
The Bulletin



Birmingham District Dental Society

February 2009

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DATE: February 3, 2009

PLACE: Hoover Country Club

TIMES: Hospitality Hour 5:30

Dinner and Program: 6:30

SPEAKER: James A. Smith, Jr. D.M.D.

TOPIC: "When Should I Give Up On A Tooth?"

Dr. Smith will answer this question during his presentation as well as (1) What are the treatment possibilities to save an endodontically compromised tooth? and (2) When is it appropriate to take extraordinary measures to save a tooth? He will touch on the different aspects of treatment possibilities and the patient's desires and expectations. Dr. Smith is a 1976 graduate of the University of Alabama where he majored in chemistry. He received his D.M.D. at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1980 and then did his residency in endodontics there. He also studied with Dr. Gary Carr at the Pacific Endodontic Research Foundation in San Diego. He has been practicing endodontics with a microscope since 1994. His office is on Southside; he is one of our own, and we welcome him to our podium.

Hoover Country Club can be reached via Hwy. 31 and Deo Dara Drive. Our menu will include spinach salad, roasted pork roast, chef's vegetables, hot rolls, iced tea, coffee and key lime pie. Please return your check by Thursday before the meeting. Or give us a call at 933-1718 if you can't get it in the mail. You will receive one hour of C.E. for this program.

Advance Reservations: \$40.00

Tickets at the Door: \$42.00

PLEASE WELCOME our new members: Drs. William Clark Thomas and Justin "Todd" Reeves.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that the New Year is here, and what a year we've just had. Globally, we have a worldwide economic recession, and our troops are fighting in foreign lands. Nationally, we have people still suffering from hurricane and fire tragedies, people losing their jobs and houses, and a new President and Congress promising change. In dentistry, we have conflict between ALDA, the PDA and our State Board, more unlicensed practitioners doing dental procedures, and difficult issues concerning insurance programs and access to care. Despite the uncertainty of the future, we must look at it with optimism. In all of these issues we now recognize the problems, and steps are being taken to give relief and resolution.

During this young year, let's pray for the wisdom of our leadership and comfort for the suffering while giving thanks for the blessings we enjoy.

We will not be having our regular Tuesday night meeting in January. Instead, please come to our January 16 meeting at The Club. Patterson Dental is bringing Dr. Dan Poticny to discuss dental technology and its application to everyday practice. Events such as this are our best fund raisers and serve to provide you with good CE Credit.

Our November CE program was a success. We had 12 dental assistants learning good techniques of impression taking and pouring study models. Thanks to our instructors Dr. Debbie Sema and Dr. Mark Yanosky and to the office of Sarver and Yanosky for use of their facility. We also appreciate our friends at Sullivan and Schein who donated the supplies.

We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year from your Executive Council. At the Feb. 2, meeting, we will elect a nominating committee to choose new leaders. Please be present to volunteer for the committee or to nominate a trusted friend. We will also name the Dentist of the Year that night.

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DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB

will meet Jan. 12 in Room E of Volker Hall at UAB.. Andrei Borash will speak on "Infectious Disease.." On Feb. 9, Jan Hickey will speak on "Risk Management Consultant - Are We Being Sued?" The meetings begin at 6 p.m. For further info contact Becky Walters at 823-5554 after six p.m.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN DENTISTS will present a seminar Jan. 22 at Marriott Grandview featuring Rhonda Mullins, CEO of Vista Pro, Inc. "How to Keep Your Practice Thriving During Tough Economic Times" will be the topic. Dr. Jennifer Biter, national board member of AAWD, will be on hand to give a history of women in dentistry. If interested in attending, please send a check for \$25 to reserve your spot to 216 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60606. The cocktail reception will be from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. and the program from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Henry Schein Dental is sponsoring the program for further information, call Kazey Powerzanas at (205)987-8397.

ESCA-ROSA DENTAL SOCIETY has invited our members to attend a seminar featuring Dr. Henry Gremillion Jan. 30 at the Sacred Heart Conference Center in Pensacola, FL. Hours are 8 a.m. - 12 and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$50. Please send checks to Dr. Allen Litvak, Jr. at 904 Garden Gate Circle, Pensacola, FL, 32504 or call his office at 850-494-9292 for further information. Dr. Gremillion will be speaking on "Facial Pain." He received his D.D.S. from LSU in 1977 and completed a fellowship in Craniomandibular Dysfunction in 1991 at the University of Florida. He is past president of the American Equilibration Society.

THE FULLY INTEGRATED PRACTICE will be Dr. Daniel J. Poticny's topic on Jan. 16 at The Club from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.. All around the walls of the Glen Iris Room, Patterson Dental, our sponsor, will set up examples of the technologies that complement a practice that is above and beyond the norm. Dr. Poticny will explain how to create value for your services, not your products. How to identify, plan, and procure technology with a line item analysis. How to do impression-free dentistry, and restorative services patients are seeking. What is the cost basis and revenue basis when considering new technologies?

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GIVE KIDS A SMILE will occur over a six-week period --February through mid-March 2009 -- according to Dr. Stephen Mitchell of the dental school faculty. The Children's Clinic at the school will screen 250 children, do cleanings where possible, then refer them out to volunteer dentists for one quadrant of free dentistry. The screening form completed at the school and radiographs will be forwarded to your office. Volunteers may go to the school website after the New Year. That's www.dental.uab.edu. Link to the GKAS page to sign up. Those who would like to contribute financially to the care of other children at the school may do so by contacting Rosie Turner of the Alabama Academy of Pediatric Dentistry at 975-4906. An appropriate donation would be \$50 per child. Thanks to Dr. Angel Rohner for chairing this for BDDS again. Please call her at 870-0892 if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH will continue through February. We will have the new posters available at our February meeting or you can stop by our office to get some. They are two-sided which makes them age appropriate for both young children and adolescents. We also have video tapes available which you can borrow for school presentations. Just give us a call at 933-1718.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Lionel Sadowsky, who recently received the Southern Association of Orthodontists' Oren A. Oliver Distinguished Service Award.. The award was established in 1978 to recognize members who have served above and beyond normal expectations with innovation, exceptional leadership and excellent execution.



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NEW DENTIST MENTORING PROGRAM

Dear Fellow New Dentist:

I am sending this letter to both notify and invite you to be a part of the new dentist/mentor program. The goal is to help pair dentists that have graduated within the last five years with seasoned and experienced dentists. This partnership aims to provide young doctors with someone who can provide answers, encouragement and direction while giving career professionals meaningful opportunities to give back to the profession and leave lasting impressions on future generations.

There are no time or monetary demands. Our expectation is a minimal quarterly meeting between yourself and your mentor, but your communications, meetings, etc. should be mutually determined. Even if you are an associate dentist, this can be an opportunity to develop new friendships and learn from others.

If you have questions or would like to sign up, please let me know. You can E-mail me at kyattdentistry@yahoo.com, call me at 871-1229 (office) or 563-4353 (cell.)

