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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year for CSPD is beginning. Fortunately our society has the structure and continuity of active leadership as well as ongoing goals and projects so that we don't stop and start all over again. Three years ago John Groper spoke of "Making Something Happen". Well his charge has become our mode of operation. We've just completed our Annual Meeting. In some ways it was the same as in the past few years... a wonderful learning and sharing experience throughout the four days and a renewed stimulus for the organization and our individual practices. In some ways it was unique... going to Hawaii at a spectacular resort could have distracted members, but attendance, both at the entire meeting and in each session, was superb. In addition, the presence of an Executive Director heightened our level of organization and produced a "contact person" for our new and less active members. Tom Barber, as a pediatric dentist with vast experience, is a wonderful spokesperson and rapid responder to the numerous requests for information received by CSPD throughout the year.

Our program in Hawaii focused on issues often difficult or frustrating to implement. Risk management, records documentation, informed consent, problems encountered with infection control and the treatment of children with complex medical problems are areas in which all of our practices can improve. By sharing our knowledge of these subjects we support and aid each other in a way rarely seen in professional organizations. We're not competitive but mutually constructive — we all will benefit.

As I have said previously the programs and people of CSPD have been excellent. Throughout the Academy and other components, pediatric dentists look to CSPD for new ideas and leadership. I would like to thank Dave Good and Warren Brandli for their effective roles within AAPD. They have both set new standards. I'm just glad I don't have to follow in their immediate footsteps. Mike McCartney has been a CSPD president with magnificent organizational skills and a goal directive approach toward accomplishing our projects. He, more than anyone, has carried out John Groper's charge to "Make Something Happen". Please look for his Past President's report in future Bulletins. He has many important thoughts.

Paul Reggiardo has led CSPD as Peer Review Chairperson for many years. His level of consistency and his forcefulness in helping us resolve difficult issues has helped CSPD immensely. Both of these members coordinated our recent Long Range Planning Project which helped prioritize our future Society goals and needs.

The role of CSPD for this year will be in three general areas: Child advocacy and access to dental care; Improvement in our practices, both organizationally and in the clinical delivery of patient services; and Promotion of our speciality within dentistry and medicine, but especially to parents in California.

I shall discuss these areas in my next report. Your input and active support to these and other projects of our society is important. We need everyone's participation to be

successful.

I come from a professional legacy of sharing — Mentors and senior residents, at Children's Hospital in Boston, passing on their knowledge to me; senior pediatric dental faculty at the University of the Pacific helping me learn to teach; a stimulating knowledgeable and challenging study club; medical and dental colleagues anxious to expand my participation; and a partner and staff who are never static, but always trying to improve our practice and out treatment of children. Only with this sharing attitude can we improve ourselves, benefit one another and provide the finest care for our patients — the children of California.

Richard Sobel

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TREASURER'S REPORT

April 11, 1991

The third quarter financial reports are itemized below, including income/expense with balance sheet, deposit/debit itemization and the reconciliation of funds. Expenses exceed the projections, most notably in the following items:

1. unbudgeted expenses (copier),
2. executive secretary (carry over).

Otherwise the society is following closely to the projected income/expense profile.

There exists an accounting change from last quarter. The executive secretary figures have been transferred to the executive director instead of secretarial services. This is for information only. There is a \$00.27 reconciliation error (probably operator error).

Reserve Funds

It should be noted there was a CD roll over during the quarter. Presently the society no longer has funds remaining in government owned savings and loan institutions. The reserve funds slightly exceed the amount mandated by our bylaws.

Conclusions

CSPD is financially sound, yet direct attention needs to be focused on the new budget and the annual meeting report.

