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Birmingham District Dental Society

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DATE: September 14, 2010

PLACE: The Summit Club

TIMES: Hospitality Hour & Heavy Hors D'oeuvres 5:30

Announcements 6:15

CE Program: 6:30

SPEAKER: Dr. Mike Edwards

TOPIC: "A Review of Minimal Sedation in Dental Practice"

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 buffet will include a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres with a fruit and cheese display, hot spinach and artichoke dip with tortilla chips, carved roast top round with silver dollar rolls and horseradish cream, twice-baked stuffed new potatoes, assorted mini desserts, unsweetened iced tea and a cash bar. 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. credit for this program during which you will learn about patient assessment for sedation, safe drug selection, monitoring considerations and integration into practice.

Dr. Edwards is a private practitioner in Wedowee, as well as an associate clinical professor at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in the Comprehensive Dentistry Department (since 1995.) He also lectures nationally on enteral sedation. His honors include serving as vice president of the Alabama Dental Association, on the American Dental Association Council on Dental Education and Licensure, as well as chairman of the ADA Anesthesia Council - Committee H. In 2008 and 2009, he was president of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association. His articles on oral sedation and enteral sedation have appeared in the ADA Journal, the Academy of General Dentistry *Impact*, and *Dental Clinics of North America*. He is a fellow in the Pierre Fauchard Society, a member of the American College of Dentists, and the American Equilibration Society as well as ADA, ALDA and AGD. We welcome him to our podium.

Advance Reservations: \$40.

Tickets at the Door: \$42.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



BDEA Public Forum in Birmingham

I have received considerable input from area dentists who attended the Dental Board's forum on July 10. It is my understanding that many of the practicing dentists and dental educators publicly voiced concerns and opposition to the Board about the proposals that the Board stated will likely be introduced by their lobbyist during the next legislative session. Concerns were that the BDEA is approaching the access to care issue in a manner that may not be safe for the public and doesn't address the true access problem. Many could not understand how the true access to care issues could be solved by the Board's current proposed model for expansion of assistants' duties. Concern was raised that the amount of training that the Board is considering for the "expanded duty assistants" is grossly inadequate and that any resulting adverse occurrences will raise insurance premiums for us all. In addition, insurance companies might lower reimbursement when procedures are performed by non-dentists.

Poor access to care in Alabama is found in rural areas (primarily the "black belt" region), which may be under-served by dentists. A good proposal to address this problem is by using the Kansas Mission of Mercy model. This program has provided more than \$7.5 million in dental care since its inception. To date, more than 17,000 patients have been served through the generosity of Kansas dentists, hygienists and dental assistants. This project has become a very well organized model which can be replicated. Kansas is willing to share its expertise and to train other states to implement this model so that the highest number of people can be treated **FREE OF CHARGE**. In fact, they will allow use of their equipment once a new state has been trained. Obviously there are good working models out there that have worked to improve access to care, so why is the Board trying to reinvent the wheel? (continued)

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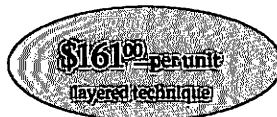
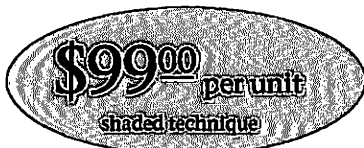
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

There were other concerns about the Board: The BDEA is planning to raise money to form a private foundation combining the Alabama ADHP and the proposed "Expanded Duty Assistant" program. Could this idea backfire and put our ADHP program in jeopardy? Can Alabama afford to take that risk? Access to care would surely be affected by a decrease in the number of hygienists in our state. Should the BDEA be raising any money in light of the fact that the Board is not under any binding ethics laws that require full public disclosure of campaign contributions or other "donations?" Could corporate interests and their lobbyists cloud the Board's better judgment? Without full disclosure, could the same people who are contributing money be disciplined differently than those who do not contribute? Should the Board continue to hire a full-time lobbyist with the money that we pay for licensing fees? Is their proposal to license assistants a good idea or another means of raising money? Is the Board fulfilling its charge to protect the public and the good name of dentistry with their current proposals?

