It is with great pleasure I greet you all in the 2014 SSPD Winter Newsletter. You see, this society is truly special and for all the right reasons. The Southeast has a legacy of excellence in leadership and a history of traditions steeped in programs that make the Southeast the most enjoyable and inviting venue to gather and share our experiences and visions with our colleagues.

A most sterling example of SSPD tradition can be featured with our immediate Past President, Gaines Thomas. I unfortunately did not do justice to his passing the Presidential gavel to me, as I ran to catch a flight home from the annual session last month in Atlanta. So let me share with you now what I wanted to tell you about Gaines. He is without question the epitome of the true southern gentleman, and as such, he exemplifies what IS the SSPD. The burning question I’m sure you are all asking, is what is a true southern gentleman? While perusing some of my favorite southern muses (in order of favorites), “Garden and Gun Magazine,” Margaret Mitchell’s Gone With the Wind, and everything written by Mark Twain, I found a great summary that wrapped it all up:

“A Southern gentleman has a reputation as one who can be counted on to do the right thing, the right way. Why? Because his mother taught him from the moment he was born to obey a higher calling. To be an authentic Southern Gentleman, you must cultivate...

1. Reverence for God and women,
2. Strength of Character, including Integrity, Magnanimity, Chivalry,
3. Respect for family, heritage, and traditions
4. Becoming an excellent provider and protector
5. Being Responsible, Ethical, and Just
6. Impeccable manners,
7. Exuding warmth, kindness, and charm,
8. And most of all, possessing a servant’s heart”

The Legacy that has been faithfully handed to me passed through so many hands of leaders that I have grown up with. As you all know, my father, Jim McIlwain has always been a steadfast supporter of the SSPD, serving as President back in 1999 and as Editor for many
years there after. I had the most wonderful time going to meetings at beautiful resorts and seeing first hand the people that cared so much at making the southeast strong. Howard Schneider (still always a faithful servant of the SSPD) and Joy McKee ushered in the Billy Bishops, Ron Bells and Jim Bealls of the 90’s. There was the Grove Park Inn and The Breakers, The Greenbrier and Savannah with Jim Keeton, Ed Moody and Ed Nacht. Randy Adams took us to Puerto Rico (and hasn’t missed a meeting since) along with Phil Miller and David Crossley.

Well this pause for reflection about some of our past presidents stirred lots of memories of past SSPD leadership that have strongly and faithfully given of themselves to create what started as a society in 1965 and then became District III in 1983. That’s right, next year, we will be celebrating 50 years of tradition and legacy! I’m not sure who was sitting in that room back in 1965, but it wasn’t long after, Ted Levitas served as one of our earliest presidents.

So, know that you all have been role models, right up through to 2014. I have been watching for years and I will promise to keep the Southeast steeped in warmth, kindness and charm even if it means channeling my inner Southern Gentleman.
It’s been a cold, hard winter for so many of us in the southeast. Hopefully the weather hasn’t affected your homes or offices.

The AAPD Board meeting was held last month followed by the planning session of the councils and communities. Many new activities and plans are being implemented.

The next Public Policy Advocacy Conference will be in Washington, DC in March. Many of the states in our district will be represented there. There will be training on “talking with our congressman” and an ACA update on Pediatric Oral Health Insurance Coverage. The AAPD legislative priorities again included Title VII funding for pediatric residency programs and faculty loan repayment. Also a priority is to explore the possibility of targeted pediatric oral health bill to address Medicaid dental reform. The Governmental Affairs charges are one of the most important activities that the Academy works on for its members. Please be generous with a PAC donation!

There is a rapid response team being created to watch ACA legislation and outcomes. This will help AAPD disseminate information to all its members.

Annual Session is in Boston, MA on May 22-25. The welcome reception has been moved to Friday night at Fenway Park! It will be great to see the Red Sox home. The opening keynote speaker is Henry Winkler and of course an excellent scientific program is planned. Look for the new AAPD campaign “Monster Free Mouths” that will be showcased there. Also keep your continuing education credits organized with our new electronic passport. On Wednesday, the AAPD will host a dental home day at Tufts University. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact me or Paul Amundsen at AAPD if you are interested. Massachusetts has a temporary license that is easily obtained. Boston has so much to offer so make your plans now to attend. Don’t forget to download the annual session app to help plan your trip.

