

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Joe Schnitman writes this after receiving a fruit basket when he broke his hip:

To My Fellow Members of the New Haven Dental Society:

I haven't been able to write before now but I would like to thank my friends and members for the wonderful basket that you sent up to me to enhance my recovery. I am proud to be a member of our society. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness. Kindly and forever gratefully yours, Joe Schnitman

Fund for Dental Caring

A contribution has been made to the Fund for Dental Caring in memory of Jonthan Cooper, Son of Dr. & Mrs. Alan Cooper.

On behalf of the men who stay at the Immanuel Baptist Homeless Shelter, we would like to thank you for the kind donation of 80 toothbrushes and toothpaste. Your donation was sent to the shelter last week along with the food from St. Clare Church.

Thank you and God Bless You, 2nd Friday Cooking Group

Post April 15th Profundity:

I'm proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money.
— Arthur Godfrey

The income tax has made more liars out of American people than Golf has. — Will Rodgers



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New Haven Dental Association NEWSBRIEF

A Bulletin For New Haven Dental Association Members

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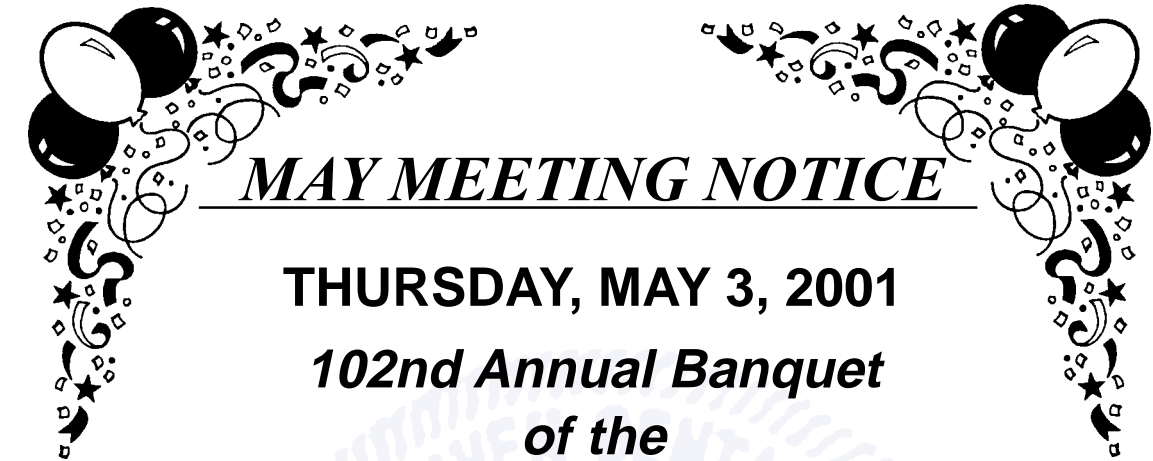
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MAY MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2001

102nd Annual Banquet

of the

New Haven Dental Association

guest speaker

John DeStefano, Jr.

Mayor, City of New Haven

Come join your colleagues at our Annual Banquet. It is always a special event with fellowship and fun, great food and speaker and a meaningful program acknowledging the milestones and contributions of our members.

Besides all that — it's FREE!

New Haven Country Club

6:00 PM *Cocktails (cash bar)*

6:45 PM *Program*

RSVP to Doug Rollins — 288-0900

by Tuesday May 1, 2001.

A **sit down dinner** will be served. Choice of beef, veal or fish.

Cost is free to all dues paying members.

NHDA WEBSITE
www.newhavendental.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to my final newsletter message to you as my presidency rapidly draws to a close. Seems only just a moment ago that I was working on my acceptance speech for the 2000 Annual Banquet. About ten years ago at my 20th high school reunion, I was asked what your biggest disappointment in life was and my answer was coming to the realization that I will not have enough time to do it all. Once again the clock has run out on me. Maybe the president's term should be two years....just kidding Ron!

