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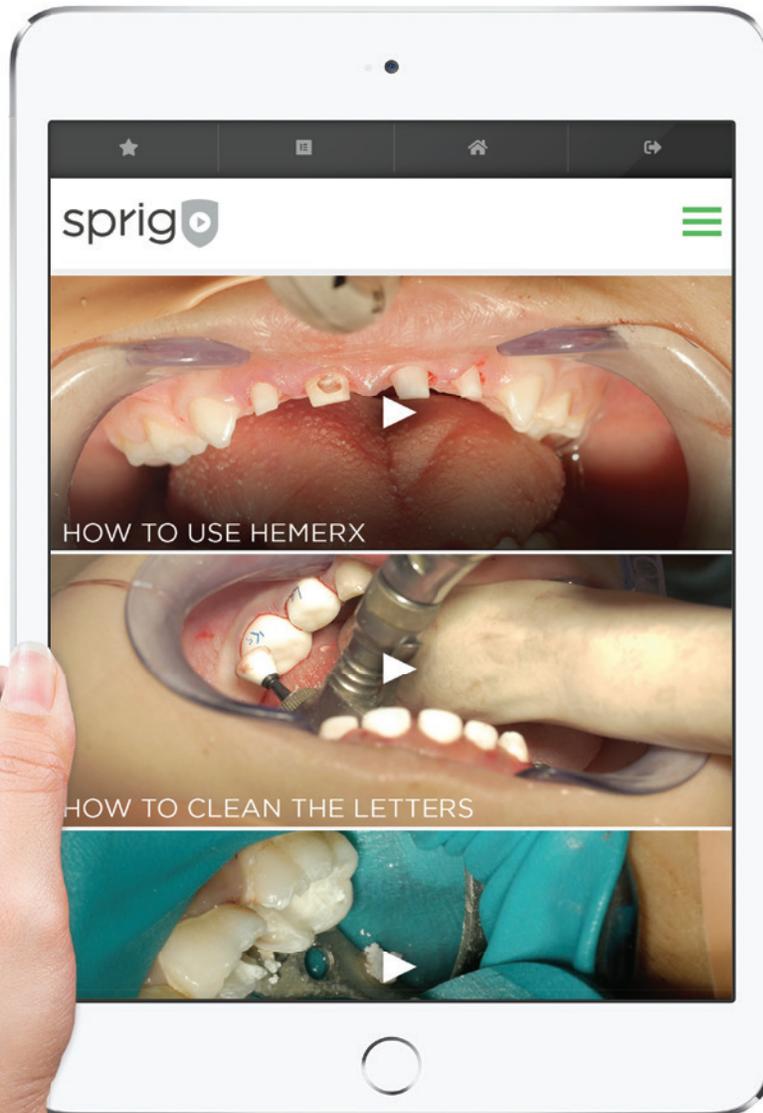
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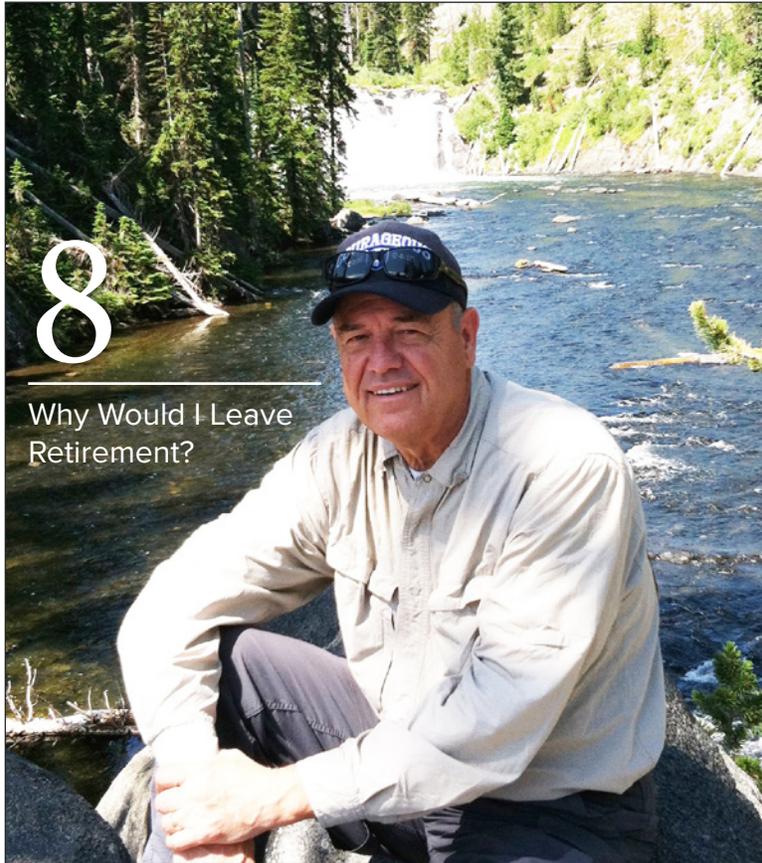
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44th CSPD PRESIDENT

Jonathon E. Lee, DDS

DEAR MEMBERS OF CSPD, I CANNOT EXPRESS HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO BE YOUR 44TH CSPD PRESIDENT. IT IS A GREAT HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE, SO THANK YOU, THE MEMBERS OF CSPD.

As President, I am truly thankful for the CSPD Executive Committee, Board Directors, Appointed Officers Chairs and Committee Members who volunteer their time to ensure that CSPD fulfills its mission which is: **To serve its membership and the public by advocating optimal oral health of infants, children and adolescents** and fulfills its vision for **Exemplary oral health for all infants, children and adolescents.**

A Big Thanks to The CSPD Mid-Year Meeting Committee comprising of CSPD President Elect and Committee Chair- Dr. Susan Tavana and her Committee Members of CSPD Treasurer- Dr. Donald Schmitt, CSPD Director- Dr. Nikki Fallah, CSPD Executive Director Emeritus- Dr. Andrew Soderstrom, and CSPD Account Manager- Ms. Yelena Martynovskaya for arranging the beautiful San Francisco venue and handling all the details of planning such a fabulous and fantastic event.

I would like to recognize the Program Directors and Faculty of California's Post Graduate Pediatric Programs: Dr. Anna Chen (LLU), Dr. Thuan Le (UCSF), Dr. Daniela Silva (UCLA), and Dr. Tom Tanbonliong (USC) as well as CSPD Member Dr. Yvonne Rochon who donated their time and educational knowledge to provide CE Content.

Again, without your continued support as members, we would never be able to put on events such as the Mid-Year Meeting and Annual Meeting and advocate on behalf of the membership and the public for optimal oral health of California's Infants, Children and Adolescents.

I would like to introduce Dr. Gila Dorostkar and Dr. John Guijon as the incoming members of the CSPD Board.

