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## Philanthropy

By Gary Sabbadini, DDS, CSPD Editor

The history of philanthropy can be traced back throughout human history. It is generally agreed that the word was coined in ancient Greece by the playwright, Aeschylus. Here is one definition: "The altruistic concern for human welfare and advancement, usually manifested by donations of money, property, or work to needy persons, by endowment of institutions of learning and hospitals, and by generosity to other socially useful purposes." One of the earliest recorded examples of altruism occurred in 347 B.C. Plato, the noted Greek philosopher and mathematician, left his farm to a nephew with instructions that the proceeds be used to support students and faculty at the academy he founded.

Philanthropy is still alive and well today. On Saturday, May 19, 2012, my daughters (Amy – 14 and Olivia – 13) and I were fortunate enough to be a part of CDA Cares, a joint effort of the California Dental Association, the CDA Foundation, and America's Dentists Care Foundation, which provided approximately \$1.2 million in dental care to an estimated 1,650 individuals. We were joined in the pediatric section by CSPD members: **Lance Bautista, Andrea Berryhill, Steve Chan, Santos Cortez** (who was the Pediatric Coordinator of the event), **Charles Halterman, Jeff Huston, Jennifer LaRoque, Natalie Lenser, Oariona Lowe, Dave Okawachi, Lindsey Robinson, Andy Soderstrom** (who was the Chair of the entire event) and **Sharine Thenard** along with a host of other pediatric and general dentists. It was truly an inspirational and collaborative effort.

The first patient I saw was a 16-year-old girl who had braces put on three years ago but the family was unable to continue paying for treatment. According to the patient's mother, the dental practitioner was unwilling to take the braces off without compensation. So, we removed the orthodontic brackets and adhesive, scaled her teeth, and provided her with a clean (albeit crooked) smile.

Another patient, a 15-year-old young man, presented to the pediatric clinic with facial cellulitis secondary to an odontogenic infection of tooth #18. I triaged him, gave him local anesthetic and sent him to oral surgery for the removal of the tooth, which was successfully accomplished. In addition to improving this individual's overall health, it may have saved the county and state thousands of dollars in emergency room and/or hospitalization costs. His mother had recently lost her job and her insurance and couldn't afford to pay for his needed dental services.

Santos Cortez has another story to share: "When I asked a mom who brought in her three little ones to the clinic how long she had waited in line, she responded that the family got in line at 10:00 p.m. the night before but the kids, who were all under six years old, got very tired and sleepy so they slept in the family car until 5:30 a.m. The next morning, they joined mom who stayed in line so not to lose her place in line! Wow!

As I write this, I am tearing up in feeling the great pain for those families in such great need, as well as realizing how blessed we are to be able to render care for these folks."

CDA will hold CDA Cares Sacramento on August 24 – 25, 2012 at Cal Expo. If you're interested in volunteering your service to a worthy cause, please visit: [www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=1144834492](http://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=1144834492).

Dentistry has a long history of charitable endeavors both nationally and locally. Most of the large dental organizations (ex. ADA, CDA, AAPD) have foundations that donate funds to schools, researchers and individuals. In the past year, the CSPD Foundation has given \$125,000 to dental programs in California. The Contra Costa County Dental Society (my local component) works with the Irwin N. Lebow Memorial Children's Dental Health Foundation of Contra Costa County to help subsidize treatment for children. You will see other examples of philanthropic endeavors by CSPD members throughout this Bulletin. The profession of dentistry has given all of us so much that I encourage all of you to get involved.

*On another note, after only nine issues as Editor of the CSPD Bulletin, I'm already being phased out! Ok ... I'm being melodramatic. As part of our transition to an association management company, Smith Moore & Associates, the layout and design of the CSPD Bulletin will be done by Smith Moore & Associates on a trial basis. You may see some changes to the look of the Bulletin but the content will still be controlled by the Editor (me). I welcome any comments ... both positive and negative.*

**See photos from CDA Cares on page 11!**

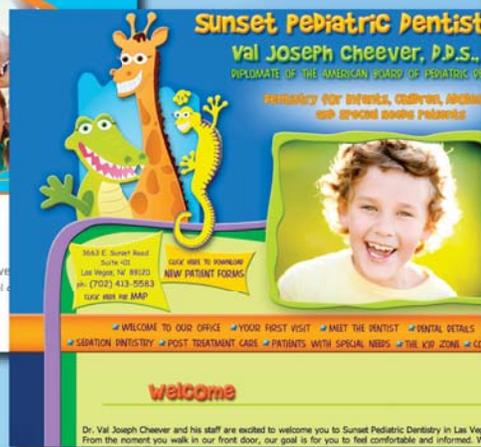
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# President's Message

## Year of the Dragon

Steve Chan, DDS, CSPD President

In Chinese culture, the Dragon is entrusted with guarding the Heavens. The Board of Directors you elected - to defend our part of the universe - performed admirably at the June 9 Board meeting. Below are the current topics at hand:

We have begun a new chapter in the way the Society does business. We hired an association management company, Smith Moore & Associates, to perform an array of services. They bring financial management services, publication services, convention and meeting services, and membership management services to the table. We welcome the President of Smith Moore & Associates, Catherine Smith, and crew!

The American Society of Dental Anesthesiology (ASDA) is forwarding a petition for anesthesiology to be recognized as an ADA specialty. The process requires submitting an application fulfilling six criteria specified by the ADA. The petition passed the first hurdle after review by the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure. The CSPD received a request from ASDA to support its petition to the ADA House of Delegates, which is the next step in the process. After a very spirited review, the Board passed a motion to "support in concept" the application for anesthesiology as an ADA specialty.

Jade Miller, our immediate past AAPD Trustee, has been appointed as the chair of an AAPD Task Force examining the governance structure of the Academy. A report that gathered input from the entire CSPD leadership on the AAPD governance structure was transmitted to this Task Force. A recurrent theme was the underrepresentation from California based on membership census alone. District 6 is the largest District with 1,842 members or 22 percent of the total AAPD membership (8,401). California has 686 members of the 5,601 AAPD members who belong to state societies making it the largest state component in the Academy.

A CSPD Task Force, chaired by Paul Reggiardo, has been created to monitor the rapidly changing Medi-Cal Managed Dental Care issue. The managed care/capitation model has been an ongoing "experiment" in Sacramento for nearly two decades. The program is being called to question by the Legislature for the less than efficacious delivery of care.

The Board adopted a structural change in the model of representatives sent from CSPD to the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry. As WSPD matures in prominence, long term relationships and continuity in the representatives from California are a high priority.

A controversial posting on the CSPD Facebook by a parent posed an institutional threat to the Society. A rapid response ad hoc team was engaged to explore our risks, vulnerabilities and options. As a result of this incident, the Board ratified the adoption of guidelines for the use of the CSPD Facebook page. Following up on this theme, the Board approved a jointly sponsored CSPD/CDA continuing education course: **Social Media: the Rewards and Risks**, which will be held on September 14 in Sacramento. This limited attendance event is intended to be a pilot course for a broader audience.

Another dental society incurred differences with an advertiser who also advertises in CSPD publications. The review of options opened a larger context. The Communications Committee is charged to review and update our advertising guidelines.

CSPD membership dues ... members just send in payment upon receipt, right? Unfortunately it is not always that simple. In any organization, there are stragglers and dawdlers. It takes human and financial resources to chase them down. AAPD sends its own statements. Why not just bundle AAPD, WSPD, and CSPD dues? Unfortunately it is not that simple. There are more variables. If we bundle them, we pay AAPD to collect the dues and may have to change our fiscal year to match AAPD. Some folks want to just join AAPD without joining CSPD - and vice versa. For CSPD, the gap can be sizable. The Finance Committee has been charged to perform a risk/benefit analysis to enable the Board to make an informed decision.

Our greatest resource is our members. Our Leadership Development Committee (LDC), under Santos Cortez, is charged with cultivating that resource. Its work is expanding. Our various teams are reaching out and developing relationships at the Annual Meeting, the Western States meeting, the AAPD, etc. These are all venues to make connections. Behold the business card. The business card is a ubiquitous marketing

device. An ad hoc team was appointed to develop business cards, with "corporate consistency" and branding for CSPD. Presentation counts. Professionalism counts.

Typically, members who are interested in serving national AAPD Councils and Committees self-nominate themselves to either the AAPD Trustee or the AAPD Nominating Committee to fill open seats. In a paradigm shift, the LDC is charged with exploring a process of vetting nominees and in turn recommending candidates with the support of the Society to those national positions.

