

NEWSLINE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and may 2011 prove to be an exceptional year. At UPCDA, our January meeting will be held at East Lake Woodlands Country Club with the appropriate new year topic of ERISA Laws and Tax Planning. Be sure to get the best advice from the experts on the best ways to handle your hard earned dollars. In addition, we have an upcoming WCDDA annual meeting, Give Kids a Smile program, annual UPCDA bowling event on

February 18th, incredible speakers at our upcoming meetings, and a fabulous end of the year party at Innisbrook. You can look forward to an exceptional program from organized dentistry in 2011.

Since our last newsletter, we have had several excellent events. **Drs. Michael Brumm** and **Bill Strupp** gave us a very informative restorative presentation. We are grateful for the time and effort he put into this special presentation for our joint meeting. Thank you Drs. Brumm and Strupp! Not only was the speaker fabulous, but the joint meeting location at the St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater was a big success. I think we have found a new home for our UPCDA/PCDA joint meetings. On Tuesday, November 30th, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Upper Pinellas and West Pasco affiliates played in the first annual Battle of the Bay Softball Tournament. Hillsborough won, Upper Pinellas brought home 2nd, Pinellas took 3rd and West Pasco did great! This event was sponsored by Jenny Parra of DSG. The UPCDA holiday party at Safety Harbor Spa turned out to be a wonderful event. We were upgraded to a bigger room, had a wonderful menu, and enjoyed the fabulous sounds of The Old School Band. A great time was had by all. We hope to see more of you having fun with your friends and colleagues at future UPCDA social events.

A lot has been happening on the local, state, and federal level over the past month. It's important to keep track of information coming from your dental organizations. On December 3rd, the Florida Board of Dentistry voted to join the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) and utilize this organization's dental licensure examination (known as ADLEX) as Florida's own examination. Florida is one of only two remaining states that does not recognize the results of any other examinations (including ADLEX) given in other states. The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives passed legislation exempting certain businesses, including dental practices, from the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Red Flag Rule. This was a big win for organized dentistry. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently announced that new data on the opioid drug propoxyphene revealed the drug can cause serious toxicity to the heart, even when used at therapeutic doses. They concluded the safety risks of propoxyphene outweigh its benefits for pain relief at recommended doses. For more information, visit www.ada.org.

JANUARY 2011

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 19, 2011
East Lake Woodlands C.C.
ERISA Laws & Tax Planning
Sponsored by Insurance &
Financial Advisors Marketing Inc.

February 18, 2011
Annual UPCDA Bowling Event
Additional details to come.

March 16, 2011
East Lake Woodlands C.C.
Implant Update
Dr. Michael Pikos

April 20, 2011
Bon Appétit
*Topic and presenter
has not been selected*

Other Important Dates

February 4, 2011
WCDDA Annual Meeting –
Tampa Convention Center

February 11, 25-26, 2011
GKAS

June 9-11, 2011
FNDC – Gaylord Palms, Orlando

July 29-31, 2011
WCDDA Summer Meeting
The-Ritz Carlton, Naples

October 10-13, 2011
ADA Annual Session
Las Vegas, NV

President's Message (cont'd)

Dr. Bill Layman has done a marvelous job coordinating Pinellas and Upper Pinellas' GKAS event on February 11, 25-26, please visit the website www.gkaspinellas.com to volunteer or to support this vital outreach project. Bill has identified the neediest schools close to the volunteer treatment locations. Special transportation arrangements will ensure a high show rate for appointments this year and will reach even more kids and be even more rewarding for all volunteers.

I look forward to seeing all of you at East Lake Woodlands on January 19th for an enjoyable gathering, a good meal, and important continuing education. I wish all of you the very best throughout the year! I hope 2011 is filled with much joy and success!

Bob Haller

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Give Kids a Smile

Give Kids a Smile Pinellas (GKAS) will be held February 11; 25; and 26 at nine clinics throughout the county. As always, we are grateful for your time and contributions of supplies. GKAS' dental treatment's for children requires the volunteerism of our profession. I am always humbled by the generosity of this association.

Although in its preliminary stage, we have taken GKAS online. I invite you to visit, www.gkaspinellas.com to sign up to volunteer your time or for making monetary contributions. Being on the web will enable more effective and efficient outreach and organization of volunteers.

This year GKAS will also include volunteers from the community. Several patients and neighbors have committed time to support GKAS in some of the more unglamorous tasks. Also, thanks to our friends at the Junior League of Clearwater-Dunedin, GKAS and the dental volunteers will have additional organized community support on screening and treatment days. Also the graciousness of the Pinellas County Health Department; 211 Pinellas, UF College of Dentistry; and Pinellas County Schools confirms their undeniable commitment to the success of GKAS.