Dr. Dorostkar is returning to CSPD as Secretary. She is a graduate of USC School of Dentistry and completed her Pediatric Dental Specialty at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and has served three terms as a CSPD Northern California Director. She was Chair of AAPD's Council on Membership and Membership Services and was Co-Chair with Dr. Richard Sobel and Dr. Weyland Lum for AAPD's San Francisco Local Arrangements Committee. She brings great leadership background to CSPD having been in the Inaugural Cohorts of both AAPD's Kellogg Northwestern Leadership Institute and AAPD's Wharton Advanced Leadership Institute. She currently serves on the AAPD Nominations Committee representing the Western District of AAPD.

When asked why she volunteered to serve CSPD, Dr. Dorostkar said, ***“During my over 20 years in private practice I’ve witnessed numerous changes in our industry, and in healthcare in general. In this challenging environment, our member dentists need an organization that supports their interests and helps them maintain quality patient care and a well-balanced work lifestyle. As a volunteer CSPD leader, I hope to use my background and experience to work toward the success of fellow pediatric dentists, to support CSPD in achieving its objectives, and to protect the best interests of the children of California.”***

Dr. Guijon has served CSPD on the committee level and is now an incoming CSPD Southern California Director. He graduated in 1995 from UCLA School of Dentistry and in 1997 completed his Pediatric Dentistry Specialty at USC. Dr. Guijon has been in private practice in the city of Huntington Beach since 1997. In his spare time, Dr. Guijon enjoys spending time with his wife and 3 children. Dr. Guijon is an Assistant Scoutmaster for his son's Boy Scout Troop. To Dr. Guijon, ***“CSPD is THE organization that advocates for the children that we treat and is the voice of our pediatric dental profession. CSPD provides it members with mentorship and leadership opportunities.”*** When asked why he volunteered to serve CSPD, Dr. Guijon said, ***“I greatly appreciate the many benefits of membership that the CSPD provides, and it is with gratitude that I want to give back.”***

Finally and last but not least, I want to thank my Executive Director Dr. Lonnie Lovingier, for Returning Home to CSPD.

We Welcome Back, Dr. Lonnie Lovingier - CSPD’s 5th Executive Director

Dr. Lonnie Lovingier began his pediatric dentistry program in 1972 at UCLA, graduated and practiced until the end of 2014, 42 years. He was blessed to practice as an associate of Dr. Mel Rowan during and after his post-doctoral program. As a very young pediatric dentist he had a first row seat to the initial discussions, development and evolution of CSPD. He witnessed difficulties, trials and tribulations of the growing pains of a developing organization at a difficult time in a struggling specialty of the ADA. He witnessed name changes from pedodontics to pediatric dentistry and public relations campaigns to let the public know who we are and how we are different.

He had a front row seat as he watched CSPD acquire the respect of CDA and the public. He was there for the many years of struggle with the AAPD to develop some sort of representation, which resulted in eventual regionalization.

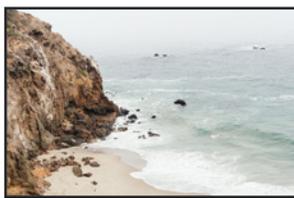
During his professional career he served on almost every committee at one time or another. He served as editor twice, first in the 80s and secondly beginning at the end of his presidency in the 2000s. He experienced each of the roles of the executive committee and is a Past President. As a Past President, and Editor, he continued to serve on a developing Non-Dues Revenue Committee, and Online Continuing Education Committee.

Dr. Lovingier enjoys fishing and skiing, but mostly hiking with his wife. After retirement he helped with the Eastern Sierra Disabled Sports with the disabled children skiing program at Mammoth. Through donations, he set up a two-chair, one-room dental clinic in the orphanage in Tijuana and currently provides dental care for those children. For those of you who might remember his installation as president at the Empress in Victoria, his passion was umpiring college baseball. But, he is retired from that now too. When asked what his greatest accomplishment is, he says marrying Jan and having great kids and grandkids; but right behind that was becoming an Eagle Scout.

We welcome this Eagle Scout, charter member, past president, past editor, husband, father, grandfather and umpire as our CSPD Executive Director.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 11-14, 2018



2018 CSPD & WSPD Annual Meeting - La Jolla, CA

Apr 27, 2019



2019 CSPD Mid-Year Meeting - Anaheim, CA

Oct 17-20, 2019



2019 CSPD Annual Meeting - San Francisco, CA

Oct 20-24, 2020



2020 CSPD Annual Meeting - Palm Desert, CA



“A TRIBUTE TO OUR PAST PRESIDENTS”

Oariona Lowe, DDS, MPH, MA, Annual Meeting Chair

Greetings!

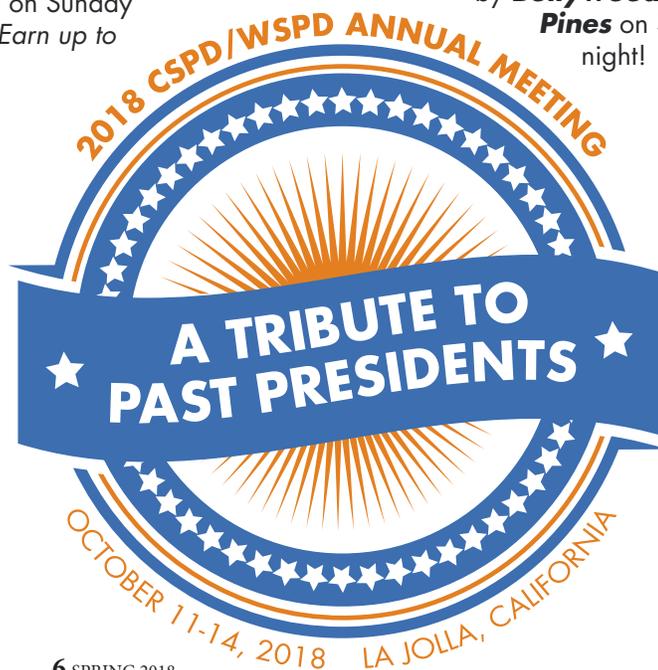
I invite you to join us this Fall, October 11-14, 2018 to celebrate our annual CSPD-WSPD Scientific Session at the Hilton Torrey Pines Hotel in La Jolla, CA as we host “A Tribute to our Past Presidents.” Our academic session is abundant with speakers and topics that will send you home with unsurpassed educational knowledge. The topics and speakers will be invigorating. Our Keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Lustig, a renowned speaker and public health authority on the impact of sugar on diabetes and childhood obesity will present on the “Toxic Effects of Sugar”. Learn about alternatives to Anterior Esthetic Restorations, Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) and application in a hands-on workshop. Listen to Updates on Pulp Therapy. Members will learn about pediatric dental volunteerism from experts from the ADA Foundation and CSPD-WSPD members. Listen to how we can get involved to provide humanitarian services to underprivileged populations here and around the world. Vibrant discussions enhanced by video and roundtable interactions on Ethical Dilemmas that face us in private practice is scheduled on Sunday morning. Earn up to 21 CEs!

