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## President's Message



David Rothman, DDS  
CSPD President

I'm sitting on the plane traveling back to San Francisco after five glorious and exhilarating days at the CSPD annual session in Cancun run by our President-elect, Ora Lowe. It was a wonderful time with lectures by the heavy hitters in their fields and amazing weather and warm Mexican hospitality in the beautiful Caribbean setting of the Yucatan. I'll have fond memories of seeing old friends, making many new friends and accepting the uncharted challenges of the presidency of CSPD. Ora did an incredible job overcoming the challenges of cross border and cross cultural differences. Our doors were opened to the world as there were attendees from not only North America (USA, Canada and Mexico) but from Europe as well. This meeting provided an unparalleled educational, networking and alliance building experience. The parallel is not lost that the meeting occurred in the Mayan region where culture, exploration, scientific knowledge and civilization grew and prospered in pre-Columbian time. *Muchas gracias, Ora!* You can rest now.

The CSPD Board members and invited consultants have finished the initial phase of the strategic planning. We have developed both a new mission and vision statement and have identified four strategic goals that we believe will improve CSPD and maintain it as the leader of pediatric dentistry in California. I invite you to visit our website ([www.CSPD.org](http://www.CSPD.org)) and examine the results of this strenuous self assessment. Our goals will

serve as the destination points in our organization's travels and, in summary, they support the triad of services that are the cornerstone of CSPD: advocacy for the children we serve, education that is timely and cutting edge and membership services that will enable us to practice better and more efficiently in this era of upheaval and change.

All of this overlies a newly designed committee and administrative structure which we hope will be less duplicative and more streamlined, responsive and cost effective. Among the many things we'll be implementing will be a more accessible and transparent volunteer structure as well as a more unified and comprehensive offering of continuing education. Lofty goals, you ask? Rome wasn't built in a day and these changes will not occur overnight. We will implement this over a period of time while being flexible and responsive to changes in the landscape and will continually reevaluate our progress.

We have a strong foundation build through the years of hard work by the past leaders in our organization. Although the road map to our goals has not been completed, the destination is in sight and the highway will be built along the way. It will take the work of many teams of dedicated workers: our highly talented and motivated board members, our committee members, and the help of those who have guided us in the past. All of these individuals and the future generation of CSPD members will be instrumental in keeping us straight on this road we're paving. This journey is like the airplane flight I'm on; I know where I'm going, I know where I've been and I want the best possible and least turbulent ride possible. I'll be calling on many of you for your help and expertise. **Join us on the trip.**

## THANK YOU!!!

With honor and appreciation, the CSPD board and all CSPD members take our hats off to Lonnie Lovingier for all he has done as our editor over the years to make our Bulletin the envy of so many organizations. *He brought us information. He brought us prestige. And above all, Lonnie brought us together through an incredible publication.*

"Lonnie really embodies all the qualities that make a great volunteer and he deserves many thanks. - CSPD Past President Lindsey Robinson

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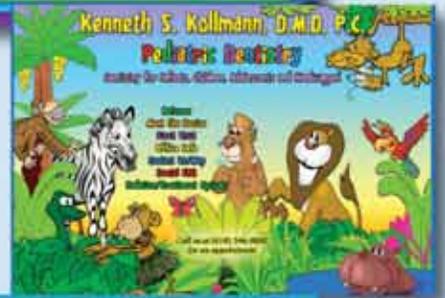
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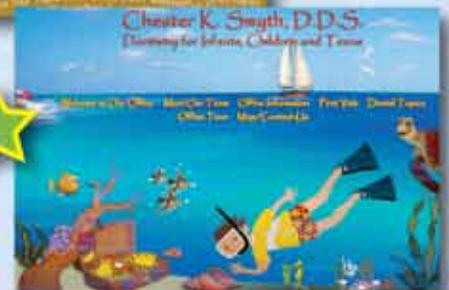
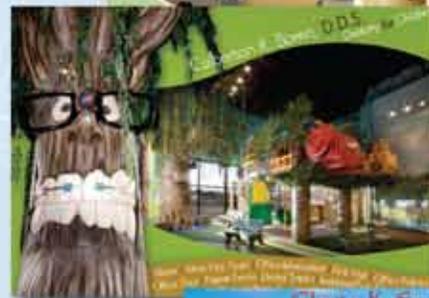
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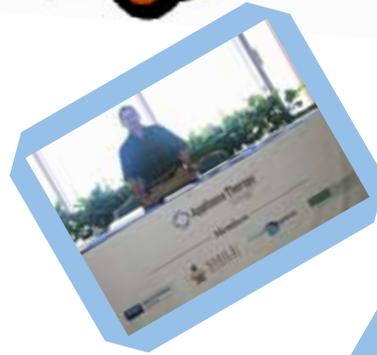
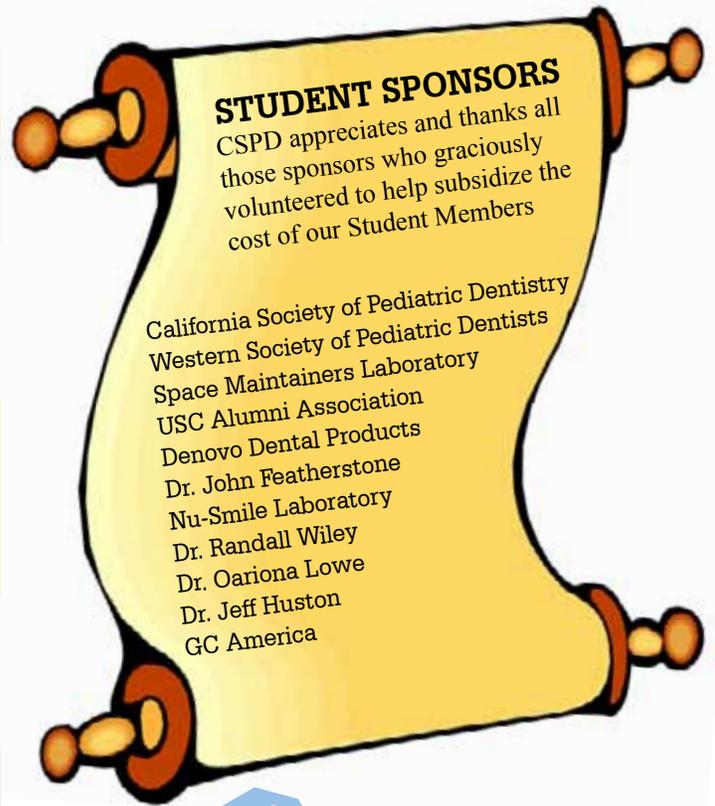
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# CSPD in Cancun