The Board further reviewed and adopted positions on six bills pending in the Legislature. The content is discussed in further detail in the Public Policy Advocate's column. SB 694, the Padilla bill, describes the creation of a state dental director position and a study in examining a workforce model. This bill has and continues to stir passionate debate. In January, the Board adopted a "support in concept" position on the bill, based on available information at the time. There is strident opposition on the position adopted by CSPD and CDA. In a rare convening of a special CDA House of Delegates, the House moved to continue support of the bill only if certain amendments to the existing bill were met.

In the latter part of May, Senator Padilla convened a stakeholders meeting to gather input on the bill. As of this writing, there has been no release of any amendments to the bill.

The leadership of CSPD has encountered opposition to the position of "support in principle" of SB 694 based on the January version. The Board invited CSPD members Mitch Poiset, Gordon Dixon, and Eric Dixon to present a case for changing the CSPD "support in principle" position to a "watch" or "oppose" position. They presented a well developed PowerPoint presentation arguing flaws in the assumptions, which serve as the basis of the Padilla bill.

In closed session, the Board weighed the testimony, the variables at play, gaps in information, options, and various implications. As of April, this is a new Board. They opened discussion with no preconceived conclusions. These are men and women of good conscience who take their fiduciary duty very seriously. The Board concluded to table the decision pending review of amendments to the Padilla bill. These amendments, if any, have not yet been released. The Board felt it should have contemporaneous information to make an informed decision. When the amendments are received, the Board offered to invite other interested parties to provide commentary before reaching a decision on a position.

In a think tank exercise, the Board explored emerging issues. Corporate dentistry/mobile dentistry was on the table. There are many forms of corporate dentistry emerging in CA.

Recent grads are having a hard time finding jobs. Some have \$250,000 to \$600,000 debt. Corporate entities recruit for jobs in Texas, Oklahoma, and Utah. School districts are contracting with mobile dentists to render care in the schools. They come. They treat. They leave. Who are these guys?

Under CSPD Continuing Education Chair Karilyn House, Coordinator Santos Cortez, and Loma Linda Program Director Anna Chen, CSPD sponsored workshops and courses at the California Dental Association Presents (Scientific Session) in Anaheim in the first week of May. Thanks to the volunteer speakers, the students, and CSPD Board members who made us look good.

At the CDA community event, "CDA Cares" in Modesto, 1,200 volunteers (including 226 dentists and 300 dental professionals) treated 1,650 patients worth an estimated \$1.2 million in services. Andy Soderstrom, the Immediate Past CDA President and member of CSPD, was the chair of the entire event. Pedro had its own area that was coordinated by Santos Cortez with 16 CSPD members volunteering.

The AAPD Annual Session convened on Memorial Day weekend in San Diego. There were an estimated 19,000 attendees - the largest ever. Congratulations and thanks to Local Arrangement Chairs, Mitch Poiset and Lori Good, for managing the local volunteer corps.

CSPD, WSPD and Space Maintainers hosted a reception at the AAPD Annual Session with more than 100 guests attending. We network. We connect. We cultivate relationships. We give good parties. And that's just the first two months!



# Executive Director's Message

## “These Are the Times that Try Men's Souls”

- Thomas Paine, *Common Sense*, 1776

Ray E. Stewart, DDS, CSPD Executive Director

These words from Thomas Paine published during the times and events leading up to the Revolutionary War in 1776 are apropos to the current situation faced by our profession and our specialty. I am referring to the legislation introduced by Senator Padilla (SB 694) in the 2012 session of the California Legislature commonly (and incorrectly) referred to as the “Mid-level Provider Bill.”

Much like dentistry's resistance toward studying alternative workforce models, our nation's movement toward independence from British rule was not universally supported by everyone in the American colonies. Even as General George Washington was leading his troops into battle, there was persistent opposition from other colonists who were either loyal to Britain or were neutral and opposed to a war. Paine's eloquent yet straightforward writing emphasized the need for a united and committed front against the British without which the efforts toward independence would have been thwarted. Fortunately, the vast majority of American colonists rallied around the cause for independence and the dissenters either returned to England or fled to Canada.

Few, if any, events in my long career in pediatric dentistry have created so much angst and vitriolic debate amongst our members as SB 694. The discussions and debates surrounding this issue have been fraught with misinformation and with gross misunderstandings related to both the content of the bill and to CSPD's position of “support in principal,” which the Board of Directors adopted at its March 2012 meeting and upheld at its June 2012 meeting in Los Angeles.

Similar to the events and atmosphere that existed in 1776, there is an ever present danger that our profession and our specialty will be divided and that our ability to affect the legislation as it moves forward and is implemented will be diluted or ignored. We (CSPD) have had several communications from members who are critical of the Board's “Support in Principal” position on SB 694 based on their assertion that the CSPD Board “supports the creation of a mid-level provider which would deliver clinical services including irreversible surgical and operative procedures to underserved children who, (allegedly), lack access to oral health services throughout California.” This assertion is completely false and could not be further from the truth or the facts. Just what are the facts?

1. SB 694 does not create a “Mid-level Provider.” The legislation authorizes an evidence based scientifically designed study conducted by a qualified and uniformly accepted California Health Science University, which will conduct a controlled study on the safety, quality, and economic feasibility of an alternative workforce provider working under the supervision of a licensed dentist. The parameters and metrics of the proposed study are “to be determined” with input from CDA/CSPD and other interested parties.
2. The candidates for inclusion in the proposed study will not be “high school graduates” who will undergo two years of therapist training as many of the communicants opposing the legislation have asserted. The enrollees in the program will be persons possessing either RDH or RDAEF credentials and have significant experience in pediatric oral health.

3. CSPD's and CDA's ultimate support or opposition to any legislation that authorizes an expanded function provider (“mid-level provider”) will be determined following the three-year project and rigorous analysis of the data accumulated throughout the three-year project. We will have a seat at the table where these results will be analyzed and evaluated.
4. Had we (CSPD and CDA) rejected, out of hand, the very concept of workforce expansion as a potential solution to the chronic access to care problem experienced by the underserved children of our state and refused to participate in a dialogue that at least considers the proposal of such an entity, we would have been marginalized and legislation in which we had no effective voice as to its content would have been introduced and heavily supported by many, if not all, child advocacy organizations in California.

In my last Executive Director column for the winter 2012 Bulletin, I lamented the fact that the problem of access to care for the most vulnerable children in our society is not a new one. It has been an unanswered “cry in the night” that has gone unheeded for more than a decade. In my opinion, our society and the dental profession has failed to answer the cry and come up with any initiative or proposal for a solution. With the steady decline in the economy, chronic state and federal budgetary crises, and a concomitant erosion of “safety net” services, we are faced with a societal (and thereby legislative) demand to resolve this disparity. We have not met the challenge, therefore a solution will be found with or without us.

The long and the short of my message is this: **The horse is out of the barn and it is too late for us to resist the consideration of expanded function (Mid-level Provider) on the basis of “creating a two-tiered system” or one that “jeopardizes the safety to the children we serve.”** Nobody has any evidence based data to suggest that this is a valid argument. At this juncture, the best that we can do is to support a well designed and well controlled study to determine the safety, quality, and economic feasibility of such a provider. Once the study is complete, we can evaluate the pros and cons of the expanded function (Mid-level Provider) with data and evidence that has not been available to date. How we respond to the design and implementation of the proposed scientific study is where, in my humble opinion, we can have the most impact and influence on the outcome of the study.

I am moved to invoke yet another quote that I think has great significance to the situation that confronts us. In 1779, Patrick Henry said, “*Let us trust God, and our better judgment to set us right hereafter. United we stand, divided we fall. Let us not split into factions which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs.*” This is particularly directed to those who have threatened to drop their memberships in CSPD and CDA because of their Board's position on SB 694. We need unity and a common voice as we move forward. Please do not forsake the organizations that have been and continue to be the voice of the dentists who serve the children of our state and nation regardless of socioeconomic status and ability to afford our services.