Fond of outdoor activities?

It's time to experience La Jolla by the Sea which is a gorgeous seaside area, known for its rugged coastline. Biking and hiking trails wind past pine trees and sandstone canyons in the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. The reserve is named after the Torrey Pine, a rare tree that grows in the wild only along this local stretch of the coastline in San Diego County and on Santa Rosa Island. For golf lovers, the world-renowned Torrey Pines Golf Course sits atop sea cliffs towering over the Pacific Ocean. Golfers can marvel at the view of the coastline and deep ravines. Two 18-hole courses await you! The Torrey Pines Golf course, a public course, is home to the PGA Tour's Buick Open. Relax and revitalize with a singles or couples massage at the SPA at Torrey Pines. Foodies can enjoy a selection of waterfront restaurants and for shoppers, the La Jolla Village is nearby with posh boutiques. Other amenities include sailing and surfing lessons.

An unsurpassed experience awaits you at **La Jolla by the Sea!**

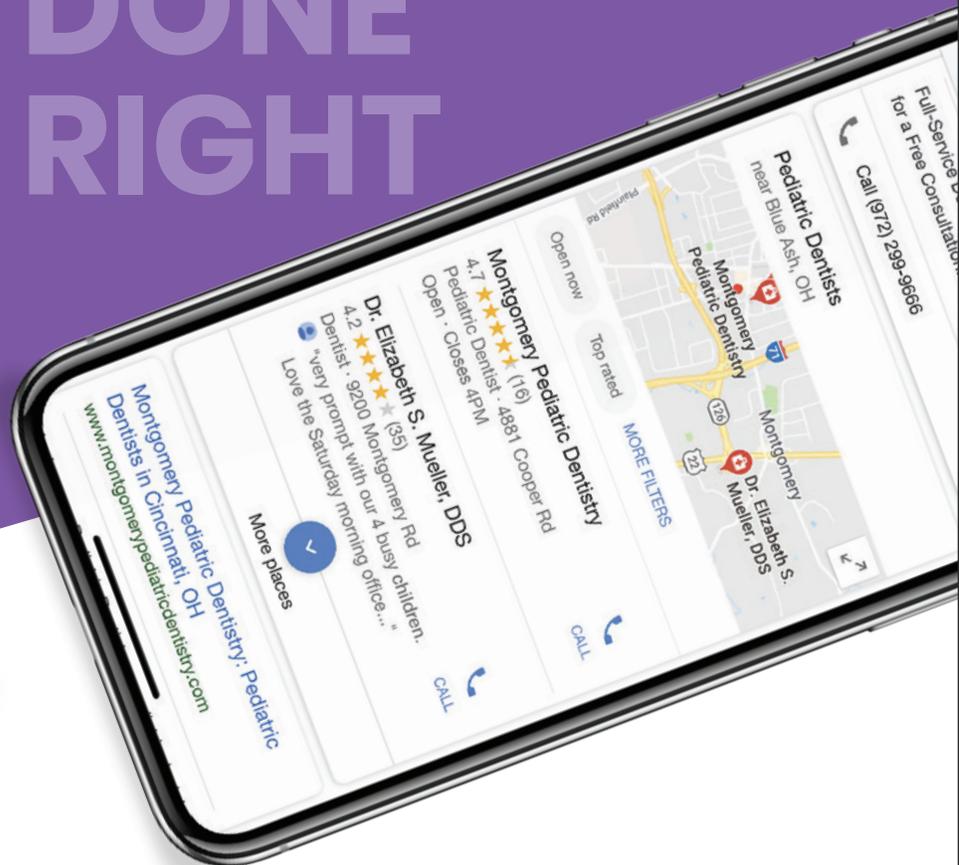
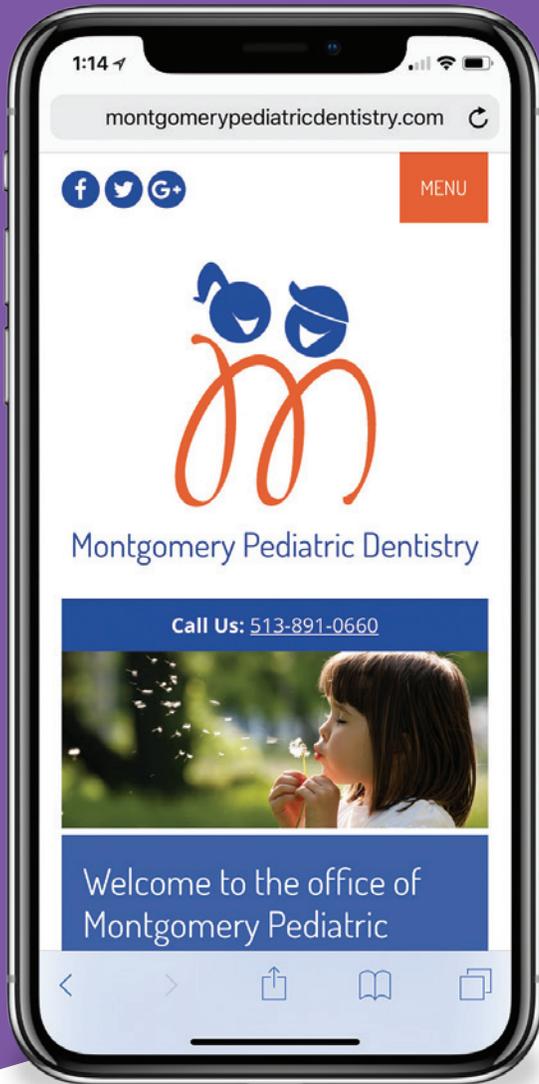
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WHY WOULD I LEAVE RETIREMENT?

— Lonnie Lovingier, DDS

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER MORNING. THE SKY WAS CLEAR AND THE AIR TEMPERATURE WAS PERFECT WHEN I WALKED INTO MY OFFICE ABOUT 6 AM, WHICH WAS MY USUAL ROUTINE.

I had been writing letters and following up administrative tasks when the phone rang at about 7:45 am. It was Jan and she had waited to call me until just a few minutes before I began to see patients. She knew that by then my tasks and daily preparations were probably done and I was now greeting staff with all the “good mornings, and how are your kids doing?”

