

NEWSLINE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The other day, I ran into Ron Kobernick at a meeting, after the usual pleasantries were exchanged, he wanted to know what I had been up to, so I chatted briefly about the latest things I had been working on and how much I had been enjoying working out some difficult occlusions with some new tricks I learned. I really was excited about it because I was getting traction with the newer techniques and my patients really seemed to be benefitting from the improved care. Then we chatted about one of the CE courses we had attended together and the great time we had, spending time together. Then he said something that really struck me, he said, "It's a great journey isn't it."

I feel like he hit the nail on the head. This professional life of ours is truly a journey, and the more we put into it, the more we benefit. In their fantastic book, "Made to Stick" the Heath brothers talk about the gap theory of learning where we are exposed to gaps in our knowledge, and then we eagerly work to fill in the gaps. When we learn about the gaps, the whole process is fun and we can't wait to learn enough to fill them in. The truly fantastic part about our profession is that there is so much to learn, that we can spend our careers finding and filling in the gaps.

"I was like a boy playing on the sea-shore, and diverting myself now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me." – Isaac Newton

There are times when I feel like that boy on the shore. But I certainly enjoy searching for that next pretty shell. And I can't help but feel that so many of us are in the same position. The really rare thing about dentistry is that when we pick up one of these pebbles and show it to another dentist, they will gladly talk to us about it and tell us what they know. There are so many of you in this dental society who I have come to with my latest pretty shell and you have patiently listened to my excitement, given me little bits of your knowledge, then watched me run off, looking for the next smooth pebble. Thank you for your help, you know who you are.

And so, as the portion of my journey where I am president of the UPCDA winds down, I am happy to report that our dental society is regaining some of its luster. Our members have contributed over \$1,000,000 of dentistry to our community over the past year. Our membership is growing, as much as any

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCDA CE Schedule

April 15th
Bon Appétit
Facial Pain
Drs. Brian Fuselier &
Barry Loughner

Important Dates

May 7, 2009
UPCDA End of Year Social
Ozona Blue
Palm Harbor

May 15, 2009
UPCDA Golf Tournament
East Lake Woodlands

June 18-20, 2009
FNDC, Orlando

July 24-26, 2009
WCDDA Summer Meeting,
Naples

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

affiliate on the West Coast. Our budget is back in a state of balance, and despite a very poor year of income, we are in the black. We are laying the foundations for a web site with email newsletters and a forum for sharing helpful hints with our colleagues. The camaraderie activities which we began this year will be continued and hopefully will grow. We not only will have an exec board, but also a ski czar (Turner), a softball coach (Lepeak), golf tour directors (Griffin and Carazola), and many more opportunities for us to know each other.

I encourage all of you to get involved on some level other than just the monthly meetings. You will find that the benefits will far outweigh the costs. This month is our annual meeting with the hygienists and I know that Bon Appetit will be as packed as ever. Please bring your hygienists with you. Next month will be the end of the year party at Ozona Blue. This is an exciting new venue with a laid back ambiance, (yes Randy, you can wear your swimsuit). So, we look forward to seeing everyone there. It is a really great chance to bring your spouse/significant other and for everyone to enjoy themselves.

Finally, I would like to heartily thank the executive board who served with me this year. They all worked so hard to ensure that it was a great year, and they all are committed to continue to build upon the great foundation we have. Reinaldo, Bob, Kristin, Oscar, Bill and Raed – all I can say is a huge THANK YOU for all of your efforts. I know that our society is in good hands with great leaders such as you.

– Ed Hopwood

Operation Par Seeks Volunteer Dentists

Operation Par provides prevention services and comprehensive behavioral health care services that rebuild individuals and families that have been shattered by substance abuse and mental health disorders. Most of the clients of the residential facility are indigent. As the case manager I am trying to build a network of dentist that will be willing to offer pro-bono services for occasional pain management, such as fillings or extractions. In addition I would like to find pro-bono services and volunteers for cleanings.