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

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CAHABA VALLEY HEALTH CARE has added a dental hygiene clinic at their dental trailer. Students at Wallace State will staff nine clinics for patients in the CVHC program this coming year. The clinics will be overseen by volunteer dentists and Wallace State's **Dr. Teresa Ray-Connell**. It was good to see **Dr. Debbie Sema** pictured on the cover of their recent publication along with a patient she helped and to note that **Dr. Belinda Waldo** is serving on their board of directors. BDDS is listed under "Who's Involved." Though organized to help Hispanic people, Cahaba Valley frequently sees patients whom we refer to their screenings which are held monthly at local churches.

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LIVE UNITED -- Give, Advocate, Volunteer is this year's United Way theme. Our overall goal is \$51,000 and so far, we have \$48,585 pledged. "With the current state of the economy, it is critical, now more than ever that we have the resources to help those in need. Will you join us in advancing the common good? No matter, how small or large, your gift is vital," says **Dr. Roy Smith**, chairman.

CE MEETINGS TO COME THIS YEAR

Feb. 3 - "When Should I Give Up On A Tooth"
- **Dr. James A. Smith, Jr.**

April 7 - "Failures" - Dr. Jean O'Neal

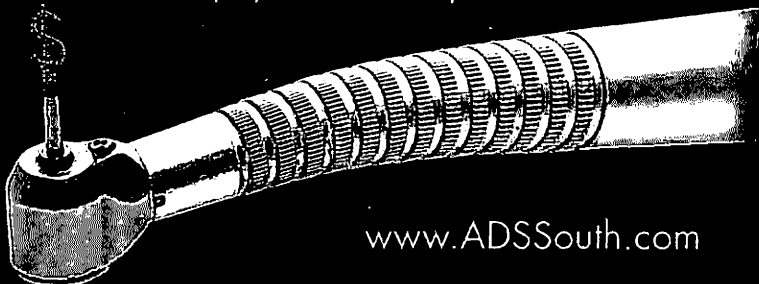
March 3 - "Third Molars and Controversies"
- **Dr. Rocky Alling**

May 5 - "State of the School" - Dr. Huw Thomas, and "Self-Adhesive Cement" - Dr. John Burgess

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SPEAKER: Rocklin D. Alling, D.D.S.

TOPIC: "Observations of the 'Goofy' Third Molar"

Dr. Alling is a 1977 graduate of Indiana University School of Dentistry. He participated in the Birmingham Veterans Administration General Practice Residency before completing his Oral Surgery training at the University of Louisville. After serving three years in the U.S. Army, Rocky joined his late father Dr. Charles C. Alling in 1984 in a small Alabama town called Hoover where he is currently associated with Dr. Landon McLain. He is past president of our society and the current president of the Alabama Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Dr. Alling and his wife Pam have been married for 34 years and he says he has mercifully just written his last tuition check to Samford where all three sons have gone to college. He will present a wide ranging talk on a variety of controversies concerning the management of third molars and patient care. He will cover the predictability of third molar eruption, imaging techniques for third molars and controversies about third-molar patients. His observations of the "goofy" wisdom tooth will draw upon more than thirty years of private practice experience. We welcome him to our podium.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having attended alumni weekend recently, I have seen many of the good things we have going for us. I heard John Molinari praise dentistry for being in the forefront of preventing the spread of disease to our workers and to the public. There has never been a documented case of AIDS or Hepatitis C spread occupationally to a dental healthcare worker. Dental workers and dental patients are at the bottom of all diseases being spread by patient care and occupational settings. We should be proud of our profession's response to emerging disease threats. These are good facts to enlighten our staffs and patients.

Few professions have embraced emerging technologies like dentistry. Computer records, digital radiography and tomography, video cameras, Lasers, LED curing lights, caries detectors, loupes, microscopes, CAD/CAM, digital impressions, ceramics and implants are but a glimpse of what the future holds for better treatment of our patients.

Dentistry will always have its challenges. Insurance interferences into our treatment decisions are as strong as ever in this difficult economy. We can expect them to continue to disguise their profit-driven, cost-containing measures as holding down health care costs to the public. We should all keep up with the efforts in this state, such as the Blue Cross lawsuit, and nationally, such as the NY state verdict against United Healthcare. If you are unaware, the N.Y. Attorney General won a case that exposed United Healthcare for having a subsidiary company that arbitrarily set UCR figures for medical claims. This could have repercussions in other lawsuits.

Another threat to dentistry is coming from states that are allowing dental treatment to be performed by a new classification of dental care practitioners. Most recently, Minnesota might allow mid-level providers to perform extractions and Class I and II restorations.

We should all be thankful for our members who serve on the state and national levels of organized dentistry. Bill Lawson, Calvin McCulloh, Red Stevens, Lee Ferguson, Kent Palcanis, Kathy Jefferson, Ron Cater, Jennifer Davis, Robert Rudolph and Karen McCaffery are the most recent people I know who have been in the trenches looking out for our best interests. If you are someone who has an interest in getting more involved in issues critical to dentistry, let these people know and they can help you get plugged in.

We have only a few meetings left, but our program committee has not let us down yet with great speakers and interesting topics. I hope to see you Tuesday night.

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DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB
will meet March 9 in Room E of Volker Hall
at UAB. Dr. Phillip Cox will speak on TMJ.
The meeting begins at 6 p.m. For further info
contact Becky Walters at 823-5554 after 6.

State Meeting Dates:
June 9 - 14



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DENTIST OF THE YEAR, Dr. Lee Ferguson, who received the 2008 plaque from Dr. Preston Reynolds at our February meeting. Dr. Ferguson went through the chairs to serve as president of BBDA and also spent 12 years attending Board of Trustees meetings in Montgomery and elsewhere on our behalf. He has now gone through the chairs of the Alabama Dental Association and is serving as president. He is a member of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists and has served as an alternate delegate to the American Dental Association. He received his D.M.D. from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1975.

Dr. Ferguson promised a good state meeting this year, June 9-14 at the Perdido Beach Hilton. Among the interesting speakers will be Joe Stephen, Jeffrey Okeson, a TMD expert, and Randy Huffines on geriatrics. Howard Glazer will speak on dental materials. Red Stevens and Matthew Litz will address the hygienists. On-line registration began Feb. 16. He said the recently conceived legislation regarding the Board of Dental Examiners might work. The bill is 50 pages long. The board was sued by White Smile, a proponent of kiosks for whitening in malls, and won the case. In the future, it will be against the Practice Act to have such ventures in Alabama.

SINCERE SYMPATHY to Dr. Thomas S. Jones, III, of Hoover in the recent loss of his mother Mrs. Frances Jones of Russellville.



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Special thanks go to our committee, including Drs. David Holcomb, Mark Todd, Michael Maniscalco, Leigh Kent, Rocky Alling, Sherri Weissman, Glenn Stephens, Debbie Sema and Bruce Spink.

OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE, elected at the February meeting includes Dr. George Petznick, chairman, Barry Goodspeed, Matthew Litz, James L. Sanderson, Jr., Diana Wood, Melissa Nix and Maureen Pezzementi.

They will meet Feb. 17 and then report at our March 3 meeting.

