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A Connection That Leads To Purpose

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The beginning of the fall season in our house signals the beginning of a new school year for our two sons. During the

first few days they bring home reports of old and new friends, teachers, fun and “boring” (challenging) classes. They also bring home paper, and lots of it: handouts, forms, schedules, handbooks and directories. The forms are completed and returned, and the schedules are tacked to the family bulletin board. The directory is my favorite piece of “paper”. Although I’m not one who enjoys curling up with the school directory for a cozy night of reading, I do enjoy it because it serves as a connection between our family and school community. In the same way, the new 2004-2005 CSPD Membership Directory serves as a connection between our CSPD members. It is this connection that ultimately leads to the purpose, which brings us together.

This year’s Directory has a new look. It is user-friendly in its spiral bound form and its cover is graced with a majestic photo by Dr. Tom Barber of the famous landmark along Pebble Beach’s 17-Mile Drive, the Lone Cypress. On the inside of the cover is our

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organization’s Vision and Mission Statements. These few sentences communicate to all the essence of our organization, the purpose for its existence.

“The vision of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry is optimal health for all infants, children, adolescents and persons with special needs. The Society is the leader in representing the oral health interests of all children in the State of California”.

A vision statement answers the question, “What does success look like when the organization accomplishes its mission?” It is a written description of a men-

tal image that evokes a similar picture for each member working toward the same goal. It is the quest for this image that motivates members to work together.

“The mission of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry is to advocate optimal oral health and general welfare of infants, children, adolescents and persons with special needs. The society serves its members and represents the specialty of Pediatric Dentistry in California to achieve excellence in practice, education and research”.

A mission statement answers the question, “Why does the organization exist?” It describes who we are, what we do, and why we are doing it.

Your CSPD Board continues to work together to stay focused on fulfilling our Society’s mission. This past year, CSPD submitted a letter with supporting documentation from the literature to Delta Dental of California to request changing its standard coverage for sealants. After their review, Delta informed us that they have decided to revise the limitation on dental sealants in their standard contracts. In the future, their standard coverage for sealants on permanent second molars will be “through age 15”, replacing the previous limitation of “through age 13”. Once implemented, Delta will advise all participating dentists of this change. Our appreciation is extended to Dr. Lisa Brennan and Dr. David Rothman, who were instrumental in bringing forth this positive result.

Our collaborative efforts with the California Dental Association Foundation (CDAF) and the Los Angeles Oral Health Foundation (LAOHF) that has resulted in the Pediatric Oral Health Access Program (POHAP) continue to make progress. The first meeting of the Program Access Committee (PAC) of POHAP was held this past summer. The PAC members consist

of the three Executive Directors of CSPD, CDAF and LAOHF. The PAC adopted the following mission statement: “The mission of the Pediatric Oral Health Access

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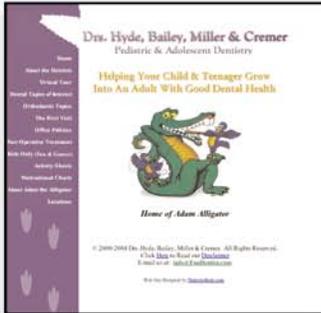
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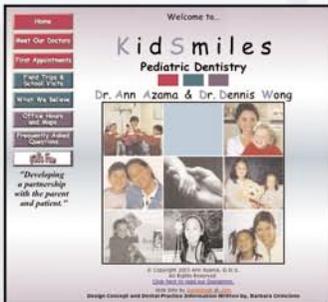
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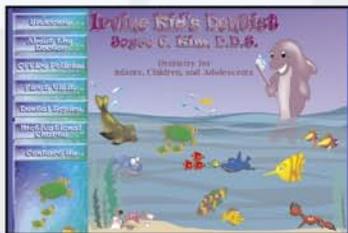
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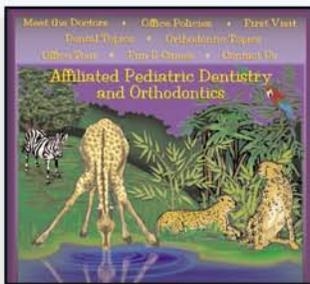
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Visitors are inches away from playful sea otters at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. © Monterey Bay Aquarium Foundation/Ken Bach

Colorful anemonefish are among the tropical animals in "Splash Zone." © Monterey Bay Aquarium Foundation/Craig Racicot



MONTEREY

MEMORIES



By popular demand, we are returning to Monterey. CSPD will be hosting its 30th Annual Meeting at the Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa, April 7 - 10, 2005. Some members are looking forward to adding to previous wonderful memories while other members will be creating new ones.