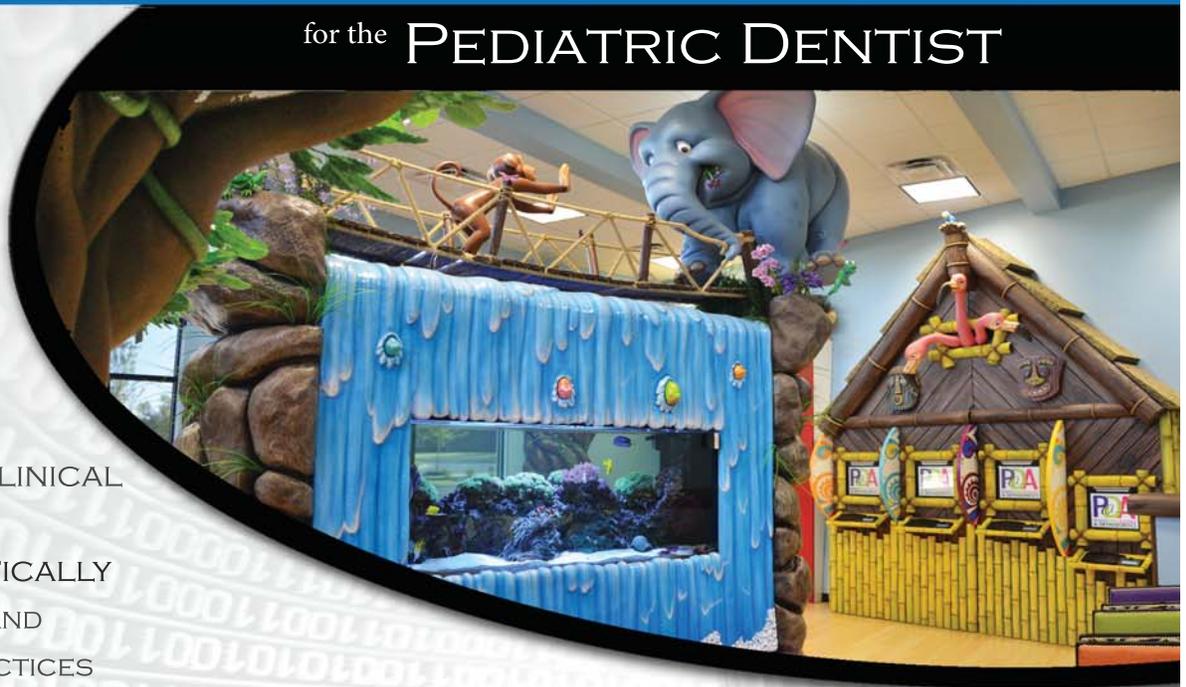
It is my heartfelt and considered opinion that there are far greater threats to the way we currently “do business” (practice) than SB 694. I will write more on that in the next issue.

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# Bills of Interest to CSPD

## California Legislature 2011-2012

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Paul Reggiardo, DDS, Public Policy Advocate

CSPD follows a number of bills under consideration by the State Legislature that potentially impact pediatric oral health. Updated information on the legislative progress of these initiatives may be found in the Advocacy, Legislation, and Regulatory Matters (ALARM) section of the CSPD website. Members having questions or wishing to comment on these or any other legislative matters are invited to contact CSPD's Public Policy Advocate Dr. Paul Reggiardo at [reggiardo@prodigy.net](mailto:reggiardo@prodigy.net).

#### **AB 1453 (Monning): Essential Health Benefits Under the Affordable Care Act.**

The bill would designate the oral health benefits contained in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) as the essential dental benefits for children mandated for all pediatric dental plans offered inside or outside of the State Insurance Exchange established under the Affordable Care Act.

**CSPD Position:** Support, if amended to substitute the Healthy Families Dental Program as the pediatric oral health benchmark.

**Comment:** *This is the Assembly companion bill to SB 951. The bill designates the Kaiser Small Group HMO as California's benchmark plan to serve as the essential health benefit (EHB) standard under federal health care reform. With respect to pediatric oral health benefits, the bill defers to the (MetLife) FEDVIP benefit package. CSPD is recommending that the Healthy Families (CHIP) benefit package be substituted as a more appropriate and affordable standard.*

#### **AB 1579 (Campos): Non-Contracting Dental Providers: Assignment of Benefits.**

This bill would require dental plans to honor a signed assignment of benefits to the treating dentist, regardless of whether the dentist is a contracted or non-contracted provider under the plan.

**CSPD Position:** Support.

**Comment:** *The bill relies on comparable provisions for specified medical reimbursements as precedent. It is opposed by dental plans, including Delta Dental, on the basis that assignment of benefits is a reason to join a provider network and that elimination of this restriction to non-contracted providers will weaken provider networks, resulting in higher consumer costs.*

#### **AB 1746 (Williams): Schools: Nutrition Beverages.**

This bill would restrict the sale of electrolyte replacement beverages in middle schools and high schools to specified times before and after school.

**CSPD Position:** Watch

**Comment:** *Existing law permits the sale only of certain beverages to pupils at public schools. The beverages that may be sold include fruit-based and vegetable-based drinks, drinking water, milk, and, in middle and junior high schools, an electrolyte replacement beverage. The author comments that the purpose of the bill is to address childhood obesity*

**Outcome:** Died in Committee

#### **AB 2252 (Gordon): Dental Provider Contracts: Provider Notification of Changes.**

This bill would require dental plans to disclose to contracted-providers by 45-day notice any material changes to the plan's rules, guidelines, policies, procedures, terms, or conditions affecting the provider or payment for services.

**CSPD Position:** Support

**Comment:** *The bill is opposed by the dental service plans, including Delta Dental.*

#### **SB 694 (Padilla): Dental Access.**

The bill would create a Statewide Office of Oral Health, headed by a State Dental Director, to develop and coordinate public programs effective in reducing barriers to dental access, including securing and managing federal and other grant programs to support oral health. The bill also calls for the design and implementation of a rigorous scientific study, conducted by a California Dental School, under the patient protections of an institutional review board, to assess the safety, quality, cost-effectiveness, and patient-satisfaction of a defined set of dental procedures performed by registered dental hygienists and registered dental assistants in extended functions for children in public health settings under different levels of dentist supervision. The establishment of the Office and the scientific study are both dependent on the securement of federal and private funding.

**CSPD Position:** Support in Principle

**Comment:** *Unrestricted support of the bill is dependent upon complete conformity with the actions of the 2012 Special Session of the CDA House of Delegates. The author has agreed to a number of clarifying amendments, submitted by CDA and CSPD, which would accomplish this objective.*

#### **SB 951 (Hernandez): Essential Health Benefits under the Affordable Care Act.**

The bill would designate the oral health benefits contained in the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) as the essential dental benefits for children mandated for all pediatric dental plans offered inside or outside of the state insurance Exchange established under the Affordable Care Act.

**CSPD Position:** Support, if amended to substitute the Healthy Families Dental Program as the pediatric oral health benefits benchmark.

**Comment:** *The bill designates the Kaiser Small Group HMO as California's benchmark plan to serve as the essential health benefit (EHB) standard under federal health care reform. With respect to pediatric oral health benefits, the bill defers to the (MetLife) FEDVIP benefit package. CSPD recommends the Healthy Families (CHIP) benefit package be substituted as a more appropriate and affordable standard.*

The Dental Board of California met May 17-18, 2012, in Burlingame, CA. The following summarizes actions and issues coming before the Board pertinent to pediatric oral health. CSPD is represented at each meeting of the Dental Board and updated reports are posted in the Advocacy, Legislation and Regulatory Matters (ALARM) section of the CSPD website. Members with questions or comments should contact CSPD's Public Policy Advocate, Dr. Paul Reggiardo, at [reggiardo@prodigy.net](mailto:reggiardo@prodigy.net).

## Mobile Facilities Regulation

Acting on a request from the California Dental Association, the Board agreed to examine the regulations pertaining to mobile dental providers and facilities. CDA contends that current regulations lack appropriate measures to ensure accountability and public safety.

Specifically, CDA made the following recommendations for inclusion in the Dental Practice Act:

- Individuals receiving dental services receive culturally and linguistically appropriate written information about the treatment they received, including:
  - Names and license numbers of all providers
  - Services performed
  - A description of any dental needs observed during a screening, assessment, or other form of visual inspection, or diagnosed during an exam
  - Future appointment dates and times
  - Contact information of the provider if an individual was referred to another provider
  - Contact information for the mobile provider (phone number and address)
  - Instructions for dental emergencies – who to contact and phone number
- The mobile and portable dental provider has an official place of business in California (which cannot be a post office box) where official records are stored.
- The mobile and portable dental provider has a phone line for patients, dentists, or other interested parties to contact the mobile provider with emergencies, questions, requests for records, etc.
- A written procedure for emergency follow-up care for patients treated by the mobile dental provider which includes arrangements for treatment in a dental facility permanently established in the area.
- The mobile and portable dental provider submits proof to the Dental Board, via a letter, of a current working relationship with a community-based provider willing to accept patients for follow-up and emergency services.
- Language inclusive of current (RDHAP) and future dental professionals practicing within their scope. This language is needed to align the regulations with current scope of practices and to prevent the need to amend regulations if/when a new type of provider is approved by the state.
- Exemption from these regulations for mobile and portable dental facilities operated or sponsored by the federal, state or local government.

