

NEWSLINE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This month, we will be inviting the retired members of the UPCDA to the meeting. It is always a great time to talk with the retirees, young and old. One of the great things about belonging to a group like the UPCDA is the great friendships we are able to form with our colleagues. I have found that I am able to strike up a conversation

with anyone at one of our meetings and come away better for having spoken with them. I often enjoy hearing the war stories from our colleagues as it amazes me how often we have faced the same challenges – not that hearing the stories makes the challenges easier, it is just nice to know that I am not alone.

Last month, I congratulated one of our new life members on obtaining the life membership status. Now, she does not strike the normal profile of a new life member as she is first of all, a woman who was one of only two in her graduating class. I graduated in a class with 50% women, and it is nice to know that we have finally got to a period of equality. In the course of conversation, she told me that when she graduated, a filling cost \$1.00 and her assistant made \$1.00 per hour. Thank goodness the inflation has been disproportionate, given the overhead challenges we all face.

It is great to talk to the members who have been around for years. Like hearing stories of the Rock Osmond trophy from Dave Butler and Oscar Menendez. We have dusted off the Rock Osmond trophy and will be awarding it to the winner of this year's golf tournament. Apparently, Dr. Osmond was quite a golfer among many other things. It is the characters like this who make our history so fun to hear. If you like to play golf, Randy Griffin is coordinating a UPCDA tournament and it is sure to be a great time. And you never know, you may be able to wrestle the Rock Osmond trophy away from Bill Strupp and Danny Melker.

At last month's meeting, it was great to see my good friend Jim Hayslett there. There are so many legends involving Jim that it is worth mentioning at least one: the one about how Jim tried to spur commerce by converting Drew Street into a canal. Personally, I think it was merely an attempt to shunt traffic onto Druid Road, but alas his great vision for Clearwater was never realized.

MARCH 2009

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UPCDA CE Schedule

March 18th

East Lake Woodlands
Country Club
Periodontal Update
Dr. Tom Reinhart

April 15th

Bon Appétit
Topic TBD
Drs. Brian Fuselier &
Barry Loughner

Other Important Dates

June 18-20, 2009
FNDC, Orlando

July 24-26, 2009
WCDDA Summer Meeting,
Naples

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Perhaps one day he will have time to pursue the project in earnest. I know he is just waiting for the right opportunity. The other legends about Jim all seem to involve belly dancers, so I will let him fill you in on those.

One legend of the UPCDA is my absolute favorite. As the tale goes, one of our members grew frustrated with his office staff. Not one member of his office staff, but his entire staff. And not just frustrated, but extremely frustrated. So, one day he decided to let them go – that is, he fired his entire staff all at once! And, presumably, the next day, he went to work, all by himself. Apparently, he got busy hiring new employees and, knowing his current employees, he made some exceptional choices. This story makes me smile because we have all been frustrated and we have all had disagreements with staff, and I think it is nice to know that we are not alone.

The internet has websites dedicated to “Jumping the Fonzie” and while I am not going to go to the extreme of setting up a website, I do promise that as long as God is willing, I plan to attend these meetings. And when I retire, even if I am 80 years old, I will attend the retired dentists meeting. And when I pull up to Bon Appetit, get out of my 1999 base model Chevrolet pickup truck, and trudge up the stairs for my chicken surprise dinner, I plan to pull aside a young hotshot who just took his first Dawson course and knows it all, and I plan to make sure he knows what it means to, “pull a Hosley”.

– Ed Hopwood

The Homeless Emergency Project would like to recognize the following dentists for their outstanding volunteer efforts over many years - providing care to the Homeless in Pinellas County. Awards will be presented at the March meeting.

Dr. Nolan Allen
Dr. Rodney Anthony
Dr. David Bassett
Dr. John Bindeman
Dr. John Cagle
Dr. Reinaldo Claudio
Dr. C. William Johnston
Dr. Raed Kasem
Dr. Patrick Lepeak
Dr. Kenneth Morrow
Dr. Pamela Spigarelli
Christopher Ross
Dr. Gerald Spoto
Dr. Marshall Spoto
Dr. Harold Stanley
Americus Dental Lab
Heise Dental Lab



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Robert W. Heydrich, Endodontist -
Clearwater, Trinity
Dr. Michael Crovatt - Clearwater

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.