“Lonnie, you belong up here, the views are breathtaking, the blessings are new every morning,” she said. We had been high school sweethearts, and the direction of our life had been mapped out back then. I knew I was going to be a dentist when I was a sophomore in high school. We knew we would get married after high school; I would finish college and go to dental school. Back in those days, there was no freeway down the coast, but there was a highway along which we would sometimes drive. We talked about someday moving to San Juan Capistrano to open a practice. We talked about buying property in the Eastern Sierras and building a retreat home. (I knew the Eastern Sierras because my dad built the June Lake Loop and we lived there at Silver Lake for 3 summers when I was 6, 7, and 8 years old.)

We came close to those plans. I became a pediatric dentist instead of a general dentist and it was like a round peg in a round hole. We almost made it to San Juan Capistrano; we practiced in Mission Viejo from 1974 to 2014. We had purchased property on Bishop Creek, slowly paid it off and then finished our retreat home as planned. We enjoyed many family vacations up here, as well as many retreats with our staff.

Jan’s routine had become going up to our home in May or June and staying there through the summer while I commuted. I was blessed with an incredible staff and wonderful partners. John DeLorme, Sam Wu and I fit together like a set of hat, coat and gloves. By this time they worked out our schedules such that I would work more days in a row and have more days off in row.

It was already June and I was scheduled to retire at the end of December. I absolutely loved going to work everyday, and at the mere thought or mention of retirement my emotions would betray me and I would break down. This happened every day, as the long-term patients would address my upcoming retirement. However, by this point in my final year, I had become somewhat skillful, like a politician who knows how to side step the question and spin the conversation to something more comfortable.

Jan continued her conversation: “So, how are you doing today? Are you more comfortable with patients becoming aware of your retirement? Are the staff members accepting your retirement with more peace? We should have done this a few years ago.” She would ask these sorts of questions every day as if the answers had changed from the day before. She had been doing this for a long time now and I think it was her way of making me aware that we could and we should retire. Trying to discuss it with me was futile because my identity was pretty much defined by my profession and career, and I didn’t want to change. She had known me since high school and she knew how to convince me.

I learned later that Jan was, of course, correct. I was getting older; I had wonderful, better-looking, smarter partners who did not need me any longer. She knew we needed retirement and retirement needed us.





▲ Photo from left to right: 50th Family Cruise; Our backyard; Where I live.

I settled into daily hikes in the mountains, travels and cruises with friends and family. We retired with the idea in mind that we would be of service to others. This took us all over the map and proved to be much harder work than we envisioned. I was able to work more in Tijuana. We were able to volunteer in the soup kitchen. I was able to volunteer with the Eastern Sierra Disable Sports over at Mammoth Mountain. For Jan and I it was a new life of visiting grandkids, dating, movies, dinners and mostly walks in the open mountain air and beauty. I had no idea of how much pressure I faced every day in practice until I began to live a life of relaxation. These four years of retirement have been a magical time in our lives. Retirement had become the pinnacle of our lives.

So, why would I leave this pinnacle of a life of relaxation and take on the role of the Executive Director of CSPD?

CSPD is much more than a dental organization providing continuing education courses to its' members. It is much more than representing our pediatric dentistry profession in regulatory issues, or providing representation to our larger components of CDA, ADA or AAPD on behalf of our CSPD members. It is also true that when CSPD speaks on behalf of the pediatric dentists in California, not only do we, the members, receive the recognition and respect, but also our efforts generate benefit to all the children in California, not just those who enter into our offices.

CSPD offers us, the members, not only a chance to acquire necessary CE units, but to do so in wonderful locations. These are nice beautiful hotels of which many of us might not otherwise visit. It is a chance to get away for a weekend with our spouses, meet new friends and enjoy friendships already established.

Most importantly, CSPD has brought us together as a family. It is a social network of individuals who share in common all the aspects of pediatric dentistry. And for those who have served on the CSPD Board of Directors and Committees and Officers, it provides a reward of unexplainable satisfaction.

This gratifying feeling of satisfaction is extremely difficult to see at the time of serving. But, about the time one is moving from president to immediate past president, or even afterward, something happens to your view that is difficult to put into words.

There is a recognition that, despite the frustrations and sometimes anger, that commonality that brought us together actually carried us through difficult times. Every person on the Board is different. We are different in faith, religion and politics; we even practice differently. Our core values are often different. Yet, by what we share in common, we overlook those differences. By the time we are exiting the Board as Immediate Past President, or for those who have been on the Board for many years as an appointed position, we have an ingrained sense of appreciation and devotion. This is an appreciation of our own growth through this process. It is an appreciation and respect for all those who serve, even with our differences. It becomes an unexplainable devotion to the process of service and the entire organization itself.

Physical limits that come with age may limit my ability to provide pediatric dental care in an office setting, but at this point in time, they have not prevented me from trying to contribute to this appreciation and devotion to CSPD; it is an opportunity to give back to CSPD what CSPD gave to me.

Thank you for this opportunity.



MEET A FELLOW MEMBER OF CSPD

Dr. Barnali Roy, DDS

MEET DR. BARNALI ROY, A YOUNG PEDIATRIC DENTIST WITH A BUDDING PRACTICE IN BEAUTIFUL "LAMORINDA" - A BELOVED NAME THAT REPRESENTS THE THREE SMALL TOWNS OF LAFAYETTE, MORAGA AND ORINDA, LOCATED JUST EAST OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Dr. Roy grew up in Southern California and received her Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry with a minor in Psychology from UCSD. She received her dental training from Columbia University and completed her residency at Columbia University-New York Presbyterian Hospital. I had the pleasure of catching up with this super woman between her volunteer mission trips, pre-doc teaching at UCSF, service as a CSPD committee member, and full-time practice owner.

Why pediatric dentistry?

I love working with kids because I think it is very special to be in a position to be a positive influence in a young child's life. So many people, even adults, are fearful of the dentist, so I thought it would be neat to be able to help a child understand that going to a dentist can actually be a fun and positive experience. I love the psychology that goes behind understanding a child and gaining their trust to be able to work with them. It is also pretty fun to be able to act silly for most of the day!!

Favorite moments on the job?

One of my most favorite moments was when I had a four year old patient ask me if I was Santa Claus. Her mother proceeded to tell me that since their last visit at the office, her daughter has been convinced that I must be Santa Claus because she thinks I'm really nice and I'm always giving her presents. Needless to say this made my day! My other most memorable moments have always been on dental mission trips while providing dental care to children in other countries. This is always a special and unique experience.

What makes this office special?

I decided on Lafayette because my sister and her family live one town over and I always knew that I wanted to settle near my sister, especially my nieces. I was fortunate that Lafayette also happened to not have a pediatric dentist yet and is a pretty niche community with a lot of children so it seemed like there was a big need here for a pediatric dentist. I feel very fortunate to have found such a special town to work in every day.

Advice for graduates looking to open a practice de novo?