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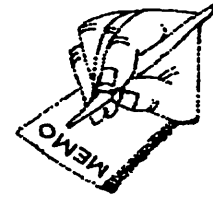
THE TWELVE MOST COMMON TRANSITION MISTAKES will be itemized by Dr. Earl Douglas at a Transitions Seminar one hour before our April 7 meeting. This seminar is free and will be going on in the President's Room during our hospitality hour.

Dr. Douglas is founder of ADS South and has experience as a practicing dentist, as well as an M.B.A. degree and more than 26 years of transition experience.

The presentation will explain what has not worked for other dentists in the past and will enable the participants to avoid some of the most common and costly mistakes that others have made.

While many dentists will suffer mistakes in transitions, Dr. Douglas says you can improve your odds of success by not repeating known mistakes.

You do not have to register to attend. Just come with your questions and concerns about getting into or out of a practice.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DELEGATE:

Our Fifth District trustee, Dr. Marie Schweinebraten, is running for president-elect of the American Dental Association. If elected, she will automatically become president the following year. The election will take place in October in the ADA House of Delegates during the Annual Meeting. Marie is in private practice in Atlanta and has been active in organized dentistry for years. She is an extremely capable and effective leader who understands and supports our position on private practice and keeping the dentist as the leader of the dental team.

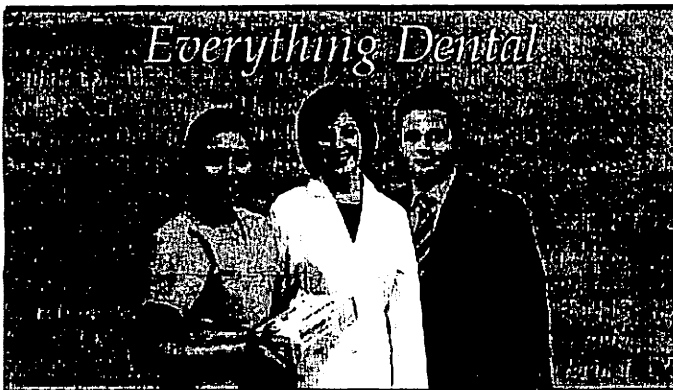
You can help! To get support nationally, she must travel to districts throughout the United States. This is expensive. Financial support comes from state, district and individual donations. All are important and necessary to assure our best possible chance of success. We

have five delegates in Alabama, and there are over 400 delegates in the ADA.

It is a rare and important opportunity for our district and Alabama, and we intend to get her elected.

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GIVE KIDS A SMILE is underway. Children are being screened at the dental school to the tune of about 10 per day. They will be assigned to dentists who have volunteered to do a quadrant or more of dentistry in their offices. At present, there are 110 operative appointments underway with hope for 150, according to our chairman, Dr. Angel Rohner. Monetary contributions allow more operative work to be done at the school. If you meant to contribute financially, please mail your check to the Alabama Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, c/o Mrs. Rosie Turner UAB Department of Pediatric Dentistry, 1530 3rd Avenue South, SDB 302, Birmingham, AL 35294-0007. Work in dental offices will continue into March.

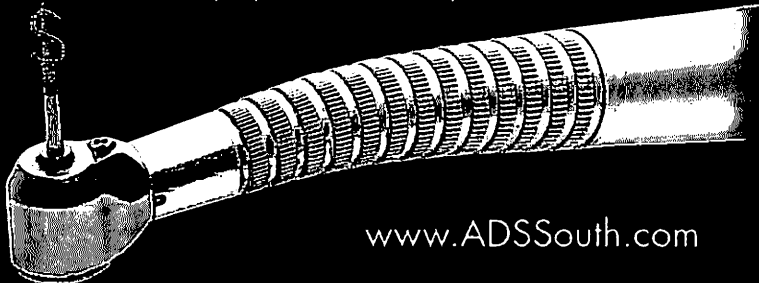
MILES FOR SMILE-- Give Kids a Smile will benefit from the five-mile run and one-mile fun run which the American Student Dental Association at UAB held Dec. 6 at Crestline Elementary School. According to Jordin Barkley, it was a huge success with more than 100 participants who came out in the cold to run and enjoy hot chocolate and chicken biscuits. In all, ASDA raised \$3,500. Dental student winners were Jeffrey Shelley and Sarah Schmidt. Thanks to all who participated.

MENTORING PROGRAM -- If you are a young dentist who would occasionally like some worldly wisdom from one of our seasoned dentists, please contact Dr. Victor Kyatt at 871-1229. He will link you with someone who has already volunteered to help with answers, encouragement and direction. You can E-mail him at kyattdentistry@yahoo.com. This is a free service.

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SPEAKER: Jean O'Neal, D.M.D., M.S.

TOPIC: "Failures"

A native of Paint Rock, Alabama, Dr. Jean O'Neal graduated from Judson College in 1969. She subsequently graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1977 and received her Masters of Science in Dentistry there in 1980. She is presently chair of the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Alabama school of dentistry. She is a member of the American College of Prosthodontics, the American College of Dentistry, the Academy of Dentistry International and OKU Honorary Dental Society. Her research focuses on evaluating treatment modalities in implant dentistry and aesthetics. She has presented numerous C.E. courses nationally, internationally and particularly to local dental societies, study clubs and the Academy of General dentistry programs. Dr. O'Neal's primary passion is teaching crown and bridge prosthodontics with emphasis on aesthetics and occlusion. There are occasionally failures in these areas and she will give her observations on those.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are several upcoming events I am excited about. The ALDA annual session is June 9-14 at Orange Beach. What began as a shaky and controversial year for ALDA has ended with the successful passage of our legislative package. This will be a nice conclusion for Lee Ferguson's year as ALDA President. I hope you will make plans to attend.

We have selected July 17 as the date for our BDDS Golf Tourney. It will be at Eagle Point again. Regardless of your golf skills, you will have fun and leave with more prizes than you paid for.

On Friday, May 8, Dr. Jim Cole will talk to us concerning office embezzlement. Every dentist who has been a victim of embezzlement has said they thought of their office staff as family. He will present us with the warning signs of problems and some useful ways to protect our office.

The Executive Council has decided to move our May meeting downtown to the Summit Club. Our monthly meetings have been in Hoover or Vestavia since I have been a member (with a brief move to the UAB area.) While the service at other facilities has been very good, we know that travel is a hardship for those in the northern and eastern areas. While there has not been a decision made about a permanent move, we want to try a more central location and get your feedback. So if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, or if you are a regular, please come to the May 5 meeting and let us know what you think.

Prior to the April meeting, Dr. Earl Douglas of ADS South will hold an informal discussion on practice transition issues and the changing economy. It is free and may be helpful to protect the value of your practice and get answers to any questions you may have. Also, in April we will be voting for our new officers. I appreciate the work of George Petznick and his nominating committee in presenting us with a fine slate of candidates. I hope to see you on Tuesday.

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SLATE OF OFFICERS: Our nominating committee headed by Dr. George Petznick met March 17 and came up with a slate of officers. Going up in the chairs will be Roy A. Smith, III to president; Leigh Kent to president-elect; Robert Rudolph to vice president; Milton Essig to secretary. Maureen Pezzementi will move from Executive Council member at large to treasurer. Going on to the Executive Council will be Diana Wood to fill the unexpired term of Baker Chambliss through 2011 and two new members: Roger Smith and Mark Yanosky through 2013.

