

# NEWSLINE

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope that all of you had wonderful holidays whatever it was that you were celebrating. We have not been in touch for few weeks but here we are again. Many of you missed the November softball game. It was a great time. Thank you to **Chris Ross** and **Jeremy Albert** for making it happen and to the **Grimaudos** from Pasco County for the sandwiches and for their support to organized dentistry.

We lost count of the runs but it was for sure a fun time. Lissette almost caught a ball for our team.



Even though I couldn't enjoy the end of the year party the word is that it was also a fun time. I did have the opportunity of enjoying the reality of life through one of my missions and the only thing that I asked from Santa was not to get malaria after the trip. The message from third world countries is that our economy is great; everything is a matter of perspective. Now back to reality. I doubt things will change dramatically in our offices but nothing in life has any meaning except for the meaning that we give it. Move forward with your resolutions and write them down. I know it sounds corny but the reason that most people do not write resolutions or goals is because it's a friendly reminder of a promise that you made to yourself and you may break it. Also remember the times in life when you struggled in the past, maybe when you were in college or dental school and something better came along. In other words you've been there, done that.

To make things a little easier for you at our next meetin on January 20th we will be providing the required CEs, Medical Errors and Domestic Violence to renew your license. Remember the course is free to UPCDA members and **only \$35.00 per seminar for your staff.**

Your team should also start training as in February we will have the night of friendly competition between offices at the bowling alley. It should be a fun night and I expect the support from many fun offices.



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## JANUARY 2010

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### UPCDA CE Schedule

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
East Lake Woodlands C.C.  
*Domestic Violence*  
*Medical Errors*

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
East Lake Woodlands C.C.  
*Dentistry's Role in the Recognition*  
*& Management of Snoring*  
*& Sleep Apnea*  
Dr. Gy Yatros

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Bon Appétit  
Dr. Jim Carazola

#### Important Dates

**February 5, 2010**  
WCDDA Annual Meeting  
St. Petersburg Hilton Bayfront

**February 12th, 26th & 27th**  
Give Kids a Smile

**February 28, 2010**  
End of the biennium

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Dentists Day on the Hill  
Tallahassee

**June 10-12, 2010**  
FNDC – Gaylord Palms Orlando

**August 6-8, 2010**  
WCDDA Summer Meeting  
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

**October 9-12, 2010**  
Orange County Convention  
Center, Orlando

## Homeless Emergency Project

Since its founding in 1994, by Dr. C. William Johnston, the Free Dental Clinic for the Homeless of Pinellas County has experienced much growth and change. As the program marks its 15<sup>th</sup> year, plans are again underway to expand from two to four operatories. The existing volunteers are always looking for new volunteers to provide a few hours of dental care. If you have ONE morning or afternoon that you would like to volunteer, please contact the Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) at 727-442-9041 x 107. If you do not have time and would like to donate some supplies, the following items are on our wish list!! Thanks for your tax deductible donations. If you would like further information you may contact Dr. Susan Hudak Boss at (727) 595-4525.

### Wish List:

1. Gauze sponges size 2x2
2. Plastic impression trays - all sizes
3. Aquasil impression material - light body
4. Sterilization pouches 3.5 x9 and 5.25 x 10
5. Patient bibs
6. Cotton rolls
7. Gloves - size medium and large
8. Sample size tubes of denture adhesive
9. As always - tax deductible cash

## REMINDER

### Renew Your Dental License

As a reminder, all dentists must renew their license with the Florida BOD by February 28, 2010. You should have recently received a post card notice in the mail directing you to a web page to renew your license. This is a new procedure as the BOD is attempting to have as many renewals completed on-line as possible. For more information visit [www.FLHealthsource.com](http://www.FLHealthsource.com)



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Keisha Alexander, Orthodontist – Clearwater  
Ralph Eichstaedt, Oral Surgeon – New Port Richey



### West Coast District Dental Association's 88th Annual Meeting

Friday, February 5, 2010  
St. Petersburg Hilton Bayfront  
Camaraderie ★ Education ★ Fun

#### Featured Programs:

**Dr. Gerard Chiche** - *Recipes for Predictable Anterior Esthetics*

**Katherine Eitel** - *Lioness Leadership & Have Them at Hello*

**Lisa Harper-Mallonee, BSDH, MPH, RD**

*Fattening of America - Where Does Dentistry Fit into the Puzzle?*

*Healthy Mouth, Healthy Body - Healthy Practice*

**Angie Stone, RDH, BS** - *A Practical Approach to Improving Oral Care in the Dependent Adult Population • Recall, Recare, Who Really Cares and Brilliant HyDuction My Dear Hygienist*