**Comment:** *The Board acted to appoint a two-member subcommittee to assess the issues raised by CDA. Legal counsel for the Board raised antitrust concerns with any regulations that could be deemed anticompetitive and warned that the Office of Administrative Law would require that any regulations adopted be clear, necessary and legally valid.*

## Dental Laboratory Licensing

In response to a 2011 CDA House of Delegates resolution to seek legislation governing dental laboratories, CDA requested collaboration with the Board to consider statute which would (1) require dental laboratories to disclose the materials and place of origin of materials placed in the mouth and (2) to require dental laboratories to register with the DBC. After some deliberation, the Board voted to appoint a two-member subcommittee to make recommendation on such legislation at a future meeting.

**Comment:** *Members of the Board expressed skepticism that such legislation is necessary and that public is not adequately protected by current law. Board counsel advised that if labs are registered with the Board the public could expect that the DBC exerts some degree of oversight of the lab's activities. This would likely require an investigative and enforcement mechanism, which would have to be underwritten by a registration cost to the laboratories or by the cost of dental licensing.*

## Special Faculty Permits

The Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee is considering a CDA legislative proposal regarding amendment to Business and Professions Code (BPC) which would clarify that a dentist who received his/her initial dental degree from a foreign dental school, and who has completed a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) approved advanced residency program, is eligible to obtain a special permit to practice as a California dental school faculty member in a permit category that is not numerically capped. CDA asked the Board for support of the proposal.

Current law creates three categories of special permit holder: one for dentists who have completed advanced training programs in CODA-accredited programs, one for foreign-trained specialists who did not complete a CODA accredited program, and one for general dentists whom the dental school can demonstrate would serve a unique academic need. The last two categories are each capped at five per California dental school; the first category is uncapped.

The BPC includes as one of the requirements for the first, uncapped category of special permits, "furnishing satisfactory evidence of having graduated from a dental college approved by the board." In recent years, there has been interpretive uncertainty about whether the word "graduated" in this context means only the receipt of an initial dental diploma, or whether it also encompasses the completion of a Board (CODA) approved residency program. The difference in interpretation can be significant for dental school faculty recruiting because, if those individuals who completed a CODA accredited residency program are not included, they then become part of the special permit category that is capped at five per school.

The Board voted to support in principle the proposed change to the BPC.

**Comment:** *As California dental schools find it increasingly difficult to recruit faculty, this proposal will clear up any confusion about whether they can recruit an unlimited number of foreign-trained dentists who have completed CODA accredited residencies. This clarification would not dilute the standards by which prospective special permits holders are evaluated; it would merely clarify which categories remain capped.*

## Posting Notice to Consumers of Licensure by the Dental Board

In compliance with legislation signed last year by the Governor, the Board voted to adopted regulatory language regarding a requirement to take effect January 1, 2013. This requirement provides that a licensed dentist engaged in the practice of dentistry shall provide notice that the dentist is licensed and regulated by the Board by prominently posting in a conspicuous place the following statement and information in no smaller than 48 point type:

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## Significant Approved Motions from the June 9, 2012 CSPD Board Meeting

- It was moved to “support in concept” ASDA’s petition to the ADA House of Delegates for recognition of anesthesiology as a dental specialty
- It was moved to approve the CSPD Executive Director contract
- It was moved to approve the hiring of Smith Moore & Associates for administrative services as the association management company for CSPD
- It was moved to charge the Governance and Administrative Committee to develop a model of CSPD representation to the WSPD Board
- It was moved to accept the guidelines for the Use of CSPD’s Facebook page
- It was moved to support a joint CSPD/CDA course: “**Maximize Social Media – Minimize Risks**” and to fund up to \$5,000 for the course
- It was moved that the Leadership Development Committee examine a process to forward nominations for AAPD committees/councils
- It was moved to have the Finance Committee perform a risk/benefit analysis on the issue of dues billing by AAPD
- It was moved that CSPD representative to WSPD be composed of six members
- It was moved to have the Communications Committee develop advertising guidelines for CSPD publications
- It was moved to hold the September 15, 2012 CSPD Board meeting in Oakland
- It was moved that CSPD fill the vacant Director position with the At-Large Director
- It was moved to table definitely the “support in concept” position on SB 694 until review of anticipated final legislative language.
- It was moved to adopt the 2012-2013 Online Continuing Education budget
- It was moved to accept the preliminary budget for the 2012 Annual Meeting
- It was moved to adopt a “Support” position for AB 1453 provided it includes an amendment to adopt a Healthy Family benefits package
- It was moved to adopt a “Support” position for SB 951 provided it includes an amendment to adopt a Healthy Family benefits package
- It was moved to adopt a “Watch” position on AB 1746
- It was moved to adopt a “Support” position on AB 2252
- It was moved to adopt the proposed 2012-2013 budget as amended
- It was moved to design and implement business cards with a CSPD branded identity

# Have You Ever Wanted to Reach Out to the World?

Oariona Lowe, Immediate Past President of CSPD

One of my passions in life is to support regions in need of oral health care and education ... both within our borders and around the world. This past April, I had the wonderful opportunity to join a group of dentists and other volunteer workers that traveled to Vietnam to provide dental care to special needs children and the nuns that cared for them. Dr. Phil contacted me in early January to join his group. Phil's group collaborated with Rescue Humanity, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing individuals and communities with education, housing, health, dental, and optical care, as well as support for the underprivileged. I was ecstatic to be asked to be a part of this mission trip.



Our dental team, which was composed of three general dentists, one pediatric dentist (me), one orthodontist, one RDA, and a registered dental hygienist, treated more than 220 kids. Our auxiliary help consisted of two engineers and a financial advisor. We trained them and several nuns to be our dental assistants. They were quick learners and did a terrific job! Our dental hygienist, Christi, directed and gave oral hygiene instructions to the nuns who would instruct the children at school on how to brush and floss. The nuns that cared for these children were also their teachers. Most of the children that we treated were deaf and blind. Others had Down syndrome, developmental delay, birth defects, or some form of cerebral palsy.

Amazingly many of the children that we treated had pretty good dentition. This was probably due in part to their diet, which was free of many damaging carbohydrates and sugar-laden foods. Sweets were not affordable. Many of the children had never consumed a can of soda or tasted an ice cream cone. Of course there were a percentage of kids that had a mouthful of cavities and some that required sedation or general anesthesia. All in all, the outcome of our treatment was excellent. It was rewarding for us to see the smiles on the children's faces after treatment was rendered.

We spent 11 days in Vietnam. Local arrangements were provided by Mrs. Lea H. and her husband. The nuns at the Convent provided food for us and a local dentist in the city of Buon Me Thuot graciously offered to share his office with us so that we could

provide the needed care. One of the funniest stories that I'd like to share is that when I kept asking my first patient to open her mouth so I could examine her teeth, she kept her mouth closed and would turn away from me. My engineer dental assistant eventually said to me, "Doctor, she cannot understand you. Remember, she is deaf." After this initial visit, we started using sign language and made a special effort to communicate with all the kids, especially the blind ones. I knew that I made a difference when one of the nuns I treated told me at dinner one evening that I made her teeth "white." She said that I spent a lot of extra time to make her comfortable. She knew that the treatment provided was difficult and that I really cared and was doing my best for her.

The mission trip to Vietnam was a very gratifying experience ... a journey for which many of us could only dream. I was very fortunate to have been asked to be a participant.



*Dr. Oariona Lowe treating a patient.*



*Oariona Lowe is the Immediate Past President of CSPD. In June, she also went to Sri Lanka as part of an international dental care program from the USA.*

## CSPD'S New Contact Information

As of June 1, 2012, CSPD's day-to-day operations are provided by [Smith Moore & Associates](#), an association management company based in Sacramento, CA. Please note CSPD's new contact information:

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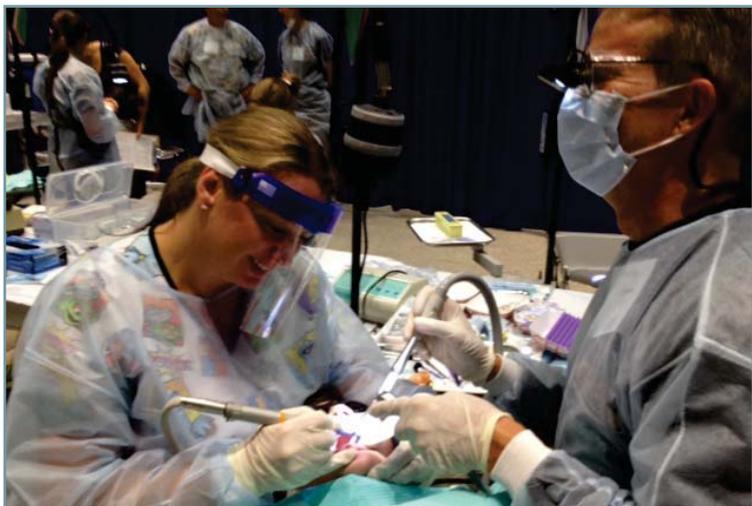
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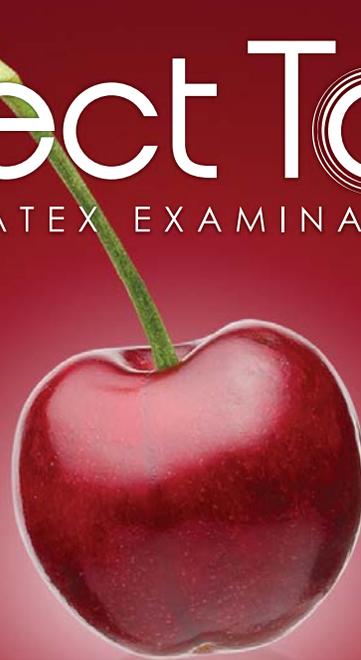
The 2013 CSPD/WSPD Annual Meeting is set to take place at the Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage near Palm Springs. It is shaping up as one of the best California venues for CSPD family recreation. The conference facilities are outstanding and Continuing Education Chair, Karilyn House, has an excellent program of speakers lined up for us. Highlights from Rancho Las Palmas include:

