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Birmingham District Dental Society

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DATE: April 6, 2010
PLACE: The Summit Club
TIMES: Hospitality Hour 5:30
Dinner and Program: 6:30
SPEAKER: Rockling D. Alling, D.D.S.

TOPIC: "Local Anesthetics: Complications and Controversies"

Dr. Alling is well known to our group as a former Executive Council member and president from 2000 to 2001. Having gone to Indiana University School of Dentistry and done his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the University of Louisville, he entered private practice in 1984 after serving three years in Germany with the U.S. Army. Dr. Alling has written several professional articles and has been involved with publishing a textbook, *Impacted Teeth*. He is married to his full-time nurse Pam and enjoys their three fine sons and two grandchildren. He will be speaking on local anesthesia and discussing complications and controversies. Among the topics that will be touched on will be the safety of septocaine use, a look at nationwide use of auxiliaries administering local anesthesia, and a potpourri of local anesthesia adventures gone awry. As always, we welcome him to our podium for an interesting and enjoyable evening.

The Summit Club is located downtown at 1901 Sixth Avenue North. Take Sixth Avenue North and turn left down into the Regions-Harbert 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 Summit Club salad with cranberries, roasted pecans and bleu cheese tossed in a balsamic vinaigrette, basil crusted chicken with roasted tomato cream sauce, chef's vegetables, dinner rolls, and blueberry bread pudding. 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.

**Advance Reservations: \$40.
Tickets at the Door: \$42.**

PLEASE WELCOME Dr. Robert Frank (Bo) Bradford, new member, who practices at Smiles for Keeps in Woodlawn.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My father was a pharmacist here in Birmingham and was a longtime friend of Raymond Contri, from the business, Contri Brothers. I think there were five brothers who started their grocery store in the Wahouma neighborhood in east Birmingham. Their business grew over the years and eventually led to their becoming a leader in the gift and wine baskets industry locally as well as regionally. Many of you have received something from them over the years. He and my father called each other frequently to talk business and compare notes.

After my father dies, a group of friends held an annual golf outing in his honor, and Raymond always attended. Even though Mr. Contri was short in stature, he always called me "Little Smith." I had the opportunity of having a talk with him one evening after our golf game. He asked about my practice and gave me these three rules for success:

1. Never argue with a patient. If you win, you lose.
2. You and everyone in your office should always show your smile and not your rear end. (He used a different description there.)
3. Stay hungry.

Mr. Contri explained how each of these rules helped him and his brothers form their successful business. I think of him often and remember the night he and I talked. My team and I have integrated his rules into our practice. The "Stay Hungry" rule, I apply to continuing education and our drive for excellence.

The mentor program we have in our district could use some Raymond Contris. Remember that the future of dentistry is sitting with you at the district meetings and practicing around the corner. Like Raymond did with me, take an interest in them. Their practices are much more vulnerable than an established practice in these economic times. Never lose an opportunity to be of help to them.

I look forward to seeing you April 6. Stay hungry.

Cheers,

Roy

BIRMINGHAM DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB members will hear Marcus Simmons speak on "Hu Friedy Dental Hygiene Instruments" at their April 12 meeting in Volker Hall at 6 p.m. Contact Becky Walters at 823-5554 for more information.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Nominated for treasurer is Dr. Gerry Walker, currently a member of the Executive Council. New member on the Executive Council is Dr. Christine Abenoja. Delegates to the state meeting for three years beginning in 2011 are Drs. Karen McCaffery, Hunter Pop, Gia Brothers, Charles Baldone, Burton Gooch, Milton Essig and Elizabeth Jackson. Alternate delegates for 2011 are Drs. Wilson Wright, Kim Carr, Paul Petznick and Frank Melazzo. New to the Peer Review Committee are Drs. Paul Koch and Adolphus Jackson, beginning in 2011. Those going up through the chairs will be Drs. Lee Kent to president; Robert Rudolph to president-elect; Milton Essig to vice president, and Maureen Pezzementi to secretary.

Again, thanks to our nominating committee including Drs. James L. Sanderson, chairman; Elizabeth Jackson, Melissa Nix, Debbie Sema, Justin Zellmer, Adolphus Jackson and Bruce Spink. Since there were no nominations from the floor in March, their slate will be voted on at the April meeting.

OUR PRESIDENT, Dr. Roy Smith, would like for us to contribute items for Veterans' Hospital patients each month at our meeting. Needed are toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash, combs, playing cards, shave cream, disposable razors, ball point pens, note pads and playing cards. Mr. George Raburn, formerly with Mutual Assurance, is spearheading this drive and has asked for dentists to help our veterans. Please bring donations to our April meeting.

Also needed are dental supplies and instruments for the mission in Nicaragua which Dr. Iradj Sooudi assists each February. Call him at 877-2931 if you have any donations.

