



The President's Message

Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry Newsletter



It is a Time of Change

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You've heard it for months from Barack Obama. During the presidential campaign, John McCain also jumped on the bandwagon of change. The age old adage that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" doesn't apply at this time. Because folks, it is broken. There is an energy crisis and an economic crisis that have world wide ramifications if not rectified. Short-term finger in the dyke solutions will not solve these problems. Paving the way for the future through long range planning may be painful now, but can ultimately lead to economic stability and diversification in energy consumption. Yes, it is time for change.

In dentistry we need to learn from the mistakes of our government. Instead of knee jerk reactions, which usually lead to poor and costly decisions, we need to be proactive. The demographics have changed markedly over the last decade or so. Every year since 1995 the majority of pediatric dental residents have been women. Also, since 1995 the fastest growing segment of pediatric dentists has been under forty years of age. Thus the private practice sector is moving toward a female majority and is getting younger. As a Society (SSPD) we need to plan for changes that will best serve our members going forward.

To better accommodate our members the board has implemented some changes that will affect our meetings. Beginning in January 2009 the annual business meeting will take place at the CE meeting. Starting in January 2010 the election of officers and board members will occur at this meeting. We always have a large turnout of our membership at the January meetings because Dr. Nyland puts together such great courses, like the upcoming TMJ CE. By having the business meeting this winter, more members will be exposed to what is going on in the SSPD. This in return should precipitate more involvement and participation in the Society and hopefully increase attendance at our annual resort meeting. Also, by having our business meeting in January there will be more flexibility in selecting different times of the year for the resort meeting. At these future meetings the CE will be more greatly emphasized with headline speakers and timely topics. We will also be selecting more family friendly locations. Because of the switch to a January business meeting, there will not be a resort meeting in 2010. So make sure you get to the Greenbrier next Labor Day weekend.

Other changes involve our leadership. The SSPD has been blessed with fantastic leaders over the years. But it is time to pass the baton and develop our leaders of tomorrow. Dr. Levitas and his wife Miriam have done an outstanding job over the years selecting sites and overseeing the meetings. Moving forward we will be following the model of the AAPD format by having a site selection and planning committee appointed by our president-elect. Dr. Farrington has been an outstanding executive director. He is currently mentoring Jonathon Jackson to assume his job. Dr. Nyland is looking into a potential successor for the Continuing Education position. If you are interested in being considered please contact him directly.

The SSPD is the premier regional component of the AAPD. That is one thing we DO NOT want to change! We look forward to seeing you in January to kick off a terrific new year.

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2009 Annual Meeting
 Labor Day Weekend
 Friday September 4th - Monday September 7th
 The Greenbrier Resort & Spa



A National Historic Landmark, The Greenbrier represents 230 years of history with its classic architecture, exquisite interior design, carefully sculpted landscape, impeccable service and outstanding amenities. This renowned property offers 751 rooms, including 33 suites and 97 guest and estate houses. The Greenbrier has 10 lobbies. Guests enjoy over 50 recreational activities including three championship golf courses, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a 40,000 square foot spa, and a wide variety of other amenities. The Greenbrier provides accommodations and activities to please individuals, couples, families and conference groups.

Our speaker for this program is Dr. Barbara Sheller DDS, MSD, FACD. Barbara Sheller is an Orthodontist and Pediatric Dentist. Since 1987, she has practiced both specialties at Seattle Children's Hospital where she is Chief of Dental Education and Resident Training. Dr. Sheller is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and Fellow, American College of Dentists. She is the author of many scientific publications and serves as a reviewer for several orthodontic and pediatric dentistry journals. Her presentation will focus on Understanding children with ADHD and Autism in the Dental Office.