- A **27 hole golf course** with three distinct nine hole layouts to add a unique flavor to every round. One of these is a par three that features a lake-nestled green that rendezvous with resort outdoor dining so non-playing family can make a visual meet-up.
- **“Splashtopia” pool recreation area** is an exciting complex of pools, slides, private cabanas and a man-made “lazy river” that includes a sandy beach area. When the site was visited by the CSPD Annual Meeting Team, we found one of our members there with his family and he gave rave reviews on the location and cuisine.
- **The Spa at Rancho Las Palmas** was refurbished into a 20,000 square foot desert oasis with state-of-the-art spa equipment, a tranquil courtyard with a heated sanctuary pool, soothing water features and stunning mountain views.
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# Continuing Education Upcoming Opportunities

Karilyn House, DDS

I hope that all of you are having busy schedules now that school is out. Although our patients may be taking a break from their education, here is what's happening in the world of our Continuing Education Program.

## Follow-Up Survey for the 2012 Meeting

Thanks to all who responded. People definitely liked being able to pre-select their meal choices. Your responses to the questions regarding future CE courses are being used to develop the course content for the 2013 and 2014 Annual Meetings. Also, your input regarding having more meeting materials available electronically was helpful in directing our Annual Meeting Committee for upcoming years. More results will be sent to be viewed online on the CSPD website.

## CDA Presents Courses in Anaheim

CSPD sponsored and presented an all day symposium on pediatric dentistry at CDA Presents in April. Fortunately we were assigned a large room that had just enough room to accommodate all of the attendees. I would like to thank to **Drs. Richard Udin, Dr. Daniela Rodrigues Silva, Dr. Joe Renzi, Jr., Dr. John Groper, and Dr. Richard Mungo** who gave lectures on a variety of pediatric topics. During my lecture, I presented a new retrospective study based on a 10 year review in our office of the diode laser pulpotomy procedure. Dr. Renzi and I will be working to finish the write-up and send it in for publication in a refereed scientific journal. Thanks to **Dr. Santos Cortez** for being our host. He did an excellent job of helping us transition from one speaker to the next. He was able to promote CSPD in an insightful manner at the beginning of each session. Thanks also to **Dr. Oariona Lowe** for being our room host.

This year, CSPD also gave a pediatric dentistry hands-on course for the first time. Thanks to **Dr. Anna Chen** and **Dr. Alex Alcaraz** for teaching this course. Both morning and afternoon sessions were sold out. Dr. Renzi and I had the opportunity to host this course and we can say that the attendees learned a lot of good information and techniques and were very appreciative. Some even mentioned wanting to come to our next course. Thanks to Dr. Chen for bringing additional help to the hands on course. **Dr. Matin** and some of the Loma Linda residents (**Drs. Morris De Leon, Jocelyn Lee, Stephanie Phan, Uyen Phan, and Fang Zheng**) helped so the attendees were given a great deal of personal attention during the course with a very short wait time in getting help. Thanks also to **Diane Johnson Krueger** from **NuSmile Crowns** who was available throughout the hands-on sessions. Special thanks go out to our sponsors—most of the supplies were donated or loaned to us for the hands-on course. Sponsors are as follows: **3M, Kerr, Komet Burs, NuSmile Crowns, and Space Maintainers Lab/Success Essentials**. I especially want to thank Steve Gross (of Space Maintainers Lab) and Drs. Alcaraz, Chen, and Renzi for going above and beyond to secure instruments for the hands-on portion of the course. Without them, very few attendees of the hands-on classes would have had instruments, significantly impairing their learning experience. As I was able to attend all sessions, I have to say that those who helped me to make the symposium and hands-on courses possible really should be proud of how we represented our organization. Your knowledge and expertise really benefitted all those who had contact with you. I could not have done this without you.

## CE Courses for the 2013 Annual Meeting at Rancho Las Palmas Spa and Resort

We will be offering a variety of courses during this upcoming meeting in an effort to have something for everyone. The CSPD Foundation is choosing between two topics for the CSPD Foundation Lecture—both are highly controversial. Make sure to arrive early so you don't miss it! Courses will be given on Oral Habits and Myofunctional Therapy/Appliances, Sedation (given by a pediatric dentist), Medical/Dental Emergencies, Quality Assurance (to help fulfill the ROC-P requirement for time-based Diplomats—but sure to be applicable to most practitioners), and Insurance Coding (given by AAPD). We are also planning a course in Infection Control that will fulfill the California regulations and trying to fit in a course on the California Dental Practice Act that will also meet the renewal requirements. The New Dentist program is sure to offer a program worthwhile to the residents and newer dentists. Finally, the Table Clinics will occur at a different time/day to allow all residency programs to participate. We will keep you posted in upcoming bulletins and on the CSPD website.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2013 CSPD/WSPD Annual Meeting at the Rancho Las Palmas Resort. As I have stayed at this location in the past, you are sure to be in for a treat. There are lots of activities in the vicinity and our meeting will be early enough in the year to avoid the hot desert temperatures of the summer. If you have children (or if you are just a kid at heart) the resort has an AMAZING pool and water fun zone!

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Steve Gross, DDS

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As this year's giving campaign is coming to an end, I would like to take this chance to thank all those who have helped in leading the CSPD Foundation to one of the most successful years in recent memory. The Foundation Board devotes its time and energy week in and week out, continuously moving forward toward our mission of addressing the shortage of faculty in the pediatric dental programs in California, which can lead to additional care for the children in California.

After our feasibility study a couple of years ago, it was determined that the CSPD membership felt that the Foundation was not fulfilling its mission of supporting faculty enhancement. So in turn, your foundation (and I do mean your foundation) "stepped it up."

### What We Have Accomplished

The Bridge the Gap (BTG) program has been an overwhelming success with all six programs in California funded for the first year and two programs have already qualified for their second year's funding. That's more than \$200,000 in BTG funding over the past 18 months!

The Foundation also funds the Warren Brandli Leadership Intern program with \$8,000 per year. Usually the Foundation only sponsors one Brandli Intern per year; however, thanks to some of our corporate partners, we are able to sponsor two Brandli Interns for the first time this year. These Key Charter Corporate sponsors have graciously donated funds toward this program, which allows the Foundation to continue to develop and nurture our future leaders!

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### What We Require

If you review the Foundation's financial situation, you can easily see that we require more of your generosity to support the Foundation's mission. This sustained giving allows us to fund our grants and the support of the Brandli Interns; however, we fall short of covering our operating expenses. All we ask is that everyone get involved.

### Just Think...

There are more than 700 members of the CSPD and only about 100 members who support the Foundation. Just think how much stronger our Foundation would be if we ALL kicked in just \$100 (an additional \$60,000 a year). There are many levels and programs available. Please give whatever you can and thanks in advance for your support!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [steve@theatg.org](mailto:steve@theatg.org).

### Jessica DeBord on the Warren Brandli Leadership Intern Program that she just completed:

*"The Warren Brandli Leadership Intern program was a wonderful experience. Working with knowledgeable and seasoned board members was an extraordinary learning opportunity that prepared me to assume leadership roles and to contribute to our profession in a meaningful way. I would highly recommend the program to any resident or new dentist."*

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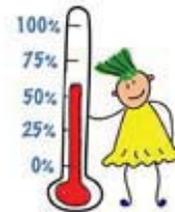
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# Faculty Spotlight

By Justin Shuffer, DDS

## Five Questions with Jacklynn Thai, DDS

*Dr. Jacklynn Thai is an associate clinical instructor in the Pediatric Dentistry Department at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Thai attended the UC Berkeley for her BA in Integrative Biology, and achieved both her DDS and her pediatric dentistry certificate at New York University College of Dentistry. In 2010, Dr. Thai was awarded Diplomate status by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and also maintains a position in private practice when not teaching.*



### **Q: What made you decide to teach future pediatric dentists?**

A: Even before dental school, I always enjoyed teaching others. I knew that once I finished my own education, I would give back to the profession by teaching others. I wanted to be in a position to provide knowledge and share my experience to help enrich the educational journey of those pursuing the same career path.

