

NEWSLINE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit down to write this month's message for the newsletter, I am amazed how quickly time passes. The first UPCDA board meeting was already six months ago, and we have just three more events for the current calendar year. Don't miss the incredible CE planned for our March and April meetings as well as the end of the year party at a new location. Stay tuned for details about our special end of the year social event.

At our January meeting we elected the new slate of officers for the 2011-2012 UPCDA calendar year, received some excellent tax planning advice, and enjoyed sharing with our colleagues about our holiday experiences. Many of us attended the 89th WCDDA annual meeting at the Tampa Convention Center on February 4th. We had top quality CE, great social events, and opportunities to make new contacts and renew old friendships. This year's Give Kids a Smile event was an unprecedented success, taking place over three days at nine clinics throughout the county. Thanks to **Dr. Bill Layman** for an incredible job as well as to the many volunteers who gave so generously of their time.

On February 18th we held our second annual UPCDA bowling tournament, sponsored by Jenny with DSG. It was a huge success with over 90 participants from different offices competing for the top prize, or perhaps just trying not to receive the "Turkey" prize. There was so much good energy and excitement that it was hard to pick the most enthusiastic team. Team Turner attained the best score, and the highest team spirit award went to the Molar Rollers' from Dr. Matos office. Everyone had such a good time that next year we may need to rent out the entire bowling alley.

Our March meeting will feature our own **Dr. Michael Pikos**. We are incredibly blessed to have such talent within our own society to present such a high level of continuing education. Mike will provide us with an Implant Update presentation. So make plans to attend on March 16th at East Lake Woodlands Country Club. Social hour begins at 6:00pm, and the meeting begins at 7:00pm.

There are many important topics that your tri-partite organizations are confronting this year. Our state board examination and licensing procedures are a huge concern for organized dentistry and for all of us in Florida. In addition, one of the FDA's priorities for the 2011 Session will be legislation prohibiting insurance companies from telling dentists what they can charge for services not covered by the carrier's insurance policy. Help stop insurance interference by educating your legislators on this important issue!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

April 20, 2011
Bon Appétit

Other Important Dates

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



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Laura Habner
Clearwater



President's Message (cont'd)

The FDA's annual Dentists' Day on the Hill (DDOH) is quickly approaching. Plan to join your colleagues for a day of face-to-face meetings with legislators in Tallahassee. This event shows the unity of our profession! This year, the legislative briefing will be held on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, March 30th, the DDOH event will take place. For more information visit www.floridadental.org/DDOH.

As many of you are aware, on Feb. 13th Dr. Paul Miller and Dr. Jeff Baumrucker were involved in a serious accident. Tragically, Dr. Baumrucker passed on Tuesday, February 15th, which is a HUGE loss to his family, the dental society, and the local community. He was passionate about life, and lived it to it's fullest every day. His legacy will continue to inspire all those who knew him. Thankfully Dr. Miller is recovering from his injuries.

Thanks to **Dr. Nolan Allen** for contributing an informative article to this month's newsletter on dental workforce. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on March 16th.

Bob Haller

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Give Kids a Smile

This event would not have been possible without the support of all of our volunteers. A special thanks to our clinic managers; Dr. Jan Delassen at the Johnnie Ruth Clark clinic, Barbara Thomas at PTEC, Dr. Hayschell Saraydar at the Dept. of Health, and Amy Kreuger at the SPC Hygiene clinic.

Our dentist volunteers from both UPCDA and PCDA included; doctors Allen, Berger, Bindeman, Bonham, Burch, Burton, Chase, Delassen, Jackson, S. Johnson, Kerstein, Krueger, Leaman, Menendez, Novy, Obrochta, Pascia, Pittman, Thee.

Our volunteer hygienists were Rose Savoca, Linda Lewis, Debbie Clayton, Lynne Homan Heather Kennedy, Tiffany Feger, Kim Delicka, Holly Moons, Laura Sherman, Kimmeuy Phane Jennifer Randall, Susan Brown, Petra Gussem, Janice Musacchia, Jeanine Newton, Lynne Lynn Lisa Fahrney, Tiffany Lloyd, Loir Guettler, Jackie Foulk, Kim Henson-Donaldson, Maryellen Tilly, Patti Hansen, Marianella Disuetti.

Our organizational team consisted of Dr. Ryan Leaman, Dr. Monica Doyle, Jaclyn Whiddon, Dr. Chris Beach, Joanna Bupp and Dr. Sanji Jackson.



