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THURSDAY, November 1, 2007

Greg Pepe, Esq.

Attorney for the CSDA will speak
on the DEA's Crackdown on Self Prescribers,

PLUS

Risk Management CE on DVD

Cost: \$38 payable to the New Haven Dental Association

Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 6:15

Jacket and Tie required

As in the past, pay for 4 and get the fifth one free.

Dinner Choices: Prime Rib with Vegetable and Twice Baked Potato
Roast Chicken with Portwine Reduction, Vegetable and Twice Baked
Potato

Mustard Crusted Salmon with Vegetable and Twice Baked Potato
Please RSVP to Dr. Yiming King at (203) 624-5181 or by email to
yimingk@hotmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues:

We enjoyed another legislative night on October 4, 2007 with Representatives Nardello, Fontana, Klarides and Senator Harp in attendance. It was the first time that I met Representative Nardello in person. She was an eloquent speaker and while we may not agree on the direction of proposed solutions to access to care, we left with a firmer understanding of our mutual goals and need for compromise. One thing is clear, communication is key. With the lack of a dentist on any legislative body, our one to one relationship with legislators becomes even more important in our attempt to have our voice heard. As CSDA President Brian Duchan has said, *"you have the opportunity to become the "go to" person when your legislator has questions about oral healthcare, the dental profession, or the unique perspective of the small businessperson."* So find your local legislators and if you cross paths with a legislator in any of your activities, don't miss the opportunity to establish a relationship.

Our speaker this month is Greg Pepe, of Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, a law firm in New Haven which he helped form in 1992. He will be joined by his colleague, Jennifer Cammarano. The topic this month relates to what Greg describes as a recent DEA surge in cases against self-prescribing physicians and dentists. Come hear what he has to say about mistakes made by other members of our healthcare profession. A CE credit will be earned for this talk.

This month we will also make available the viewing of a mandatory CE credit via DVD format. Come view the DVD on risk management and be sure to take CE vouchers at the end of the meeting. We will also be swiping your ADA cards if you present them which get updated at CSDA headquarters and which can now be viewed online via a recently updated website at www.csda.com.

I've included an insert describing Connecticut's first Mission of Mercy outreach program taking place in April. Many of us had a rewarding experience performing free dental service on kids for our last GKAS. Our next GKAS will occur in February. Consider volunteering for both of these upcoming outreach programs and help make these events a success.

Already heading into my second monthly meeting as president, I can only say how great it is to work with your NHDA board. To Richmond, Barry, Kevin and Yiming - for your attention to detail and timeliness in response and of course to Jerry for having set his example last year which I still try to follow.

All the best,

Joe

Connecticut's Mission of Mercy

The Connecticut State Dental Association is embarking upon a remarkable humanitarian effort, to reach out and provide dental care to the citizens of our state that need care the most. This project is called "Connecticut Mission of Mercy", or CTMOM. The inaugural event will take place **April 11-13, 2008 at Tolland High school**. Future projects will be conducted in underserved areas of the state where there are not enough dental practitioners to adequately address the oral health needs of the community. Due to the lack of public transportation infrastructure in many underserved areas in Connecticut, patient transportation will be arranged through partnerships with local transit services that will provide shuttle service to and from the CTMOM location.

Services provided will be set up by service categories, which are preventive services (cleaning, x-rays, fluoride treatments), oral surgical (extractions and biopsies) and restorative services (fillings).

Volunteer dental professionals from private practice, clinic and residency settings and school settings will be required to fill out tracking forms for each patient served, noting the type and number of procedures performed. If a patient needs follow – up care (extractions, etc.), he or she will receive a post-op form that includes a local dentist or clinic where he or she can go for treatment. Should the individual experience complications in the days immediately following the clinic, the availability of a provider is crucial and affords the patient with the opportunity to receive good standards of care from a dentist who has agreed to see CTMOM patients.

Despite the donated equipment and labor, there remain operating expenses of the program. Connecticut's Mission of Mercy project aims to serve approximately 750 patients for the first year and the dental materials and supplies needed to keep the program functioning need to be purchased. It is estimated that a budget of \$107,000.00 is needed (based upon the costs incurred by other state's programs) to supply \$375,000.00 to \$450,000.00 of free care for the Tolland County location. The majority of patients seen will not have any type of insurance coverage.

Connecticut's Mission of Mercy is seeking donations from local Dental Societies, businesses and from individuals. Donations are tax deductible and all donors will be noted in future publications.

Connecticut Mission of Mercy Component Society Donor Honor Roll

___\$25.00 Incisor Club

___\$250.00 Molar Club

___\$50.00 Canine Club

___ \$500.00 The Arch Club

___\$100.00 Premolar Club

___\$ 1,000.00 + The Full Dentition Club

___ \$_____ Friend's Club

Thank you for your support!

Make checks payable to the CSDF in care of the CTMOM Project

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dental Practice for Sale – Excellent location, call (203)469-5644 if interested.

Dr. Jack Levine will be heading to Tanzania on a volunteer mission to provide dental care and train local health care workers. Textbooks, reference manuals, and instruments are needed and your donations would be greatly appreciated. Please call Dr. Levine at (203) 624-7571 to arrange a drop off. For monetary contributions, please contact Barbara Edwards with Health Volunteers Overseas at (202)296-0928 or visit the fundraising page @ www.firstgiving.com/jacklevine.