

New Haven Dental Association NEWSBRIEF

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NEXT MEETING :
Thursday, April 1

Dr. Robert C. Fazio, D.M.D.

“Antibiotics in Dentistry”

A perennial favorite at our NHDA meetings, Dr. Robert Fazio practices periodontics in Fairfield, CT. He teaches both at Yale and UNH, and has authored numerous articles and text books – most notably, the recent textbook Oral Medicine Secrets, published in 2003 by Hanley & Belfus. Come enjoy Bob's always informative and entertaining style.

The New Haven Country Club
6:00 pm

Dinner 6:45 pm

A la carte – Please choose:
Chicken Picatta, Seared Salmon, or Prime rib.
For reservations, please call Dr. Joe Tagliarini
at 624-5515 before Monday, March 29.
Jacket and tie are required for men.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

I think that many of us entered the dental profession for similar reasons: the desire to be in a health oriented profession, a commitment to help others, our wish to combine our artistic and technical talents in a meaningful way, and a hope for independence and financial security. I suspect that few of us knew that one of the greatest bonuses of our profession would be the relationships we would develop with our patients, relationships that would last many years.

Dentistry is a very intimate profession – we work in a very sensitive part of the body where there are many emotional attachments. The ability to eat, talk, smile, kiss and generally be close to others requires a healthy, comfortable and aesthetically pleasing mouth. For these reasons, our patients relate to us on a very personal level and we develop relationships that not only endure, but flourish over many years.

As dentists, we derive a great deal of pleasure from a job well done – the crown that fits perfectly, the veneers that change someone's life, the implants that give someone the ability to function with comfort and self-assurance. However, there is another dimension to our profession. Each day we enter the lives of 5, 8, maybe a dozen people. We hear about their health, their kids, their trips, and their concerns. They share with us very intimate things about their lives that have nothing to do with their mouths. They confide in us and they trust us, and we mean something to them that transcends the care we provide. I suspect that for most of us, the same is true in reverse – that our caring about our patients as people transcends the dental care we provide. Sure, there are certainly patients who are difficult and frustrating, patients we would like to refer to another office. However, in most cases, we develop positive, meaningful and long-lasting relationships with our patients. For me this is more than a bonus, it is one of the greatest joys of being a dentist!

Spring is the season of renewal. Let us take the opportunity to renew our commitment to excellence in our work, meaningful relationships with our patients, and cooperation with our colleagues. It will lend a whole new meaning to job satisfaction.

Avie

DINOMITE DENTAL DAY AT THE PEABODY MUSEUM



A new addition this year - our NHDA banner was hanging over Whitney avenue for two weeks before the big event!

Dudley the Dinosaur greets the kids and parents outside the Peabody Museum



Another successful event, drawing almost 900 kids to the Peabody's Great Hall.

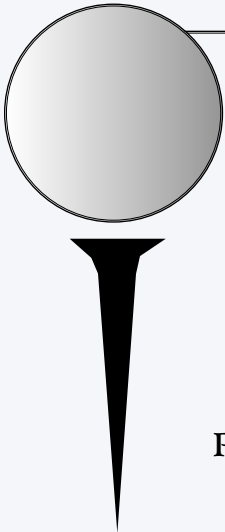
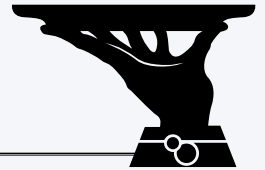


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget the **Annual Banquet!** The date is set for **Thursday, May 6** at the New Haven Country Club.

This is your free annual banquet. Set the date aside and come celebrate with your colleagues!

**ANNUAL
BANQUET**



NHDA ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The NHDA Golf Outing will be held at **The New Haven Country Club.**

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Time: 11:45 Lunch • Golf starts at 1:00 pm

Agenda: 18 holes of Golf • Dinner with open bar

Golfers: \$150.00 per person

NHCC members: \$78.00 per person

Please send your check made payable to New Haven Dental Association to:
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