### **Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of teaching?**

A: I work exclusively with predoctoral dental students and I find it very rewarding to be able to inspire interest in pediatric dentistry. I have had students who began their clinical rotation in pediatric dentistry without any interest only to find they had a passion for it, applied to residency, and are now colleagues. I also find it very rewarding when I witness a student using skills I have taught and the satisfaction they feel when those applications are successful.

### **Q: What did you find to be the toughest challenge to face your first year out of residency and is it different than what new graduates have to face today?**

A: The toughest challenge to face my first year out of residency was transitioning into private practice. I believe this will always be a challenge for all new graduates.

### **Q: Do you find that teaching improves your skills in private practice?**

A: I do believe my time spent teaching not only benefits the students, but also helps me to improve my own skills in private practice. Their questions keep me abreast of current updates in the specialty. I truly believe as we teach others, we are learning ourselves.

### **Q: What are your absolute favorite patients to treat and, outside of pediatric dentistry, what are your absolute favorite things to do in life?**

A: I love every patient I treat. I just enjoy working with and for the kids. Every child is a blessing and every child is special. Outside of pediatric dentistry, I enjoy spending time with my family, watching movies, and doing yoga.

## ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) Recommends Approval of Dental Anesthesiology Application

On May 4, 2012, following a year-long study and evaluation of the application submitted by the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists (ASDA) to recognize dental anesthesiology as dentistry's newest specialty, the CDEL voted to recommend approval of the application and move the process forward.

ASDA submitted its application to CDEL on June 1, 2011 to provide ample time for a thorough review in preparation for bringing the recognition of dental anesthesiology as a specialty to a vote at the ADA House of Delegates this coming October. CDEL's Committee on Recognition of Specialties and Interest Areas in General Dentistry, formerly known as Committee G, was the first to review the document. They spent almost a year evaluating the application with particular emphasis on the rigorous ADA criteria required for specialty recognition. Following this Committee's review, the matter went to the entire Council.

Representatives from the ASDA (including current President, Dr. Michael Mashni, and former Presidents, Drs. Steven Ganzberg and Joel Weaver) were invited to the CDEL Meeting at the ADA

Headquarters in Chicago to answer a broad range of questions from the Council. The CDEL is currently drafting a resolution to support Anesthesiology as a dental specialty which will be forwarded to the ADA House of Delegates that meets in October.

CDEL is comprised of 18 members who represent a wide range of dental practitioners. Ten are general dentists, including representatives from the American Dental Association (ADA), the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB), the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and ADA's New Dentist Committee. Additionally, there are two pediatric dentists, two periodontists, one oral and maxillofacial surgeon, one orthodontist, one prosthodontist, and the Council's director.

You can obtain more information here: [www.asdahq.org/AnesthesiaSpecialtyinDentistry/SpecialtyVideo.aspx](http://www.asdahq.org/AnesthesiaSpecialtyinDentistry/SpecialtyVideo.aspx) or in this article by Daniel L. Orr II, DDS, MS (anesthesia), Ph.D., JD, MD ([www.cspd.org/pdf/2012/AnesthSpecialtySm.pdf](http://www.cspd.org/pdf/2012/AnesthSpecialtySm.pdf)) or by contacting Dr. Michael Mashni at [MashniDDS@aol.com](mailto:MashniDDS@aol.com) or at 714-349-4700.



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# Student Reports

## UCSF, Brent Lin, DMD

The UCSF School of Dentistry and their two pediatric dentistry student groups, the Student Society of Pediatric Dentistry and the Students United for America's Tooth Fairy sponsored a Give Kids a Smile event that was a huge success. 171 children were seen and here is a news article about it:

[www.ucsf.edu/news/2012/02/11544/ucsf-school-dentistry-offer-free-dental-care-children](http://www.ucsf.edu/news/2012/02/11544/ucsf-school-dentistry-offer-free-dental-care-children)



*UCSF Students at Give Kids a Smile Day.*

The students also participated in other outreach events such as health fairs in the Bayview and Richmond Districts. The students are getting ready for their annual trip to Camp Mendocino, where they will provide oral health education, interactive learning sessions, dental screenings, and fluoride varnish application for inner city children from families of low social economic status attending the camp. It is part of an event sponsored by the San Francisco Boys and Girls Club.

Recently, the students have worked extensively with the NCOHF Bay Area Oral Health Zone Coordinator, Gabrielle Jones, in many outreach initiatives. The NCOHF Bay Area Oral Health Zone is based at UCSF School of Dentistry, and the students have access to work closely on many public health projects and advocacy programs with the assistance and resources from the community health partners throughout the Bay Area.

The pediatric dentistry student groups have reorganized their structure in the last three months. The Students United for America's Tooth Fairy (SUAT) has successfully merged with the Student Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SSPD) organization. The current

president of SUAT, Kaitlin Jennison, will become the new president of SSPD. The new merger also yields some very qualified students who are interested in the specialty of pediatric dentistry. The group has recently selected the new officers for this upcoming academic year.

At the recent senior award night, Almut Ellwanger, the current SSPD president, received the UCSF Pediatric Dentistry Award. Almut will be attending the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, OH for her pediatric dentistry residency program. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Award was given to Christina Shin, who will be heading to Children's Hospital in Boston/Harvard School of Dental Medicine for her residency program in pediatric dentistry.

## UCLA, Setareh Ghafouri, DDS

Once a month on Tuesday evenings, volunteer students (including second year and third year pre-doctoral students) treat uninsured patients at The Children's Dental Center in Inglewood, CA. The patient population primarily consists of uninsured patients and the clinic has been well received with minimal cancellations/no shows, especially for the families with school age children.

## USC, Julie Jenks, DDS

Nathan Wong, Co-President of the Pediatric Dentistry Selective reports that in the past few months, their general meetings have mainly been used for presentations by members of their group. They have discussed such topics as childhood nutrition, Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, dental sealants, and Infantile Refsum disease. As a group, they have also tried to stay active in volunteer dental clinics taking place throughout the local community. The Pediatric Selective is regularly represented at such clinics as Mobile Clinic and Ayuda Clinic. All members continue to be regularly treating patients in the USC Pediatric Clinic.

Here are some of the events the Pediatric Selective has planned for the near future: Special Olympics - Special Smiles dental screening booth, USC Pediatric Clinic waiting room remodel, a fundraiser for future philanthropic projects, and guest lectures from local pediatric dentists.

Sahar Hamedani, Co-President of the Pediatric Dentistry Selective, reports that the Pedo Study Club had Dr. De Bord talk about cleft lip and palate patients and the role of the pediatric dentist. They also had a literature review with Dr. Jenks and Dr. Beale discussing common traumas the pediatric dentist would encounter and how to appropriately manage them. The Pedo Study Club and the Pedo Selective also recently collaborated to have a meeting discussing the application process and the interview process with graduating seniors who got accepted into pediatric programs. All members of the USC pediatric dentistry community thank the CSPD Foundation for their support and encouragement.



*Jonathon Lee receiving his gift for serving as WSPD President from 2010 - 2012.*

On May 26, 2012 at the AAPD Annual Meeting in San Diego, Jonathon Lee was honored for serving as the WSPD President from 2010 – 2012. Here are some of the highlights during his tenure:

- Increased WSPD involvement at the CSPD/WSPD Annual Meeting
- Established the WSPD Leadership Caucus at the CSPD/WSPD Annual Meeting to enable District VI's State and Province leaders to meet and discuss issues
- Expanded the CSPD Reception at the AAPD Annual Session into the District WSPD/CSPD Reception
- Developed unified logos and stationary for WSPD and its State and Province units
- Developed the WSPD intranet for electronic archiving of WSPD documents
- Invited the Alberta Academy of Pediatric Dentistry to official become a part of WSPD
- Inaugurated the WSPD section in the CSPD Bulletin which is sent electronically to all District VI members
- Improved communications with the AAPD
- Update and revised the WSPD Bylaws
- Revised the WSPD website and established the WSPD Facebook page
- Negotiated for WSPD members to receive 30 Days Free Access to *Practical Reviews in Pediatric Dentistry*

# Special Smiles

The Special Olympics' "Healthy Athletes Program" provides health screenings and promotion to Special Olympics athletes. Special Smiles is the oral health component of the Healthy Athletes program.