Jac W. Pedersen II
Treasurer

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTS 3RD QUARTER 1990-91 (11/1/90 - 1/31/91) INCOME EXPENSE REPORT

	QUARTER	YR-TO-DATE	BUDGETED	%
INCOME				
Dues	22,010.00	23,050.00	27,000.00	85%
Annual Meeting	0.00	2,015.57	0.00	
Sponsorships	0.00	1,500.00	1,950.00	77%
Misc. Income	0.00	196.40	0.00	0%
Interest (MM Checking)	208.19	663.23	600.00	111%
Interest (CDs)	393.03	1,578.76	2,000.00	79%
Less Refunds	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL INCOME	22,611.22	29,003.96	31,550.00	92%
EXPENSES				
President	0.00	0.00	150.00	0%
Pres Elect/Annual Mtg.	0.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	100%
Secretary	0.00	0.00	25.00	0%
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	25.00	0%
Board Mtg./Expenses	0.00	3,316.78	5,000.00	66%
Sec Services	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	100%
Executive Director/Exec Sec	1,628.00	3,442.55	5,000.00	69%
Office Expenses	1,010.32	2,712.28	4,000.00	68%
Accounting Expenses	260.00	260.00	250.00	104%
Editor (Bulletin)	1,965.66	4,202.37	4,500.00	93%
Peer Review	0.00	172.00	300.00	58%
Dental Care	0.00	0.00	500.00	0%
Professional Activities	0.00	0.00	25.00	0%
Constitution & By-Laws	0.00	0.00	25.00	0%
Public & Prof Relations	0.00	10.09	3,000.00	0%
Credentials & Memb'p	0.00	0.00	50.00	0%
Academy Liason (AAPD)	693.82	815.97	1,000.00	82%
Research Award	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0%
Memb Roster (Directory)	0.00	700.00	1,500.00	47%
Site Selection	0.00	0.00	25.00	0%
Miscellaneous	389.20	389.20	500.00	78%
Unbudgeted Expenses	1,067.50	1,067.50	0.00	
NET EXPENSES	7,014.50	25,489.54	35,275.00	72%
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,014.50	25,489.54		

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gentlemen/Ladies:

I would like to thank you for your flyer on "What" 60 Minutes "Didn't tell you" regarding the alleged risk from silver dental fillings.

As a Pediatrician, the parents of my patients have asked me about the subject. I have made copies of your filer (will give it to interested parties) and have posted it in my waiting room bulletin.

I appreciate your concern regarding this matter and educating the rest of us.

Very truly yours,
Norma C. Espiritu, M.D.
Stockton, California

ED NOTE: In February this year, the official ADA article "What 60 Minutes Didn't Tell You" was reprinted and sent by CSPD to all California Pediatricians with the following cover letter:

Dear California Pediatrician:

Recently the "60 Minutes" television show broadcast an expose on dental amalgam. The report implicated a potential link between silver fillings, actually the mercury in silver fillings, and a myriad of systemic problems. Because our mutual interest is the health and safety of children and adolescents, we would like to provide you with information to help you answer the questions and concerns that may be expressed by the parents of your patients.

If you or your patients would like additional information about this or any other oral health care matter, please don't hesitate to call your local California Society of Pediatric Dentist member or write to the address below.

Respectfully,
Board of Directors
California Society of Pediatric Dentists



A MEMORIAL ESSAY

I would like to use my editorial prerogative to reflect about the death of my friend, Barry Alan Cantor, D.D.S. He was a CSPD member who had served on the Board of Directors and a Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatric Dentists. He was the husband of Sandi and the father of Julie, Amy and Zachary. He was the partner of Mark Lisagor and Suzanne Berger. He died April 14, 1991 of a malignant brain tumor. His illness was sudden. We miss him so much.

A partner is a brother, a mentor and a colleague; a helpmate, a foil, and a mirror. The loss is monumental. Yet, the support from friends, colleagues and patients has been an amazing counterpoint to our grief. A gratifying example of this is found in the following newspaper article written by Karen Hibdon, "Lifestyle" Editor for the Simi Valley Enterprise, entitled "Gentle Dentist Was A Good Friend." It is also an example of how my friend, the pediatric dentist, "made a difference."