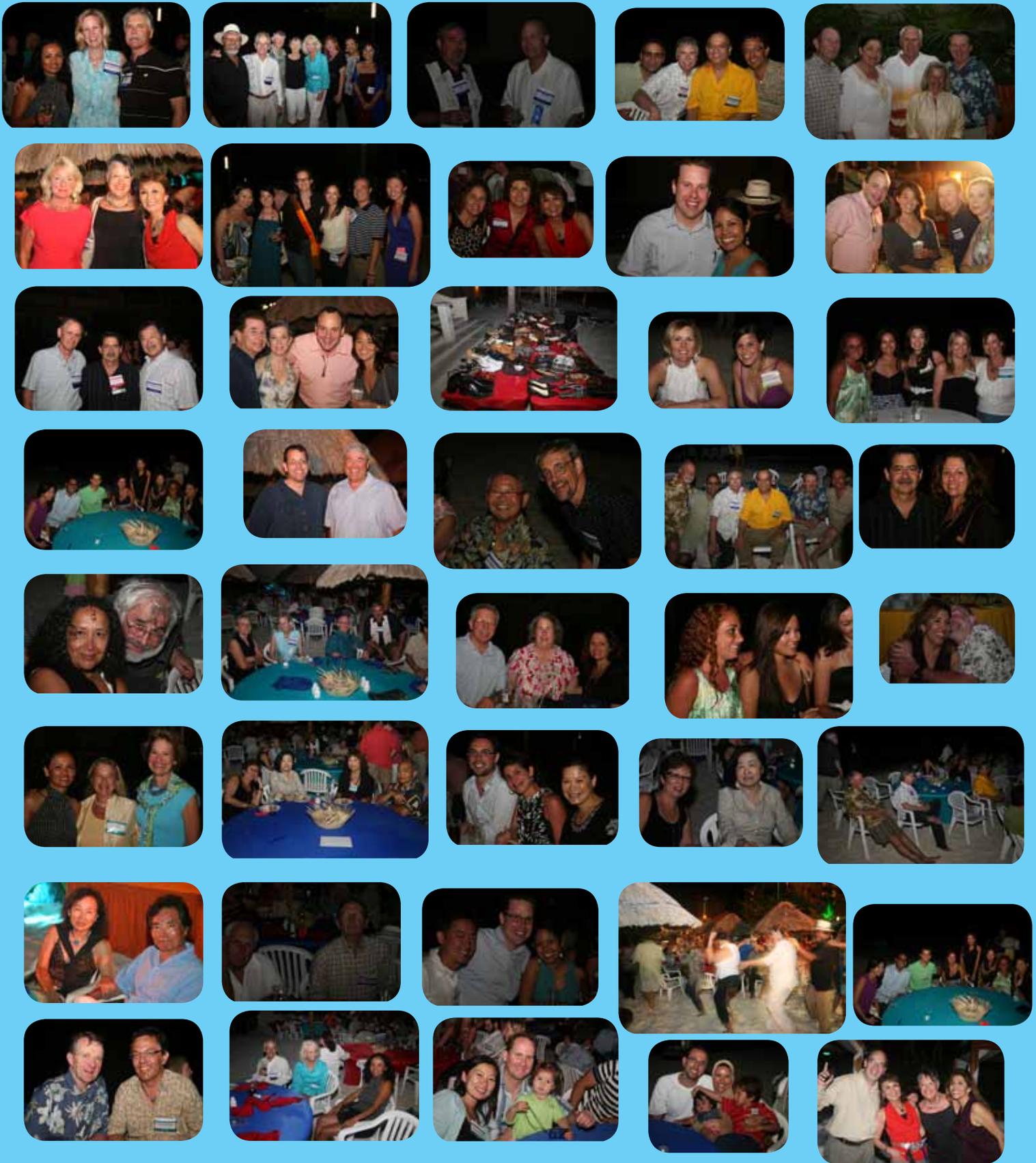
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# Summary of the Meeting of the Dental Board of California

**The Dental Board of California met February 25-26, 2010, in San Diego. The following summarizes the actions and issues pertinent to pediatric oral health.**



**Paul Reggiardo, DDS  
Public Policy Advocate**

## 8-Hour Infection Control Course Requirement for Unlicensed Dental Assistants

AB 2637 (2008), which became operational January 1, 2010, redefined the dental assisting regulatory structure. This bill created the Orthodontic Assistant Permit, the Dental Sedation Assistant Permit and modified the scope of practice of the Registered Dental Assistant, Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions, and unlicensed dental assistant. Beginning in 2010, dentist employers will be responsible for ensuring that, within one year of employment, unlicensed dental assistants complete a one-time-only, 2-hour course on the California Dental Practice Act (CDPA) and an 8-hour infection control course. Dentists will also be responsible for ensuring that unlicensed dental assistants in their employ obtain and maintain certification in basic life support (BLS).

While the CDPA and BLS requirements can be met with existing courses, the 8-hour infection control course requires completion of a newly designed, Board-approved course specifically for unlicensed dental assistants. This course must contain a four-hour didactic component (which may be provided by electronic transmission) and a live, two-hour pre-clinical and two-hour clinical component which cannot be given by electronic transmission or distance learning and cannot have more than six students per instructor.

The issue before the Board concerned whether this requirement was intended to apply to all unlicensed dental assistants or only those hired after January 1, 2010. The statute was ambiguous on this point. An opinion by the California Legislative Counsel, a nonpartisan public agency that drafts legislative proposals, prepares legal opinions, and provides other legal services to the Legislature, at the request of the bill's author, Mike Eng, concluded that the Dental Board could reasonably accept either interpretation. Further, it was the opinion of the Legislative Counsel that the courts would uphold either decision of the Board. With this information, the Board voted that the requirement that an unlicensed dental assistant must complete the 8-hour infection control course applies only to those individuals first hired by his or her current employer after January 1, 2010. The Board further decided that any unlicensed dental assistant who could produce evidence of satisfactory completion of Board-approved Registered Dental Assistant training would be deemed to have met the requirement.

**Comment:** The action of the Board removes a formidable obstacle to continued employment for many of the estimated 40,000 to 50,000 unlicensed dental assistants currently working in California. Two situations, however, should be noted:

- If a dental assistant working for his or her current employer prior to January 1, 2010, leaves that

employment, it becomes the responsibility of the next employer to ensure that the requirement is met.

- If an employer changes employment entity (e.g. a sole proprietor becomes a corporation or a partnership or the practice is sold to a new practice owner), then the unlicensed dental assistant working under the January 1, 2010 prior-employment exclusion must now meet the requirement.

Additionally, it should be noted that the decision of the Board relates only to the infection control and California Law courses. The employing dentist is still responsible for ensuring that all unlicensed dental assistants, regardless of their first date of employment, meet the requirement of obtaining and maintaining certification in Basic Life Support.

## DBC Complaint and Compliance Unit Cite and Fine Authority

Effective February 1, 2010, in an effort to streamline enforcement investigations, the Board's Complaint and Compliance Unit began citing and fining licensees who fail or refuse to comply with the Board's request for dental records. In the past, it was the Board's practice to send three letters, the last by certified mail, when records were requested. It is now the Board's practice to send a single certified letter to the subject dentist(s) and to subsequent or previous providers. After 45 days, if the records are not received and the dentist has not been granted an extension or waiver from the Board, he or she will receive a second certified letter demanding the records accompanied by a citation and a \$5,000.00 fine. The Board's website now contains the following policy announcement:

**Effective February 1, 2010, the Dental Board of California (Board) will be uniformly citing and fining licensees who fail or refuse to comply with the Board's request for dental records.**

Business and Professions Code Section 1684.1. (a) (1) states:

*A licensee who fails or refuses to comply with a request for the dental records of a patient, that is accompanied by that patient's written authorization for release of record to the board, within 15 days of receiving the request and authorization, shall pay to the board a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per day for each day that the documents have not been produced after the 15th day, up to a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) unless the licensee is unable to provide the documents within this time period for good cause.*

**Comment:** The Board will entertain an informal appeal process of the fine if the records are produced and an appeal requested within 30 days. The appeal will be heard by the Board's Executive Officer. Continued failure to produce the requested records without adequate explanation will result in initiation of disciplinary proceedings.

**Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative (CPEI) of the Department of Consumer Affairs**

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has initiated a series of reforms, termed the Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative, to reform and streamline the enforcement process of the 18 healing arts boards it oversees. The program is intended to enable healing arts boards to more efficiently investigate consumer complaints and prosecute licensees under their jurisdiction. The goal is to reduce by half (from an average of 36 months to between 12 and 18 months) amount of time needed for investigation and prosecution of accused licensees. The CPEI is targeting three areas:

- **Administrative Reform:** New performance measures and revised internal operations of the healing arts board's Enforcement Divisions will be designed to streamline procedures, target problem investigations, and improve probation monitoring.
- **Increase in Enforcement Resources:** The Dental Board of California's Enforcement Division will grow by approximately 20%. Reforms include the hiring of non-sworn investigators and increasing the number of dental consultants (especially dental specialists) to review cases.
- **Pursuit of Legislation:** The DCA is sponsoring legislation, SB 1111 (Negrette, McLeod), that

would expand the powers of the healing arts boards and provide increased regulatory tools and authority to more efficiently investigate and prosecute suspected violations of the law by healing arts practitioners.

**Comment:** This bill represents a monumental change to the enforcement capabilities of the Dental Board of California and the 17 other Healing Arts Boards under the jurisdiction of the DCA. While the intent is in the public's interest, there is a concern about the ability to maintain fairness and due legal process for licensees accused of violations of the Dental Practice Act or other authority. The 37 separate provisions of the bill as introduced will need to undergo rigorous legal analysis and evaluation before CSPD can determine a position on this proposed legislation.

**Retroactive Fingerprinting Regulations**

The Dental Board of California, along with other boards and bureaus of the Department of Consumer Affairs, requires license applicants to provide electronic fingerprint records for a criminal background check prior to issuance of the license. Although required since 1986, this licensure prerequisite was not retroactive. Therefore, dental licensees who obtained licenses prior to that date have no electronic fingerprint record. As a result, the Board has no criminal history or subsequent arrest records for any dentist licensed prior to 1986 or for

any Registered Dental Assistants licensed prior to 1999.

To correct this situation, the Board approved regulatory language to amend the California Code of Regulations to require the submission of electronic fingerprint records to the Department of Justice as a condition of license renewal for any licensee without such records on file. The licensee will pay the costs of furnishing the fingerprints and the Department of Justice search - estimated at \$50.00 to \$60.00.

As another condition of license renewal, the licensee will be required to self-disclose whether, in the prior renewal cycle, he or she has been convicted of any violation of law in California or any other state or country. The licensee will not be required to disclose traffic infractions under \$1,000.00 as long as the infraction does not involve alcohol, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances.

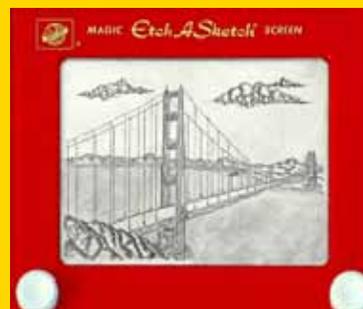
**Comment:** The proposed regulatory language is still subject to a 15-day comment period and approval of what is known as the "rulemaking file" by the Office of Administrative Law before it becomes effective. It is anticipated that implementation will begin with December, 2010 renewals.

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# Bills of Interest to CSPD

## California Legislature 2010-2011 Second Regular Session

### April 30, 2010

CSPD follows these and a number of other bills potentially impacting pediatric oral health. Members having questions or wishing to comment on these or any other legislative initiatives are invited to contact CSPD's Public Policy Advocate, Dr. Paul Reggiardo, at [reggiardo@prodigy.net](mailto:reggiardo@prodigy.net).



**AB 1524 (Hayashi) Dental Licensure by Hybrid Portfolio Pathway:** This bill would replace the clinical dental licensure examination administered by the Dental Board of California with an assessment process during enrollment at an in-state dental school. The Hybrid Portfolio Pathway (HPP) would utilize uniform standards of minimal clinical experiences and require a final assessment of the submitted portfolio at the end of the school program.

**CSPD Position: Watch**

**AB 1783 (Hayashi) Denti-Cal: Change of Location Form:** This bill would allow a dentist enrolled as a Denti-Cal provider changing practice location within the same county to continue enrollment by the filing of a change of address form with the Department of Health Care Services.

**CSPD Position: Support**

**AB 2035 (Coto) Self-Funded Dental Plans: Disclosure of ERISA Information:** This bill would require that claimants of a self-funded dental plan be informed in explanation of benefits statements and other materials that the plan is subject to compliance with the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and not subject to state law governing health care coverage for dental plans.

**CSPD Position: Support**

**SB 1111 (Negrete) Healing Arts Boards: Enforcement Provisions:** The bill contains 37 provisions to facilitate the investigation of consumer complaints and the prosecution of licensees by the 18 Healing Arts Boards under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

**CSPD Position: Watch**

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## District VI News

I want to congratulate the CSPD and specifically, Oariona Lowe, on an outstanding Annual Meeting in Cancun, Mexico. Everything about it was a tremendous success: the resort, the scientific sessions and the social events. Co-sponsoring your meeting with the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Meeting expands the potential attendees and fosters collegiality amongst our district (District VI).

I would like to encourage everyone to attend the AAPD Annual Meeting in Chicago on May 27 -30. It promises to be a great session in a terrific city. On Thursday, May 27th, the AAPD Leadership Institute is putting on a Mini Leadership Institute class which provides a good overview for those who may be considering attending the Institute.

In Congress' recent passage of the Healthcare Reform Act, they included provisions for oral health services for children. I would encourage you to read the details by going to the Children's Dental Health Project website to see a summary: [www.cdhp.org](http://www.cdhp.org).

The American Board of Pediatric Dentistry currently has 2743 diplomates, which is 53% of all eligible AAPD members. The AAPD recommends that all pediatric dentists consider becoming diplomates. Administration of the Oral Clinical examination will be given once annually in September. For time-limited diplomates, a Renewal of Certification Protocol will be launched in July, 2010 so check their website for further information ([www.abpd.org](http://www.abpd.org)).

As always, e-mail me at [jmkidds@aol.com](mailto:jmkidds@aol.com) if you have any questions or concerns.



*Jade Miller, DDS  
District VI Trustee*

### Jeff Wood and Jeff Huston - Early Oral Health Prevention

CSPD Members Drs. A Jeffrey Wood and Jeffrey P. Huston have published an article entitled, "Sharing Early Preventive Oral health with Medical Colleagues: A Dental Pain Prevention Strategy" in the **Journal of the California Dental Association**. Caries remains the most common chronic disease of childhood throughout the world. This article brings together a comprehensive survey of recent research, the development of cariology, and guidelines on oral health treatments and risk assessments.