Special Olympics Southern California hosts annual Fall and Summer Games where Special Smiles provides oral health screenings, oral hygiene instruction, fluoride varnish application, and mouth guard fabrication.

This year's Summer Games were held at Cal State Long Beach on June 8 -10, 2012. Dental students and pediatric dental residents from Southern California, along with pediatric dentists, general dentists and hygienists, worked with Special Smiles to provide screenings and services to 275 athletes.

If you are interested in volunteering at future Special Olympics Southern California Special Smiles events, visit the Special Olympics Southern California website at [www.sosc.org](http://www.sosc.org) for more information. You can also contact Dr. Dick Mungo with any questions at [rpmungo@gmail.com](mailto:rpmungo@gmail.com).

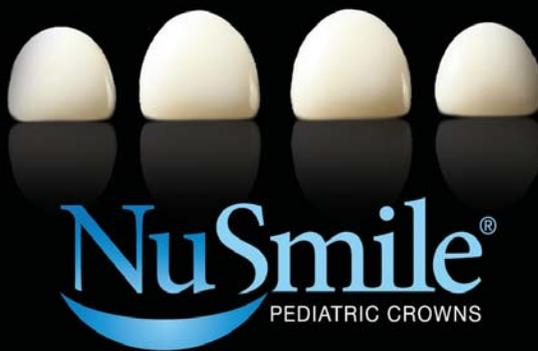


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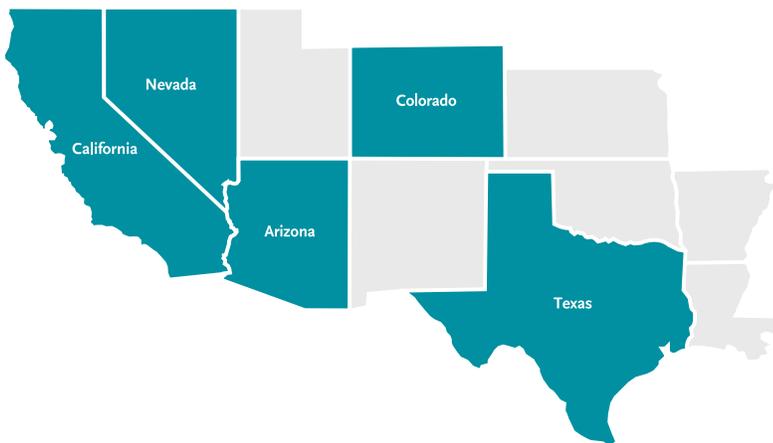


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# District VI Update

## Summary of the AAPD Board of Trustees Meeting

Santos Cortez, DDS, District VI Trustee

I am thankful for the honor of serving as District VI Trustee. My term runs from 2012-2015 and I have been placed on the

Budget and Finance Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee and will also serve as the Liaison to the Council on Continuing Education.

I would also like to thank Jade Miller for serving so capably as the District VI Trustee for the past three years. He has earned the trust and respect from his fellow Trustees, staff and our district. He continues to serve as the District VI representative to the Task Force on Governance Review.

Here is a summary of the May 22, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting:

- Marcio De Fonseca has been named as the editor for the Journal of Dentistry for Children.
- The financial health of AAPD is strong and they project a positive return for 2012-2013.
- The Board adopted the 2012-2013 budget and allocated up to \$30,000 for the Advanced Leadership Training at the Wharton School of Business in Pennsylvania.
- The AAPD netted \$167,000 from the joint meeting of the AAPD and the American Association of Orthodontics in Florida in January, 2012.
- The Board adopted a resolution to include an "Antitrust Compliance Policy" in the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- The topic for the 2013 AAPD Symposium will be Behavior Management
- The Chairman of the Council of Dental Benefits, Paul Reggiardo, was named as an alternate to the Code Advisory Committee
- The board adopted a resolution to advance the state Public Policy Advocate (PPA) initiative in which up to two names from each state unit will be requested to identify individuals that will serve in this capacity. This position is modeled after the PPA position which has been in place at the CSPD for a number of years. The states will determine who the individual is to serve in this capacity and submit the names to the Council on

Government Affairs (CGA). The Chair of CGA will forward a letter to each state president as well as to the district representative to the CGA to roll this out.

- The Board adopted a resolution to provide up to \$2,000 to support the Post-Doctoral In-Service Examination Committee.
- The board adopted a resolution to provide a Letter of Support on behalf of ASDA to become a recognized specialty in dentistry. ASDA has fulfilled the application requirements and has been approved by the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure. The next step is for the ADA House of Delegates to consider this at the ADA Annual Meeting in October.
- The Task Force on Sedation Education and Sedation CE will reach out to the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists (ASDA) for educational opportunities.
- The American Orthodontic Society (AOS) has requested that a joint meeting be convened after the Annual AAPD meeting in Orlando next year. This request will be considered.
- Discussion is ongoing about a consensus conference between the AAPD and the American Association of Endodontists (AAE). No decision has been made.
- AAPD has partnered with the U.S. National Oral Health Alliance (a coalition of stakeholders include the ADA, DentaQuest Foundation and others) to present oral health messaging, work on a consensus statement, and to convene summits on oral health.
- AAPD will begin learning how to go through the process of a systematic review to create and evidence-based guideline. In the meantime, the Council on Scientific Affairs may adopt some of the Evidence Based Dentistry guidelines already developed by the ADA.
- The AAPD, along with the ADA and CDA, has engaged the Ad Council to develop an oral health message to improve the oral health of children. The Ad Council has recommended that the initial roll-out be a simple message of preventing tooth pain by "brushing twice a day." The roll out of this three-year campaign is slated for this summer. A joint press release has been sent out to AAPD members.



## Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry

### Meet the New WSPD President

John R. Ukich, DDS, WSPD President

WSPD is coming off a fantastic meeting at the AAPD Annual Meeting in San Diego in May and is geared up to have a great 2012-2013 year. I am proud to be the new president of WSPD, taking over after two strong years of leadership by Jonathon Lee.

It is with great excitement that I take this position and look to the future of our profession and how we, in District 6, can have a lasting impact with the AAPD and better our profession as a whole. I am a second-generation pediatric dentist currently practice with my father in beautiful Idaho. I have been in private practice in Coeur d'Alene for nine years, and I opened a second office location in Sandpoint, Idaho five years ago. I graduated from Marquette University School

of Dentistry and received my certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in 2003.

Upon returning home to practice with my father, I immediately became involved in organized dentistry by serving as President of our local dental society. After founding and leading the Inland Empire Pediatric Dental Study Club for two to three years, I was approached to begin the Idaho Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. I have served on the WSPD Board for four years and am excited to lead this organization as President. I have twin boys entering second grade and a beautiful wife who is a furloughed pilot for American Airlines. We all love to play in the outdoors of the Pacific Northwest as we enjoy camping, hiking, biking and skiing. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve District 6 and I look forward to what the future holds for pediatric dentistry.

## Upcoming

### CSPD

Sept. 14, 2012: CSPD/CDA Course: Maximize Social Media – Minimize Risks in Sacramento, CA

Sept. 15, 2012: CSPD Board of Trustees Meeting in Alameda, CA

April 25-28, 2013: CSPD's 38th Annual Session at Rancho Las Palmas Resort, Rancho Mirage, CA

### AAPD

Sept. 6, 2012: Oral Clinical Exam Review, Denver, CO

Sept. 7-9, 2012: Comprehensive Review Course, Denver, CO

Sept. 22, 2012: Comprehensive Review Course, Denver, CO

Sept. 28, 2012: Parenting with Love and Leadership, Indianapolis, IN

Oct. 26, 2012: Dental Assistant's Course: Sedative & Medical Emergencies in the Pediatric Dental Office, Chicago, IL

Oct. 26-28, 2012: Contemporary Sedation of Children for the Dental Practice: Enteral & Parenteral Techniques, Chicago, IL

Nov. 8-10, 2012: Joint Symposium with AAE: Contemporary Management of Traumatic Injuries to the Permanent Dentition, Scottsdale, AZ

Jan. 25-27, 2013: Comprehensive Review Course, San Diego, CA

May 23-26, 2013: AAPD 66th Annual Session, Walt Disney World Swan Dolphin Resort Orlando, FL

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## Member News



**Jennifer Lo**, a third year pediatric dentistry post-graduate student at UCSF Dental School won third place for the poster competition at the 2012 AAPD Annual Meeting in San Diego. Here is an abstract of her research:

**Title: Effect of Xylitol-Wipe on Mutans Streptococci Rate of Acid Production**

Lo J\*, Featherstone JDB, DenBesten P, Hoover CI, Huynh T, Zhan L (University of California, San Francisco, CA)

**Purpose:** In a randomized clinical trial, we found a significant reduction of new caries in young children with daily use of xylitol wipes for one year without reduction on mutans streptococci (MS) levels. The purpose of this study was to investigate whether the use of xylitol wipes for one year altered acid production of MS.