Some of the meeting highlights include:

- Another Thursday afternoon seminar presented by the CSPD Foundation.
- The WSPD will sponsor a PALS Certification course parallel to our scientific session.
- Scientific Sessions feature Dr. Bill Waggoner, Dr. Tom Lenhart, Dr. Jerry Hester and Dr. Robert Riley.
- There will be a New Dentist Program, a Spouse Program, and an Auxiliary Program.
- Enjoy interesting and educational table clinics.
- Our sponsors and exhibitors will display their goods and services every morning.
- Back by popular request, our Saturday Gala will take place at the Monterey Bay Aquarium where we stroll through the aquarium, enjoying friendship and excellent cuisine.
- Welcome reception at the Monterey Plaza Hotel will be held Thursday evening.
- Organized recreational events will include a golf outing Saturday afternoon at the Black Horse golf course, a bicycle outing, a chance to learn to drive special vehicles at Laguna Seca, and a culinary class!
- Recreational and culinary experiences abound in this lovely area of California.
- Our Installation Luncheon including the AAPD President-elect will be on Friday.
- Relax make new friends and catch up with old friends in this incredible environment!

If you do not play golf now, you had better begin. You will not want to miss this wonderful site in Monterey. Come join us on the beautiful Monterey peninsula for a round of golf at the 2005 CSPD Open. We will be playing on the Black Horse course at the Seaside Golf Resort just a few minutes from our meeting at the Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa. The newly renovated Black Horse course offers magnificent views of the bay, ocean and surrounding rolling hills from nearly every hole. Black Horse will thrill the senses while forcing you to dig deep into your bag of tricks on each and every hole on your journey around this beautiful layout. Please visit the Black Horse website (www.bbhgolf.com) for additional information about this scenic and challenging facility.

The golf event will take place on Saturday afternoon, April 9 after the morning educational presentations. A box lunch will be provided for each contestant in addition to the golf and cart. Also, a variety of interesting tournament prizes and awards will be presented at the 19th hole after our round. So clean your clubs, practice your swing, pack the camera and join us for what proves to be a great afternoon on the Monterey peninsula.

Martin R. Steigner, DDS
Program Chair, Annual Meeting 2005



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COME IN THE
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OF THE
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First 5 California Oral Health Education & Training Project - Call for Trainers

La Juan Hall DDS

The CDA Foundation and the Dental Health Foundation, in a joint venture, were awarded a 4-year, \$7 million grant to deliver the California Children and Families Commission's Oral Health Education and Training Project. The project's goal is to train approximately 14,000 dental professionals and over 3,500 medical professionals statewide about the newest scientific information on dental disease prevention in children prenatal to 5 years. There are three target audiences in the project: (1) dental professionals, which include non-specialty dentists, hygienists and assistants; (2) medical professionals, such as pediatricians, family practice physicians, obstetricians, nurse practitioners and nurses who work with young children, and medical residents; and (3) a consumer focus, which will consist of educational programs for parents and caregivers who will be reached through WIC and Head Start programs.

The Joint Venture is seeking trainers for dental and medical audiences to develop consistency teaching the two curricula for the project. The first is a 2-hour lecture suitable to be held at a dental/medical society meeting or conference, and the second is a 6-hour full-day program that includes a hands-on element. The curriculum is currently in the review process and will be ready for distribution in November.

We are seeking trainers with:

- Dental background
- Health education or public health background
- Solid presentation skills
- Ability to commit to leading at least 6 training sessions over the next 3 years
- Ability to attend a trainer calibration on December 3rd in Sacramento

In return, the Joint Venture will:

- Provide an honorarium of \$500 for each 2-hour session and \$1,000 for each 6-hour session completed
- Reimburse the trainer for travel expenses and may help with travel arrangements
- Provide the curriculum, presentation and handout materials

It is the goal of the Joint Venture to have a diverse pool of trainers located throughout the State. If you would like to become a trainer, or recommend someone to the project staff, please provide contact information, resume and counties that would be served to:

For Dental Audiences: Rolande Tellier, CDA Foundation, 916-554-4918 or RolandeT@cda.org

For Medical Audiences: Janet Tsao, Dental Health Foundation, 510-663-3727 or JanetTsao@pacbell.net



La Juan Hall DDS
Liaison to the Dental Health Foundation

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Program is to increase access to optimal oral health for infants, children and persons with special needs by offering comprehensive continuing education opportunities to the general dentist". The PAC requested CSPD to accept the role of responsibility of the scientific information for the Program. CSPD would be asked to review curriculum materials and to make recommendations to the POHAP PAC. At the September Board meeting, the CSPD Board accepted the request to serve in this role. We are grateful for Dr. Mel Rowan, who represents CSPD on the PAC.