Using this article as a basic curriculum, dental professionals are encouraged to share current best practice oral health prevention strategies with their local community medical providers. The article is available for free online at [www.cda.org/page/Library/cda\\_member/pubs/journal/jour1009/huston.pdf](http://www.cda.org/page/Library/cda_member/pubs/journal/jour1009/huston.pdf).



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The College recognizes meritorious contributors to society and/or the profession. Only 3.5 percent of dentists are eligible to be nominated. The

College's mission is to advance excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership for the profession. Dr. Chan also serves as the chair of the Ohlone Community College's Bond Oversight Committee.

**The following changes to the CSPD Constitution and Bylaws were approved at the Annual Business meeting during the CSPD Annual Meeting in Cancun, Mexico on April 9, 2010.**

#### **Amendment 1**

Chapter II, Section 3. Quorum. ~~Two-thirds (2/3)~~ A majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at any session of the Board.

#### **Amendment 2**

Chapter VII, Section 5. Reduction in Dues and Assessments. Full-time dental school or hospital faculty members and full-time active military members are entitled to a 50% reduction in annual dues and assessments. In the event of hardship or disability, a member may request reduction or waiver of dues and/or assessments. This must be in writing, annually, and requires approval by the Board of Directors.

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## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

well as "In Honor of" and "In Memory of" designations.

**New Payment Options:** We have set up new payment plans so you can fund your pledges via credit card, monthly payments, or auto pay.

**New Imperative:** Thus far, there is only one corporate donor. It is time that **all** corporations supported by our membership give back to the CSPDF and support education in California. Remember!! When speaking with or ordering from your corporate representatives, be sure to remind them that the CSPD is comprised of more than 700 pediatric dentists in California, and that, when combined with the western region, we are close to 1000 strong. California is currently the largest component of the AAPD, comprising almost 10% of the total membership and 12% of the academy members under 40 years old.

And please remember...it is only through these donations that this foundation can support its ongoing mission of supporting pediatric dental education in California. For those of you reaching the end of your Life pledge, I urge you to consider re-pledging. For students and educators, the Foundation offers a myriad of funding opportunities for research and travel grants. This year, we have funded **over \$40,000.00** towards educational grants as well as \$5,000.00 towards student travel to Cancun! Check out our web site <http://www.cspd.org/foundation> for availability.

**Foundation Update: Item Two Feasibly Study**

As you know, the critical shortage of dental educators is threatening the future of pediatric dentistry and jeopardizing access to quality care -- particularly for those from low-income communities. This is why your foundation has begun a feasibility study to determine if we, as an organization, can raise funds in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000.00 to create an endowment fund. The purpose of this fund would be to attract and financially assist new qualified educators to pediatric dentistry in California. We have identified 25 individuals and 10 corporate entities to be contacted and interviewed. They will be

asked to voice their thoughts and concerns as to how we might address the pediatric dental education crisis in the state of California. The study should be completed by our next board meeting in June.

**A Final Note**

As a pediatric dentist you make a good living. You enjoy the fruits of life and your labor. But in the end, it boils down to one thing: **Care For Kids**. Without your support, our mission cannot move forward.

Thank you for your time. Hope to see you all in Chicago...and I know I'll see everyone next year in San Francisco.

As always, you can contact me anytime with your comments and concerns at: (800) 423-3270 or [Steve@ApplianceTherapy.com](mailto:Steve@ApplianceTherapy.com)

I just returned from our annual meeting in Cancun at the Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Resort. What a meeting it was -- great attendance, beautiful weather, and a marvelous venue. We were privileged to visit with and hear from many VIPS from Mexico, the CDA, and the AAPD -- an indication of just how important our organization is to dentistry as a whole.

I would like to thank Lindsey Robinson, David Rothman and the entire CSPD board for arranging our annual meeting in paradise. I would also like to single out our own Oariona Lowe for all her hard work, extensive planning and attention to detail. Putting together such a great program -- and on such a grand scale -- demanded a lot of her...**and she delivered**. Congratulations Ora!

This past year as the Foundation president has been quite a learning experience -- both personally and professionally. Thanks to the tutelage of the board and select individuals -- among them Doctors Ray Stewart, Dave Good, Mark Lisagor, Wayne Grossman, Mel Rowan, Dick Mungo, Lisa Brennan, Ken Szymanski, and especially Richard Sobel -- I am happy to say I survived the first year. Thank you all!

**Foundation Update: Item One The 2010/2011 Giving Campaign**

To date, we have raised close to \$70,000.00. Thanks to all who donated and those who stepped up to the next giving level. As a reminder, a second mailing will soon be arriving at your door. Please help in any way you can.

**New Recognition Options:** We have new student and corporate categories, as

### The Gift of Health



The Foundation has developed an opportunity to either honor a person or donate for a memorial gift. Gifts of \$25 or more can be made using the

donation form on the website ([www.CSPD.org](http://www.CSPD.org).) A letter will be sent to the person or family for whom the gift is made plus a letter to the donor for tax purposes.

There will be a one-time listing in the CSPD Bulletin acknowledging the gift. Please write out how you would like the listing published on the donation form. In the Fall, we will introduce the ability to make the contribution by credit card.

# 2009-2010 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN DONORS

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## In Support of Dental Education

The CSPD Foundation is currently focused on supporting the faculty in our pediatric dental residency programs so they can continue to provide access to care for the children of California. This is being done in several ways. We provide grants to the faculty researchers to help underwrite their research. A search is underway for a faculty member to attend the Master Clinician program to improve his or her teaching skills. The



*Lisa Brennan*

Foundation offers a scholarship to underwrite both the cost of the class and the follow up training at the dental school. The students are also supported in a variety of ways. Each dental school receives \$600.00 a year to help support the pre-doctoral student group focused on pediatric dentistry. We are currently looking to the College of Dental Medicine in Pomona, California to establish a support group there as well.

The annual meeting is a great place for pediatric dental residents and the general membership to interact. The residents are introduced to the general membership at the Friday luncheon and present their table clinics on Sunday morning. The Foundation participates in underwriting the student's reduced registration fees by donating \$5,000.00 to help offset their attendance cost. It is important to meet to our new colleagues and the hope is that some will consider joining the dental school faculty on a part-time or full-time basis.

We contribute to the development of future leaders of our organization through the Warren Brandli Leadership internship. This annual grant of \$4,000.00 enables a pediatric dental resident to attend the annual meeting and the three CSPD board meetings during the year. This year, we are pleased to support Aparna Aghi, D.M.D., a UCSF resident.

We appreciate the contributions of all of the Foundation members. Your support makes it possible to donate \$12,600 towards student activities: an investment in their future and ours.

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### Dr. Aparna Aghi *Warren Brandli Intern*



I am grateful to the CSPD for providing me with the opportunity to participate in organized dentistry in the state of California through the 2010-2011 Warren Brandli Leadership Internship. I am a pediatric dental resident at UCSF and currently the chief resident. As a current resident of San Francisco who grew up in Southern California, I am familiar with the challenges facing pediatric dentistry in both parts of the state. The Warren Brandli Leadership provides an exciting opportunity for me to learn more about how the CSPD can serve the needs of pediatric dentists and their patients. I am eager to be involved in organized dentistry and I'm looking forward to the upcoming year.