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M e e t i n g

RSVP prior to March 16th for the
March 18th meeting:

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

When: Wednesday, March 18th
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: Tom Reinhart, DDS, MS
"Update in Periodontics" 1 CEU
Sponsors: Novalar Pharmaceuticals
Dentsply North America
Integrity Retirement Systems, Inc.

Course Description:

Update in Periodontics

Topics covered:

- Conducting a periodontal evaluation
- Risk factors for tooth loss
- Items to consider when treating periodontitis
- Controversies in periodontal treatment

About the Speaker:

Dr. Tom Reinhart graduated from Georgetown University School of Dentistry. After a 1-year general practice residency and another year of private practice, he joined the Air Force where he spent the next 20 years. While on active duty, he received a Certificate in Periodontics from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. Tom is also diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. Currently he has a full-time private practice in Tampa, and is a clinical instructor at the University of Florida AEGD program in Seminole. Tom is also the current President of the Hillsborough County Dental Association.

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COME PARTNER WITH US

The Bay Area Pregnancy Center is hosting a mobile dental unit; which will be parked at our Clearwater location on August 17th thru August 21, 2009. We need (10) dentists who are willing to donate a half day to seeing patients who are in need. We provide the patients (6 years and older), the mobile unit is complete with x-ray equipment, fiber-optic handpieces, supplies, and instruments. We handle all scheduling and paperwork. The Florida Baptist Convention partners with Florida Department of Health in providing "sovereign immunity" for dentists who work the unit. Dentists who volunteer may receive up to a maximum of seven hours of required continuing education credits. This is a wonderful way for local dentists to use their professional skills to give back to the community. *Please consider helping us with this project, we look forward to hearing from you.*

For more information please call (727) 449-1988 Monday thru Friday 9am - 3pm

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23rd Annual New Dentist Conference

The ADA's 23rd Annual New Dentist Conference will be held this year in our home state of Florida April 30th - May 2nd at the Hyatt Regency Miami. The ADA New Dentist Conference caters to the unique needs of new dentists (in practice less than 10 years) with clinical, professional issue, and practice management courses hand-selected by the ADA's Committee on the New Dentist. Attendees can earn up to 11 credits of continuing education for an early-bird registration fee of \$295.

This year, HANDS-ON workshops will be conducted at the nearby Pankey Institute thru the ADA-Pankey Education connection. For new dentist leaders, or if you would like to get involved, leadership programming and network opportunities will be held at the beginning of the conference. Breakfast and lunches are included in your registration fee of \$295, as well as Thursday Social Hour and Friday Night event at Jungle Island theme park. Don't miss out on this outstanding meeting for new dentists. For more info, go online to www.ada.org/goto/newdentconf or email your ADA Committee on the New Dentist representative Dr. Jeremy Albert at dralbert@albertfamilyortho.com.

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Integrity Retirement Systems, Inc. invites UPCDA to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and desserts PLUS systems for achieving a SAFE and SECURE retirement!

Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. at East Lake Woodlands Country Club

Come Join us! This exclusive event has been designed especially for those concerned about their retirement. We will talk about the REAL issues affecting retirees; topics such as protecting your nest egg, minimizing taxes and maximizing your retirement income. This workshop is being provided to you by the Florida Education Institute and is 100% educational. You are under no cost or obligation. With the confusing laws affecting taxes, benefits and retirement income; we want to clear up any "money-myth conceptions" most people have while planning their retirement.

You will learn:

- ✓ The #1 financial fear of retirees and what to do about it!
- ✓ How to provide tax-free income throughout your retirement.
- ✓ The implications that future tax rates will have on your retirement income.
- ✓ Recapture market losses by earning up to a 19.5%, first year return, guaranteed!
- ✓ Real strategies on minimizing, deferring of ELIMINATING taxes into the future.
- ✓ SAFE strategies with GUARANTEED returns, (without market dependence).
- ✓ How to GUARANTEE an income for life – no matter how long you live!

During the workshop, we will define the meaning of TRUE WEALTH and how to apply it to your retirement years. Spouses are encouraged to attend. You may also invite 2 additional adult guests, pending availability. All attendees must reserve a seat.

Call 1-800-849-8607 to secure seating. We look forward to meeting you and will also be sponsoring UPCDA's March meeting, see you there.

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