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Hear ye, hear ye!

It being a most agreeable time of year, when ones' thoughts turn to food and festivities, and considering we have no speaker nor any interest in hearing anyone speak . . .

We resolve that our December meeting be entirely devoted to frivolity and fellowship and to include excellent food, ample wine and spirits and exceptional music.

Therefore, you are all invited to our annual . . .

Holiday Party

This year's special entertainment will be
The Conn. Artists - an all male acappella singing group.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2000

New Haven Country Club

6:00 PM

RSVP to Doug Rollins — **288-0900**

by Monday, December 11, 2000.

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**-single and **\$50.00**-couple.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Holiday greetings to you and your families! I cannot believe how quickly this year is going. The holiday season once again has arrived faster than ever. I hope you all can find the time to reflect and give thanks for your family and professional relationships. Our Holiday Party is Tuesday December 12. There will be plenty of great food and cheer along with Dr. Rollins's singing group to help us get in the festive mood. This has become one of the N.H.D.A.'s best functions...don't miss out!

I wish to thank everyone for the nice turnout at the November meeting. Dr. Fazio always seems to leave us with vital and practical information we can put into use on our next patient. Also at this meeting, the members in attendance voted to move forward with our web site. Dr. Cha had a mock up on his laptop for all to check out...even pictures from our May banquet. Any time now it should be up and running. I envision that sometime in the future you will get the newsletter via the web instead of by snail mail...saving our association printing and mailing costs.

At the November H.O.D. we witnessed a changing of the guard. Dr. Joel Goodman had his somewhat rocky inauguration as the new speaker. A couple of resolutions of interest that were passed included the decision to make participation in peer review optional for continued membership...it used to be mandatory. Also, in an effort to attract the best candidates for the C.S.D.A.'s top three officers, two out of the three can now be from the same district. The defunct public awareness campaign is back in committee to be presented at the May H.O.D. with budget numbers...it probably will be very much streamlined to focus more on the legislative arena.

On the national level, the A.D.A. is requesting all members to help in increasing our recruitment efforts. They want to get membership levels up over 75% of all dentists in practice. If you personally know a dentist who is not a member please either call them to invite them to join or let the board know. Perhaps our member specialists who may already have a rapport with these individuals can talk up being a member. There is strength in numbers when we have to approach the powers that wish to dictate to us.

Happy and Healthy Holidays,

Phil

NEW BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

“A HISTORY OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION, *EMPHASIS ON THE YEARS 1975-2000*” was recently published. Dr. Michael C. Niekrash, historian for the CSDA has done us a great service by adding yet another volume to our growing history. This book should be particularly interesting as it deals with our most recent history and has facts and faces that are familiar to many of us.

The following is a excerpt from the book I found interesting. Note that our own Dr. Jacob Sharp of New Haven put together the first published volume of CSDA history. Also, note Dr. McManus' letter; the exhortation to participate in organized dentistry was just as strong in 1864 as it is today.

All CSDA members will soon be mailed a complimentary copy of this book.

Hartford, September 15, 1864

Dear Sir:

We most cordially invite you to be present in this city on the 20th of October next, at Central Hall, to assist in the organizing of a state dental society. You understand the objects sought in professional knowledge and the better establishment of fraternal love and good fellowship. That there are individual and public benefits to be derived from a free interchange of professional opinions and experiences must be obvious to every thinking man, and presuming that you are a thinking man, we call your attention to the subject and ask your hearty cooperation.

That "esprit de corps" which is the soul of the professional body has forever had a hard struggle to exist (if it existed at all) among dentists of Connecticut.

Let us foster it till it animates the whole body, and the body shall cease to be dead and become a living thing, rejoicing in its existence.

Very respectfully yours,

James McManus
Leroy D. Pelton
Committee

To better appreciate the present, one has to study the past. This history is the latest chapter in the development of the CSDA as the representative of the dental profession in Connecticut. Dr. Ralph Bullock Jones of Willimantic gathered early historical records of the Association and compiled a history that was never published. Dr. Jacob Sharp of New Haven used this material as a basis for a comprehensive history that was published in hard book form in 1956, with a supplement in 1965. The succeeding ten years were written by Dr. Michael C. Niekrash and were printed in 1976 as part of "The Connecticut State Dental Association Journal", Vol. 50, No. 3. Since almost a quarter-century has elapsed, a brief review is presented to orient the present day reader.

Drs. James McManus and Leroy D. Pelton of Hartford sent a letter of invitation to the dentists of Connecticut in 1864 with the intention of meeting to organize a state dental association. A total of thirty-nine men assembled on October 20th, 1864 at the Central Hall in Hartford and thereby became the founding fathers of the CSDA. They drafted a Constitution and By-laws and elected officers. Dr. Asa Hill of Norwalk was elected president. As stated in the original constitution, "The object of this Association shall be to cultivate the Science and Art of Dentistry and all its collateral branches. To elevate and sustain the professional character of its Members and to promote among them mutual improvement, social intercourse, and good feeling."

The dental profession was unregulated during these early years. The Civil War had ended in 1865, and the country was slowly returning to normal. Nothing was left unchanged by the war. Slavery was abolished and the first assassination of an American president took place. There were no controls or laws regarding dental practice; any person could open an office without a license or mandated standards. Formal dental education in a university was just commencing, the usual training consisting of an apprenticeship with a practicing dentist. There was no accountabil-

Dr. Jeff Rosow, dentist at Connecticut Valley Hospital, is looking for the temporary services of a dentist possibly for up to a year.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

At the Nov. 2nd meeting we voted into membership Dr.'s Alexandra Byrne and Adriana Forena. Alexandra is an endodontist, recently associated with Bert Weisbart. Adriana is a general dentist who is now working for St. Raphael's Hospital in their mobile dental van. *We welcome our new colleagues.*

POSITION WANTED

Sabitha Parasa, D.M.D., a recent graduate from Boston University seeks to associate with a general dental practice in our area. Call (203) 795-5162 or E-mail SBParasa@aol.com

PRACTICE FOR SALE

Dr. Bob Mercurio is selling his general practice in Hamden. If interested, call him at (203) 281-6820

A THOUGHT FOR THE END OF THE YEAR, 2000

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear,
too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice

But to Those who Love - Time is Not.

Henry VanDyke

Take time to love.... enjoy your holidays!



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