I think it is a good idea to work at a few different offices first before deciding to open one. I think this helps you learn about various aspects of running a business and learning the things you would like to take with you to your own office. It also helps you develop a strong support system of mentors to help guide you through the process when you are ready to start your own practice.

Special hobbies/interests?

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I love yoga and working out; I take dance and art classes, and I am currently learning golf. I love doing anything active and exploring the city and am always up for trying new things - whether it's an adventure, activity, or restaurant!



▲ *Just another happy patient!*



ADVOCACY DAY

— Remya Niranjana, UCSF School of Dentistry

AS A PEDIATRIC DENTIST, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE OUR VOICES IN ORDER TO ADVOCATE AND STAND UP FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR CHILD PATIENTS. THE TRIP TO CAPITOL HILL WAS A UNIQUELY ENRICHING EXPERIENCE THAT OPENED MY MIND TO A WHOLE NEW WAY OF THINKING WITH RESPECT TO ADVOCACY EFFORTS.

The CSPD organized Advocacy Day was held on March 14, 2018 in Sacramento, CA. A team of CSPD officials were appointed to lead, educate and update us on the current bills that were to be discussed. I worked with a team of CSPD advocates who knew the senators and assembly members well. They voiced our support on various issues, which included a bill proposing that general anesthesia (GA) administered in the outpatient dental setting be covered by medical health plans and a bill proposing that Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) treatment be a covered benefit within the Denti-Cal program.

I was very inspired by the knowledge that other members of my group brought to the table, and I learned a lot about advocacy efforts. As a dentist who exclusively worked with public health previously, I had unique stories to share with the senators in regard to why these bills are important to children specifically in the rural underserved areas

Seeing the growing support for these bills made me hopeful that we will see positive change for extensive coverage for GA and SDF in the near future. Even if the bill is not passed this year, the advocacy day made me realize the importance of gradually changing the opinions of lawmakers by making our voices heard and gaining support. I left Sacramento on a positive note feeling energized to include lobbying as part of my mission in serving children, especially those from underserved areas.



▲ *Photo from left to right: Michelle Ta, Jean Calvo, Santos Cortez, Andrew Soderstrom, Mark Lisagor, Lesley Latham, Ray Stewart, Senator Richard Pan, Jennifer Garcia, Lonnie Iovingier, Elizabeth Ing and Remya Niranjana*

▼ *Photo from left to right: Remya Niranjana, Lesley Latham, Elizabeth Ing, Senator Bill Monning, Ray Stewart, Michelle Ta and Jean Calvo*

▼ *Photo from left to right: Lesley Latham, Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin, Elizabeth Ing, Remya Niranjana and Mark Lisagor.*



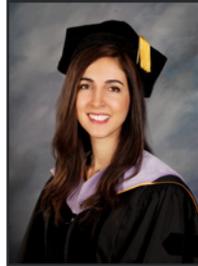
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Lin Jing completed her research on retention of Zirconia primary posterior crowns. After graduation, she plans to work in private practice in the Inland Empire area.



Eduardo Rappaccioli finished his research on testing and comparing fluoride levels in tap and bottled water from Southern California and Nicaragua. After graduating, he will work as faculty at Loma Linda University for the remainder of the year, and then plans to move to Austin, Texas for private practice.



Roya Mahmoodi completed her research on color stability of a new BioActive composite (Activa). After graduation, she plans to move back to the beautiful Bay Area and practice there.



Susan Xu conducted research on the microleakage of a new bioactive composite (Activa) in comparison to traditional resin composite. She is planning on moving back to her hometown of Fullerton, and practicing in the Orange County area.

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Danielle Alarcon completed her research to retrospectively determine if there was a difference between the appearance of new carious lesions in

healthy patients vs. special health care needs (SHCN) patients who had undergone IV/GA treatment and examined factors that may have influenced the outcome of new caries. She plans to work in Los Angeles, splitting time between a private practice and a non-profit clinic.



Marcus Heffner is a second year pediatric dentistry resident at the University of California, Los Angeles. For his research, he conducted a pilot

study investigating child behavior in fearful and defiant children and its association to pre-treatment chair time. After residency Marcus would love to stay in the LA/Orange County area treating the SoCal kiddos.



Ruth Alvarez focused her research on identifying salivary biomarkers for childhood caries and evaluated biomarker responses to caries experience in Hispanic children.

She will be moving to Las Vegas and hope to combine clinical practice with academics.



Neek LaMantia is a second year pediatric dentistry resident at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her research and public health master's

project consisted of creating and piloting an oral health curriculum for health care providers in the Los Angeles Child Health and Disability Prevention program. After residency, she will be getting married and moving to San Diego.

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Catherine Pham completed her research on the association between sugary drinks and dental erosion in children. She will be practicing in Los Angeles and Orange County.



Ryan Price focused his research on the use of caries risk assessment tools and utilizations of setting self management goals for high risk patients to lower their caries risk over two years. Ryan and his family will be moving back home to Seattle, Washington to begin his career in pediatric dentistry.



Adriana Ustarez grew up in Los Angeles, and trained at UCSF School of Dentistry. She completed a GPR in Fresno, and worked for five years prior to returning to school for her training in pediatric dentistry at UCLA. Upon graduation, Adriana will be joining private practice in Clovis, California.

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Kaitlin Benchimol completed her research project on Silver Diamine Fluoride and Interim Therapeutic Restorations in the primary dentition. She is planning on working in private practice in the San Francisco Bay area.



Devon Cooper completed his project Interprofessional Oral Health Education Improves Knowledge, Confidence, and Practice for Pediatric Healthcare Providers. He is planning on practicing in private practice in Cincinnati, Ohio and Burlington, Kentucky.



Shan Girn completed his research project on the remineralization of dentin using polymer induced liquid precursors (PILP), for which he was selected as a finalist for AAPD's Graduate Student Research Award. He is planning on working in the Bay Area after graduation.



Raj Lotwala completed his Research on risk factors for school absence following a dental visit. He will remain in the Bay Area, working as both an orthodontist and a pediatric dentist.



Ariel Tsao, during residency, studied the effects of Livionex Dental Gel on dental health, microbial flora, and incidences of mucositis and blood stream infections in patients of UCSF's Bone Marrow Transplant unit. She plans to work in private practice and hopes to stay close to the Bay Area where her family lives.

NYU-LANGONE HOSPITAL – CA SITE



Juveria Hussain completed her dental training at University of Illinois at Chicago School of Dentistry in 2016. She is currently completing her residency at NYU-Langone Dental Medicine in San Diego, California and will be graduating in June 2018. During residency she completed her research project on the "Correlation between vital signs and outcomes of

sedation." A proud mom of a 9-month old baby girl, she is excited to move to Dallas, Texas and looks forward to start the next phase in her life as a Pediatric Dentist.



