

# New Haven Dental Association NEWSBRIEF

A BULLETIN FOR NEW HAVEN DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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## Annual Holiday Party

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Union League Cafe

New Haven

6:00

Featuring 'Airborne' a band that will perform a variety of musical selections to bring us into the holiday spirit!

Cost: \$60 per couple, \$36 per single  
Menu as listed inside.

Orders will be taken at dinner time.

Please RSVP to Dr. Kevin O'Connell @ 467-8100.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Family, friends, food and fun are all part of this wonderful, hectic time of the year. As this holiday season approaches, I hope all of you with whom I share this wonderful profession, feel healthy, happy and blessed.

Recently I attended a meeting at CSDA headquarters concerning Give Kids a Smile Day on February 2, 2007. Although I do not treat many children in my practice, I was so impressed by the people at that meeting that I decided to get involved. Thanks to Dr. Gary Rappaport who has agreed to chair this event for the New Haven Dental Association. We are a little late getting on board but hopefully we can make some good things happen. Also, I want to thank the dentists who have expressed interest in participating in GKAS day- Dr. Richmond Hung, Dr. Yiming King, Dr. Gary Pearl, Dr. James Quigley and Dr. Beth Bureau. If anyone else would like to participate, please call either Dr. Gary Rappaport or me. I think it will be a fun experience. I realize that we are not going to cure the dental problems of the underserved in one day but I am hopeful that we can do some good. The chairman of the GKAS committee, Dr. M.J. Vallee said, "take small steps and at least try." Gary and I will be attending another meeting on November 20 at CSDA headquarters.

We are going to rent the DVD's from the CSDA for our meetings starting in February. These DVD's will help meet the CE requirements for the State in areas ie. infection control, access to care etc. Dr. Jeff Rosow's presentation for staff night in April on special needs patients will also help fulfill some of those requirements. Don't miss this meeting. Mr. Rick Kaletsky will provide a lot of laughs for your staff with his comedy routine. Believe it or not, he is a former OSHA inspector. So, come join us and earn mandatory CE credits at our meetings.

I look forward to home talent night. We have three presenters, Dr. Rob Golia, Dr. Barry Weiss and Dr. Marie Christine Boucher.

Finally, I want to thank the members who, along with me, attended the CSDA house of delegates meeting in Waterbury - Dr. Shelley Natkin, Dr. Kurt Koral, Dr. Alan Weiss, Dr. Mark Previtt, Dr. Gary Ross, Dr. Joe Tagliarini and Dr. Jeffrey Berkley. Our association is grateful for your time.

Whether you've been naughty or nice, please try to attend our Holiday Party on December 7 at the Union League Café. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening - a charming intimate venue with wonderful music and food. Please bring your spouse or significant other.

May the holiday season be wonderful for you, your family and staffs. It may sound corny but remember how much better it feels to give than to receive. Your most precious gift of all is your time. Spend it wisely.

Sincerely,

Jerry

# Holiday Dinner Menu

## Private Events

Chef's selection of 3 passed hors d'oeuvres

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Baby spinach salad, smoked bacon, honey roasted pears,  
savory of walnut nougatine and Roquefort cheese

or

Lobster and carrot bisque, lemon grass, lime and coconut milk

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Grilled organic Black Angus beef tenderloin, potato gratin "Dauphinois,"  
French beans, Bordelaise sauce

or

Pan roasted George's Bank flounder, fresh chanterelles,  
sautéed Swiss chard, Chardonnay sauce

or

Roasted breast of farm raised organic chicken, saffron rice with chorizo,  
peppers, clams, mussel, squid and fresh shrimp, Paella jus

or

Wild mushroom risotto, sautéed hen of the wood, abalone cap and chanterelles,  
aged Parmesan cheese, porcini jus

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Citrus tart of Clementine, tangerine, orange, grapefruit, fine Brittany crust,  
Mandarin orange sorbet

or

Layers of bittersweet chocolate mousse,  
salted Piémont hazelnut caramel and crunchy hazelnut biscuit,  
guanaja chocolate and caramel sauce

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



*With the Season of Giving upon us, I thought it would nice to hear from an individual who has given a tremendous amount of time and energy to those in need. Dr. Rappaport is currently directing the 'Give Kids a Smile' program in the New Haven area as well as being a participant of the program the last few years. Below is one of his experiences in giving to those in need.*

Last spring I read an article in the ADA newspaper seeking volunteers to help the victims from Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. I volunteered with an organization running a major disaster relief effort called Operation Blessing from Virginia Beach, Virginia. I was impressed by the efficient and compassionate way the project was run. The only cost I incurred besides loss of time from my practice was the round trip airfare. I was picked up at the airport, provided an adequate room to stay in and communal meals of breakfast and dinner. I worked five days from nine to five in a very nice facility consisting of four fully equipped operatories, a business office, waiting room and an X-ray area utilizing digital radiographic equipment. I practiced along side other volunteer dentists each with a volunteer chair side assistant. We did basic dentistry, exams, prophylaxis, restorations and extractions. I did more extractions that week than in many years of general dentistry in my practice in Connecticut. Most of the patients were low income and fled the hurricane with existing dental problems and now were returning to New Orleans with the same or worse problems. There being few dentists in the area and even fewer specialists, these people just wanted to be relieved of pain.

There is still a great need for care of these people. The vast destruction of the city was even more than I anticipated from the media coverage. There are areas still in New Orleans that make you feel you're in a third world country. In my opinion, it will be many years before New Orleans is even close to what the city was like before Katrina.

This was a very rewarding experience for me on many levels and I recommend participating if you can. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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