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Our thanks go to the nominating committee including Drs. Petznick, Barry Goodspeed, Matthew Litz, James L. Sanderson, Jr., Diana Wood, Melissa Nix, and Maureen Pezzementi.

After entertaining any nominations from the

floor, the president will call for the election at our April meeting. The installation will be May 5. Thanks to all who are willing to serve!

REMAINING MEETINGS THIS YEAR

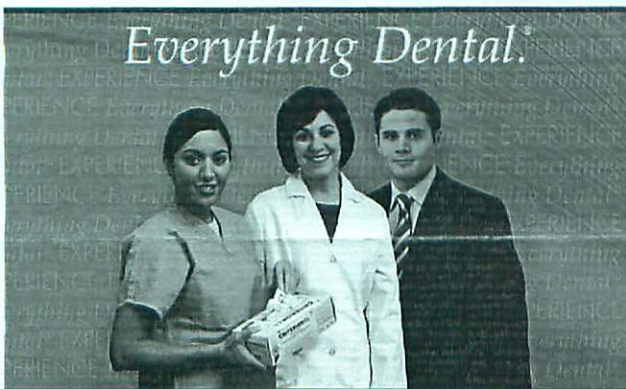
April 7 - Transitions Seminar 5:30 p.m.

“Failures” -Dr. Jean O’Neal

May 5 - “State of the School” -Dr. Huw Thomas & “Self Adhesive Cement” -Dr. John Burgess (Summit Club)

May 8 - Seminar on Embezzlement -Dr. Jim F. Cole, Jr. (Hoover Country Club)

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GIVE KIDS A SMILE was a huge success according to our chairman, Dr. Angel Rohner, who says thanks to one and all who volunteered their time or resources. "We ended up with an abundance of appointment slots for the patients' operative needs," she added. She also thanked the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. They were assigned to dentists who had volunteered to do a quadrant or more of dentistry in their offices. In all, 150 operative appointments were scheduled. Monetary contributions allowed more operative work to be done at the school. Thanks also go to Dr. Steve Mitchell and faculty who made the necessary arrangement for the event to continue this year.

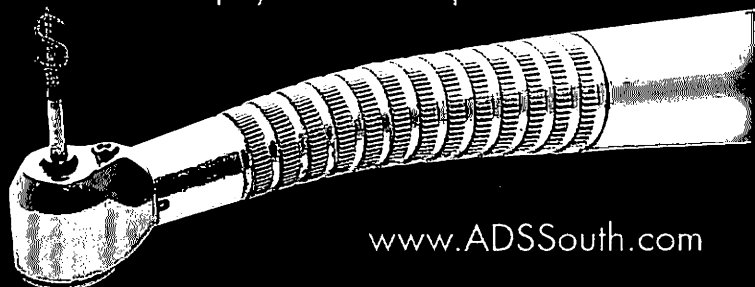
OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to the family of Dr. Bill Morgan who died Feb. 14. He had practiced in Ensley and Five Points West for a total of 56 years. After graduating from Birmingham-Southern College, he went to Emory University School of Dentistry and received his D.D.S. in 1946. He was with the dental department of Lloyd Nolan Hospital before entering the U.A. Army where he served in the dental corps. He is survived by his children Bill Morgan, Beverly Ann Martin, Mary Claire Daniels, Bob Morgan and Becky Johnson, as well as two brothers Dr. P.A. Morgan, Jr. and Dr. Richard Morgan.

MENTORING PROGRAM -- If you are a young dentist who would occasionally like some worldly wisdom from one of our seasoned dentists, please contact Dr. Victor Kyatt at 871-1229. He will link you with someone who has already volunteered to help with answers, encouragement and direction. You can E-mail him at kyattdentistry@yahoo.com. This is a free service. Dr. Kyatt is also active on the ALDA Young Dentist Committee.

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Dr. Douglas is founder of ADS South and has experience as a practicing dentist, as well as an M.B.A. degree and more than 26 years of transition experience.

The presentation will explain what has not worked for other dentists in the past and will enable the participants to avoid some of the most common and costly mistakes that others have made.

While many dentists will suffer mistakes in transitions, Dr. Douglas says you can improve your odds of success by not repeating known mistakes.

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The phones rang non-stop from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. as the number appeared on the screen during the evening news.

Thanks to Tiffany Bittner who introduced our segment. Members participating were Dr. Preston Reynolds, Janice Jackson, Robert Rudolph, Sherri Weissman and Michael Vann.

The first national observance by the American Dental Association was Children's Dental Health Day on Feb. 8, 1949. It grew to a week-long event in 1955 and to a month-long celebration in 1981.

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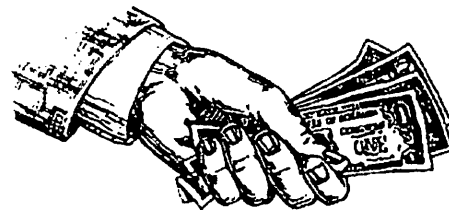
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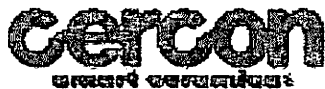
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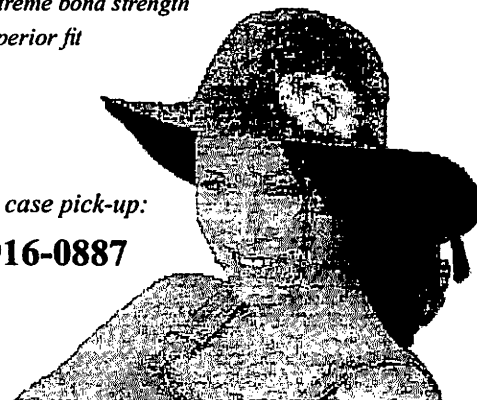
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DATE: May 5, 2009
PLACE: The Summit Club
TIMES: Hospitality Hour 5:30
Dinner and Program: 6:30

SPEAKERS: Huw F. Thomas, B.D.S., M.S., Ph.D and John Burgess, D.D.S., M.S.

TOPIC: "State of the School" and "Self-Adhesive Cement"

Dr. Thomas, dean of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, will give us an update on the state of the school. He has been there since 2004 following four years as a post doctoral fellow with NIH. In 1985, he received the NIH New Investigator Research Award. He has given more than 98 lectures and c.e. courses throughout the United States, Europe and Asia and published some 112 articles and abstracts. His own research is in the areas of tooth root development, healing and aging of dental pulp tissue and infant oral health. We welcome him to our meeting once again.

Dr. Burgess is assistant dean for Clinical Research and director of Biomaterials at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. He has been in Birmingham since 2007 when he moved here as a refugee from New Orleans. Recently, he and eight students has 20 papers accepted at the National Association for Dental Research in Miami. He was formerly professor and chairman of Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials as well as assistant dean for Clinical Research at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - - School of Dentistry. Dr. Burgess has published more than 300 articles, abstracts and textbook chapters and presented more than 800 continuing education courses. You will learn how to cement ceramic restorations using conventional and self-adhesive cement and how to do the work without a bonding agent.