Soo Kyung Song graduated from the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC, and is currently completing advanced training in pediatric dentistry with NYU-Langone Dental

Medicine in San Diego, California in June 2018. Her research topic focused on the remineralizing effects of glass ionomer on adjacent incipient caries. She is excited to head back to Los Angeles to work in private practice as a pediatric dentist.

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NYU-LANGONE HOSPITAL – CA SITE - CONTINUED



Rachele Mariano graduated from the UCLA School of Dentistry in 2016. She is set to graduate from her pediatric dental residency at NYU-Langone Dental Medicine in San

Diego, California in June 2018. Her research topic while in residency was focused on evaluating the necessity of language interpretation in the dental office setting in regards to parental comfort, understanding, and informed consent. Dr. Mariano plans to return to the Los Angeles area and is looking forward to beginning a new chapter in her career!



Elite Mekel graduated from the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Dental Medicine in 2016. She is currently completing her pediatric dental

residency program at NYU-Langone Dental Medicine in San Diego, California in June 2018. She recently completed a multi-site research project focusing on the risk factors leading to failed sedations, which she will be presenting at the AAPD annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. She is excited to be heading back home to Los Angeles to start her new journey as a pediatric dentist!



Daniel Miller graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry in 2014 and will be graduating from the NYU-Langone Dental Medicine

in San Diego, California in June 2018. During residency he completed research on dental charting errors and an additional pediatric sleep apnea project. Dr. Miller plans to return to the metro Detroit area and open his own practice.



Dylan Patrick completed his dental school education at Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry in 2015 before starting his pediatric dental residency program at NYU-

Langone Dental Medicine in San Diego, California in June 2018. His graduate research project studied *The Effect of Health on Parental Acceptance of Silver Diamine Fluoride*. He will be returning to East Texas to start his own pediatric dental practice, *Storybook Smiles*.

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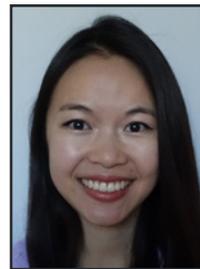
Nicole Bui performed a double-blind randomized clinical trial studying the efficacy of 10% lidocaine, 10% prilocaine, and 4% tetracaine in its use as a topical

anesthetic agent prior to maxillary infiltration injections. Post graduation, she will be getting married and moving to Reno, Nevada, where she will practice.



Norman Chen completed a retrospective chart review study on the effectiveness of using morphine-benzodiazepine-hydroxyzine regimens in oral

conscious sedation. After residency, he plans on working in the Los Angeles and Orange County area.



Christia Diep completed her research project on lesion sterilization and tissue repair (LSTR) using triple antibiotic paste. After residency she is planning on

working in private practice in Northern California.



Rebecca Ferns received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from University of Missouri - Kansas City and is completing her pediatric residency at University of Southern

California. She completed her research by investigating parental acceptance of silver diamine fluoride staining on anterior teeth. At the completion of residency she will return to Kansas City where she will be working in private practice.



Ivy Fua's research evaluated the post treatment status following oral conscious sedation in children 3-6 years of age. She plans on staying in Los Angeles and will

be working at a community health center and private practice when she graduates.



Bora Kim completed her research studying patients' age and the success rate of MTA direct pulp cap on young permanent teeth. After residency she will be working

in a private practice in Dallas, Texas.

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Mindy Li completed her research studying the efficacy of Endosequence Root Repair Fast Set Putty in primary molar pulpotomies. After residency, she will be getting married and

traveling to France and Italy on her honeymoon!



Dongkook Lim completed his research on inter-rater and intra-rater reliability of plaque assessment on intraoral photos as part of the Sensory Adapted Dental

Environment at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. After residency he plans to be working on the West Coast.



Sarah Silverstein completed her research on stress and coping tactics of pediatric dental residents. After residency, she plans to work in the San Diego area.



Elysia Sybert's research focuses on comparing the quality of recovery between nasally intubated vs non-intubated general anesthesia for comprehensive dental treatment among

pediatric patients. After residency, she will be moving to Charleston, South Carolina where she will be working in private practice.



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LATEST UPDATES

— Steven Niethamer, DDS

A BUSY TIME FOR THE WEBSITE. WITH THE NEW LEADERSHIP TAKING OVER THE HELM OF CSPD DURING THE MID-YEAR MEETING, COME THE YEARLY TASKS OF CHANGING MOST OF THE OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APPOINTED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS.

You would think that this job would get easier with time, but it doesn't. We still must receive and prepare the new photos with Photoshop by cropping, adjusting color, removing wrinkles, adding hair to bald spots and checking on addresses and proper names. This year we added pictures of our two new *Warren Brandli* and four new *Santos Cortez Graduate Student Legislative Advocacy Interns*. The Leadership page looks good!

2018 CSPD/WSPD Annual Meeting Website Now Available

Come explore the website for CSPD's first fall annual meeting planned for October 11-14, 2018, in La Jolla. You can find Information about how to register, reserve a room at The Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines and get the latest updates to the list of speakers and lectures/social events schedule. This year CSPD will dedicate our Friday luncheon to our Past Presidents. The Saturday Night Gala will have a "Bollywood Spectacular" theme.

The CSPD Administrative Calendar is Available to ALL

For many years, CSPD Leadership wanted a calendar on the website that contained all of the various events for CSPD and also events of AAPD, CDA, and our committee/Board/annual meetings along with religious holidays. A Google calendar was created for this purpose and made available on the website with a link to a page containing code that displays this calendar. This page looks good to users that are signed into Google and have received invitations to view this calendar. But viewing this calendar has been generally difficult and actually impossible for the general membership.

To allow the CSPD Administrative Calendar to be more easily viewed by CSPD leadership and even our membership, the CSPD Board voted to make the **CSPD Administrative Calendar public!** After considering the consequences of allowing any search engine and public user to view our calendar, they considered this access inconsequential because, really, most of CSPD events are pretty tame. The only problem might be if the Board was planning some event like a review of poor sedation outcomes or legislative strategy sessions that might attract more interest. But even without a public calendar, the Board meeting was once interrupted during the time leading up to the Las Vegas meeting by a protester from the striking hotel workers' union wanting CSPD to change the meeting venue to another hotel. So the increase in risks from a public calendar seemed small.

The link to the CSPD Administrative Calendar is located on the Leadership page by the list of future meetings.

A Major Flub on our Verizon Streaming Server Deletes CSPD's OCE Library!

I can think of a few things that might give me a heart attack. One might be arriving at my office Monday morning and being greeted by Morley Safer and his *60 Minutes* investigative team waiting and ready to interview. Even more frightening is my knowing that Mr. Safer died a few years ago!