In an effort to assure open communication between CDA and specialty organizations, CDA requested Ms. Michelle Rivas, External Affairs Coordinator at CDA and Liaison to Specialty Organizations, to attend our Board meeting. As our guest at the September Board meeting, Ms. Rivas provided an informative update of CDA activities of interest to CSPD, such as the actions of the CDA Task Force on the Oral Health Assessment for School Children. The Task Force submitted its final report for vote at the CDA Board of Trustees meeting in August and it was unanimously accepted. Upon acceptance by the House of Delegates in November, the report will then be sent to the Council on Legislation. Ms. Rivas reported that CDA is hopeful to have legislation next year.

Our vision statement requires each member of CSPD to pursue that mental image of success. What does "optimal health for all infants, children, adolescents and

persons with special needs" look like to you? What picture conjures up in your mind when you think of CSPD as the "leader in representing the oral health interests of all children in the State of California"? What can you do to help achieve our vision? Here are just a few activities our members can do in the pursuit of our vision:

- Become a trainer for the First 5 California Oral Health Education & Training Project.
- Volunteer to screen children for the 2005 Dental Health Foundation's Oral Health Needs Assessment.
- Participate in "Give Kids A Smile!" national children's dental access day, on February 4, 2005.
- Volunteer to be a pediatric dentist facilitator for the next Los Angeles POHAP, to begin in August 2005.
- Join the CSPD Speakers Bureau. Speak to pre and postdoctoral students or student study groups about various subjects that interest you.
- Visit the CDA Community Health Web Page to locate access programs or dental clinics seeking volunteers in your community.
- Support the CSPD Foundation, as it strives to improve pediatric dental education for years to come.

Our 2004-2005 CSPD Membership Directory is more than a phone book. It tells a story of members who are connected together, who stretch their abilities, passion and expectations in pursuit of a common purpose.

Dental Board of California Report

Paul Reggiardo, DDS
CSPD Liaison to the Dental Board



Paul Reggiardo, DDS

RDAs Required to Produce Proof of Prior Education

In an effort to standardize the training and duties a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) may legally perform, the state legislature several years ago passed a law requiring that after January 1, 2005, an RDA must successfully complete courses in both radiation safety and coronal polishing for licensure. While that deadline may be extended by pending legislation to January 1, 2006, RDAs will still be required to furnish to the Dental Board of California evidence of successful completion of these courses for license renewal.

In August, the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) meeting in Los Angeles took up the question of responding to the plight of RDAs who could no longer produce these documents, which may have been issued years or even decades before. In many cases, the issuing educational institution, often a proprietary enterprise, was no longer in business or might not have maintained long term records.

The suggestion was made to allow RDAs, whose radiation safety and/or coronal polishing certification had been lost, destroyed or was otherwise unavailable, to file an affidavit of having successfully completed such education under penalty of perjury. COMDA, after consideration of the issue, rejected the proposal on the grounds that allowing submission of such an affidavit could lead to "large scale abuse of the affidavit process and could adversely affect public health and safety by allowing unqualified personnel to perform coronal polishing and to

expose radiographs."

COMDA therefore recommended to the Dental Board of California that, as a condition of license renewal, RDAs will be required to submit to the Board copies of their original coronal polishing and radiation safety certificates, unless one of the following exemptions apply:

1. An affidavit from a faculty member of an educational program which has either ceased business or no longer has records, where the educator verifies under penalty of perjury that he or she personally recalls the student's successful completion of either or both courses, will be accepted in lieu of the original certificates.
2. With regard to radiation safety, evidence of satisfactory completion of a Board-approved RDA educational program from 1985 to the present will be accepted in lieu of the original certificate (regulations began requiring completion of a course in radiation safety as a condition of an RDA program in 1985).
3. With regard to coronal polishing, evidence of satisfactory completion of a Board-approved RDA educational program from May 30, 2003 to the present will be accepted in lieu of the original certificate (regulations began requiring completion of a course in coronal polishing as a condition of an RDA program May 30, 2003).

