Happy Fall Y’all! At least that is what people are saying around here. Leaves are changing, fall festivals are here, and my town is crowded with tourists. With the changing of the seasons, the leadership of our organization will also change. I will pass on my presidency in January. I have enjoyed my years serving on the Executive Committee for the SSPD and especially my year as president. I am thrilled that the joint meeting with the Southwestern Society of Pediatric Dentistry fell during my presidency; it was an idea I cooked up with Serese Cannon of the SWSPD at a dinner in Vail, Colorado a few years ago. With lots of pushing, we made it happen! The meeting in New Orleans was a big success. We had a great attendance and a terrific lineup of speakers. New Orleans is always fun, and I saw plenty of our contingent enjoying themselves to the fullest. Thanks to our meeting planning committee we had some new and repeat vendors come to showcase their wares and sponsor some of the events. Many thanks to that organization team and to the vendors! The attendees from the Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry were also excited about the event and felt that another collaborative meeting in the future would be a success again. We value the input of our membership and would like to make a special offer to you all (continuing education committee members excluded):

If you are the FIRST to submit the name of a speaker or a hotel location for the next resort meeting, the SSPD will provide you with a complimentary registration for the meeting! Please submit your suggestions by January 31, 2017 directly to Leigh Ann McIlwain, Chair of the Programs Committee, at ped2thdr@aol.com. This isn’t the only competition we have going on. I would like to remind everyone about the Frank Farrington Service and Leadership Award. The deadline has been extended to December 1st. Please encourage any young doctors and residents to apply. Application materials are available on our website at www.sspd.org.

While we were enjoying ourselves in the Big Easy, a large storm traveled up the southeast coast and some areas in our district were damaged. At the time of writing, some are still experiencing complications due to the flooding from Hurricane Matthew. Among southeast dentists, I have seen an outpouring of offers to help each other. Although the devastation that people are experiencing is sad, it also fills my heart to see our colleagues stepping up to help each other in a time of great need.
President’s message cont.....

Over the years we have had many members who have been important figures in the course of Pediatric Dentistry as a profession. This year we lost a very special person. Dr. Theodore Clinton Levitas was a leading figure in our field for over 60 years. Dr. Levitas was a recognized leader in the field of children’s dentistry, serving as president of both the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Society of Dentistry for Children, the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry, the Northern (Georgia) District Dental Society and the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society. Dr. Levitas served in many other leadership roles with national, state and local dental associations and was active in planning and organizing many dental meetings and conferences, including the Hinman Society’s celebrated annual meeting. He was a frequent and sought-after lecturer on children’s dentistry, nationally and internationally, and expressed his love for writing by contributing extensively to dental literature.

For the last several decades of his career, Dr. Levitas devoted himself to the care of medically compromised and handicapped children and was appointed a diplomate of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry. He was a longtime member of the staff of both Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital and Egleston Children’s Hospital. He was the first dentist to become president of the hospital medical-dental staff of Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital and started the dental surgery program at Egleston Children’s Hospital. Throughout his career Dr. Levitas served the community by providing free dental care one morning a week at the Ben Massell Dental Clinic, where he was chief of staff for many years and chief emeritus beginning in 1998. He also devoted a substantial portion of his practice to serving Medicaid patients and other children who did not have easy access to quality dental care. He touched and improved the lives of thousands of children and their parents, who lovingly referred to him as Dr. Teddy Bear.

As a founding member of the SSPD, Ted Levitas was so important to us in the Southeast we even named a lecture in his honor, the Theodore “C” Ted Levitas Lecture. This honorary lecture occurs at our resort meeting. Dr. Ted loved the resort meeting and served as the travel arrangements chairperson for many years. I know he would have been proud to see his legacy achieve success again this year at our resort meeting in New Orleans. Ted was a truly special person I had the honor to know. He will be dearly missed.

Everyone should have recently received an invitation to our upcoming CE course January 13-15, 2017 in Atlanta. The speaker selection is strong and I anticipate that the program will be a valuable learning experience for us all. Dr. Hector Vila, Dr. Greg Psaltis, Dr. Frank Sierra, Dr. George Alvarez, Dr. Mike Garcia, Dr. Dennis Stone, Dr. Andrew Pate and Dr. Linda Rice are coming together to put together a fantastic continuing education program for us. I look forward to seeing you there. Until then, watch football, go hiking and enjoy the beautiful weather!
This is confusing. My calendar tells me we are in the middle of Fall, the weather has me convinced it is still Summer and everything else is suggesting that the holiday season is already upon us. Being the optimist that I am I think I will just take the best part of each season and enjoy myself . . . because I can. Please, no one mention the election.