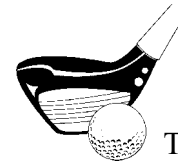
The executive board and I have had a busy year. Besides planning and running the monthly meetings, we continue to represent the interest of the membership and dentistry in an ever-changing environment. I feel that we have addressed issues of real importance to the grassroots member dentist. The current and worsening crisis of finding trained staff members has hit us all. The alliances we as a society have with Eli Whitney and the University of New Haven programs has been greatly strengthened. Our vice-president now sits on the board of the U.N.H. Hygiene School. With help from our scholarships and our Task Force's media campaign to inform potential applicants we will see the tide turn in our favor. I have tried throughout the year to keep the members informed of the various negative portrayals of dentistry in the media that continue to mislead the public. This battle is ongoing. Many of these articles, ads, and editorials were so unsettling that our public relations firm of the C.S.D.A. was called upon to help us respond. This year we saw improvements in our e-mail and faxing capabilities between our board members and the state leadership which greatly aided these response efforts. As we continue to refine and work out the kinks, I hope that all will use and enjoy our newly created web site in the years to come. Staying connected and in easy touch with one another will be an asset to organized dentistry in addressing future issues.

In a further effort to keep to our members informed, this year's Annual Banquet guest speaker will be Mayor John DeStefano. As New Haven goes, so go our practices. Come out to hear his perspective on the city of New Haven's and your future. Come out to rekindle past friendships. Come out to thank your volunteer members. This is a priceless and price-less evening (i.e. it's free). It just doesn't get any better than this!

As I finally run out of cliches, I would like to take one last moment to thank all my board members, committee chairs and their members for their support this past year. Your dedication and encouragement made this a year I will always remember fondly.

Enjoy the journey,

Phil



NHDA Golf Outing

The New Haven Dental Association Golf Outing will be held at the Woodbridge Country Club.

Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2001 **Time:** Noon (Lunch)

Agenda: 18 Holes of Golf, Halfway House Refreshments, Hors d'oeuvres, Open Bar 6 - 8 p.m., Dinner and Awards

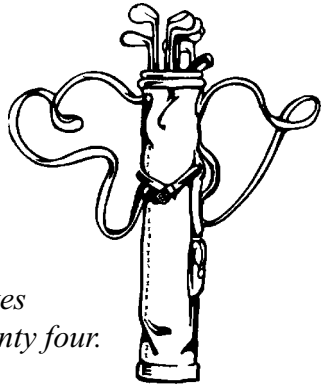
Choice of Dinner Entree: Chicken Picatta with White Wine Lemon Sauce,
Prime Rib of Beef, Au Jus or Grilled Salmon with Grapefruit Horseradish Sauce
Twice Baked Potato and Bundled Seasonal Vegetables
Chocolate Decadence with Whipped Cream & Fresh Raspberries, Coffee & Tea

Golfers: \$140.00 per person

Dinner & Open Bar only: \$53.50

Please send your choice of entree with a check for \$140.00 (made payable to New Haven Dental Association) to:
Joseph T. Siracuse, D.M.D.
265 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510

Golfers!!! Woodbridge 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 twenty four.



DID YOU KNOW?



- **UCONN School of Dental Medicine** - Fourth year students who took Part II of the National Boards this year scored the highest in the nation as a class. Congratulations!!!
- **Northeast Regional Board (NERB)** - Failure rate of 1st time applicants (nearly 50%!) is receiving national attention and investigation.
- **There is a ground-swell national movement** to eliminate live patients from Clinical Dental Board examinations. A resolution has already been passed by the ADA House of Delegates supporting the elimination of the use of human subjects by 2005. Concerns cited include: 1) the ethical and legal ramifications of non-licensed students treating live patients with no faculty supervision or consultation; 2) dentistry being the last health care profession to give up the use of live patients for testing purposes. A number of other states have passed similar resolutions including Maine, New Jersey, and New York. The Connecticut House of Delegates will also consider this issue in May.

TEAM APPROACH

Announcing a new placement service for Dental Assistants, **THE TEAM APPROACH**. We will endeavor to create a satisfactory match for your office and it's staff, with as little disruption to your daily routine as possible.

If you are not satisfied with our initial placement we will endeavor to find someone who will meet your wants and needs, where available. We offer a liberal refund policy.

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