**Amy Nieves, RDH** - *Enhancing Nature Through Science: Recognize, Rejuvenate and Restore*  
**Sponsored by: GC America Inc.**

PLATINUM PARTNER:



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# JANUARY 2010 M e e t i n g

RSVP prior to January 15th for the  
January 20th meeting:

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

**When:** Wednesday, January 20th  
**Where:** East Lake Woodlands Country Club  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Domestic Violence presented by CASA  
7:00 p.m. Medical Errors presented by Dr. William Robinson  
**Sponsors:** ADS Florida  
Bayshore Dental Studio, LLC  
Integrity Retirement Systems, Inc.  
Zimmer Dental

## REGISTRATION FEES:

UPCDA Members FREE • Dentist, Non UPCDA Member \$40.00 per seminar • Hygienist \$35.00 per seminar

### **Domestic Violence**

**5:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. (2 CEUs)**

Courtney Hendrickson, BSW

*This course will satisfy requirement including information on the number of patients likely to be victims and/or predators in a professional practice, screening procedures for determining if a patient may have a history of being a victim or predator of domestic violence, and instructions on how to provide patients with information on resources in the local community to help victims of domestic violence.*

### **Medical Errors**

**Pertaining to Dentistry**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. (2 CEUs)**

Dr. William Robinson

*\*Includes dinner*

*This course will include a study of root cause analysis, error reduction and prevention, and patient safety.*

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### **DENTIST AVAILABLE:**

“Highly Productive Associate Looking for Quality Practice”: Male Dentist/2005

Graduate of University of Detroit Mercy. I am relocating to the gulf coast and am looking for an efficient and successful practice with an upbeat staff. I have a love for dentistry and am caring and ethical. Ideally, I am looking for an office within 25 minutes of Clearwater. Proficient in C/B, abutment placement, implant dentures, oral surgery, removable, anterior/premolar endo, digital photography. Will email or fax CV for your review. Please email Jamie at [jr2dds@yahoo.com](mailto:jr2dds@yahoo.com)

### **DENTAL EQUIPMENT:**

ADEC 7 full dental operatories, chair, sink, divider sections, and x-ray units. Excellent Condition. Airtechnics, 3 head compressor, well maintained. Call for more detailed info: 727-643-5980

### **DENTAL HYGIENIST-TEMPORARY:**

I have been a registered Dental Hygienist in the Tampa Bay Area for twenty years. If your hygienist is unavailable to work, please call me to assist your practice. References available. Marla DeLarco [mdelarco@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mdelarco@tampabay.rr.com) or Phone 727-786-4960.

## Dentists Day on the Hill

2010 *Dentists' Day on the Hill*, sponsored by the Alliance of the FDA, will provide FDA members with an opportunity to speak with Florida legislators face-to-face regarding issues affecting the dental profession.

A briefing will take place on the evening of April 6, 2010 and visits with legislators will occur all day on April 7, 2010. Details regarding times and locations will be posted on [www.floridadental.org/ddoh](http://www.floridadental.org/ddoh) soon.

To participate in *Dentists' Day on the Hill*, please fill out the [registration form](http://www.floridadental.org/pro/members/governmental/documents/2010_DDOH_Registration_Form.pdf) [http://www.floridadental.org/pro/members/governmental/documents/2010\\_DDOH\\_Registration\\_Form.pdf](http://www.floridadental.org/pro/members/governmental/documents/2010_DDOH_Registration_Form.pdf) and fax or mail it by March 1, 2010 to:

*Dentists' Day on the Hill*  
Alliance of the FDA President  
Ms. Carol Nissen  
280 N. Sykes Creek Parkway, Suite C  
Merritt Island, FL 32953  
Fax: (321) 452-2125



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## Give Kids A Smile 2010 – Volunteers Needed

Pinellas and Upper Pinellas County Dental Association Give Kids a Smile is looking for volunteers. Our mission remains: to provide a county wide approach to screen and treat uninsured children whose families are financially unable to access dental care without this program. Our dental community has proven incredibly supportive; and many uninsured children have been the beneficiaries of your kindness.

Last year's chair, Dr. Carey Bonham, has left big shoes for me to fill. It was under Carey's direction that GKAS was made a joint event with the UPCDA. Dr. Carey organized a fantastic program. This year, we again ask for your donation of time, supplies or a monetary contribution.