*Editor's Note:* On February 25, 2010, Aparna delivered a healthy 6lb. 6oz. baby girl: Shreya Aghi

## CALL FOR APPLICANTS - WARREN BRANDLI LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP



*Richard Mungo, DDS*

CSPD is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 Warren Brandli Leadership Intern program. This wonderful opportunity for leadership development is a program specifically designed for current pediatric dental residents or colleagues who are in their first 5 year period after completing their postgraduate training. The objective of the program is to introduce the selected intern to the inner workings of CSPD, the art of organizational governance and the importance of child advocacy. This will help provide the young leaders with the knowledge and confidence necessary to

further become involved with CSPD, AAPD, CDA and other dental and related organizations. The internship serves as the true breeding ground for our future leaders in pediatric dentistry.

Participation within the program will require the intern to attend and participate in all CSPD Board of Director meetings for the year. The CSPD Foundation will cover the participant's travel and lodging expenses. The intern will be assigned a leadership mentor who will guide him or her throughout the year. The due date for the application is **December 15, 2010** for the 2011-2012 term, in which begins April, 2011 at the annual CSPD meeting. **Applications and further information can be obtained on the CSPD website ([www.CSPD.org](http://www.CSPD.org)) and should be sent to Dr. Ray Stewart, CSPD Executive Director.**

# Annual Giving Campaign

(All contributions accrue yearly helping you achieve a personal level of satisfaction)

## All donors receive the following benefits:

- Recognition in the CSPD Foundation's Annual List of Contributors published in the CSPD Bulletin and Annual Meeting program.
- Recognition in the CSPD Foundation's Annual List of Contributors published in the Giving Campaign annual brochure.
- Badges showing membership level to be worn during the CSPD Annual Meeting.
- Recognition in the CSPD Foundation's Annual List of Contributors displayed prominently at the annual CSPD meeting.

## President's Circle donors receive the following additional benefits:

- Special designation in Annual List of Contributors, in all CSPD Bulletins at the Annual Meeting
- Personal Annual Briefing by Foundation Trustees
- Invitation to the President's Circle reception at the CSPD Annual Meeting

## MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Presidents' Circle

- Diamond Life.....\$25,000 may be payable in up to 5 annual Installments of \$5,000 each
- Platinum Life.....\$10,000 may be payable in up to 10 annual installments of \$1,000 each
- Gold Life.....\$5,000 may be payable in up to 5 annual installments of \$1,000 each
- Patron.....\$1,000 may be payable in 1 annual installment of \$1,000

### Circle of Friends

- Sustaining.....\$500
- Contributing.....\$300
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  - Badges showing membership level to be worn during the CSPD Annual Meeting.
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  - Personal Annual Briefing by Foundation Trustees
  - Invitation to the President's Circle reception at the CSPD annual meeting
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## ANNUAL MEETING FINANCES



*Ray Stewart, DMD  
Executive Director*

### GOT E-MAIL?

The CSPD Board greatly encourages you to provide your email addresses to the CSPD headquarters office.

From time to time, there is urgent business or information we wish to provide to the members and we would appreciate feedback as well.

Please provide your email addresses and notify our executive director of any changes.

Send to:  
[DrRSTEWART@aol.com](mailto:DrRSTEWART@aol.com),

I am writing this column just following the close of the 35th Annual Meeting held in Cancun, Mexico. I am happy to report that the meeting was an absolute success in all respects! Oariona Lowe deserves our congratulations and sincere thanks for choosing such a phenomenal location and for producing an outstanding program which offered something for everyone. In spite of the media's overblown accounts of violence and criminal activity in Mexico, Cancun was very sedate with magnificent beaches and crystal clear water with the most beautiful blue colors imaginable.

Speaking of the annual meeting, I have received a number of inquiries as to "why the Registration fees are as expensive as they are?" and would it be possible to give discounted Registration fees to Retired, Faculty and other member categories based on their "limited" incomes.

To answer questions such as these, it would perhaps be instructive and useful to briefly review the "real costs" of putting on the Annual Meeting in order to point out just how expensive it has become. The majority of the costs are born by the members attending the meeting through Registration Fees. Certain costs such as Student/Resident subsidies and Board activities (not including board member travel and lodging costs which are not paid at the Annual Meeting) are shared by the organization as a whole. The following is a list of the average meeting costs that must largely be covered by registration fees:

Audio/Video	\$20,000
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$6,500
Speaker Honorariums and Travel	\$12,000
Meeting Planner and Onsite Costs	\$18-20,000
Printing and Signage	\$3-5,000
Promotion and Advertising	\$500 - \$1,500

All of these costs are in addition to the biggest variable: Food and Beverage costs which are substantial as well. (Typically \$25 per person for continental breakfasts for three days, \$10-20 per person for coffee/refreshment breaks for three days, Welcome Reception \$8,000 plus) If these costs are amortized equally for an average of 250 registrants (which it is not really the case due to the reduced registration costs for students, auxiliary, children, spouses and guests) the cost per registrant is \$430 plus per person.

The Annual Meeting chairperson is constantly striving to keep costs under control and to keep registration fees at a reasonable level. Unfortunately, the expense of executing an event the size of our Annual Meeting has grown over the years. Suffice it to say, the Board of Directors are striving to maintain registration fees within reach of all members, both active and retired, while maintain a high quality event.

All that being said, it is currently the prerogative of the Annual Meeting chair in consultation with the Meeting Planner and the Board of Directors to

determine the specifics of the meeting budget and to set Registration fees at a level whereby the Society will not operate at a deficit.

## LAUNCH OF THE HEAD START DENTAL HOME INITIATIVE

The long awaited and much anticipated launch of the Head Start Dental Home Initiative will occur on April 29th at the CDA Building in Sacramento. Due to California's geographic size and large population, the state has been broken into three regions: northern, central, and southern. These regions will launch the Head Start Dental Home Initiative separately in each of 3 years. Each will have a distinct set of mentorship teams, but all regions will share one state-wide Leadership Advisory Team. The Dental Home Leadership Advisory Team will include representatives from the oral health community, Head Start and other organizations involved in oral health-related activities for young children.

The launch for central California, which stretches from San Francisco south to Ventura County and from the west coast to the Nevada border, incorporates 26 counties, 18 CDA component dental societies and is home to over 34,000 Head Start children will be the initial roll out of the three California regions and will take place with much fan fare on April 29th. The launch will bring together the State Leadership Advisory Team and an initial group of Mentorship Teams to participate in training activities that will establish a common knowledge base for individuals from the dental and Head Start communities.

The Head Start Dental Home Initiative is designed to link AAPD's expertise and organizational strengths with existing HS/EHS program resources (e.g., training and technical assistance programs, information resources, and regional oral health consultants). Our goal is to work with HS/EHS program officials, partners and consultants to maximize the expertise and unique resources that each partner brings to the AAPD-OHS Dental Home Initiative. AAPD believes that these strategic activities will complement and supplement recent HS/EHS oral health efforts and supply a critical missing component – networks of dentists capable of providing quality dental homes that meet the full range of oral health needs for HS/EHS infants and children. This partnership will also provide parents, caregivers and HS staff with the latest evidence-based information on how they can help prevent tooth decay and establish a foundation for a lifetime of oral health.