CLASSIFIEDS

DENTAL ASSISTANT with 20+ years looking for part-time, possible full-time employment. Available for temp help as well. Has worked with many dentists from UPCDA on a temporary bases. Call: Lisa Bonelli @ 727-487-4546

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West Coast District Dental Association 89th Annual Meeting

Friday, February 4, 2011 - Tampa Convention Center
Camaraderie ★ Education ★ Fun

FEATURED PROGRAMS:

Dr. John Cranham

Treatment Planning The Worn Dentition

Dr. Robert Fazio

*Treating Periodontitis and Peri-Implantitis:
The Good, The Bad & The Ugly –
Sponsored by Procter & Gamble*

Tina Calloway

Keeping the Flame Alive

Juli Kagan

*Pilates & Seated Stretches for the Dental Professional
Eating Healthier for Better FUNction*

Terri Oto, CTBS, RTI Biologics

*Regenerative Materials in Dental Procedures
Sponsored by Zimmer Dental*

JANUARY 2011 M e e t i n g

RSVP prior to January 12th for the
January 19th meeting:

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

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| When: | Wednesday, January 19th |
| Where: | East Lake Woodlands Country Club |
| Time: | 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Social Hour 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. CE Meeting |
| Speaker: | Terri White Miholits, Esq. |
| Course: | ERISA Laws & Tax Planning – 1 CEU |
| Sponsor: | Insurance & Financial Advisors Marketing, INC and Zimmer Dental |

Course Description

As a dental specialist, what is the single most important piece of advice you give your patients for good oral hygiene? Brush at least twice per day? Floss daily? Have routine dental exams?

As an ERISA attorney the single most important piece of advice I give my clients is have an annual retirement plan checkup! There are a number of new regulations being implemented in the next nine months. Get a jump on 2011 by spending an hour reviewing your plan, considering the market opportunities and planning to maximize your plan contributions.

Discussions will include:

- Fee disclosure requirements – How do I implement the new regulations and more importantly, how do I use them to review and possible LOWER my current plan costs?
- Fiduciary requirements and governmental audits – If my plan gets a Department of Labor or Internal Revenue Service audit letter, are we ready or do I even know what ready means?
- Plan design opportunities – For the second consecutive year the government cost of living rates did not change, is your plan maximizing plan contributions and if yes, are you doing it in the most efficient manner?

Speaker Bio

Terri White-Miholits, is the CEO of Benefit Professionals, Inc. She is an ERISA Attorney with over 21 years of experience in employee benefits, specializing in custom design of employee benefit plans, multiple-employer plans, fiduciary compliance, and Department of Labor and Internal Revenue Representation.

Terri graduated cum laude from the University of Alabama with a B.S. Accounting and Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law. She is a member of the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries (ASPPA), Alabama State Bar Association, Birmingham Tax Forum, and Alabama Profit Sharing/401(k) Council.

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UPCDA SAPS Come In 2nd Place

Coach Chris Ross leads the team to 2nd place against Hillsborough, Pinellas and West Pasco.

Team members back row L:R – James Pitts, Oscar Menendez, Robert Haller, Toan Tran, Matt Burton, Jenny Parra, Hugh Wunderlich.

Bottom row L:R – George Kostakis, Jose Avila, Larry Lieberman, Pat Lepeak, William Kochenour and Chris Ross.



Gulf Coast Dental Outreach Recognizes its Volunteers...

Gulf Coast Dental Outreach, Inc. would like to thank the following doctors who have so very graciously volunteered their time and talents to us in 2010. It is only through the unselfish generosity of such benevolent and caring individuals as these that we are able to provide access to dental care for the underserved people of our communities, to help them to be free of pain, attain (or keep) employment, stay out of emergency rooms and attain quality of life for themselves and their families.

Michael Adams, DDS
Pamela Adams, DDS, MS
Jeremy Albert, DMD
Rod Anthony, DMD
Phillip Apple, DDS
Scott Bauer, DMD
John Bindeman, DDS
Deborah Brown, MD, DMD
Kristin Burch, DDS
Matthew Burton, DDS
Dale Christinsen, DDS
Robert Churney, DMD
Rinaldo Claudio, MD, DMD
Ron Copenhaver, DMD
Dennis Demirjian, DDS
Tim Doerner, DDS
Ralph Eichstaedt, DDS
Jeffrey Ellenberg, DMD
Christina Ferrier, DDS
Benjamin First, DMD
Garland Forbes, DMD
James Gift, DDS
John Gonzalez, DDS
Nicole Gordon, DMD
Myron Graff, DMD

Robert Haller, DDS
Robert Heydrich, DMD
Lisa Hoang, DMD
Edward Hopwood, DMD
Donald Horn, DMD
James Horner, DMD
Fred Hosley, DDS
Sanjie Jackson, DMD
Linda Johnson, DMD
Robert Johnson, DMD
Glen Jones, DMD
Richard Kanter, DMD
Raed Kasem, DDS, MS
Harvey Kerstein, DDS
William Kochenour, DDS
Heidi Korn, DMD
George Kostakis, DDS
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Eduardo Lazaro, DMD
Jose Lazaro, DMD
Larry Lieberman, DDS
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Carole Medvesky, DMD
Oscar Menendez, DDS
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David Peilak, DDS
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Michael Pikos, DDS
David Piper, DDS
James Pitts, DMD
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Amer Soliman, DDS
Pamela Spigorelli, DMD
Liwen Tao, DDS
John Thee, DMD
Beatriz Totzke, DDS
Todd Weiner, DMD
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Hugh Wunderlich, DDS
David Zabroki, DDS