Please visit the website: www.greenbrier.com

REMEMBERING H. RAYMOND KLEIN

Ray Klein passed away unexpectedly on September 22, 2008. A native of Vincennes Indiana, he graduated from Indiana University's Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Program in 1964. He was the first Board Certified Pediatric Dentist in Jacksonville starting his practice in 1965. Ray Klein dedicated his career to helping under-served communities improve their oral health. Ray served as president on a dozen professional organizations including the American College of Dentists, the Jacksonville Dental Society, the Florida Dental Association, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and The Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry. He also served on the board of trustees of the American Dental Association. He was named the Dentist of the Year by the Florida Dental Association and Distinguished Alumnus of the Year by the Indiana University School of Dentistry. Ray is survived by his wife of 40 years, Renee, his five children, grandchildren and his mother Esther Marlow.



Ray, at 7, a country boy from Vincennes Indiana, who grew up to become a leader in Pediatric Dentistry and dedicated his career to helping the under-served communities improve their oral health. Ray will be remember by his friends and colleagues of The Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry.





District III Trustee Report Dr. Tom Ison

attending AAPD Lobby Days in Washington. I attended the Advanced Workshop this September and highly recommend it. Also, please remember to contribute to the AAPD PAC which helps our voice to be heard as we advocate for doing what is best for the children.

District III Report

The AAPD Ad Interim Meeting was held in September and minutes of the meeting can be found on the AAPD Website. Highlights of current AAPD activities are as follows.

Master Clinician Program

The Healthy Smile Healthy Children's Master Clinician Program is designed to help train pediatric dentists transitioning from private practice into academics by providing scholarships to the Academy for Academic Leadership's Institute for Teaching and Learning. Charlotte Haney and Elliott Shulman, faculty at Kentucky and West Virginia, are members of the first class and report that this is an outstanding experience. Additional information regarding the scholarships through the AAPD and Healthy Smiles Healthy Children can be obtained by contacting Scott Dalhouse, the AAPD Educational Affairs Manager, at (312) 337-2169. Application deadline for the second class is March 1, 2009.

Council on Dental Benefit Programs

A Council of Dental Benefit Programs representative will be presenting at the American Health Insurance Plans meeting on dental benefits in November. The CDBP is intimately involved with the development of CDT codes and dental benefits issues. A workshop on the new 2009 CDT codes will be held at the annual session in Hawaii in May.

Legislative News

James Crall, the AAPD Child Advocate, recently testified at the Congressional Oversight Hearing on Reforms to Pediatric Dental Care in Medicaid.

Though November brings an end to the campaign trail, we must continue to be proactive in working with our legislative leaders. The AAPD Legislative Workshop is a very valuable experience and excellent training for working with you state legislature or

Head Start

The Head Start Dental Home Initiative continues to move forward. The program is designed to identify a dental home for children in the Head Start program by developing a network of providers. Tennessee was in the startup group and additional states will be brought online in 2009.

Meetings

As 2009 nears, remember the SSPD CE Course in January and be on the lookout for registration information for the Annual Session in Hawaii in May. The AAPD Comprehensive Review Course will be offered in January and the Contemporary Sedation course will be given in March.

I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta in January.

PRIME TIME ANNOUNCEMENT

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCIES IN THE DENTAL OFFICE
FEATURING
DR STANLEY MALAMED

ATLANTA, GEORGIA
NEW HOTEL - INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL BUCKHEAD
OCTOBER 29 - 31, 2009
NEW SPONSOR - GAPD- GEORGIA ACADEMY OF
PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Pediatric Emergencies In The Dental Office: the singularly successful course designed to improve the pediatric dentist's ability to manage medical emergencies in the dental office for both pediatric and adolescent patients. Hands-On procedures will be the focus to be implemented in the early evaluation and management period. The application of this information will be demonstrated in simulated emergency scenarios.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

***** CONTINUED ADDED ATTRACTION *****
PALS - PEDIATRIC ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT
RECERTIFICATION

Taught by CRITICAL CONCEPTS ... offering the latest in PALS technology and new guidelines.

SEPARATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To those who have completed and returned the survey, THANK YOU! If you haven't, please complete our survey and fax to the central office @804-515-8832 . YOUR OPINION MATTERS.....

ANNUAL MEETING SURVEY FOR 2011

The Annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for Florida in the Spring of 2011.