Another important element of the Head Start Dental Home Initiative involves the development of Head Start Mentorship Teams. These teams will be comprised of two groups: (1) dentists and key dental office staff members with knowledge and experience in working with HS/EHS programs; and (2) HS/EHS program staff familiar with HS/EHS program operations and requirements related to oral health and dental services. Head Start Mentorship Teams will provide technical support for local HS/EHS programs related to oral health promotion, dental home network development, and

ongoing program operations issues within communities.

As the State Leader for Central California, I plan to work closely with Paul Reggiardo, who is the Head Start Region IX Oral Health Consultant, and Jeff Huston, who has agreed to head up the Central California Mentorship Team. The Central California Mentorship Team will be responsible for recruiting and training the Local Mentorship Teams, one from each of the CDA component dental societies, which will then interact with the Head Start centers located within the geographic boundaries of their society. It would be our dream to have a CSPD member step forward and volunteer to chair the Local Mentorship Team for their CDA Dental Society or at the very least agree to serve as a member of that team.... Get the hint? Pick up the phone or e-mail Jeff or myself as soon as you read this and get involved with one of the most challenging and potentially rewarding projects to come along in the course of my career. PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR HELP AND EXPECT TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON!!

## DATELINE: WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE CALIFORNIA CAUCUS AT THE 2010 AAPD LOBBY DAYS

Several CSPD members recently attended the annual AAPD Legislative Lobby Days in Washington DC. This group of eleven pediatric dentists made up what has come to be referred to as "The California Caucus." Several members of the Caucus have become "old hands" at this event as they have attended numerous Lobby Days over the past nine years. This year, for the first time, we were joined by residents and faculty from the UCLA Community Health Advocate Training (CHAT) programs in Los Angeles and San Diego. Each of the residents was paired with one of the more experienced members of the Caucus for visits to various Congressional and Senate offices.



Everyone arrived in Washington on Tuesday, March 23rd in either late afternoon or early evening. Bright and early on Wednesday morning, we loaded onto a bus which transported us to the offices of Hogan and Hartson (the lobbying firm which AAPD retains to coordinate our advocacy and PAC activities in the

capital) for a nice breakfast and orientation for the ensuing activities. We spent the morning reviewing the various talking points and legislative initiatives that our specialty is supporting. Briefings were delivered by the AAPD Child Advocate and UCLA's Chair of Pediatric Dentistry, Jim Crall (also part of the California Caucus), Mike Gilliland, a partner in the Hogan & Hartson law firm, and the Honorable Mark Kirk (R-10th Illinois), who is a candidate for the 2010 Senate seat in Illinois. Following lunch, we departed to the Capital and began a busy schedule of office visits in both the House and Senate office buildings.

Wednesday evening was highlighted by a dinner hosted by the AAPD Political Action Committee and featured a presentation by the key-note speaker, Morton Kondracky, who is a noted journalist and television news commentator. Thursday saw yet another full day of House and Senate office visits where the California Caucus visited sixteen members of the House of Representatives and both California Senate offices after which many in the group departed for their return to California. Several of us stayed in Washington for meetings of the AAPD PAC Advisory Committee and the Government Affairs Council which met during the day on Friday.

This is the first year that we have had a significant number of residents from the California training



programs attend the AAPD Lobby Days. I am sure that I speak for all of us "old timers" when I say that their presence was a wonderful addition to the entire experience. It was a pleasure for all of us to have the opportunity to interact with these young, energetic and enthusiastic pediatric dentists in training. We would like to encourage all of the California programs to consider sending one or more of their students to attend future Lobby Days. It is a great learning experience and allows those who attend to witness how our system of government really works from the grass roots up.

In attendance for the 2010 Lobby Days were CSPD members Santos Cortez, Mark Lisagor, Richard Mungo and Ray Stewart. Attending from UCLA (and also CSPD members) were faculty members Jim Crall, Francisco Ramos-Gomez, Amin Bagheri and residents Mac Soliman, David Delgado, Cheryl Estiva and Jodi McGrady.

CSPD Members who served in the 2009 ADA House of Delegates:

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- Lindsey Robinson**  
(Grass Valley, CA)
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- Andrew Soderstrom**  
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- Jade A Miller**  
(Reno, NV)

Alternate Delegate:

- Samuel Burg** (affiliate member)  
(Santa Maria, CA)

# CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Boy, do I have some big shoes to fill!" This was the thought that went through my head when Lonnie Lovingier told me he was stepping down as Editor and wanted me to take over the position. This is the beginning of my 5th year on the Board and Lonnie has always been both a calm voice of reason and an impassioned visionary at Board meetings and during society discussions. I only hope I can do the job half as well as he has done it for the past 8 years (as well as a 5 year stint from 1981 – 1986). Thankfully, Lonnie will remain closely tied to the Board as a member of the Editorial committee and



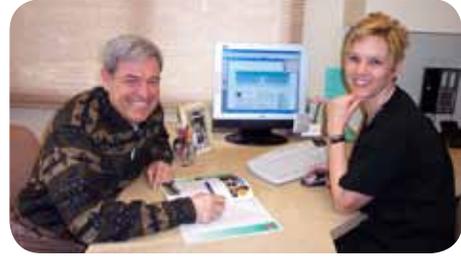
**Gary Sabbadini, DDS**  
Editor

and the chair of the Online Continuing Education committee.

And now, here is a little about me. I graduated from the University of Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in 1995 and went on to complete my pediatric specialty training at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, OH. For the first 2 years out of residency, I practiced in San Diego and then purchased my practice in Pinole, CA where I've been for the past 11 years. My wife, Julie, and I have been married for 15 years and have 3 children: Amy (12), Olivia (11) and Jason (7).

I am excited to begin my journey as Editor of the CSPD Bulletin. Our editorial committee will be working with the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry (WSPD) to strengthen the ties between our state and the district by including WSPD news in future publications. Like my predecessor, I strongly encourage input from membership. When I read other dental bulletins, I always enjoy the opinions expressed

in "Letters to the Editor." I welcome your thoughts and ideas on any subject pertaining to our society or pediatric dentistry. I plan on having a continued series of guest articles on a wide range of subjects



*Lonnie & Lynne Marian working on the Bulletin*

pertaining to our profession. If you have anything of interest to share with your colleagues (a practice management pearl, an innovative dental technique, technology information, etc.), please e-mail me at [GarySab@comcast.net](mailto:GarySab@comcast.net) or mail it to my office at 1500 Tara Hills Dr. Suite 100 Pinole, CA 94564.



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# WEBSITE NOTES

## Spring Cleaning Time for the Website

Ah, springtime! The CSPD's Annual Meeting is over, we have a new slate of leadership and now the work on the website begins. Every quarter brings the usual amount of housekeeping chores needed to keep the Membership Directories current and replace all the Foundation, committee and legislative reports with updated information. After the Annual Meeting however, compiling the new list of officers, directors, trustees and committee members makes the job a little more formidable. So, for the next few weeks, don't be surprised if a page is not available or information is incorrect or incomplete. If you see a spelling or information problems, please send your helpful comments to the website editor.

