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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 2, 2006

“DOUBLE - CE NIGHT”

1. Infectious Disease CE:

LOUISE DEMBRY, M.D.,
Hospital Epidemiologist and Associate
Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology
Yale University School of Medicine

“BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS 2006”

2. Access CE: Panel Discussion on Access to Care

Dr. Maggie Drozdowski, CHC New Britain
Dr. Gwen Testa, Hill Health Center
Dr. Michael Perl, CSDA's "Appleseed Program"
Ms. Sharon McCrevin, St. Raphael's Dental Van
Ms. Elaine Spinato, New Haven Oral Health Initiative

New Haven Country Club

6:00 Cocktails • 6:30 Meeting • 8:30 Adjournment

Choices: Swordfish • Prime Rib • Vegetarian

Cost: \$36, payable to the New Haven Dental Association.

For reservations, please call Dr. Barry Weiss at
288-5916, or e-mail him at barrwei@yahoo.com
before Tuesday, January 31.

A jacket and tie are required for men.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As much as I enjoyed some holiday time out of the office, I did look forward to getting back to catch up on the lives of staff and patients. There is a certain privilege being privy to the successes, the failures, the health challenges of so many people. People have said that Dentists do all the talking in the office - I think it's in the listening that we do some of our best work!

So I'm starting the New Year ready to do some big-time listening, and thanks in great part to Dr. Hung and your Board, we have a **phenomenal** three months of speakers to listen to.

I joked in my first newsletter that we were working on national speakers - but now I can say we actually have some.

Also, for each of the next two meetings you can collect **TWO (2)** CE hours per meeting.

February 2 will be a two-topic meeting, starting with Dr. Louise Dembry, MD, the head of Epidemiology at YNHH and Yale's expert on infectious diseases. Then, we have an "Access Panel" discussion for dental care for the underserved, including Dr. Michael Pearl from the Apple Seed Program, Sharon McCrevin and Elaine Spinato from The New Haven Oral Health Initiative (Did you even know we had this? I didn't until last October), and our own Dr. Maggie (Fantarella) Drozdowski, from Community Health Care in New Britain. So for February, you'll get one hour of CE on infectious diseases *and* one hour on access; this will get you way ahead on the CE stuff mandated by the DPAct, and on two topics that are required but hard to come by!

March 2 brings us Kerry Straine, a **NATIONALLY** known practice management guru. Dr. Hung had one of our dental suppliers foot the speaker's honorarium (big bucks), and we're opening this one up to Milford - or to any of your buddies from out-of-county. Sign up early, this one will have a maximum.

April's staff night brings us the brilliant and colorful Dr. Angus Trumbull from Yale's renowned art gallery to present an historical/artistic perspective on the smile. We had to do this one this year (share your art, remember?).

As for May, heck - it's free! We know you didn't come last year to hear **me** speak! Anyway, cheers to all, kudos to Dr. Hung, Dr. Duplinsky, and Dr. Tagliarini, and cancel that tennis night just a few times and come check it out! Because life's short....

Share your art,
Doug

Announcements

1 - The CSDA e-mailed us recently to say that we could bring our ADA cards to the next CSDA meetings to swipe our attendance into cyber-CE. We're working on that for the NHDA meetings, but for the moment will be providing you with certificates for CE credit when you attend.

2 - Dr. Natkin reminds me that we must all pay close attention to CSDA mailings and e-mails these days. As you may know, Wellpoint has taken over Anthem, and the usual surreptitious manipulations abound. Your CSDA is, as usual, on top of it - but read these mailings carefully! They'll help you make informed decisions about the critical insurance issues to your practice. My personal view is that they hope you DON'T read too carefully, and that you just sign the papers and hand it in - that's your choice (although it won't likely be mine) -DR

Furthermore, Shelly reminds us that the Amalgam issue is far from over, and that certain Hygienists wish to make the state that first started training them also be the first state that grants them independent practice. Dr. Cha is working on getting all our legislators' names on the website. So, pursuant to Dr. Natkin's timely comments, don't hesitate to contact your legislators with your opinions.

3 - We are considering next year's budget, and ask for you opinions. So far, the budget is on target for '05 - '06. Do you want more money set aside for better speakers? An even better website (if that's possible!) Open bar? Dr. Tagliarini (624-5515) will take your suggestions, as the Board will start making the '06-'07 Budget at their next Board meeting in Early February.

4 - Word has it that Dr. Michael Goodman is no longer serving as Head of the Pediatric Dentistry Program at YNNH. This program has instantly become an essential part of our ability to care for poorer children in our area. We wish Michael well, and we hope to support Dr. Brian Singletary in any way we can during this period of flux.

5 - Dr. Henry Cohen

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Children's Dental Health Month

Dr. Jim Pucci has our annual Children's Dental Health Month details all set for action. All he needs now is...you. One dentist, one school of first graders. Maybe your kids (or grandkids!) went there. Please lend a hand and go back to help.

Please call Dr. Pucci (787-4770) to arrange to speak to a group of 1st graders or help out at the Peabody! Dynomite Day is Sunday, February 26th!