GKAS 2011 Numbers Wrap

February 11th Dental Screening day

Scheduled : 349 No Shows: 77 TX complete: 93

CHD:43 SPC: 73
LHD: 37 PTEC: 22
PPHD: 31 UFCD: 65
SPHD: 37 JRC: 41

Showed for eval: 272

\$59,840 services provided

February 25th and 26th Dental Treatment day

Scheduled : 150 No Shows: 49

CHD:52 PTEC: 6
LHD: 16 UFCD: 51
PPHD: 16 JRC: 14
SPHD: 8

Showed for TX: 101

\$63,885 services provided

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M e e t i n g

RSVP prior to March 11th for the
March 16th meeting:

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

When:	Wednesday, March 16th
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:	Dr. Michael A. Pikos
Course:	Esthetic Zone Reconstruction: Synergy of Hard and Soft Tissue Grafting – 1 CEU
Sponsor:	Ads FL, Bayshore Dental Studio, DSG Clearwater, Insurance & Financial Advisors Marketing, INC., Vanguard, Zimmer Dental

Course Description

Esthetic Zone Reconstruction: Synergy of Hard and Soft Tissue Grafting

The loss of alveolar ridge contour in the esthetic zone compromises both esthetics and function. This clinical presentation will focus on the application of both hard and soft tissue grafting in the esthetic zone implementing state of the art interactive CT diagnosis and treatment planning for optimal esthetic implant reconstruction.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Michael A. Pikos is a graduate of Ohio State University where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He also graduated with honors from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. Dr. Pikos completed an internship at Miami Valley Hospital and residency training in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh, Montefiore Hospital. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry, and Diplomate of The International Congress of Oral Implantologists. He is an Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the following institutions: The Ohio State University, College of Dentistry, the University of Miami, School of Medicine, and Nova Southeastern University, College of Dental Medicine. He is also a Courtesy Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Periodontology, and Department of Prosthodontics, at the University of Florida, College of Dentistry. Dr. Pikos has extensive experience in implant surgery and hard and soft tissue grafting procedures. He also emphasizes interactive CT technology along with foundational principles of prosthetics and biomechanics that dictate the ultimate success of comprehensive implant rehabilitation. He is a well published author who has lectured extensively. Dr. Pikos is founder and CEO of the Pikos Implant Institute. Since 1990, he has been teaching advanced bone and soft tissue grafting courses with alumni that now number more than 2300 from all 50 states and 32 countries. Dr. Pikos maintains a private practice which is limited exclusively to implant surgery in Palm Harbor, Florida.

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Dentists' Day on the Hill Wednesday March 30, 2011

Complete information and registration form www.floridadental.org/DDOH.
Pinellas County Dental Association has seats available on a private plane.
Departure is Wednesday March 30th at 6:00 am from St. Pete Clearwater Airport,
Sea Coast Airlines.

Please call Kathy at Dr. Whitaker's by March 10th at 727-394-8050 to confirm a spot.
Price approx \$330 to \$340 per person (checks payable to Dr. Whitaker) includes flight and limo service to/from the capital. Breakfast, Lunch, snacks on your own.



WORKFORCE

On February 22, 2011 the American Dental Association released a position paper entitled “**Breaking Down Barriers to Oral Health for All Americans: The Role of Workforce**” which can be accessed at - http://www.ada.org/sections/advocacy/pdfs/ada_workforce_statement.pdf. This is the first in a series of four white papers addressing the multiple barriers to oral health care for the underserved, and it focuses on restating ADA policy with regard to the dental team and related workforce issues.

Last October at the ADA Annual Session in Orlando, the ADA House of Delegates reaffirmed policy regarding workforce entities, scope of practice issues and supervision levels, and for the first time ever established a reference committee on dental workforce. Certain factions had formed nationally, specifically the Austin group and the Boston group, whose visions for the delivery of dental care in the future were diametrically opposed. Much of the genesis of this debate was due to certain states having difficulty with their legislative efforts to keep so-called midlevel providers, dental health aide therapists and advanced dental hygiene practitioners from becoming providers of dental services. After much testimony and debate, the HOD voted overwhelmingly to support policy promoting the dentist as the head of the dental team with the full capacity to diagnose, treatment plan and render care that requires surgical/irreversible procedures. This must remain as one of our strongest core values to assure the delivery of the highest level of competent care for the safety and welfare of our patients.