Back in 1987 I wrote an article focusing on the Simi Children's Dental Group, a place where, I noted, "young visitors are in for more than just a routine check-up and teeth cleaning . . . they become space cadets in a galactic war against the evil Mr. Plaque."

The heroes of the tale were Dr. Barry Cantor and his staff of tooth-decay fighting warriors.

Sunday, "Dr. Barry" lost the battle against an unforeseen enemy — cancer. The "Big C" was an adversary that sneaked up on the 43-year-old husband, father and friend of so many. He lost the battle, but not the war.

Getting children to a dentist — getting anyone to a dentist — is like pulling teeth. But not so at the Simi Children's Dental Group.

For years "Dr. Barry" led his young recruits on a voyage of exploration, putting to rest fears of the unknown by explaining exactly what he was doing, how he was doing it and giving bright forecasts for healthy dental futures.

By using such tools as computer games, Space Age decor, flight suits for his employees and even a robot named Golem, Cantor captured the imagination and the hearts of his young patients.

As a reporter, it was easy to get swept up in Cantor's enthusiasm and that of his staff as they whisked young patients from Mission

Control into the actual space station or "working" dental office. There, six chairs in a grape purple and royal blue scheme, neon lights and other high-tech decor accent cavernous ceilings that added depth to the space flight theme.

Putting the space travelers at ease were video screens over each chair, where the patients have their choice of cartoons or adventure epics.

I was impressed.

As a mother, I was hooked.

The space station and all the special attention paid to make children feel like they belong and have nothing to fear set the foundation for future positive attitudes toward dental care for hundreds of children who have gone through Cantor's practice.

Unlike myself, who still cringes when I have to face a teeth cleaning, my son, Michael, has always walked confidently and unafraid when he's gone through Cantor's door — even on those days when he faced multiple extractions to make room for new teeth coming in.

Cantor had a way with children. But, many may not know he also had a special way with, and a special love for, children with special needs. Even before he went to the "space" concept in his practice, hundreds of children were introduced to the gentleness and car-

ing of "Dr. Barry."

My late daughter, Laura, was one of them.

Her teeth, like those of so many of her peers who are developmentally disabled, were ravaged by the side effects of a drug called Dilantin. Plaque buildup was a major problem and something that had to be handled by a dentist.

Because Laura was unable to lie in one of the regular chairs, Cantor used to tilt her wheelchair backward, lean her across his lap and go to work. Undaunted by her crying and her uncontrollable choking and constant need for suctioning, he talked to her constantly — calming her and easing my concerns.

It's hard to bear the thought that Cantor won't be there for us anymore.

Michael, he predicted back in December, has about one more year to go before he starts down the orthodontic trail to braces. Like most parents whose children face that — I'm concerned.

Michael, however, won't be afraid. He's had the dental foundation I never did have — thanks to a good friend.

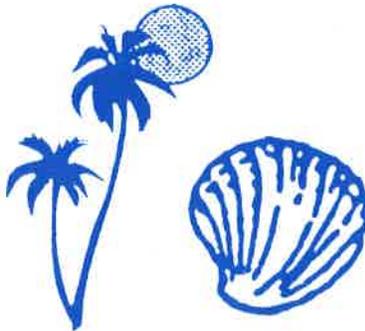
*Suzanne Berger
Editor*

DAVID TAYLOR APPOINTED PEER REVIEW CHAIR

David Taylor of Rolling Hills Estates has been appointed chairman of C.S.P.D.'s Peer Review Committee by President Richard Sobel. Dave has served on C.S.P.D.'s Peer Review Panel for seven years and was appointed to the Peer Review Committee last year. He succeeds Paul Reggiardo, who will assume the position of President-Elect.

C.S.P.D.'s Peer Review Committee typically receives twelve to fifteen cases a year involving disputes between patients (parents) and pediatric dentists in California. Issues appropriate to peer review resolution concern the appropriateness or quality of care.