Operation Par Residential Treatment Facility is located at 13800 – 66th Street North in Largo, FL 33771. If you can volunteer your services please contact Loretta Snow, Case Manager (727) 538-7245 EXT 312



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Khoana Gjelaj – Tarpon Springs

Dr. Sanjie Jackson – Dunedin

Dr. Fuad Malki, Periodontist – Tarpon Springs & Holiday

Trevor Quick - Bellair Bluffs

Dr. Toan Tran – Tampa

Invite a potential UPCDA member to a meeting free of charge. You must RSVP the potential member prior to the meeting, contact Dr. Raed Kasem, Membership Chairman (727) 796-2183 or Lissette at (727) 449-1232.



APRIL 2009 Meeting

RSVP prior to April 10th for the
April 15th meeting:

by phone: (727) 449-1232
or by e-mail: lissette@wcdental.org

When: Wednesday, April 15th
Where: Bon Appétit Restaurant
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. CE Meeting
Speaker: Brian D. Fuselier, DDS and
Barry A. Loughner, DDS, MS, Ph.D.
"Facial Pain" 1 CEU
Sponsor: Bonadent

*Invite Your
Hygienist
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FACIAL PAIN

Course Description:

The lecture will cover TMD, headache and orofacial pain as we know it today. The presentation will include:

1. Journey to the Center of the Mind: Clinical correlations of pain associated with all the anatomical layers of the human head.
2. The Viscerosomatic Convergence of the Trigeminal Nerve: The latest understanding of the presence of pain distant from its origin.
3. Situational Protocols for Dual Splint Technique: Latest advancement in conventional splint therapy. This information is critical for treating complex TMD patients.

About the Speakers:

Brian D. Fuselier, DDS

Dr. Fuselier obtained his DDS degree from Louisiana State University. He then completed a two-year Fellowship at the University of Florida in Craniofacial Pain. Prior to his arrival in Orlando, Dr. Fuselier was the Oral Diagnostician at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where he evaluated and treated patients throughout the world. Subsequently, Dr. Fuselier has been in private practice in Orlando, Florida since 1992. Dr. Fuselier has given multiple presentations throughout the nation on such topics as Taxonomy of Head Pain, Craniomandibular Evaluation and Treatment, and Biochemistry of Head and Neck Pain.

Dr. Fuselier is a member of the International Association for the Study of Pain and the American Headache Society. He is presently on staff as an Associate Professor in the Parker Mahan Facial Pain Center at the University of Florida College of Dentistry.

Dr. Barry A. Loughner, DDS

Dr. Loughner obtained his BS degree in Biochemistry from Pennsylvania State University, and his DDS degree from New York University. He completed his 3 year Pain fellowship at the Parker Mahan Face Pain Center at the University of Florida. He stayed on at UF completing a MS in anatomy and a PhD in Neurophysiology. For the seven years prior to his arrival in Orlando, he practiced at the Midwest Center for Head Pain Management at Stouder Memorial Hospital in Tory, Ohio. Dr. Loughner has published numerous articles on face pain and headache. Dr. Loughner is a member of the International Association for the Study of Pain, the American Pain Society, the American Dental Association, and the Ethics Committee of the American Association for the Study of Headache.

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UPCDA End of the Year Social

Thursday, May 7th, 5:30 p.m.

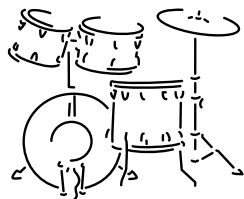
Ozona Blue

125 Orange St. N. • Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Happy hour, dinner buffet and live band.

Free for UPCDA members and \$35.00 per guest

UPCDA will provide 2 drink tickets per person.



RSVP by May 1st (727) 449-1232 or
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UPCDA Golf Tournament



May 15th
1 PM Start Time
East Lake Woodlands North Course
\$87⁰⁰ (includes lunch)

Questions Contact:
Drs. Jim Carazola (727) 799-4492 or
Randy Griffin (727) 787-4005

Checks payable & mailed to:
UPCDA, P.O. Box 611, Brandon, FL 33509

Name: _____ USGA Handicap: _____

Your Choice of Playing Partners: _____



(not guaranteed, depends on handicaps)

HYGIENIST REGISTRATION FORM – UPCDA APRIL 15TH

\$35.00/Hygienist

Please postmark by April 10!

Name _____ Phone _____

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