### Three opportunities to donate your time:

February 12<sup>th</sup> – Screening ♦ February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – Treatment days

Please let us know what role you wish to play on our team. To donate your time please contact: Dr. Ryan Leaman at [drryanleaman@gmail.com](mailto:drryanleaman@gmail.com) or 727-345-5751. To donate supplies contact Dr. Monica Doyle at [mmddmd@ufl.edu](mailto:mmddmd@ufl.edu) or 727-398-0085. To donate money, please mail and make checks payable to Pinellas County Dental Assoc., (in the memo pls write "Restricted, GKAS").



Sincerely, Bill Layman, DMD, Chair, 2010 GKAS

## Give Kids A Smile® - Volunteer Now!

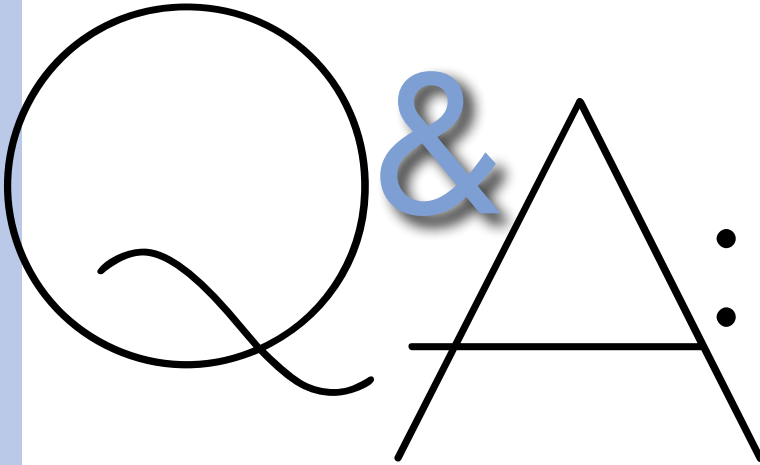
*Give Kids A Smile® is meant to accomplish two things, help children get the dental care they so desperately need AND raise awareness that our children deserve a better health care system that addresses their dental health needs.*

**Location:** Clearwater and Largo Department of Health Clinics

**Dates:**  February 12      **I am a:**  Dentist      Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 February 26       Hygienist      Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 February 27       Assistant

**Times:**  AM      E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PM  
 Both

Fax this form to Dr. Ryan Leaman, Attn: GKAS Volunteer, 727.347.7874 or  
Call 727-345-5751 or email [drryanleaman@gmail.com](mailto:drryanleaman@gmail.com)



## • Health Care Clinic • Establishment Permit

**Don A. Dennis, JD**  
ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL  
FLORIDA DENTAL ASSOCIATION

### **Am I required to get a HCCE permit?**

No. A dentist is not required to obtain a Health Care Clinic Establishment (HCCE) permit. A dentist can purchase prescription drugs under his/her license. However, many dental offices are incorporated and purchase supplies, including drugs, through a company check or credit card. In such a scenario, one interpretation is that the use of company funds renders the corporation a purchaser. The Department of Health has not indicated how it will interpret such a situation, other than to say that it will be judged on a case-by-case basis.

### **How often does an HCCE permit have to be renewed?**

An HCCE permit is valid for two years. Unlike other permits that dentists routinely obtain, such as an anesthesia permit, the HCCE permit is not tied to your licensure renewal. The two-year cycle for HCCE permits begins at the time you obtain it. Because of the unique renewal cycle, any practice obtaining a HCCE permit needs to make a point to calendar the time for renewal.

### **How much does an HCCE permit cost?**

Permits cost \$255 for two years.

### **What is the benefit of purchasing a HCCE permit?**

With the permit, a corporate entity can purchase drugs. In an office with more than one dentist, all drugs can be


purchased by the company without the need for each individual dentist having to order drugs separately. Additionally, since the permit allows the practice itself to order the drugs, the payment can be made with a corporate check or credit card.

### **If my practice decides to get a permit, who is responsible for the drugs?**

Whenever a dentist purchases drugs, that individual dentist is legally responsible for ensuring compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements related to the purchase, recordkeeping, storage and handling of the drugs. If something goes awry, the Department can seek redress against the dentist.

When a corporation acts, it is not as clear who would be responsible because the corporation exists only on paper. Thus, if your practice elects to get a HCCE permit, you must designate one individual to be the “qualifying practitioner.” This individual is responsible for all drugs purchased using the HCCE permit. In a dental practice, only a dentist can be a qualifying practitioner.

### **How do I apply for an HCCE permit?**

You can apply for a permit online or by completing an application and sending it to the Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics Program at the Florida Department of Health. The permit application is available for download at: [www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/DDC/ap\\_HCCE.pdf](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/DDC/ap_HCCE.pdf). You also can apply online at: [ww2.doh.state.fl.us/DOHInitialApp/login.aspx](http://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/DOHInitialApp/login.aspx). 

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