Members having questions about Peer Review are encouraged to contact Dave directly at (213) 377-4551.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Steve Chan was elected CDA Trustee for the Southern Alameda County Dental Society in February. In addition, he recently wrote an article outlining the procedures on writing a Business Plan and Loan Proposal for a Dental Practice in the CDA Journal. This article is being distributed by AAPD to second year pediatric dental students as a membership service.

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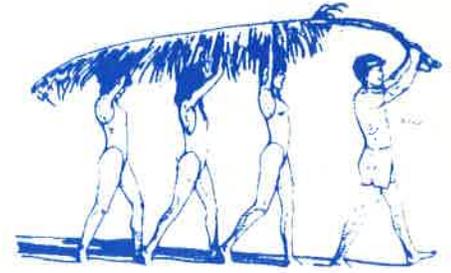
CONTRIBUTIONS

CSPD Members are encouraged to contribute to the Bulletin. Articles, letters to the editor, or other items of interest are welcome.





CSPD Board Briefs from Annual Meeting April 11, 1991 Hyatt Regency Waikoloa



Attending the board meeting were Drs. McCartney, Grossman, Blain, Reggiardo, Pedersen, Stewart, Chan, Walker, Greenstadt, Wolkstein, Berson, Sobel, Berger, and guests, Duperon and Grabowsky.

A typical agenda was followed with some of the key issues being that of the Chloral Hydrate controversy, the Denti-cal suit against the state, the granting of research awards by CSPD, presentation of the new slate of officers for 1991-1992 and site selections for future. 1992 will be at Rancho Bernardo, 1993 at Silverado in the Napa Valley, and 1994 is now scheduled to be back in Palm Springs.

The motions voted on were the following:

That CSPD host a California cocktail party/reception at the AAPD Annual Meeting. This would be an annual event, to be reviewed after 2 years. Failed.

Drs. Walter Reichle and Burton Morrow be accepted as life members in CSPD. Passed.

We accept Rancho Mirage in Palm Springs as the site for the 1994 annual meeting on the 1st or 2nd week in April. Passed.

Support the concept of Dr. Wilson's proposal regarding legislation requiring insurance companies to provide continuous coverage for the on-going comprehensive care of children with congenital deformities and follow up on future developments passed.

Dr. Mel Rowan reported on the state of TDIC and the relationship to California pediatric dentists.

*Phil Wolkstein
Secretary*

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT 1991 ANNUAL MEETING

Due to an error in transcription, the continuing education credit numbers presented for the Annual Meeting contained an error.

The corrected numbers are:

Risk Management	02-2272-91006	2	April 12, 1991
Managing Compromised Patients	02-2272-91007	2	April 13, 1991
Table Clinics	01-2272-91008	1.25	April 14, 1991
Problems in Infection Control	02-2272-91009	2.25	April 14, 1991

SPEAKERS NAMED FOR 1992 MEETING

Dr. Dennis McTigue, Chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Ohio State University will be the principal speaker at the 1992 Annual Meeting at the Rancho Bernardo Inn near San Diego/La Jolla. His presentation will center on a review of the most pressing current issues in pediatric dentistry, including an update on topical and systemic fluorides; management of traumatic injuries in children; understanding and living with and the Academy's new Quality Assurance Guidelines; and new developments in the issues concerning Chloral Hydrate administration. Dr. McTigue is uniquely qualified to cover a broad range of current pediatric dental issues, having presented the Academy's Board Review Course for eight years, and is a SUPERSTAR speaker.

Another highlight of the meeting will be a presentation by Dr. Douglas Cassat of San Diego, the dental consultant and member of

the veterinary staff of the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal park. He will share some of his experiences and insights in dealing with many of our endangered species in a presentation geared to spouses, guests and children as well as members.