These were among the concerns expressed to me. To date, I have not heard any positive feedback about the actions the board is taking. In fact, I have primarily heard concerns that the Board should be under a code of ethics. Many have also expressed concern that a hygienist who works for a present board member is running for the hygiene seat. The concern is that the board member could have a potential influence over the hygienist's vote. It was announced that the next BDEA forum will be held on September 18 in the Montgomery area. It is important that we all pay close attention to what our Board of Dental Examiners is doing. Hopefully, they will listen to the voices of sound reasoning. This is an important time for dentistry.

Leigh Kent

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS SEPT. 14: Drs. Rani Gutti, Moody; Erin Brown Reardon, Warrior; Medhi Karimipour, UAB grad student; Sonia Makhija, dental school faculty; Joseph Zanthos. Alabaster; Eric Warren Peterson, Gardendale; Brandy Stewart, Forest Park; Karol Poczatek, McCalla, and Kelli Albritton, Alabaster

BIRMINGHAM DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB members will hear Dr. Bob Robinson speak on "Trigeminal Neuralgia" at their Sept. 13 meeting in Volker Hall at 6 p.m. Contact Becky Walters at 823-5554 for more information.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS — Hats off to first place winners in the Golf Scramble July 16 at Eagle Point, The foursome included Drs. Victor Kyatt, Matthew Litz, Guy Rosenstiel and Red Stevens. In second place were Drs. Mark Todd, Chris McCallum, Chris Jebeles and Billy Foxworth.

Third place went to Drs. Harold Webby, Dr. John Orr, III and Mr. Greg Teaford. Hardworking chairmen included Drs. Mark Todd and Victor Kyatt with a lot of help from Rebecca Kyatt.

SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to Dr. David Clanton in the loss of his father Dr. D.K. Clanton, who practiced in Five Points West prior to his retirement. Dr. Clanton had been in St. Vincent's Hospital following three strokes. A past president of this district, Dr. Clanton was born in 1922 and graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1953. His memorial service was July 23 at Valley Chapel. The family requests that any memorials go to Oakmont Presbyterian Church for the Robert F. Calhoun Scout Center.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. David Winchester of Center Point who received the 2010 Mastership Award from the Academy of General Dentistry. He completed 1,100 hours of continuing education to qualify.

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UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN --The current economic situation has stressed families to the point of hunger, homelessness, and the need to ask for assistance for the first time ever. The dental society drive seeks to raise \$68,500 to alleviate some of these needs. Dr. Robert Rudolph, chairman, wishes to thank the dental community for its generosity in giving \$65,900 last year alone.

Your support helped enable United Way to invest more than \$8 million dollars to assist with those needing food, shelter and emergency medical care. Also, United Way's crisis fund put over 450,000 pounds of food on the tables of hungry families. It helped more than 200 families stay in their homes or move from a shelter to a home. Life-saving prescription medicine helped 1,800 people, he added.

Low to moderate income people received free income tax assistance in 2009, resulting in more than \$3.7 million brought into our community that otherwise might not have been there. "Shine A Light" is this year's theme, and Dr. Rudolph is asking you to do that by increasing your contribution by \$50. This would add \$5,300 to our overall giving.

This year's committee includes Dr. Rudolph, Dr. Milton Essig, Dr. Jennifer Davis, Dr. Debbie Sema and Dr. Justin Zellmer. They will meet at 5:15 prior to our Sept. 14 meeting at The Summit Club. When you receive your pledge card, please fill it out and return it by October 15.



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GOOD NEWS FROM NATASHA! The dental student we helped last year with trips to Nicaragua to train people in oral hygiene has won a prestigious honor. For her abstract "Development of an Oral Health Education Program for Nicaraguan Youth", she received first place for outstanding achievement in community dentistry from the American Association of Public Health Dentistry. She presented her poster at their conference in St. Louis in April. She has written to thank us for our contributions.

This year instead of finishing her fourth year of dental school, she is doing an oral health research project in New Delhi with the National Institutes of Health Fogarty Scholars program. She will return next June.

TWO OF OUR OWN RUNNING FOR THE BOARD -- Hats off to Drs. Steve Stricklin and James L. Sanderston, Jr. who are running for the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama.

You can read about their credentials on our BDDS.Org web page under Member Notices.

Also, you can hear them speak at our September 14 meeting at the Summit Club during the announcements at 6:15 p.m.

