

A CLOSING THOUGHT

A smile is something we are always trying to improve for our patients. This quote may give us a better perspective of our work.

A SMILE

“A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it and none is so poor that he cannot be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is nature’s best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

Smile at people. It takes seventy-two muscles to frown, only fourteen to smile.

The most powerful single thing you can do to have influence over others is to smile at them.

Most smiles are started by another smile.”

Frank A. Clark



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APRIL MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2001

speaker

LINDA BARTOSHUK, PhD

Professor, Yale University School of Medicine,
Director of Taste Center

topic

**BURNING MOUTH SYNDROME
AND PHANTOM ORAL PAIN**

New Haven Country Club

6:00 PM *Cocktails*

6:45 PM *Dinner*

7:30 PM *Business Meeting*

8:00 PM *CE Presentation*

RSVP to Doug Rollins — 288-0900

by Tuesday April 3, 2001.

You may mail your reservation and payment to his office at
1220 Whitney Avenue C-8, Hamden, CT 06517.

A **Buffet Dinner** will be served.

Cost will be **\$33.00** with a reservation and **\$38.00** without a reservation.

There is no cost for those who wish to attend the business meeting/CE presentation and not have dinner. Attending members may obtain AGD Continuing Education Credits.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Springtime (I hope) greetings to all! As I write this, winter has managed to hit us with what I pray is its' last blast. I plan to buy a snowblower next fall to ensure a mild winter for everyone next year. I wish to thank all those who braved the slushy weather Sunday February 25th for the Dino-mite Day at the Peabody Museum. About ten of our members gave of their time to ensure a successful finale to Children's Dental Health Month. The final tally showed over 800 people turned out for this event. There were two packed musical concerts. The U.N.H. Hygiene Students had several creative table clinics set up for the education of both parent and child. Many thanks for those who did the classroom talks as well. The team of Dr. Doug Muller and Ms. Sandy Palumbo of U.N.H. hopefully will continue to make this event a hit for years to come.

Our March 1st meeting was moderately attended. I noticed that a few of our members are coming for the lecture only which is fine and I encourage others to take advantage of the free educational portion of our meeting. But, I personally would like to have the chance to break bread and socialize with each of you at these monthly meetings. The exchange of ideas and practice concerns is a very important part of your membership. Your leaders need your input and guidance. However, please do not feel intimidated about coming out to a meeting in any capacity. Just come!

The A.D.A. and the C.S.D.A. are aggressively trying to increase membership in organized dentistry. I along with Dr. Ron D'Andrea and Dr. Dean Cloutier recently attended a workshop/brainstorming meeting of all local society presidents, vice-presidents, and the C.S.D.A. leaders to address this goal. The common theme arising time and time again is the simple but important need for all members to increase that personal touch effort in order to encourage the potential new member to join us. It is every member's duty to reach out to that new dentist in the community and let them know about organized dentistry and its advantages. Invite that new practitioner and personally bring (drag) them to one of our meetings. A major effort at the dental school level is also underway to encourage the students, residents, and the faculty to join our ranks.

During this past year and especially these volatile last few days most of us have seen our retirement portfolios take a major hit. So, since you won't be hanging up your handpieces anytime soon, you might as well join us at the April meeting to lick our wounds together. Dr. Linda Bartoshuk from the Yale Taste Center will be our speaker. We will be also be holding the election for the slate of candidates for next year. Please come out to cast your vote of support for these dedicated volunteers. No absentee ballots or hanging chads allowed!

Phil

CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL CONVENTION, MAY 8,9,10

The Charter Oak Dental Conference - 2001, is the 136th annual meeting of the CSDA at Foxwoods' Resort and Casino on May 8-10. It is a major event for organized dentistry in Connecticut. Save the dates and make an effort to attend our own state meeting.

Your convention booklets have a registration form or call 860-278-5550 for information.

NHDA ANNUAL OUTING, TUESDAY, JUNE 12

The New Haven Dental Association's annual Golf Outing will be on Tuesday, June 12th at the Woodbridge Country Club. Please reserve this date.

More information will be in the next newsletter.

Remember to visit the NHDA website - www.newhavendental.org

Any suggestions - call Dr. Bruce Cha 281-6574 or email him by clicking on the hyperlink on the website

FUND FOR DENTAL CARING

A contribution has been made to the fund in memory of Dr. Fran Naples.

Toothbrushes and toothpaste were donated to a group from the Yale School of Nursing. They will be distributed to the patients they will be seeing in Belize on their volunteers trip this month.

REPORT ON CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH - 2001

Culminating in Dinomite Dental Health Day at the Peabody Museum, this year's Children's Dental Health Month activities once again provided a wonderful opportunity for our organization and its members to showcase commitment to the Greater New Haven Community and to spread the message that good dental health is desirable and essential. Thanks to all members who helped out at the Peabody and/or participated in the in-school assembly programs. We have received favorable feedback from school contacts, and the Peabody event had good turnout and participation despite adverse weather conditions.

Thanks also to Sandy Palumbo and all the UNH staff and students who participated.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Muller, Chairman Children's Dental Health Month 2001

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