## Cancún Meeting Photos Online

Again, many of our annual meeting photos are available for viewing by following a link from the Home Page. (If any member desires the original photo file for better prints, they can request it in an email from the website editor)

## New Addition to the OCE Reminder

"Esthetic Restoration of Primary Anterior Teeth" is now available for viewing on CSPD's OCE Library page. In this program, our own Drs. Ray Stewart and Bill Waggoner discuss Early Childhood Caries (ECC), its diagnosis and treatment options, with particular emphasis on techniques specific to the preparation and placement of anterior pre-veneered stainless steel crowns. This 99 minute program is now available for a fee if 2 CE credit hours are needed or for free without CE credits. Those members who were hesitant to pay for OCE in the past can now experience what certainly will be an important option for continuing education in the future.

## Cancún Lecture Information Available

Dr. Featherstone's PPT slides for his lecture, "The Caries Balance: Management by Risk Assessment," and the "Caries Management By Risk Assessment" (CAMBRA) information originally published in the CDA Journal can be found by following links on the Home Page. The New Dentists Program handouts are also available to download by following links on the Home Page to the Latest News.

## Cancún Lectures to be Added to OCE

Members who missed this last meeting in Cancún will be able to view some of the lectures in the OCE. These programs will be in a simpler format that includes a page containing the audio, PowerPoint slides and the text of the lecture. CE credits will be included with the viewings.

## Great Websites and Emails

Managing your email account can be a huge hassle. Most information received from unsolicited sources end up in the junk folder. CSPD members, however, might want to receive emails from these two super services.

- Visit [www.smartbrief.com/aap/](http://www.smartbrief.com/aap/) and sign-up for the American Academy of Pediatrics' daily AAP SmartBrief to keep current on pediatrics.
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Steve Niethamer, DMD  
Website Editor

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## CALIFORNIA PEDIATRICIANS WELCOME CSPD ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Pediatric Oral Health issues are of primary concern for our pediatrician colleagues. With the advent of the establishment of the Dental Home and Oral Health Assessments the American Academy of Pediatrics needs our help and support. The AAP welcomes our members to join their organization as Associate members.

All interested CSPD members should contact their local California Chapters through [www.AAPorg/membership](http://www.AAPorg/membership) section or they can contact Oariona Lowe at [w.roslo@verizon.net](mailto:w.roslo@verizon.net) for membership information.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS and CONTINUING EDUCATION DATES

### **CSPD**

**April 6-10, 2011:** CSPD's 36th Annual Session in San Francisco, CA

### **AAPD**

**May 27-30, 2010:** AAPD 63rd Annual Session, Hilton Chicago, Chicago, IL

**August 26, 2010:** Oral Examination Review Course, New York, NY

**August 27-29, 2010:** Comprehensive Review of Pediatric Dentistry, New York, NY

**September 8-18, 2010:** AAPD/University of Washington Continuing Education Cruise - Roman Empire, Rome, Italy

**October 22, 2010:** Dental Assistant's Course: Sedative and Medical Emergencies in the Pediatric Dental Office, San Diego, CA

**October 22-24, 2010:** Contemporary Sedation of Children for the Dental Practice, San Diego, CA

**November 5-6, 2010:** Medical Emergencies in the Pediatric Dental Office, Chicago, IL

**December 3-4, 2010:** Beyond Sugar: Contemporary Nutrition in Oral and Systemic Health, Chicago, IL

**May 26-29, 2011:** AAPD 64th Annual Session, New York, N.Y.

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**Gray Berg, D.D.S.**

Gray Berg died at home on Feb. 4, 2010 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Pontiac, Mich. on Sept. 20, 1926 and moved to California in 1944. Gray enlisted in the Army Air Corps on D-Day and hoped to become a pilot.

He was in cadet training at the end of World War II and finished his enlistment at an air base near Munich, Germany. He became an associate of the Mighty Eighth Air Force and attended many reunions with members of the 357th Fighter Group, many of whom became close friends.

While attending University of Southern California on his G.I. Bill benefits he competed in track and cross country and was a member of the 1949, '50 and '51 NCAA Track and Field Championship teams, a feat which has never been repeated.

Gray graduated from USC dental school in 1960 and practiced for 37 years as a pediatric dentist. While attending dental school he also served as an assistant coach for the track and field program. Always a sportsman, he was an avid snow and water skier.

Following retirement, he spent much of his time in various volunteer efforts. He was a volunteer at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station with over 6,000 hours logged as a volunteer. Gray, his wife and their dog, Silly, were actively involved with the pet assisted therapy program at Huntington Hospital until Silly was forced to retire because of old age.

Gray also assisted in several second-grade classes at Monte Vista Elementary School in La Crescenta, where each child read individually to him once a week. His other volunteer project was editing the quarterly San Fernando Valley Dental Society Bulletin, a position he had held before retirement, and then returned to for another three years after his retirement.

Gray is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joanne, and four children: Laurie, Keith, Chris and Julie. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Jill, Cherie, Kevin, Beau, Ben and Julianne and his best friend, his Great Dane: Treasure.

**Merle Morris, DDS**

Dr. Merle Morris died Sunday, March 21, 2010 at the age of 88. He was born April 3, 1921 in Orderville, Utah to Elgin and Julia Morris and married Pearl Carpenter on June 23, 1942. He graduated from the University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry in 1954 and practiced pediatric dentistry for over 40 years in the Bay Area. He retired as a tenured Clinical Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at UCSF (having served as chair of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry at the UCSF School of Dentistry). During his service at UCSF, he was responsible for the formation of the original Division of Pedodontics and the initial accreditation of the Advanced Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and a charter member of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Morris serviced in the Air Force during World War II and contributed to the rebuilding of Japan. His ties with Japan remained strong and he returned there many times to lecture and teach at various dental institutions, including the Fukuoka Dental College. He also lectured and taught in Mexico, Peru, Israel and Yugoslavia.

For many years, Dr. Morris worked with his UCSF colleagues in mobile dental clinics to bring dental health care to migrant farm workers in California's Central Valley as well as kibbutzim in Israel and communities in the former Yugoslavia.

After his retirement, he continued his association with UCSF and as a member of the attending dental staff of Children's Hospital Medical Center in Oakland. He was active in his church and was involved for years with the Boy Scouts of America.

He leaves behind his wife, Pearl, six children, nineteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Donations in Merle's honor in lieu of flowers may be made payable to:

The Regents of UC, Merle E Morris Fund in Pediatric Dentistry  
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Manager-Dept. of Orofacial Sciences  
School of Dentistry, Box 0422  
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**Congratulations Bob!**

Dr. Bob Berson has been the UCLA Alumni Association President for the past 20 years. Last summer, he passed the gavel to Drs. Eunha Cho and Corina Ramirez. In appreciation of his 20 years of managing the alumni group, the graduating residents paid the registration fees for Dr. Berson and his wife, Rosie, to attend the CSPD annual meeting that was just held in Cancun. This year's graduating class, not to be outdone, presented Dr. Berson with an aerial collection of photographs of UCLA from 1929 – 1970.



1956



1970



# CDA offers insight into national health care reform package



With the passage of a health care reform package by the House of Representatives on Sunday, March 21st, and with the President's signing of the first pieces of the package this week, national reform is on the verge of enactment. The package is vast and unprecedented in scope, with the primary bill nearly 2,500 pages in length. While the true impacts of such an enormous endeavor are impossible to forecast with certainty, and most of the reform package does not become effective until 2014, CDA offers the following overview in an effort to provide our members with a basic sense of the potential changes that will result. We also provide links to various more comprehensive documents which members may refer to as well.