The Summit Club is located downtown at 1901 Sixth Avenue North. Take Sixth Avenue North (you'll be going West) and from the very left lane turn left down into the Summit's Parking Garage. From there, take the elevator to the first floor and then the other elevator to the 31st floor. Our menu will include the club salad with dried cranberries, roasted pecans, and bleu cheese tossed in Balsamic Vinaigrette. The entrée will be walnut-crested

chicken with honey cream sauce, chef's vegetables and starch accompaniment, dinner rolls, and apple brandy cheesecake tart for dessert. Please return your check by Thursday before the meeting. Or give us a call at 933-1718 if you can't get it in the mail. You will receive one hour of C.E. for this program.

**Advance Reservations: \$40.00
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PLEASE WELCOME our returning member Dr. Gary Petro, who practices in Sumiton.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am writing this column a few days after Easter. After church, I stayed glued to the TV watching the Master's Golf Tournament. I pulled for Kenny Perry, who could have been the oldest Master's champion. He played a smooth and steady 70 holes while others like Tiger Woods and Phil Michelson were up and down. He had the most spectacular shot on the 16th hole and seemed destined to win. But there are 18 holes in golf, or 72 in tournament play, and it was as if he let his guard down. His two-shot lead was gone, and he would be in a three-way tie that he eventually lost. Golfers are rewarded by the way they finish, not by a few spectacular shots. Coach Saban calls it "finishing the job."

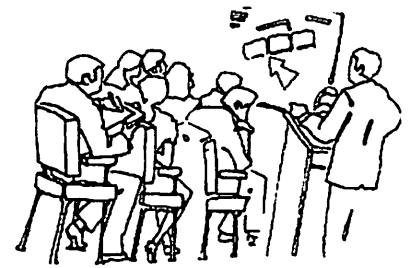
It's what we as dentists do each day. Successful dental treatment doesn't depend on how many steps we do right; it depends on us doing them *all* right. It's a shame our patients don't understand this when they judge us on our fees, the time involved, or why their problem cannot be resolved immediately. Uncompromising excellence is a slow and steady process and is not achieved until the finish.

My year as the dental society president is nearly over, but there is no finish line in sight. The work of your dental society will continue with new leadership full of new ideas and goals. These individuals appreciate what dentistry has done for them, and it's their way of giving back to the profession. Anyone who avoids such service because they think it's a lot of work is missing the real joy of getting to know fellow dentists. Dentists —men and women— are neat people. I have enjoyed every minute of being with such interesting people, and plan on continuing these friendships.

There is a seminar on May 8 on preventing embezzlement in your office. July 17 is our golf tournament, which is fun for good golfers and duffers like me. There is one more meeting on May 5 at The Summit Club. We will have the installation of officers, a report from the Dean on the state of the dental school and Dr. John Burgess on dental adhesives. Make plans to be there and give us your thoughts on the meeting facility and service.—Preston

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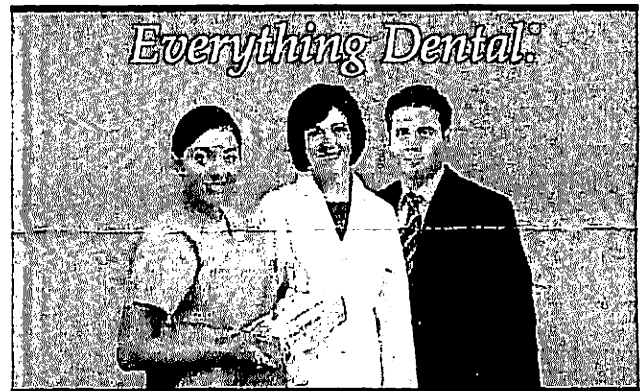
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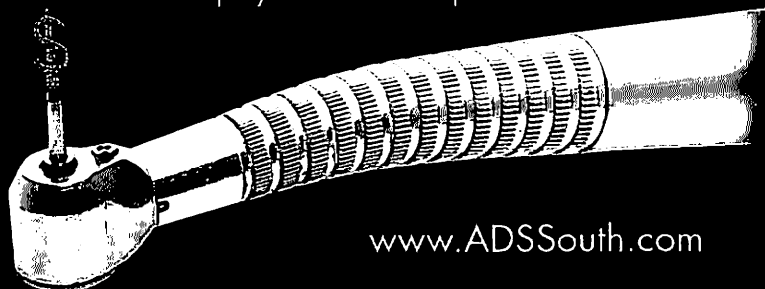
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MORE WARM BODIES (with a dental license) are needed at M-Power for clinics usually held the second and fourth Thursdays. Dr. David Peters, a volunteer there, hopes more of you will join him in this cause spearheaded by Dr. Kevin Alexander. The clinic takes place in the New Hope Baptist Church, 4022 4th Avenue South in Avondale. Please call Dr. Alexander (871-7361) if you can spare some time for this. The good news is that you can now get one hour of c.e. for four hours volunteering in a clinical setting. This is retroactive to October 2008, according to Edwina Taylor.

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Dinner and Program: 6:30
SPEAKER: Jean O'Neal, D.M.D., M.S.

TOPIC: "Implant vs. Bridge — How to Answer that Question"

Dr. O'Neal, chair of the Department of Prosthodontics at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, says she will be giving her swan song with the presentation. She is retiring October 1. A native of Paint Rock, Alabama, she graduated from Judson College in 1969 and received her D.M.D. from UAB in 1977. Her Master's of Science Degree was granted there in 1980. She has presented courses locally, nationally and internationally including study clubs and Academy of General Dentistry programs. She is a member of the American College of Prosthodontists, the American College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International and OKU Honorary Dental Society. After retiring, she will be in practice at the Calera Dental Center.

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**Advance Reservations: \$40.
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PLEASE WELCOME our new members: Dr. Gary Petro, who practices in Sumiton; Trey Rosdick, Vestavia; Lee Chamoun, Gardendale; Lisa Miller, Southside; Amy Lambert Maher,

Brookwood Medical Center; John Randall Millington, Cahaba Valley; Todd Stoner, Cahaba Heights; Kenneth Zouhary, VA Med Center; and Augusto A. Robles, dental school faculty.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to a new year of District meetings. I sincerely hope that you enjoy the variety and quality of our programs this year. Be sure to thank our speakers and the two members, Dr. Guy Rosenstiel and Dr. Burton Gooch, for their work in coming up with this year's curriculum. The diversity and timeliness of the topics will insure that there will be something for everyone this year. We changed the location of the meetings to The Summit Club in May of last year, and I feel that the more central location will allow most of us to travel against the rush hour traffic to get to the meetings. Please let us know how you feel about the move.

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. Even if you don't have children in school, summer is an easier time for all. Just having that drive to work in light traffic is something I look forward to! Fall is the time we get back in the groove of our schedules not being altered by vacation plans, staff absences, and those last-minute trips to the beach. Hopefully, the economy will prove to be a little calmer this fall and winter than last year.