Check the AAPD website often for news and updates. Also there is a calendar of the upcoming continuing education meetings and webinars.

My term as trustee ends in May so this will be my last report. Brian Beitel from Huntsville, Alabama will succeed me in the Southeast Trustee position. He is enthusiastic and anxious to get to work. Please communicate with him any concerns or suggestions. Brian will do an outstanding job.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served as your trustee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannie Beauchamp
Rhea Haugseth, AAPD Immediate Past President, Ed Moody, AAPD President-Elect, Tom Ison, SSPD Secretary, Jeannie Beauchamp, SSPD District III Trustee, Brian Beitel, incoming SSPD District III Trustee.

Presenter, Dr. Bruce Howerton

Presenter, Dr. Lawrence Kotlow

Martha Hardaway & Frank Farrington presenting Porscha Jefferson, with the Frank H. Farrington Service and Leadership Award
Highlights of the January 2014 Annual Meeting

Navin Shetty, Frank Farrington & Patty Wunsch

Mark Meyer, Skip & Susan Tyson

AAPD President Elect, Ed Moody

Martha Hardaway and Julie Fields

Ted Levitas, Howard Schneider, Jim Nyland

Jennifer Wells, Catherine Engright, & Rhonda Hogan
Highlights of the January 2014 Annual Meeting

Porschua Jefferson, James Slaughter, Nevin Allan

Laura & Phil Miller, and Melinda Hochgesang

Linda Thomas and Janice Jackson

Scott Childress & Julie Fields with Smilesavvy.com

Robert Ellis III, Robert Ellis Jr., CJ. Tull

Jeff Paul/QC Orthodontics.
2015 Annual Continuing Education Course

Please Mark your Calendars for the 2015 Annual CE Course in Atlanta
“A Return to Excellence in Orthodontics”
January 9th -11th

Featuring
Dr. Tim Shaughnessy & Dr. Chris Baker

Dr. Timothy Shaughnessy received his DDS degree from the University of Michigan and his Masters of Science in Orthodontics from the University of North Carolina. He was the recipient of a National Research Fellowship awarded by the National Institute of Dental Research and as a result of his accomplishments, earned an Award of Special Merit from the American Association of Orthodontics in 1987.

Dr. Shaughnessy has been the Director of Atlanta Orthodontic Study Group form 1992 to present. Dentists from around the world join him to learn more about orthodontics. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and currently practices Orthodontics in Johns Creek/Suwanee, Georgia.

HIS COURSE OBJECTIVES
1. Understand the concept of Phase I orthodontic treatment and the practice management ramifications.
2. Be able to differentiate between dental and skeletal problems.
3. Learn to systematically evaluate each patient in all 3 planes of space.
4. Become more thoughtful regarding treatment timing.
5. Appreciate the differences in growth between boys and girls and the impact on treatment timing for skeletal correction.
6. Give considerably more thought to the words “cost-effective” and “time-efficient”.
6. Consider the patient first when deciding who benefits from Phase I therapy.

Chris Baker, RN, DMD. After practicing as a critical care Registered Nurse for 10 years, Dr. Baker earned her DMD from University of Kentucky and her certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from University of Connecticut. Dr. Baker spent a year fellowship in Orthodontics at UConn and served on faculty in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics for 7 years. She joined the late Dr. Walter Doyle in practice and teaching seminars. Dr. Baker’s approach to pediatric dentistry and orthodontics is based in prevention, with emphasis on orthodontic treatment procedures for the preschool and school-age child to improve the growth of the entire face.

In her lecture she will cover:
1. “One and Done” (phase I orthodontic treatment without phase II)
2. Pre-school Class III Treatment
3. Habits/Airways/Upper Expansion
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2015 Resort Meeting
April 10th -12th

The Charleston Place Hotel
Charleston, South Carolina

More details coming soon!

Charleston Place Front Entrance

Lobby Staircase

Spa Pool