In deciding to attend the annual meeting what factors are most important in your decision (Number from most important to least important)

- a. ___ location and/or site
- b. ___ travel distance or difficulty in reaching location (airlines, etc)
- c. ___ speakers
- d. ___ topics
- e. ___ registration cost
- f. ___ hotel room cost
- g. ___ time of year
- h. ___ C.E. credit

When do you prefer to go? Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____
(certain sites maybe be better at certain times of the year)

Where do you prefer to stay? Beach _____
(type of location) Mountains _____
Historic city or site _____
Resort _____
Other: _____

Future Meetings - Where do you want to go? (rank first to last)

Previous Meeting	Suggested sites
Grove Park , Asheville, NC _____	_____
Williamsburg, Virginia _____	_____
Charleston, South Carolina _____	_____
Amelia Island, Florida _____	_____
Hilton Head, South Carolina _____	_____

What CE Topic would you be interested in?

- Ortho _____
- Financial investment/retirement _____
- Practice Management/team building _____
- Behavior management/ADHD/Autism _____
- Restorative _____
- Sedation _____
- Other _____

Length of CE course? (check preference)

- Half day on Friday and Half day on Saturday _____
- Full day Saturday and half day on Sunday _____
- 3 half days – Friday , Saturday & Sunday _____
- Half day Saturday and half day Sunday _____

What meetings have you attended in the past ? (check all that apply)

SSPD _____ Annual Meeting _____ C.E.

AAPD _____ Annual Meeting _____ C.E.

Why did you attend the above? (check all that apply)

Location _____

Hotel _____

CE topic _____

Time of year _____

Board/committee meeting _____

CE requirement _____

What events do you attend at the annual meetings?

Levitas Lecture (Thursday afternoon) _____

Welcome Reception _____

CE Speakers (Friday am) _____

President's Banquet _____

Annual Business Meeting _____

Farewell Breakfast _____

What activities are you interested in?

Golf _____

Tennis _____

Spa _____

Fishing _____

Sightseeing/tours _____

Hiking _____

Do you have any interest in AAPD/SSPD Committees?

Which one _____

Do you have recommendations for future annual session or CE speakers?

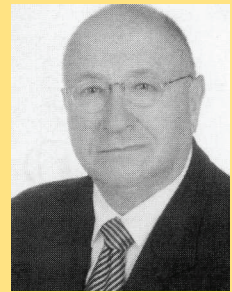
Do you have any recommendations that can enhance your meeting experience?

Your opinion is important to us, please take the time to complete and return this survey. You can fax this survey to the SSPD Central office @ 804-515-8832 or mail it to SSPD 6307 Colebrook Road, Richmond, VA 23227-1611.

For your convenience the survey is on-line at www.sspd.org

The Last Word By

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MY FRIEND grew up in a rural farm area of Indiana. He found his way to metropolitan Indianapolis where he attended Indiana University School of Dentistry and completed a residency program in pediatric dentistry. He moved to Jacksonville, Fl. In 1965 to become the first program trained pediatric dentistry in the city. I first met him in 1966 when I came to Jacksonville. This was the beginning of a life long friendship. He met and married a Jacksonville native which became a fairy tell story. Raising three children, building a textbook practice, and becoming involved in his profession was his life time love. His accomplishments through the years can not be compared to any chart. The two of them traveled the world representing dentistry and pediatric dentistry. With all of these accomplishments, my friend always had the time to make one feel **NUMBER ONE**. He always had time for me, and me for him. I remember when I called him and told him my wife had terminal cancer. He dismissed his patients and immediately came to my side. I remember getting a phone call from my friend at four o'clock in the morning from a hotel room in Chicago. He was crying. He was depressed and just wanted to talk. And talk we did, for some three hours. He encouraged me to participate in organized dentistry. Through his experience he mentored me to achieve the goals I have made for myself. I remember when he told me that his son had decided to become a dentist. How proud he was. My **FRIEND** left me abruptly. He did not say goodbye. But I know he cared. **H. RAYMOND KLEIN**. You may not be with us in body. But you are in sole and prayer. You will not be forgotten because your are **MY FRIEND**. God Bless you on your new journey and rest in peace. That is one mans opinion, and, That Is The Last Word.

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