are doing. Great job, Dr. Hung, arranging for this speaker; this opens the door up to more "sponsored" lecturers in the future, which may yield some very interesting and valuable meetings.

- I'll end with some wise words from our March Guest Kerry Straine, who reasoned that "Doing great things alone does make a difference, but doing great things together can be many times more meaningful" - I paraphrase, but you get the picture - whether it's defending ourselves from anti-amalgam zealots, each helping a few FQHC patients, of sharing information that helps us all build successful and happy practices...

Share your art,  
Doug

## 2006-2007 NHDA Proposed Budget

	2004-2005 <u>Budget</u>	2004-2005 <u>Actual</u>	2005-2006 <u>Budget</u>	2006-2007 <u>Proposed</u>
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>				
Dues	16,500	12,006	14,500	14,000
Trustee Acct	8,100	9,500	9,200	10,000
Meetings	9,500	9,873	8,000	8,000
Outings	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
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Totals	38,100	35,379	35,700	36,000
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>				
Meetings	12,200	13,330	10,700	10,000
Outings	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Annual Meeting	4,200	6,836	3,300	4,000
Charitable Contributions	500	300	500	500
Honoraria	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
Telephone	800	485	400	400
Supplies	200	-	100	100
Dental Health Ed.	2,000	2,612	2,000	2,000
Secretarial	900	750	900	900
Postage/Printing	4,000	3,880	3,500	3,500
Gifts	200	-	200	200
Miscellaneous	100	-	100	100
Executive Board	3,300	1,812	3,300	3,500
House of Delegates	600	272	600	600
Scholarship	2,000	2,500	3,000	3,500
Professional Fees	500	525	500	600
Bank Charges	100	110	100	100
Web Site	1,000	915	1,000	1,000
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<b>TOTALS:</b>	38,100	39,327	35,700	36,000

\* The NHDA reports on fiscal year June 1 thru May 31.



## **SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE NEW HAVEN DENTAL ASSOCIATION 2006-7**

Another year is right around the corner! Here are your candidates for the Board positions of the NHDA for 2006-7:

**President:** Dr. Gerald Alexander

**Vice-President:** Dr. Karen Gallo

**Secretary:** Dr. Joe Tagliarini

**Treasurer:** Dr. Richmond Hung

**Senior Board Member:** Dr. Barry Weiss

**Junior Board Member:** Dr. Kevin O'Connell

At the April 6 meeting, we will be opening the floor for any other nominations, and taking a vote. Thank you!

Nominating Committee: Dr. Avie Goldstein, Dr. Dean Cloutier, Dr. Tom Duplinsky

## **ANNUAL NHDA GOLF OUTING**

Our annual golf outing is again at the New Haven Country Club, on Wednesday, June 14, 2006. Please mark the date on your calendar. There will be lunch, golf, and then dinner and prizes. We'll start at about 11:30am - for more details or to reserve your spot, please call Dr. Joe Siracuse at 777-6461.

## **CSDA POSITIONS OPEN**

Shelly Natkin is looking for friends to consider serving on the CSDA's Insurance council for our district, or for serving on the PAC council to help drum up Dentist's financial support.

Please respond to Shelly at 932-5818.

## **DENTISTRY FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

We've been asked by the New Haven Disabilities Office to search high and low for a Dentist who is equipped to take care of a lovely older woman who, having been through a stroke, is unable to get in and out of a dental chair without great assistance. After being told that many Dentists care for adult patients with such needs, the director (Ms. Michelle DuPrey) told us that she has called many of us without success. If there are any of you who have not just handicapped access but true experience and desire to help out, please call Ms. DuPrey at 946-7651.

New Haven Dental Association  
Dr. Karen Gallo  
35 High Street  
East Haven, CT 06512

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) The Eli Whitney Dental Assisting Education Program is recruiting General Practices willing to participate in the student's Clinical Rotation experiences. Please contact Angie Macolino, Department Head at (203) 397-4031, ext 344 for further information and/or details.

### 2) **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

DATE: Wednesday, June 14, 2006

TIME: 11:45 am Lunch  
1:00 Golf Starts

AGENDA: 18 Holes \$160 per person  
Please send check payable NHDA  
c/o Joseph Siracuse, D.M. D  
265 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510

\*\*New Haven Country Club Members \$80

#### Entree Selection:

Tenderloin of Beef with Bordelaise Sauce  
Berry Walnut Crusted Salmon  
Chicken Marsala



**Golfers!!!** New Haven Country Club has a spikeless shoe policy. Players with metal spikes will not be allowed on the course. The maximum number of golfers allowed to play is 32. Please indicate choice of entree when sending in check. Thank You