The summer's golf tournament was a great success thanks to the work by Kevin Alexander and his committee. Speaking of golf, our own Victor Kyatt placed in the top group of amateurs in the Alabama Open golf tournament in July. Congratulations, Vic!

Each of us has a special gift that we can give to the society. Opportunities for service are available at all levels, and help is always welcomed. Please let Carolynne know if you would like to volunteer.

It's an honor for me to serve as your president for the next year. Please feel free to call or e-mail me (roysmithiii@mac.com) if you have a suggestion.

Cheers,
Roy

DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB
will meet Oct. 12 in Room E of Volker Hall at UAB. Dr. Dominique Backus will speak on "Lingual Braces." The meeting begins at 6 p.m. For further info contact Becky Walters at 823-5554 after 6:00.

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United Way has been a key partner in our community during this time of economic crisis. The support you have provided this past year allowed United Way to meet the increasing needs of individuals and to develop strategic partnerships which continue to address the key issues that affect our community.

As the 2009 Dentist Division Chair, my request is that we continue our efforts of due diligence in the community through supporting United Way. In the past year, United Way has expanded its 2-1-1 helpline to give more people access to the services they need to weather the economic crisis. The Community Crisis Fund was established to provide immediate relief to social service agencies with their feeding programs, shelters, emergency medical transport services, prescription assistance and utilities assistance.

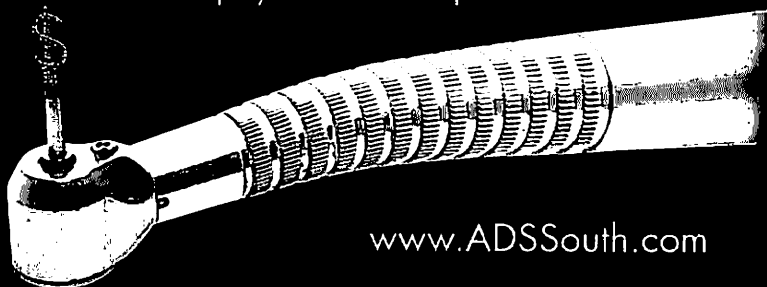
During the past year, we too have been affected personally by the impact of our country's economy. Despite our disappointment in our "future", we still have the capacity to help another. Thank you in advance for being someone's unlikely hero. --Leigh Kent

SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to the family of Dr. Ivan Ray Smith, who passed away May 5. He was a faithful attendee at our meetings and will be missed. He had been working at Affordable Dentures in Eden prior to breaking his hip last Spring. He and his wife Susan had moved to Mt. Olive shortly before his death due to a blood disorder and leukemia. He received his D.M.D. from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1957. He practiced dentistry in Childersburg from 1957 to 1995 and also served as mayor. His survivors include sons Ivan Russ Smith of Forestdale, Randy Lee Smith of Childersburg, Kenneth Ray Smith of Auburn and step-daughter Stephanie Brook Lancaster of Gardendale. Memorials may be sent to the United Methodist Church, 603-4th Street S.W. Childersburg, AL 35044.

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Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your generous gift to our program here at Lawson State. We have used that money for some scholarships for some of our needy students, and it is much appreciated.

We will be finishing our course for the year in a few weeks, and will give Carolynne a list of those seeking employment. This has been a good year, and we have had some really good students. Thanks again for your generous and continuous support of our program.

With warmest personal regards,

Ronald W. Cater, D.M.D.
Program Director
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Dear Ms. Scott:

In accordance with your request, I am pleased to enclose the Certificate of Recognition for Volunteer Service in a foreign Country for the following: Iradj Sooudi.

The ADA's Committee on International Programs and Development approved this individual at their July meeting.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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OUR UNITED WAY COMMITTEE will meet at 6:15 prior to our General Meeting on Sept. 15 at the Summit Club. Serving with Dr. Leigh Kent, chair are Drs. Doug Beckham, Andy Duckett, Melissa Nix, Sherri Weissman, Debbie Sema and Robert Rudolph. Our goal this year is \$62,000.

DURING FALL BREAK, Natasha Varma, a third year dental student at UAB, will go to Nicaragua where she formerly served as a Peace Corps volunteer, to teach children and adults about oral health. She will present five to eight workshops with 30 to 40 people each. These will include oral hygiene, ice breakers, games, healthy snacks, etc. Her mission is to encourage changes in diet, as soft drinks are beverage number one there; encourage self-care at home, as dentists are few and far between; and to give out brushes and tooth paste while doing oral health screenings. She is trying to raise \$900 to meet expenses. The Executive Council has voted to contribute \$250. If you could contribute any cash or supplies, please contact Natasha at natashavarmer@gmail.com or mail her at 2136 16th Ave. So., 4a, Birmingham, AL 35205. She will give us a presentation of her work upon her return.

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SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH to renew your license and vote on a candidate for the Board of Dental Examiners. The two candidates, Dr. Hunter Pope of Birmingham and Dr. Zack Studstill of Montgomery will both attend our September 15 meeting.

Dr. Pope completed his undergraduate studies at Auburn University. In 1970, he received The Bronze Star while serving in the Infantry in Vietnam. He is a 1976 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. After completing a three-year residency with the U.S. Army Dental Corps, he began private practice in Huffman.

Besides BDDS, ALDA and the ADA, he is on the Board of Directors of the Academy of General Dentistry and a member of the Birmingham Society for Advanced Dentistry. He has served as a delegate and alternate to the ALDA House of Delegates. He recently completed a mission trip to Peru, and has been a deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher at Grace Presbyterian Church for 25 years. His hobbies include running and racquetball.

Dr. Studstill, a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, has practiced in Montgomery for 43 years. He has served in all the offices of the Second District Dental Society and the Alabama Dental Association. He served as ADA vice president in 1996 and as our district trustee from 2001-2005. For 10 years, he was an ethics seminar leader for junior and senior dental students.

In 2008 and 2009, he chaired the Special Committee to Monitor the Dental Practice Act. Its recommendations were incorporated into legislative changes in the Dental Practice Act as well as Board Rule and addressed many of the concerns of Alabama dentists regarding fairness in BODE disciplinary hearings. Dr. Studstill received the Fuller Award in 2006 from the Alumni Association and he was named the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus by the School of Dentistry. His hobbies include vegetable gardening, fishing and beating Dr. Wayne Palesti at golf.

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DATE: October 6, 2009
PLACE: The Summit Club
TIMES: Hospitality Hour 5:30
Dinner and Program: 6:30
SPEAKER: Matthew David Litz, D.D.S.