The Board voted to accept COMDA's recommendations.

CSPD member dentists are advised that RDAs who cannot produce their original certificates, or who cannot qualify for one of the exemptions, should arrange to fulfill the education requirements by completing a DBC-approved course or courses prior to January 1, 2006.

RDAs are required to furnish to the Dental Board of California evidence of successful completion of radiation safety and coronal polishing for license renewal prior to January 1, 2006

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Richard Mungo, DDS

AAPD President, Ned Savide, sends his regards to all members of CSPD. He is certain that continued progress and success will be maintained on actions of importance regarding the issues affecting pediatric dentistry in California. The Executive Committee of the AAPD Board of Trustees looks to CSPD as an avant-garde organization with great foresight and outstanding leadership. The issues affecting us nationally, often times find their genesis here in our western part of the United States, with our burgeoning population, myriad social programs and educational challenges.

The ongoing slate of tasks set before the AAPD have continued to be met with victories and promise. AAPD efforts have been very instrumental in making available monies, already granted for Title VII Pediatric Dentistry Program Development, to be available for distribution in the current fiscal year. HRSA had planned to defer action on the \$5.5 million dollar grant, but AAPD lobbying efforts brought the issue to the forefront and the funds were released. This is the life's blood for new and expanding programs, which will continue to meet the ever present need for increased and well trained members of our specialty.

The AAPD Council on Dental Benefit Programs is assessing reimbursement and enrollment limitations by dental insurance plans associated with infant oral healthcare. The council is asking all AAPD members to provide information regarding current coverage, or any restrictions in coverage, which

could have a positive or negative impact upon your patients within the arena of infant care. Please direct your response to: AAPD Council on Dental Benefit Programs Chair: Warren A. Brill, DDS wbrill@erols.com

The AAPD Foundation is pleased to announce the 2004-2005 Call for Applications for the Graduate Student Research Awards, the OMNI Postdoctoral Research Fellowship and submission for Annual Oral and Poster Presentations. These prestigious awards and presentations, to be given at the 58th Annual Session in Orlando, Florida, will showcase our most accomplished students, future educators and promising leaders. Please visit <http://www.aapd.org/annual/> for application forms. Deadline: Dec. 5, 2004.

An AAPD Clinical Photo Library has been announced as the newest member benefit. This free service will allow members to download photos of various dental conditions for use in presentations, teaching seminars and website development. A call has gone out asking members to participate in the formation of the library by offering photographic contributions to our Web Site Editor, Sarah Seewoester. She can be reached at woester@aapd.org for details.

The Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry continues to grow. Alaska is the latest, in our western region, to organize as a state unit. A formalized line of governance will offer a better forum for the presentation of issues affecting our Northern colleagues. The WSPD will be holding an interim meeting on November 12, 2004, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The leadership of the state units will address a busy agenda. Some of the more pertinent issues relate to the development of the tripartite form

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Delta Dental Improves Access to Dental Sealants

Lindsey Robinson, DDS
Chair of Child Advocacy Committee

Score one for the little guys! Delta Dental recently agreed to raise the age limitation for placement of sealants on second permanent molars to 16 years ["through age 15"], up from the original 14 years. This new policy will accommodate children whose growth and development pattern lead to later eruption of their teeth, and those undergoing orthodontic therapy with banded and bracketed teeth may now have sealants placed after removal of appliances.

All of California's dentists who place sealants on children may thank CSPD's hard-working board, especially Lisa Brennan, for championing the cause, which eventually led to this policy change. Lisa researched the literature on sealant placement and explored options of implementing the change including working with CDA's Council on Dental Care. The direct route proved to be most effective when a letter was sent to Delta Dental's Chief Dental Officer, Marilyn Belek, DMD, in early January requesting the change.

A response to our letter signed by President, Dr. Lonnie Lovingier, was finally received in late August informing CSPD of Delta's acceptance of the age limitation revision. In their acceptance of the policy change, Dr. Belek praised the efforts of CSPD in presenting the supporting evidence in such a concise manner, and thanked us for proposing the change to them. Before the revision can go into effect, all policyholders must be notified and given the right to decline it. All participating dentists will be notified when the change has been made, and following this should make sure that claims are being properly processed.