**Methods:** Unique MS genotypes were isolated from the xylitol wipe and the placebo wipe groups at baseline and at one year. The genotypes were grown anaerobically overnight. The cells were washed 3 times and re-suspended in PBS. The pH change of each isolate in PBS with 1% glucose was measured with a pH meter for 30 minutes. The acid production rate and plateau pH was calculated for each genotype using Prism 5.

**Results:** There were significant differences of plateau pH within each group and between the two groups at baseline and one-year (ANOVA,  $P < 0.05$ ) but no significant differences on acid production rate. At one year, there was a significantly lower plateau pH ( $p < 0.05$ ) and a marginally lower K ( $p = 0.09$ ) in the xylitol wipe group compared to baseline while no change or reversed changes were found in the placebo wipe group. The changes in plateau pH and K at one year were similar to MS from caries free subjects when the data was analyzed based on the subject's caries status.

**Conclusions:** The study indicates that changes in acid production may be related to the anti caries effect of xylitol wipes use. Further studies are needed to identify the cause of alteration in acid production of MS by xylitol and confirm its relevance with xylitol's caries prevention effect in children.

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## New CSPD Member

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# Special Recognition

On behalf of CSPD, WSPD, District VI, and AAPD, we are proud to recognize:



**Dr. Jade Miller:** AAPD District VI Trustee has recently completed his term of office. Dr. Miller has worked tirelessly for the past 3 years representing District VI, WSPD, and CSPD at the District and National level. He was recently named the District VI Representative to the AAPD Taskforce on Governance. At the WSPD Leadership Caucus, Jade led a structured workshop identifying concerns with the tripartite structure, District Trustee, Council and Committee proportional representation, and AAPD dues billing. His accomplishments with us are only a part of his journey to greater success.



**Dr. Jonathon E. Lee:** WSPD President, AAPD/CSPD Liaison. Jonathon just completed two terms as the WSPD-District VI President. During his tenure, he developed a Mission Statement for WSPD along with reviewing and revising the By Laws. He brought attention to the TriCare issue, helped to clarify AAPD's position on the Alternative Workforce Model, and worked closely with Jade Miller on the AAPD Governance Task force. Being the Techie expert that he is, he developed the

WSPD website and Facebook page.

The following individuals have graciously donated their time and effort on behalf of CSPD, CDA, and humanity. Please recognize:



**Dr. Andy Soderstrom:** CDA Immediate Past-President and CSPD member who successfully organized and lead CDA Cares in Modesto, CA from May 18-19, 2012. This two day event provided an estimated \$1.2 million in charitable dental service.

The CDA Foundation and national partner, America's Dentists Care Foundation, hosted the clinic to provide oral health services and education to Californians who experience barriers to care. Through Dr. Soderstrom's efforts, 1,200 volunteers were called to action. These volunteers included 226 dentists and 300 dental and medical professionals (dental hygienists, dental assistants, nurses, and lab technicians) who donated their time and services to provide dental care to over 1,650 people. Ten percent of the patients were children. With the assistance of community volunteers who helped with registration, translation, data entry and escorting patients, over 7,200 procedures (cleanings, fillings, and extractions) were provided. A total of 143 dentures and partials were also provided to patients.



**Dr. Santos Cortez:** In addition to being Past President of CSPD, Chair of CSPD Leadership Development, and Past Chair of CDA Government Affairs Council, Santos was the coordinator of the Pediatric Dentistry station at CDA Cares. If it wasn't for Santos' management and organization skills, many of the children at CDA Cares might not have been seen nor had the opportunity to receive dental services.



**Dr. Alex Alcaraz and Dr. Anna Chen:** Drs. Chen and Alcaraz taught the CDA-Pediatric Dentistry Workshop on Primary Crowns and Space Maintainers at CDA Presents, May 3-5, 2012.

Dr. Alex Alcaraz is in private practice and he is also on the faculty of the Ostrow School of Dentistry at USC, Department of Pediatric Dentistry.



Dr. Anna Chen is the Program Director of Pediatric Dentistry at the Loma Linda School of Dentistry. She and several faculty members along with her first-year residents volunteered their time to teach this workshop. Loma Linda supplied the typodonts and other supplies necessary. Diane Johnson of Nu-Smile Crowns hosted this workshop.



*Dr. Daniela Rodriguez-Silva*



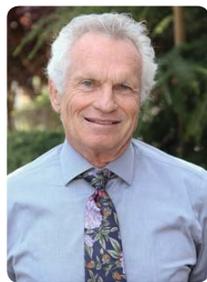
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**Drs. Daniela Rodriguez-Silva, Joe Renzi, Richard Udin, Karilyn House, John Groper and Richard Mungo** presented the Pediatric Dentistry Symposium at CDA Presents, May 3-5, 2012. Topics covered included evidence-based use of restorative materials and dental procedures, infant oral exam and the importance of establishing the dental home, considerations of patient and parent variables during diagnosis and treatment planning, uses of the diode laser in pediatric dentistry, indications and options for space maintainers, and management of the difficult patient and parent. The hosts for this well-attended event were Dr. Santos Cortez and Dr. Oariona Lowe.

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# Website Notes

## Come. Sit Down. We Need to Talk.

Steve Niethamer, DMD, Website Editor

A few weekends ago, I attended the marriage of a good friend's son to a beautiful young lady held in a quaint garden of an old San Luis Obispo adobe house. I could tell that the bride's family had spent the correct amount of time with her to produce a vibrant, well organized person that made them proud. At the

dinner following the ceremony, the bride's father told the group that he felt that this young man and his daughter were a perfect match and was confident in passing the care for his daughter on to the groom. How sweet it is!

I'm sure that we all know of less perfect matches when one or both are just looking for excitement, profit or security. As a father of a daughter, my worst nightmare would be that, after putting all my energy over many years into raising her, this girl would start running around with some tat covered biker who lights up a smoke in my living room and says to me, "Hey dude," and is called "Snake" or "Spider" or "the Ox" by his friends.

Sure, this guy might be just the greatest person hidden within a very rough façade, but initially a father might be disappointed. To raise a child, you must invest a great amount of time while delaying or forgoing completely important activities. But it is all worth it if the child does well.

I've often said that developing a website is similar to raising a child. So much of your time and energy is put into the little critter. You add some function, move material, investigate how to make something happen and then watch it run nicely or scream as it crashes. It grows in beauty (at least in the eyes of its creator) as more and more information is displayed.

### Please, maintain our Soul ...

The same could be said for all the other areas of our organization. Years ago, I spent days looking at CSPD's quirky database while trying to produce a membership directory. After a while, I started to understand why one of our first executive directors, Dr. Tom Barber, listed the information in particular ways. He produced our directory for years without much fanfare other than occasionally placing some of his cherished photos on its covers. He left us without telling anyone his recipe for making the directory. Even though I didn't know Dr. Barber well enough to say anything other than a polite

greeting to him, I believe that by working on this directory I saw a part of him that nobody else has seen. I saw what I think of as a small part of the "soul" that he left with CSPD. I tried to respect his work while making improvements to the directory.

Many of our members have served on the Board as officers, committee members, advocates, editors and as our very special executive directors. I believe that they have all left pieces of themselves during their time with CSPD that have added to this collective soul.

And now, during this time of increasing government regulations for corporate dentistry, and of leadership training programs, the emphasis seems to be on making our organization run better. Because it is what larger dental organizations have done already, we might call this the "CDA"ification of CSPD. Certainly it will help by bringing in accountants, lawyers, consultants, and an association management company. The member volunteers who serve will be able to spend more time on matters of importance to our profession than on tasks such as answering the phones, delegating checks written to the correct Quickbooks account, designing Annual Meeting advertisements, laying out the Bulletin, converting the database information into a membership directory and, swallow, playing with the HTML code of our website.

My hope is that this change in the management does not go too far toward what is happening to private practices as corporate models efficiently gobble up larger amounts of business. However, I have been reassured that our pediatric dental organizational soul will be respected and maintained.

### Is it your time?

So, I encourage all of our members to evaluate their current place in their lives as it relates to their profession and their organization. If it is your time to contribute more, please volunteer to serve on a committee or as a director or as a liaison to one of the many organizations. Serve for five or 10 years, if that is your time. Give back a little to our profession and, while doing that, please try to maintain our organization's soul.

I will be working on the website with Justin from Smith Moore & Associates. He seems like a good, respectful, and certainly knowledgeable techie on website editing. Maybe we can spend time together talking about new HTML coding ideas. He has worked on a number of websites and I think that I can trust him to take good care of our website.



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