TOPIC: "How To Preserve An Extraction Site"

Dr. Litz attended Auburn University where he received his bachelor's degree in nursing. He worked as a critical care nurse for three years before entering dental school at Louisiana State University. He received his D.D.S. Degree in 2004, then completed a periodontal residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Litz teaches part-time at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry and is in private practice in Hoover with Dr. Red Stevens. The course will cover site development for future placement of endosseous dental implants. Also, surgical procedures that address the hard tissue pre-requisites that lead to an esthetic and functional success. Techniques to atraumatically extract a tooth as well as various materials that can be placed to augment a socket site or deficient alveolar ridge will also be covered. You will receive one hour of c.e. credit for this program.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues,

The word "colleague" refers to a partner in a profession. I, and I'm sure many of you, have been disappointed with the schisms that have developed in our profession. It was more common to see those schisms at a national level, but the disease has affected as more on a local and state level during the recent past. I have heard of "colleagues" being disrespectful to others who don't agree with them. I realize that there is not one dentist who does a dental procedure exactly like another dentist, but the results they both get end up being an acceptable clinical outcome. We have that responsibility to our patients. We also have a responsibility to each other to treat each other with respect and to be truthful and open in our interactions. Doing otherwise does nothing but spread mistrust through our association, and our relationships as colleagues are diminished.

I call on the members of the Birmingham District to lift ourselves above the contempt that I've seen arise on the statewide level to have an open, respectful dialogue with one another. Invoke the golden rule before you hit "send" on that e-mail, and think of the ramifications of your communications. The people who have taken leadership positions in the local and state association and the members of our Dental Board serve because they want to. No one of us is perfect, but disagreements can, and should, be held at a professional level. If a patient were dissatisfied with your treatment, wouldn't you prefer to have them talk to you rather than send an e-mail to all their friends informing them of their dissatisfaction? Give your fellow dentist, your colleague, that same consideration.

As I mentioned last month, each of us has a special gift that we can give this society. There are opportunities for service at many levels, and help is always welcomed. I encourage you to contact Carolynne or any member of the Executive Council to volunteer.

Your Colleague,
Roy



We'll have a speaker at our October meeting and you will hopefully be returning your pledge cards in the coming weeks. Our goal is \$62, 000. Dr. Leigh Kent is chairman.

Even before the current recession, United Way set up Financial Stability Partnerships with public partners to help families move from financially unstable situations toward economic recovery. The efforts include

financial skills education including credit repair, budgeting and access to resources to help families behind in their bills. Also, there's income tax assistance with IRS trained volunteers and Individual Development Accounts where nearly 300 people receive matched funds to save for a home, education or small business.

More recently, the Board has made it a priority to provide agencies that provide lifesaving services a priority in allocation funding. UNITED WAY IS THERE! You can help with your gift.

DENTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Please send in your nomination for Dentist of the Year by October 26. The form is enclosed.

The nominee should be an individual who has made significant professional impact in the advancement of dentistry. Achievements can involve areas such as dental community service, clinical research, scholarly activity, or any other areas reflecting the high professional and ethical standards of our society.

Individuals must be nominated by a current member of the Birmingham District. Members of the Executive Council are not eligible for nomination for a period of five years after completion of their term. Deadline for nomination is October 26, 2009.

After the applications are reviewed and discussed by the Executive Council, selection of the deserving candidate will be done through a closed ballot. A plaque will be presented to the recipient at our December 1 meeting.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR -- The LGR Group of Merrill Lynch is presenting "Retirement Plans for Professionals" a free discussion of changes in legislation, fiduciary concerns and cash balance pension plans. Ken Price, our financial advisor from Merrill Lynch, and Tom Foster, an ERISA attorney from The Hartford will be the hosts at The Marriott Grandview, 3590 Grandview Parkway, Friday, October 30 from 9 to 10 a.m. To register, please call Ken at 205-298-7462. Ken will have a booth at our Oct. 6 meeting if you have questions.

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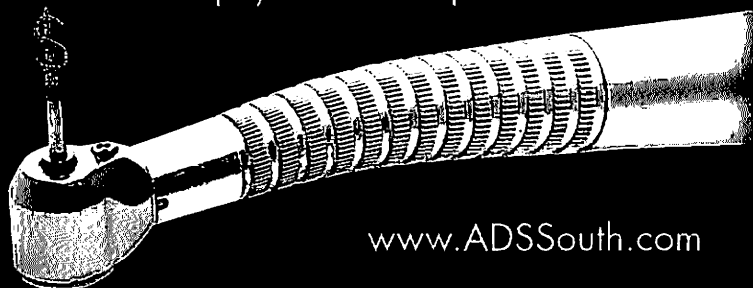
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WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL visitors from Birmingham July 29 included Dr. Charles W. Lokey, Jr. Local veterans were honored with a flight to Washington, a visit to the WWII Memorial, other service memorials and a city tour. Gov. Bob Riley met the group along with Air Force and Navy personnel, scout troops and local citizens. Dr. Lokey, now retired from practicing dentistry, received his dental degree from Atlanta Southern in 1943. His branch of military service was the Navy. The American Legion HONOR Flights cost the veterans nothing as they have already given enough. Cost to the American Legion is \$450 for each person. There are approximately 300 on the waiting list. More at www.honorflightbirmingham.com.

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DATE: November 3, 2009
PLACE: The Summit Club
TIMES: Hospitality Hour 5:30
Dinner and Program: 6:30
SPEAKER: Michael G. Koslin, D.M.D., M.D.

TOPIC: "When Does Splint Therapy End and Surgery Begin?"

Dr. Koslin is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of TMJ disorders. After graduating from Tulane University and the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, he completed his oral surgery internship, externship and residency at the University of Miami, Jackson Memorial Hospital. Dr. Koslin has held numerous leadership positions through his association with the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons nationally as well as locally at Brookwood Medical Center and Health South Medical Center. He has had a successful private practice in Birmingham since 1983, and has expanded it to include offices in Hoover, Alabaster and Jasper. You will learn about conservative and surgical treatment of TMJ problems, decision making when surgery is appropriate, and follow-up care for surgery patients.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues,

As the leaves turn, the temperature drops and the days grow shorter, we move into the fall season. This is the prelude to the important secular and sacred holidays of our country. The holiday of Thanksgiving is the first and is unique. It is a time to reflect on the many blessings we can each be thankful for. A Thanksgiving tradition at our home is for our family and friends to join hands around the dinner table and as part of the blessing to vocally give thanks for something in their lives. While there are sometimes groans at the beginning, by the end of the giving of thanks, the group takes a more solemn mood as each takes in the earnest appreciation verbalized by his or her neighbor.

I invite you to look around your office and your community to extend personal thanks to those who help you in your dental career. Each of your team members works with you because they choose to be at your office. No one is performing indentured servitude. What a powerful thing to be thankful for. The patients who come by to see you also are there by choice and your gratitude should be evident. As a young boy working in my father's pharmacy, I was instilled to say "Thank you" to each and every customer. It didn't matter how little the charge, we were glad they chose our store to shop in. Your patients usually drive by another dental office to get to yours. Let them know how much you appreciate their loyalty.

It is my sincere hope that each of you has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I want to extend my thanks to Carolynne and the members of the Executive Council, the various committee chairmen and members, and the members of our Society for making this group of individual dentists a powerful voice for our profession. I also extend thanks to the program speakers. You have indeed made our meetings informative and enjoyable.

Cheers,

Roy



DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB members will hear Dr. Landon McLain speak on "Cosmetic Oral Surgery" when they meet Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. in Room E of Volker Hall. For further information, contact Becky Walters at 823-5554 after 6 p.m.

SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to the family of Dr. Richard Perryman, who

passed away Oct. 8. He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1954. Dr. Perryman was on the committee which established the dental assisting program at Bessemer Tech where he taught courses for 13 years. He is survived by his wife Peggy and son Stephen Wayne Perryman.

Any memorials should go to Grace Christian Church, Hwy. 52, Helena, AL 35080.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Dr. Hunter Pope has won election to the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama. He beat Dr. Zack Studstill by 329 votes. Dr. Pope says he is proud that he got elected and that Birmingham will continue to have a representative on the Board. "I plan to be open minded and use a lot of common sense," he added

Dr. Bobby Wells has also been sworn in as the candidate selected by the Alabama Dental Society for a five-year term.

In other voting, officers elected were Dr. Leo DeRosier, president; Ms. Renea Chapman, vice president; and Dr. Tom Willis, secretary-treasurer.

CATASTROPHE CAN HAPPEN! If so, would you benefit from the committee of dentists who come in voluntarily to keep your office open?

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 1--"Bread and Butter Diagnosis" — Dr. Paul Eleazer

January 15 — "The Adhesive Restoration" --Dr. John Burgess

February 2-- "Biopsy Technique for Every Dental Practice" — Dr. Patricia Devilliers

Our December 1st and February 2nd meetings will be the first Tuesdays at The Summit Club at 6:30 p.m. Our Jan. 15 meeting will be a six-hour program sponsored by Dentsply Caulk beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Hoover Country Club. It will also feature a four-hour section sponsored by Brasseler and exclusively for hygienists. Brenda McCarson will speak on "Advanced Instrumentation."

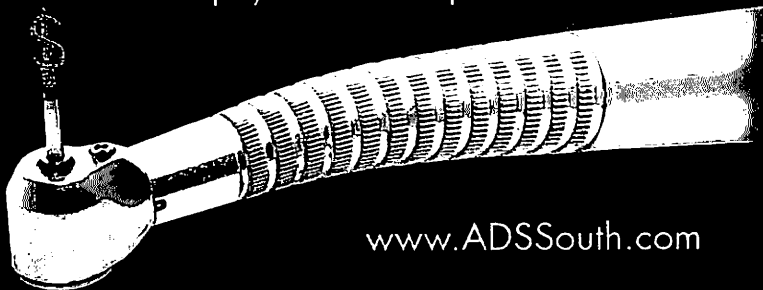
UNITED WAY — We have reached 72% of our goal of \$62,000. At the last meeting, Mr. Dan Dunne, who has been with United Way for 36 years, said our society is on top of the pile in terms of dollars raised by dental groups across the country. Our Pacesetter Campaign is up 3.2%. Dr. Leigh Kent, chairman, said "We all need others and others need us." Please get your pledge card in by Thanksgiving. We hope to go over the top again! Dr. Preston Reynolds and Dr. Roy Smith, chairmen the past two years, set stellar precedents for reaching our goals in this important work.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CERTIFICATE WINNERS at the state meeting of the Alabama Dental Association. Silver Certificates for 25 years of membership went to Drs. Rocky Alling, James F. Ballard, Mark Clark, Leesa Rogers and Dan Wright. Life Membership Certificates went to Drs. Larry W. Alley, Milton E. Essig, Gary L. Myers and Alvin W. Stevens. The Most Excellent Fellow Award recipients chosen by the ALDA Board of Censors and approved by the House of Delegates were Drs. Milton E. Essig and Gary L. Myers.

THE CHURCH OF THE RECONCILER is seeking orthodontic help for a young member 13 whose teeth stick straight out. His mother, formerly homeless, has recently moved to Inglenook. Devonta is one of four children. Members of the church would be willing to transport him to his dental appointments. If you can provide charitable outreach, please call Mrs. Sis Levin at 933-8007 or contact our office at 933-1718.

SINCERE SYMPATHY to Dr. Charles McCallum and son, Dr. Chris McCallum, whose wife and mother Alice Lasseter McCallum died Oct. 5. The family requested that any memorials be sent to the Alice L. McCallum Scholarship at the UAB School of Nursing, 1530 3rd Ave. So., Birmingham 35294.

WORD CAME from dental student Natasha Varma that she was en route to Managua, Nicaragua, where she planned to take a bus to Matagalpa and spend two days preparing her presentations with the ladies of Sacuanjoche, and then on the following three days give a total of seven presentations on oral health with some 30 to 40 people present. She uses ice breakers, games, healthy snacks as part of her program. She encourages changes in diet as soft drinks are the beverage of choice there, advocates more self-care at home, and gives out brushes and pastes during oral health screenings. BDDS contributed \$250 toward her project and she will share her experiences with us at a future meeting.

OUR MENTORING PROGRAM which

links new dentists five years or less out of dental school with seasoned dentists has now made about five matches! This comes under the aegis of Dr. Victor Kyatt of The New Dentist Committee. Dr. Melissa Nix has volunteered to serve with him on this committee. If interested in participating, please contact Dr. Kyatt at (205) 871-1229 or vickyattdmd@yahoo.com

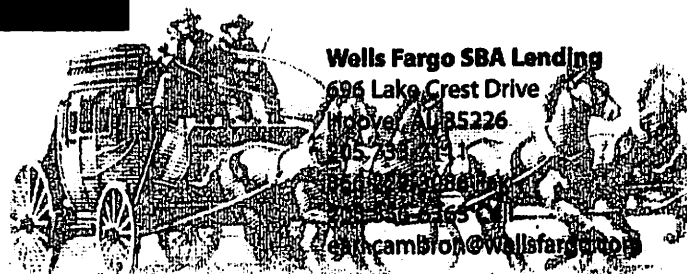
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DENTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Please send in your nomination for Dentist of the Year by October 26. The form was in your last newsletter. Our fax number is 933-1707.

The nominee should be an individual who has made significant professional impact in the advancement of dentistry. Achievements can involve areas such as dental community service, clinical research, scholarly activity, or any other areas reflecting the high professional and ethical standards of our society.

Individuals must be nominated by a current member of the Birmingham District. Members of the Executive Council are not eligible for nomination for a period of five years after completion of their term. Deadline for nomination is October 26, 2009.

After the applications are reviewed and discussed by the Executive Council, selection of the deserving candidate will be done

through a closed ballot. A plaque will be presented to the recipient at our December 1 meeting.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR – The LGR Group of Merrill Lynch is presenting “Retirement Plans for Professionals” a free discussion of changes in legislation, fiduciary concerns and cash balance pension plans. Ken Price, our financial advisor from Merrill Lynch, and Tom Foster, an ERISA attorney from The Hartford, will be the hosts at The Marriott Grandview, 3590 Grandview Parkway, Friday, Oct. 30 from 9 to 10 a.m. To register, please call Ken at 205-298-7462 if you have questions.

WARRIOR FAMILY DENTISTRY recently celebrated an open house in new facilities -- a renovated health center -- on Caldwell Drive. Dr. Bob Hamric manages the practice which includes Drs. Chris Phillips, Adam Graham, Jing Li, Jared Murrell, Blake Maddox and Ann Ardivino. Dr. Luther Cale has sold his orthodontic practice in Liberty Park and joined them part time.

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