## Impact on Dentists as Health Care Providers

- On the whole, the bill does not fundamentally alter the existing private sector based dental delivery system. Health plans (and stand-alone dental plans) participating in the state-operated "exchanges" will be required to provide oral health coverage for children under 21. It requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop an "essential benefits" package which all plans must offer at a minimum. To the extent that oral health care is identified as part of the "essential benefits" package, health plans outside the exchange will also have to include oral health coverage, for adults as well as children.
- Adults will not be required to obtain individual dental insurance through the exchanges, and employers will not be required to offer it.
- Stand-alone dental plans are able to participate in the exchange, along with medical plans that may offer their own dental plans. However, it is currently unclear whether stand-alone dental plans will be allowed to continue offering pediatric coverage outside of the exchange mechanism. Since over 90% of dental benefits coverage is provided by stand-alone dental plans, there will be significant efforts to ensure that the stand-alone dental market is not disrupted.
- The final bill includes an excise tax on "high-end" health plans provided by employers. A late amendment excluded dental and vision coverage from the calculation of eligibility for the tax, which was an important victory for dentistry, as inclusion in the calculation could have created a disincentive for employers to provide dental coverage if they wished to avoid the new tax.
- The bill requires most individuals to purchase health care coverage, and provides various subsidies and tax credits to help individuals with incomes below 400 percent of the federal poverty level to do so. In theory, these tax benefits could free up more income for these individuals to be able to afford dental services, particularly if they previously have been paying for individual health insurance on their own.
- For dentists who are Denti-Cal providers, the bill will expand eligibility to individuals with incomes up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level (from 100 percent today), and will include childless adults for the first time. Unfortunately, the bill does not do anything to improve reimbursement rates or the administrative burdens within the program, other than to create a commission that will look at Medi-Cal reimbursement rates, and continues adult dental benefits as an optional state benefit (while calling for a study of the feasibility of making it mandatory). The bill also maintains the existing Children's Health Insurance Program (called Healthy Families in California) until 2015.
- The bill reduces the cap on employee contributions to a flexible spending account from \$3,000 to \$2,500 per year, which could reduce their ability to utilize those accounts for dental services.
- The bill requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop provider-level outcomes measures hospitals, physicians, and other providers in an effort to improve quality of care. The extent to which dentists will be included in this is unknown at present.
- The bill contains a variety of oral health infrastructure, public health, and workforce measures, including expanded sealant and fluoridation efforts, increased funding for dental residency and training programs as well as student loan repayment programs for providers practicing in underserved areas, pilot projects to evaluate alternative workforce models, and a 5-year oral health prevention and public education campaign overseen by the Centers for Disease Control.

## Impact on Dentists as Employers and Individuals

- Dentists who employ fewer than 50 individuals will not be required to offer health insurance to their employees. However, because their employees may now be required to obtain coverage for themselves if they are presently uninsured, it could cause indirect pressure on the employer to either provide insurance or raise wages. Practices with no more than 25 employees and average wages of less than \$50,000 will be eligible for tax credits for purchasing health insurance for their employees.
- Employers with more than 50 employees who do not offer coverage, or who offer coverage that is unaffordable or below minimum standards, pay a penalty of either \$750 per employee (if they don't offer coverage at all) or \$3,000 for each employee with unaffordable or below-standards coverage who is eligible for the individual insurance tax credit.
- For dentists who currently provide health insurance to their employees, the many insurance market reforms contained in the bill will have an as-yet unknown impact on premiums and overall health care costs. The reforms, which will also impact dentists seeking health insurance for themselves, include bans on preexisting condition exclusions, unreasonable rescission of coverage, guaranteed issue and renewability, no lifetime limits, and other provisions.
- The bill increases the Medicare Part A (hospital) insurance tax by .5 percent for individuals earning over \$200,000 or over \$250,000 for joint filers beginning in 2013, while also making unearned (i.e. investment) income subject to the tax for those individuals. It also creates a 40 percent excise tax, beginning in 2018, on the issuers of health insurance policies with a cost exceeding \$10,200 for single coverage and \$27,500 for family coverage. The bill also establishes a new 2.9 percent excise tax on "medical devices," beginning in 2013.

## Additional Resources

- CDA's Timeline for Implementation ([www.cda.org/library/pdfs/healthcare\\_reform\\_timeline.pdf](http://www.cda.org/library/pdfs/healthcare_reform_timeline.pdf))
- ADA's Timeline for Implementation ([www.ada.org/sections/advocacy/pdfs/hcr\\_timeline-4-19.pdf](http://www.ada.org/sections/advocacy/pdfs/hcr_timeline-4-19.pdf))

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# Cancun Orphan Oral Health Community Service Project

The California Society of Pediatric Dentistry completed its first philanthropic project as part of the Annual Session this year in Cancun, Mexico. This event took place on April 7, 2010 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Resort Hotel. CSPD partnered with the Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel, Tropical Incentives, and PVAS audio-visual partners to make this undertaking a success. One hundred and twenty five orphans and children from low-income families from Ciudad de la Alegria (City of Joy), Cancun, Quintana Roo, were screened. The City of Joy is an innovative complex of homes and centers which cares for vulnerable and underserved groups. It helps more than 20,000 people each year including orphans, elderly, infirm, in extreme poverty. The Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach provided the space and the lounge chairs used to lie on for their evaluations. Tropical Incentives offered the roundtrip bus transportation that brought the children to the hotel from the Orphanage, and PVAS supplied us with the audio-visual system. All the children received oral hygiene instructions, dental screenings, and fluoride varnish applications. Children in need of dental care were identified and follow-up care was recommended. Dentists in the local Cancun area were notified by the City of Joy to provide the needed dental treatment.



Twenty eight volunteers, including two from Italy and one from Cancun, assisted us in making this project a success. Volunteers brought with them supplies of gloves, masks, tongue blades, 2x2 gauze, fluoride varnish, and toys. Ziploc bags filled with tooth brushes, toothpaste, and floss were given to the children. All the children and the staff at Ciudad de la Alegria were very thankful for our efforts.

The following volunteers helped to make this event a great success:

Dr. Carla Cohn	Zoe Grossman
Stefani Cooper	Dr. John Guijon
Dr. Santos Cortez	Dr. Jeff Huston
Dr. Tram Duong	Lisa Johnson
Kailley Dyck	Shan Loewen
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Alan Grossman	Dr. Scott Thompson
Dr. Wayne Grossman	Jamee Wiebe

We wish to thank PHB, Plak Smackers, Proctor & Gamble, Kilgore Ltd., Spiffies and Innovative Events for their generous support of the Cancun Orphan Oral Health Community Service Project. All unused dental supplies were donated to the Ciudad de la Alegria and to CRIT, a rehabilitation center for children with neuro-muscular and skeletal disabilities.

The mission of this project was to improve the dental health of the Cancun Orphans. Our goal was to provide oral hygiene instructions and dental screenings and to motivate the children to continue good oral hygiene practices. We are proud to say, "**Mission Accomplished!**"





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