It is hard to believe that it has been over a decade since former Surgeon General David Satcher in May 2000 called untreated oral disease a “silent epidemic”. The term “dental access” or “access to care” evolved at that time, and this often infers to some that they cannot get care from a dentist because that dentist is unwilling to see them. In other words, people often mistakenly believe that they cannot “access” a dentist and that it is the dentist’s fault that they cannot get care. Further, many come to the conclusion that the solution must be to increase the number of dentists or other providers. As dental healthcare providers we all know this is not the solution, but we do know that there are multiple **barriers** to obtaining proper dental healthcare. This position paper helps address Resolution 121H-2010 [Dental Access Barriers](#), also passed in the 2010 ADA HOD:

Resolved, that the ADA, in communications regarding dental access issues, emphasize barriers to care including, but not limited to:

- a. financial barriers
- b. geographic barriers
- c. governmental policy barriers
- d. personal barriers
- e. cross-cultural barriers
- f. language barriers

We must continue our efforts to break down the barriers to good oral health, but we cannot accomplish this alone. We must work collaboratively with other healthcare professionals, including physicians, to enhance our efforts to extend dental care to everyone who seeks it. Education, prevention and health literacy in dentistry, coupled with assisting more people in understanding the importance of oral health to overall health and well being must be our focus. The ADA convened an Access to Dental Care Summit in the summer of 2009 in Chicago and brought together 144 stakeholders that addressed this question: *What are we going to do, in the short and the long term, both individually and collectively, to assure optimal oral health through prevention and treatment for underserved people?* These stakeholders represented ADA leadership, dental volunteer leaders and state dental societies, dental special interest groups, federal agencies, health care policy-makers, dental industry, consumer advocacy groups, education and research communities, financing organizations including third-party payers and philanthropy, safety net providers and primary care-medical providers. One of the goals of the ADA in convening the Summit was to enlist the support of others in supporting collaboration. A sustainable infrastructure for communication and collaboration (C&C workgroup) was established as a necessary first step in furthering the many recommended solutions agreed upon as outcomes of the Summit. Dr. Cesar Sabates, our Florida Dental Association President-elect, is a valuable member of this C&C workgroup. We will be hearing more information in the near future regarding a National Oral Health Alliance to continue this collaborative work. In the meantime, the ADA is committed to ongoing dialogue with all stakeholder groups involved in the access to oral health care discussions and debates.

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We must continue to disseminate our message regarding possible solutions to the access to oral health care crisis: adequately funded public programs; tuition relief for debt burdened new dental graduates; less regulatory interference so care remains affordable; improving health literacy and overcoming cultural, geographic, and behavioral barriers to care and finally, proving that an effective dental team, including our new Community Dental Health Coordinator, dental hygienists, dental assistants under the supervision of a superbly educated dentist is the best most cost effective solution to the problem.

In conclusion, this position paper points out that workforce is a single barrier to care but not the only factor. We cannot drill, fill or extract our way out of this access problem, and we cannot downplay the NEED that exists in America today and in the future. We as dentists must lead the way to solve the many challenges we face so, as ADA President Dr. Raymond Gist states: "we can effectively end untreated dental disease in America." One final thought is to always remain positive in our approach and stay on the high road as we work collaboratively to accomplish our goals.

Nolan W. Allen DDS
17th District Delegate to the ADA

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WCDDA Summer Meeting

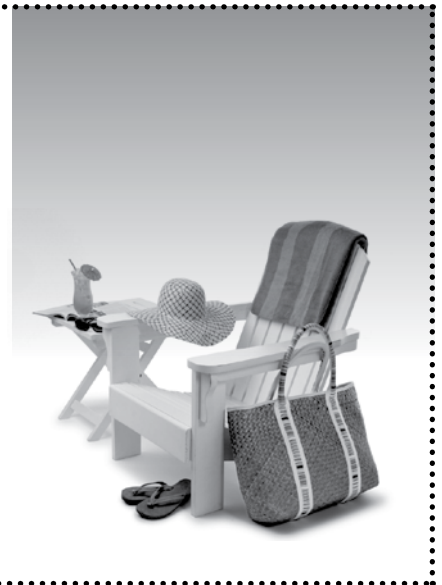
July 29-31, 2011

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples Beach Resort

Featured Speaker:

Dr. M. Johnson Haygood will present
"More Aesthetic and Comprehensive Dentistry with a Trial Smile"

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