For those of you that did not attend the joint SSPD/SWSPD meeting in New Orleans you truly missed a great meeting. Kudos to all of you that planned and executed that meeting. Great speakers, wonderful food and as always the comradery is why we go. I believe we showed Jade Miller, AAPD President, why our districts are cornerstones of our academy.

On to the matters at hand. This year’s Annual Session will be held in Washington, D.C., May 25-29. AAPD 2017 will fit under one roof at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center on the banks of the Potomac River. It appears as though registration and housing for this year’s meeting in will not open until sometime in December. Complete meeting details will be published in the January issue of PDT. Please check the AAPD website at www.aaapd.org for updates regarding the Annual Session.

The Preconference Course, “Frenums to Pacifiers”, will be held of Thursday the 25th and will focus on providing oral health care to toddlers, emphasizing a special knowledge of diagnostic factors and treatment techniques not inherent in the treatment of the rest of our patients.

This year’s Welcome Reception will be held ON FedEx field Friday night and will include the usual plethora of food and beverages with activities and dancing for the entire family.

The Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address will be given by Mel Robbins. Here’s a brief introduction:

    Mel is a third generation entrepreneur, a married mother of three, and here’s a fun fact – she used to be a public defender representing violent felons in New York City. She’s no longer arguing reasonable doubt to a jury, she’s teaching people around the world about the power of learning to push ourselves and HOW to break our habit of self-doubt. You may have seen Mel’s TedX Talk “How To Stop Screwing Yourself Over,” which has racked up over 10M views across social channels in 37 countries, and is climbing by the hour. Perhaps you’ve seen her on TV, she’s one of CNN’s senior legal and social commentators. Or on the pages of SUCCESS Magazine, where she is a contributing leadership editor.

In addition to yet another stellar scientific program our President’s Farewell Dinner will be held at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. “A Night At The Museum”. I hope to see all of y’all there.
SSPD & SWSPD Attendees at the Welcome Reception in New Orleans

Attendee’s enjoying the music of Clyde & Iggy during the Welcome Reception

Fall is Here!
Annual Meeting Course Schedule

Friday, January 13
7:00 - 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast among Exhibitors
8:30 - 10:00 Dr. Greg Psaltis
10:00 - 10:30 Break among Exhibitors
10:30 - Noon Dr. Greg Psaltis
Noon - 2:00 Lunch on your own
2:00 - 3:15 Dr. Greg Psaltis
3:15 - 3:45 Break among Exhibitors
3:45 - 5:00 Dr. Greg Psaltis

Saturday, January 14
7:00 - 8:30 Registration and Exhibitors
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast Business Meeting
8:30 - 10:00 Dr. Frank Sierra
10:00 - 10:30 Break among Exhibitors
*10:30 - 12:00 Dr. Frank Sierra
*12:00 – 1:30 Lunch on your own
*12:00 – 1:30 Resident’s Lunch & Learn Program - Dr. Dennis Stone
1:30 – 2:30 Dr. Hector Vila
2:30 – 3:30 Dr. Linda Rice
3:30 – 4:00 Break among Exhibitors
4:00 - 5:00 Dr. Dennis Stone
6:00 – 7:00 Reception sponsored by PDAA

Sunday, January 15
7:00 -8:00 Breakfast among Exhibitors
8:00 - 9:00 Dr. George Alvarez
9:00 - 10:00 Dr. Mike Garcia
10:00 - 10:30 Break among Exhibitors
10:30 - 11:30 Dr. Andrew Pate

*change from previously published schedule

SATURDAY EVENING RECEPTION
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Pediatric Dental Anesthesiologist Associates (PDAA) will host a beer, wine and hor d'oeuvres reception on Saturday evening from 6-7 pm for pediatric dentists to relax after today's sessions. Come and meet the PDAA anesthesiologists working in your state. PDAA will be available to answer questions about our practice.

Pediatric Dental Anesthesia Associates (PDAA)
COURSE REGISTRATION FORM
Please detach and return this form with your payment by December 10, 2016. For group registration, please forward list of all attendees along with address information.