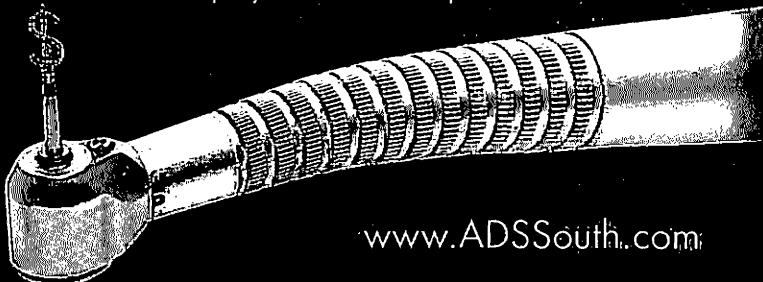
MANY THANKS to all our orthodontists who have volunteered to help referred patients. The latest is Dr. David Hufham who is treating little Isaac O'Neal.

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Dr. Wilkerson says we are in the midst of a dental renaissance which is a rebirth or revival, namely the re-appreciation of the critical nature of dental occlusion principles for predictable restorative/cosmetic dentistry outcomes. He will review mouths that have broken down and cases that have failed due to occlusion problems, including the failure to adhere to critical principles of occlusion.

After reviewing the cases and occlusal concepts that must be understood and addressed, the steps to resolution will be discussed in detail. Audience participation will be encouraged.

Dr. Wilkerson joined the Dawson group practice in St. Petersburg, Florida after graduating from the University of Florida College of Dentistry in 1982. He is now the Director of Dental Medicine and a senior lecturer at the Dawson Academy. He also lectures nationally and internationally on restorative dentistry, occlusion and masticatory system disorders.

You will receive six hours of c.e. credit for this program which begins at 8 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast. Dr. Wilkerson will begin his lecture at 8:30. and continue until lunch is served at noon. His second lecture will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 3:30.

You are welcome to bring your staff to this meeting. Cost of the meeting will be \$295 before Sept. 15 for you and \$75 for each staff person. After that date, the cost will be \$325 and \$85. On-site, the cost will be \$375 and \$100.

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Silver certificates were awarded to Drs. Ronald DiChiara, Lillian Mitchell, Jerry Reasner, Shane Roberts, Grady Swicord, Peter Waite and Debra Woods. Congratulations to one and all!

INFECTION CONTROL AND ORAL DIAGNOSIS will be the topics of **Dr. Ken R. Tilashalski** of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry when he addresses the Mobile Area Dental Society Friday, Sept. 17 at the Battle House Hotel from 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

You and your staff are invited. If interested in attending, please contact Dr. Charles G. Demeranville, 100 University Blvd. So., Mobile, AL 36608. Tel: (251) 343-4220

WORLD DENTAL FORUM IN CHINA -- The inaugural World Dental Forum will be held in Hong Kong, Macau and Shenzhen, China from Oct. 13 to 15. Cultural excursions and a golf tournament will be available Oct. 10 to 16. Modern Dental Laboratory invites you to attend.

Speakers include Dr. Paul Child of Gordon J. Christensen CLINICIANS REPORT; Professor T. W. Chow of the University of Hong Kong; Dr. Anne Benhamou of Paris 7 University; Dr. Jiro Abe of Ivoclar Vivadent; Dr. Roland Strietzel of BEGO; Dr. Sjoerd Smeekens, Netherlands; Dr. Jack Gerschman of Melbourne University; Mr. Michael Stubbs of Alfred Hospital, Australia; Dr. Kenneth

Malament of Tufts University, and Professor Niklaus Lang, University of Hong Kong. For more information, go to www.moderndentalusa.com/wdf.

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All that is necessary to be on the committee is to call 933-1718. When disaster strikes, it's too late. Thanks go to Dr. Keith Calvert, chairman, who makes assignments during an emergency.

Currently on the committee are Drs. Kevin Alexander, Dwayne Albritton, Doug Beckham, Harold Ceitlin, Robert Connor, Ben Crunk, Jennifer Davis, Thomas Dunn, Erin Gaither, Lee Ferguson, Jason Garner, Barry Goodspeed, Jo Anne Jackson, Dino Jacovides, 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, Pete Real, Preston Reynolds, Guy Rosenstiel, Steve Rouss, James L. Sanderson, Jr. Robert Sanderson, B.Q. Scruggs, James Stone, Stephen Stricklin, Richard Vest, Martha Wallace Dawson, Steve Wallace, David Winchester and Dan Wright.