Another reason for a heart attack happened last week when an email announced that the new owner of CSPD's video streaming service, Verizon, had erased the entire OCE's library of videos. OCE users received 404 errors meaning that the computer cannot connect to the file server and complained to CSPD. Luckily, I had just taken a CPR course at the SF Mid-Year meeting and knew exactly what to do. But I was close to having, "THE BIG ONE." Yes, we have backups located worldwide on this company's many local streaming servers. And yes, I have copies on multiple computers and backup hard drives. But finding them, uploading and adding them again to the library would probably fill a long Mothers' Day weekend with its obviously dire consequences.

The developer for OCE, however, worked with Verizon to find the videos and made them available for 20 hours so that we could move them over to our new Amazon streaming service. Our *Director of Technology*, Justin Lewis, was of great help communicating with the developer and has downloaded all the videos to the CSPD/SMA server in Sacramento as another backup. The OCE program will be unavailable for a few days until they are running correctly on our new server. Heart attack averted!



WHAT IS NEW WITH WSPD?

Sarah Hulland, BSc, DDS,
Pediatric Dentist, MSC

IT IS SO EXCITING NOW THAT THE SPRING HAS ARRIVED (WELL IN MOST PARTS OF OUR AREA). EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND MORE TIME OUTSIDE AND ENGAGE IN MORE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

It is also the time of year that we all see more of our colleagues as we attend continuing education programs including the CSPD meeting (San Francisco) and the AAPD (Hawaii).

The WSPD executive committee worked hard at our recent board meeting to develop a vision of the WSPD organization and we focused on how to enhance our communication for the region. We have now finalized the description for this inaugural position, the Communications Assistant, and are looking to have an individual hired to this post by the summer.

In addition to the communications assistant, the WSPD is currently looking into the use of social media to increase the interaction between member throughout "the" region. Dr. Natasha Bramley will be heading this ad hoc committee and is a natural fit with her involvement from the Facebook Group iPedo.

One avenue through which the WSPD engages our future pediatric dentists is the StAMP fund. In March we also sponsored five students to attend the Advocacy Days with many of our WSPD leaders functioning in the role of mentor for these new and enthusiastic students.

In closing I would like to thank the entire membership for supporting my efforts as President of the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry. I would also like to thank the executive board for the unfaltering commitment to the WSPD.



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MEETING REPORT

Paul Reggiardo, DDS

RDA Licensure Update

In April of 2017 the Dental Board of California suspended passage of the Registered Dental Assistant practical examination as a condition for RDA licensure, a change made permanent last November. Candidates meeting other licensing requirements, including successful completion of the RDA

Written Examination and the RDA Law & Ethics Examination, may now be granted the RDA license.

Another hurdle to RDA licensure is being removed this year with the combining of the two RDA written examinations into a single test structure. The combined *RDA Written and Law and Ethics Examination* consists of one-hundred-fifty (150) questions. The fee for the examination is \$38.50. Candidates, whether qualifying for examination by completion of a formal educational program or by on-the-job training, may access without charge an Examination Handbook available on the Board's website at http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/rdac_handbook_2018.pdf.

Comment: As the Board approaches its 2019 "sunset review," these changes are consistent with one of the goals of the legislature's sunset review process to "eliminate overly restrictive eligibility standards...that unduly limit competition between professionals or place undue burdens on those who want to enter the profession."

Waterline Irrigants When the Dental Pulp is Exposed

Assembly Bill 1227, passed by the legislature last year, requires the Dental Board to adopt regulation no later than December 31, 2018, that "water or other methods used for irrigation to be sterile or contain recognized disinfecting or antibacterial properties when performing dental procedures that expose dental pulp." In developing these regulations as part of the *Minimum Standards for Infection Control* the Board favored language that deviated slightly from AB 1227 and instead said "when performing dental procedures on exposed dental pulp." The Board found the statutory language to be too encompassing and would place a dentist at risk of being in violation of the Dental Practice Act who may expose or invade a pulp inadvertently. The Board's legal counsel, however, advised that the Board did not have the authority to modify in regulation something directed in statute. To get around this problem, the Board approved a motion to place the desired language in a bill (SB 1491) already before the legislature which would supersede the regulation.

Comment: In the meantime the Board must go forward with the regulatory process to insert the original language in the Minimum Standards. If the legislative bill passes and is signed by the Governor, the Board will repeal the regulation.

Statutory Language to Update Definitions of General Anesthesia, Conscious Sedation, and Oral Sedation

In 2016 the Dental Board received a directive from Senator Jerry

Hill, Chair of the Senate Business Professions and Economic Development Committee (which oversees the Department of Consumer Affairs) to research and report if California's laws, regulations and policies related to pediatric dental anesthesia were sufficient to guard against unnecessary use of general anesthesia in the treatment of pediatric patients and whether these laws assured patient safety. At the same time, Assembly member Tony Thurmond introduced AB 2235 ("Caleb's Law") which required the submission of that report to the legislature. In its report, the Board concluded that California's present laws, regulations and policies are sufficient to provide protection to pediatric patients during dental sedation. However, the Board also made five recommendations to enhance current statutes and regulations in order to provide an even greater level of public protection. Those five recommendations were as follows:

1. The Board should continue to research the collection of high quality pediatric sedation and anesthesia related data to inform decision making.
2. The definitions of general anesthesia, conscious sedation, and pediatric and adult oral sedation should be updated.
3. Changes to the sedation and anesthesia permit (licensing) system should be developed and implemented.
4. Requirements for records and equipment should be updated and include the use of capnography for moderate sedation.
5. The Dental Board should be provided with additional authority to strengthen the onsite inspection and evaluation program.

During 2017, three bills – SB 392(Bates), SB 501(Glazer), and AB 224(Thurmond) – were introduced in the legislature to implement the Board's recommendations, all of which failed to emerge from Committee. In light of the lack of assurance that successful legislation will emerge this year, the Board acted on its own to approve draft language which would address the second (updating sedation definitions) and fourth (requiring capnography for moderate sedation) recommendations that could later be used in either "Omnibus Legislation" or inserted into existing regulation.

Comment: The sedation definitions proposed by the Board would bring California law and regulation closer to nationally-recognized terminology and guidelines. Similar definitions are included in SB 501 currently held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS OF INTEREST

Paul Reggiardo, DDS

AB 2643 (Irwin): Dentistry: General Anesthesia Clean-Up Bill. This bill would revise the required written informed consent statement, applicable for minors when dental services are provided, to encourage the exploration of nonsurgical treatment options; clarify the statement is required only in the case of general anesthesia; and remove current language that limits medical plan reimbursement for general anesthesia when dental services are rendered to that provided in a hospital or surgery center.

CSPD Position: SUPPORT

Comment: The bill, if enacted, would require that general anesthesia benefits available under a medical reimbursement plan licensed for sale in California by the Department of Insurance may not be withheld for a child under seven years of age or any person with specified disabilities when dental services are provided in any setting (not just an accredited hospital or surgical center). CSPD is a co-sponsor of the bill with CDA.