Hotel Reservations - The Ritz Carlton Buckhead Call 1-800-241-3333 by 12/10 for group rate of $259.00 per night
or register online: https://www.marriott.com/reservation/availability.mi?propertyCode=atlbk&clusterCode=group&groupCode=kbekbea&fromDate=011217&toDate=01/15/17

SSPD 36th Annual Continuing Education Course
January 13-15
PLEASE PRINT: Please detach and return this form with your payment by December 10, 2016. Copy form for additional names.

Doctor Name(s)_____________________________________

Guest/Spouse/Staff Name (s)____________________________

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Office Address_______________________________________

City____________________________ State______ Zip_______

Phone ______________________________________________

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Registration Fees By 12/10 After 12/10
AAPD Member $595 ___________________ $695 ______
Non-Member $695____________________ $795 ______
Staff $295____________________ $395 ______
Guest $195____________________ $295 ______
Resident $0 ______
Retired Members & Full Time Faculty $50 ______
(cost for daily refreshment breaks and business meeting breakfast)
Total $ ________

Mail checks payable to SSPD:
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Cancellations:
Cancellations must be made in writing and received by the society at least 7 days in advance of the time registration opens.
Pediatric dentistry is unique in that each appointment requires that the dentist must successfully communicate with both children and parents and manage everyone’s behavior including oneself. In this program, principles of behavior management are discussed and demonstrated in video footage showing actual patients in treatment and how to best handle them. While dentistry often focuses on the technical aspects of our work, in this specialty, it is only through effective handling of patients that our technical work can be at its best. And the parents? They are the entertainment and promotional program, not the “problem” that most people believe. We will also discuss the role that Team members play in providing a welcoming and safe environment for the patients and parents.

Saturday Morning Jan 14th 8:30 - 12:00
The program will explore
•Current societal and legislative environment and future trends
•Spectrum of treatment options from behavior management through general anesthesia
•Operator administered anesthesia versus medical team approach
•Traditional and nontraditional settings for oral health care under anesthesia
•Challenging cases will be discussed in an interactive format to explore best treatment modality

Saturday Afternoon Jan 14th 1:30 - 2:30
1:30- 2:30 What Can and has Gone Wrong in Dental Sedation…Hector Vila M.D.

Saturday Afternoon Jan 14th 2:30 - 3:30
The New AAPD Sedation Guidelines – What’s New and What’s Missin ....Linda Jo Rice M.D.
Saturday Afternoon Jan 14th 4:00 - 5:00
In Office Sedation and Anesthesia…. Dennis Stone M.D.

Sunday Morning Jan 15th  8:00 - 9:00
Pediatric Anesthesia and Brain Development – Update on the Controversy…
George Alvarez M.D.

Sunday Morning Jan 15th  9:00 - 10:00
Special Considerations for Special Needs – Autism, Downs and CP…Mike Garcia M.D.

Sunday Morning Jan 15th  10:30 - 11:30
Sedation and Common Childhood Diseases- Asthma, Allergies, Seizures…Andrew Pate M.D.
The 11th month of the year brings us Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, and every 4 years, the US Presidential Election.

In the Georgian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, November is the eleventh moth of the year. However, in the early Roman calendar, it was originally the ninth month. Later, the Roman senate elected to name the eleventh month for Caesar. November is right between fall and winter. Almost all leaves are gone from the tree and lost their colors. The month is referred as the wind month and the bloom month by Anglo-Saxons. It is because November is the month where they killed their animals for food. Those have been harvested in the previous months are either put inside the storage or sent to processing plants or mills. In this month, the farmers will know whether that particular year was successful or not. Because of its beautiful weather, football is the main sport of the month.

The birthstone for November is the topaz. The zodiac signs for November are Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) and Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21). The birth flower for November is the chrysanthemum. On November 2, 1769, a Spanish expedition reached San Francisco Bay. On November 2, 1889, North Dakota became the 39th state of the United States. On November 2, 1889, South Dakota became the 40th state of the United States. On November 2, 1917, Arthur Balfour proposed settlement of Jewish people in Palestine. On November 4, 1979, the U.S. Embassy was taken over by Iranian revolutionaries in Teheran and a group of U.S. citizens were seized as hostages. On November 6, 1869, the first intercollegiate football game was played in the United States between Rutgers and Princeton. On November 8, 1889, Montana became the 41st state of the United States. On November 15, 1935, Manuel Quezon was inaugurated as the first president of the Philippines. On November 18, 1883, standard time began in the United States. November is also known as Peanut Butter Lovers Month, National Good Nutrition Month, National Pepper Month, National Sleep Comfort Month.
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