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AN INVITATION to the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics Meeting was issued to all our members at the march meeting by Dr. Roger Smith. He said the meeting will be April 21-25 at Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa. Golf games are scheduled Wednesday at 8 a.m. at Shoal Creek and Thursday at 9 a.m. at Ross Bridge. Members will meet with the meeting sponsors Friday at 7 a.m. for a continental breakfast. At 8 a.m., Dr. Huw Thomas will give an overview of changes in dental education. Dr. Mary MacDougall will give an update on research in dentistry; Dr. Peter Waite will speak on surgical modalities to enhance prosthodontics. Dr. Paul Scruggs will present some cases using implants and Dr. William Day Gates, III, current scholarship recipient of SEAP, will present results from his research on small implants under free and removable partial dentures. Saturday, Dr. David Sarver will be the featured speaker from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Extra curricular activities will include trips to the Porsche Driving School, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the Bear Bryant Museum, Mercedes Plant and Westervelt-Warner Museum. There will be trips for spouses to Saks Fifth Avenue at the Summit Thursday morning and the Decorators' Show House Saturday and dinner for all Friday at The Club. Dr. Robert Connor is president of the group. Dr. Smith will send you a registration form if you call his office, 871-2302.

OUR SYMPATHY goes to the family of Dr. Frank L. Vines, who died Feb. 18. His funeral was held Feb. 22 at the Homewood Cumberland Presbyterian Church with burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Dr. Vines received his D.M.D. from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1957. He later served as a captain in the Army Dental Corps. He was a member of the First Battle Group, the 17th Infantry, serving in the peacekeeping forces at Pusan and Camp Kaiser, Korea, then later at Fort Benning, Georgia. He opened his practice in Homewood in 1957 and retired in 2000. Our sympathy goes to his wife Norma, daughter Laura Ellen of Fairbanks, Alaska, and son Mark Lane of Austin, Texas. The family has requested that any memorials go to Homewood Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 513 Columbiana Rd., Homewood, AL 35209.

OUR CATASTROPHE COMMITTEE is open to any member. Just call Carolynne Scott at 933-1718 to sign up. Dr. Keith Calvert continues as our chairman. Those on the committee include Dr. Kevin Alexander, Dwayne Albritton, Dave Anderson, George Andrews, Michelle Bajjalieh, John Bivona, Doug Beckham, Elizabeth Booth, Harold Ceitlin, Robert Connor, Ben Crunk, Jennifer Davis, Thomas Dunn, Erin Gaither, Lee Ferguson, Jason Garner, Barry Goodspeed, Elizabeth Jackson, Adolphus Jackson, Jo Anne Jackson, Thomas S. Jones, Jason B. Jordan, Leigh Kent, Doug Lewis, Edgar Luna, Michael Maniscalco, Carol Miles, Jennifer Morrissey Patton, James A. Nelson, Ann O'Rear, Genesis Pittman, Hunter Pope, Paige Reynolds, Preston Reynolds, Guy Rosenstiel, Steve Rouss, James L. Sanderson, Jr., Robert Sanderson, B.Q. Scruggs, Sterling Shaw, James Stone, Stephen Stricklin, Ray Thornton, Richard Vest, Martha Wallace Dawson, Stephen Wallace, Lisa Wilson, David Winchester and Dan Wright. The committee will keep your practice going during an illness or other catastrophe.

Giving Kids a Smile for 7 years in a Row!



Dear Members,

Thank you to our members who volunteered for the Give Kids A Smile event 2010. The United Way's Success by Six Program Director Beth Johns pulled together an extraordinary event this year through partnerships with the Birmingham District Dental Society, the Jefferson County Department of Health Dental Staff and Dentists, the UAB School of Dentistry, the Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama and Cahaba Valley Health Care.

We had over a dozen dentist volunteers from the Birmingham District Dental

Society membership offer to serve 50 children in their offices. The Jefferson County Department of Health Dental Clinic opened its schedule Feb. 25 to serve 50 children. Ten Hispanic children from Shelby County were seen in Dr. Fred Smith's office March 2.

Each child was provided dental screening, cleaning and any emergency oral health needs while at either JCDH or in a local private practice.

Thank you to our member volunteers who helped make this important local mission a success!

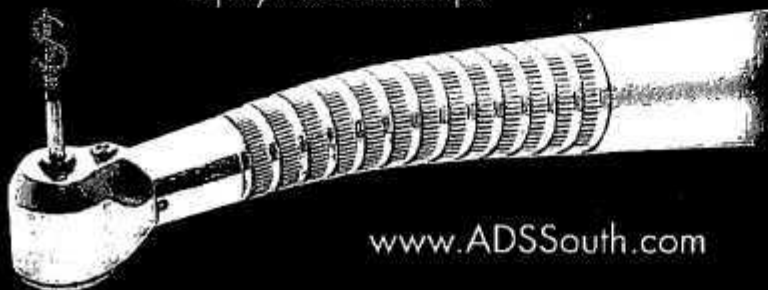
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