SB 501 (Glazer): Dentistry: Anesthesia and Sedation. The bill revises sedation definitions and the requirements for the administration of all levels of sedation in the dental setting. Requires at least three people present when deep sedation/general anesthesia is provided to a patient under 7 years of age, with one person solely dedicated to monitoring the patient.

CSPD Position: SUPPORT IF AMENDED

Comment: CSPD is seeking amendments which would establish a single standard across the spectrum of sedation for all patients under 13 years of age (instead of a less stringent requirement for 7 – 13 years of age); add a requirement to the deep sedation/general anesthesia permit which would require a minimum of 20 cases of training/experience

as a condition to provide this level of anesthesia to this age group; standardize personnel across the range of sedation to that of two additional auxiliary staff members with specified training and certification, one of which would monitor the patient (solely in the case of deep sedation/general anesthesia); and modify current language to allow the administration of secondary pharmacologic agents in addition to the primary sedative agent for minimal (oral) sedation. These three changes would bring the bill closer to AAPD guidelines Best Practices.

SB 707 (Canella): Denti-Cal Advisory Group. This bill would establish the Denti-Cal Advisory Group in the Department of Health Care Services for the purpose of studying the structure, policies and priorities of Denti-Cal with the goal of raising the Denti-Cal utilization rate among eligible child beneficiaries to 60% or greater.

CSPD Position: SUPPORT

Comment: The bill names a representative of CSPD as one of the 11 designated panel members. It is almost identical to a bill introduced by Senate Member Canella in 2016, which was modified before passage to remove the advisory panel. The Advisory Group would report annually to the legislature and would sunset January 1, 2023, unless extended by statute.

SB 1008 (Skinner): Dental Loss Ratio. This bill would require that dental loss ratio information (the percentage of premium dollars spent on actual patient care rather than administrative overhead and profit) now collected from dental plans and benefit carriers by the Department of Insurance and the Department of Managed Health Care be posted and available to the consumer on the Departments' websites

CSPD Position: SUPPORT

Comment: The ACA requires a health insurance issuer to provide an annual rebate to each insured if the medical loss ratio is less than a certain percentage (85% in the large group market and 80% in the small group and individual market). According to data reporting required under another CDA-sponsored bill enacted three years ago, some dental plans have a loss ratio as low as 4% and only 15% of dental products achieved a ratio of 80% or more. Average DLRs ranged from 52% for individual plans, 60% for small group plans, and 70% for large group plans. An earlier version of the bill (supported by CSPD) would have expressed the intent of the legislature to establish by 2024 incrementally increasing minimum dental loss ratios.

SB 1148 (Pan): Denti-Cal: Silver Diamine Fluoride Benefit. This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to make the application of Silver Diamine Fluoride a Denti-Cal program benefit and includes provisions requiring specific informed consent and that the service is part of a comprehensive patient treatment plan.

CSPD Position: SUPPORT

Comment: The Department has declined to act under its own jurisdiction to make CDT code D1354 a program benefit.

CSPD follows a number of bills under consideration by the state legislature which potentially impact pediatric oral health. 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.

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On behalf of all CSPD members, we will greatly miss Chuck.

Dr. Charles Henry Bona II passed peacefully from this world to His eternal home with Jesus Christ on May 28, 2018. Welcoming him there were his father, Charles Henry Bona I, his mother Mildred (Pat), and his brother Richard.

Charles (Chuck) was born in San Francisco, California and was proud of his Italian heritage. His father ran a successful family wholesale floral business in the early 1900's. He graduated from Riordan High School in San Francisco, and went on to earn an undergraduate degree (finishing early) from Saint Mary's College, Moraga. Chuck continued his education and earned a Doctorate degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, what is now the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco.

Among his many accomplishments, Chuck was a Pediatric Dentist and one of the original Founding Mission Road Dental Partners in South San Francisco. He cared tenderly for the countless families he served in private practice for over 45 years. He also enjoyed the honor of serving as President of the California Dental Association, and felt privileged to serve his country as a Major in the United States Army National Guard. Chuck had the joy of participating in the graduation of his granddaughter, Samantha, from dental school, and also took great pride in watching his daughter-in-law Catalina thrive in a successful dental practice of her own.

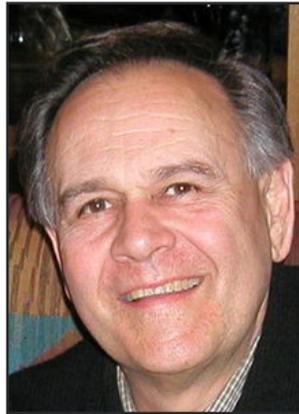
Chuck loved to travel and see new places and was especially "at home" in or on the water; he enjoyed many years at Konocti Harbor Inn at Clear Lake with his family. Chuck loved nothing more than laughter around a bountiful meal table with family and friends. His family was his pride and joy! In addition to his brother

Philip and sisters-in-law Letrice and Mary, Charles is survived by his beloved Fran and children: Patricia Bona Menzel, Fred Menzel, Charles Henry Bona III and Catalina Phan Bona, Karen Bona Grable and Joseph H. Grable Sr., Laurene Bona Sheridan, and Tom Sheridan. Charles was also a proud "Papa" to 12 beautiful grandchildren:

Samantha, Kristen, Joseph Jr., Elizabeth, Corrine, Fred Jr., Laura, Kate, Josie, Tyler, Charles H. (Hunter) IV, and Bella. He was also blessed with two great grandchildren: Emma and Edward.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to:

- The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry - Donations for dental care for low income children: <https://healthysmileshealthychildren.org>
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Recorded April 22, 2018.

- **Hsieh:** Move to approve Dr. David Rothman's application for Active Life Membership. *Motion carried.*
- **Schmitt:** Move to make CSPD's Google Calendar public. *Motion carried.*
- **Schmitt:** Move to support AB 2643 as amended. *Motion carried.*
- **Schmitt:** Move to support SB 501 with the three amendments. *Motion carried.*
- **Schmitt:** Move to continue to support SB 1008 as amended. *Motion carried.*
- **Schmitt:** Move to continue to support SB 1148 as amended. *Motion carried.*
- **Schmitt:** Move to have Dr. Reggiardo to respond to the CSDA letter requesting clarification. *Motion carried.*
- **Jacob Lee:** Move to send CSPD delegation to do a site visit in Hawaii during the AAPD's meeting in May. *Motion carried.*
- **Schmitt:** Move to move Ad Hoc Social Media Subcommittee to be a standing Subcommittee of the Communications Committee. *Motion carried.*
- **McCreedy:** Move to disband the Ad Hoc Editorial Subcommittee under Communications Committee. *Motion carried.*

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