The meeting will feature a Spanish/California Heritage theme to take advantage of the unique early California atmosphere of the historic Inn. Members will be welcomed to the traditional Thursday evening reception by a Mariachi Band. There will be an outdoor Steakfry Friday evening and a special Spanish Fiesta dinner planned for the Saturday evening Installation.

Excursions to Wild Animal Park and near-by La Jolla are planned, as well as golf and tennis tournaments.

The dates for Rancho Bernardo are April 2-5, 1992. Plan now to join us for a terrific annual session.



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In addition, Ed Para of PARAGON MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS provided the music for the Saturday night dinner/dance.

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C.S.P.D. DENTAL CARE COMMITTEE REPORT 11 April 1991

Denti-Cal: CSPD responded to a request by the National Health Law Program to give input in reaction to the State of California's proposed revisions of the Denti-Cal program. The most recent discussion regarding reimbursement rates is 70% of the Usual and Customary Rate (UCR) or 73.5% of the average amount billed. Counsel is researching whose UCR is being proposed, that of the current Denti-Cal providers or of all dentists in California. The Dental Care Committee is attempting to assess whether a 70% reimbursement rate would stimulate participation by pediatric dentists in the treatment of Denti-Cal patients. All rebuttal material must be submitted to the Judge by late May. CSPD has been requested by counsel to be available as a witness for the complainants.

Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies (HM/HB): The multi-language brochure on nursing caries has been distributed to over 100,000 general dentists and child care groups. The slide tape on training health professions in the detection of nursing caries is being utilized in the Sacramento area. HM/HB is attempting to convert the slide tape presentation to videotape making it more professional and entertaining. Dr. David Rothman and Ron Mack have been very instrumental in this endeavor.

HM/HB is considering the production of a videotape on nursing caries directed toward parents.

Legislative: Governor Pete Wilson is proposing an \$85 million legislative package to improve the conditions for indigent children, \$20 million of which is designed for "Healthy Start" to provide immunizations and other basic health services for children. State Senators Becky Morgan (R. Menlo Park), Bill Leonard (R. Santa Rosa) and Democrat State Senator Robert Presley (D. Riverside) will introduce the legislation.

It would be consistent with CSPD advocacy goals to support the bill as well as lobby for the inclusion of dentistry as a health service if it is not already included. The Chair is proposing this initiative as a possible project for the next quarter.

State Board regulation change: President McCartney is researching the probability of the Board of Dental Examiners changing the regulation to allow dental assistants not trained in expanded functions to place sealants under the auspices of the dentist. (See letter of March 6, 1991 from Dr. Phillip Schiegel). The Dental Care Committee will respond upon President McCartney's findings.

*Stephen M. Blain
Dental Care Committee*

1991 ACADEMY MEDIA TOUR

Have you seen or heard one of your colleagues on television or radio lately, talking about pediatric dentists and the care they provide for children and infants? Chances are your patients have, as the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry completes its 1991 media tour. This year, sixteen major U.S. media markets were targeted for television, radio and print encounters, including California markets San Francisco, Sacramento/Stockton and San Diego. Objectives of the tour are to increase public awareness of the specialty of pediatric dentistry, promote the best use of fluoride and fluoride vitamin supplements, and to enhance public understanding of new concepts about diet and dental health.

CSPD members Warren Brandli, David Good and Paul Reggiardo were trained by the Academy to effectively communicate the messages that cavity prevention starts before the first tooth erupts and that the first dental visit should occur before the first birthday. In addition, they brought the messages that cavities are considered a fluoride deficiency disease and that snacking on almost any foods (not just sugars) can promote decay. In fact, they pointed out that cooked starches, such as bread, crackers and pretzels, can be more harmful than candies. They recommended snacking in moderation (no more than three to four times per day) and twice daily brushing with an ADA-approved fluoride toothpaste.

So, if your patients tell you that they heard on the radio last week that 80% of the cavities that occur on the back teeth of children can now be prevented with dental sealants — you can tell them, "I knew that."

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