Occasionally - Ask and ye shall receive!



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Dr. Wenyuan Shi Presented Innovative tools for Diagnosis and Treatment of Dental Caries

Robert Smith DDS

At the September meeting of SCSDC, Dr. Wenyuan Shi of U.C.L.A. School of Dentistry and the Molecular Biology Institute pointed the way of twenty-first century dental health care. It supersedes drills and fills with early caries prevention diagnosis. It will use risk factor determination and will then work to control or inactivate factors involved in caries development. He began his presentation by making an insightful comparison between present day dental treatment of caries and present day medical treatment of tuberculosis. Physicians do not incrementally remove functional segments of the human lung as the disease progresses. Nor is it a medical practice to rebuild lung tissues using artificial bonding materials. One might argue that the analogy is exaggerated, but it helps illustrate Dr. Shi's visions for the future of dentistry. Physicians treat the underlying cause of tuberculosis, the bacterial infection, and Dr. Shi sees a day when dentists must treat the underlying cause of caries, also a bacterial infection.

The variables of caries infection include enamel resistance, oral hygiene, duration of sucrose exposure, and the individual's bacterial profile. All of us incorporate into our practices an assortment of tools, materials, and educational opportunities to affect positive changes in these variables, and experience limited success in controlling the progress of caries. The removal of plaque from the enamel surface is how most of us spend most of our time, yet there is no scientific evidence that it reduces caries. Attempts to convince children, as well as those who feed the children, of the importance of reducing sugar consumption, have limited success. We add fluoride in myriad ways, convinced more of its efficacy by research studies than observable clinical results. The only tool that successfully removes caries today is the same tool G.V. Black used a hundred years ago—drill it out and fill it.

The target of Dr. Shi's research is the dental plaque and how to alter its properties, thus overriding the conventional variables. Rather than removing plaque, he wants to eliminate the harmful elements of plaque—in effect, "change bad plaque to good plaque". Specifically, his objective is to exclude strep mutans from its proximity to the surface of enamel. This would have enormous practical application in pediatric dentistry and isn't too far away. Two avenues of achieving strep mutans exclusion were advanced. One is the "smart bomb" approach whereby a "killing peptide" is introduced accompanied by a strep mutans specific molecule. The approach is probiotic, meaning competitive replacement of one microbe with another (there are approximately seven hundred organisms living in the human mouth). The result is a reduction in strep mutans at the surface of the enamel. A second approach takes advantage of "quorum sensing", a kind of population control that bacteria practice in their communities. Bacteria actually have the ability to sense when their populations are growing too concentrated and start self-destructing. If we can "fool" the strep mutans into sensing they are over-populated in a particular environment, we can theoretically leave them to their own self-limiting resources.

These methods depend on early diagnosis and accurate risk factoring. Monoclonal antibody-based chairside-diagnostics will be more prevalent in our daily practices. SCSDC members will be hearing more about Diagnodents in a coming lecture early next year. These research directions give hope to thousands of under-treated children in California and millions around the world.



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Mark Lisagor, DDS

As you read this letter, you will have already received and thoroughly digested my annual letter of thanks to the more than 50% of CSPD members who have already supported the CSPD Foundation Annual Giving Campaign in the last three years, and asking every member to now join in this effort, so crucial to the future of pediatric dentistry in California.

The looming crisis in pediatric dental education will affect the private practice of our specialty and the way general dentists view the treatment of children in their practices; it has dire implications in relationship to access to care for so many of California's kids in the years to come.

The solution to this problem is by no means clear, but it is abundantly clear that we must all continue to devote our creative energy and some of our dollars to searching for ways to bring more of our best and brightest into the ranks of educators, at all levels.

The Foundation Board is committed to building a war chest as quickly as possible while implementing a variety of programs, which will enhance and improve the existing educational programs in our state, but it all depends on each of you.

Please put your check in the mail soon. It is an

investment in our profession's future, which we must all make together.

If you are already an Annual Giver, consider whether this might not be the year to increase your donor level. In April, during the Annual Meeting in Monterey, we will be holding a wonderful reception for all members of the Presidents' Circle. Why not join your colleagues by making a commitment at this level and look for your invitation to this event. We'll be enjoying great appetizers and sampling terrific local wines at the unique "Taste of Monterey."

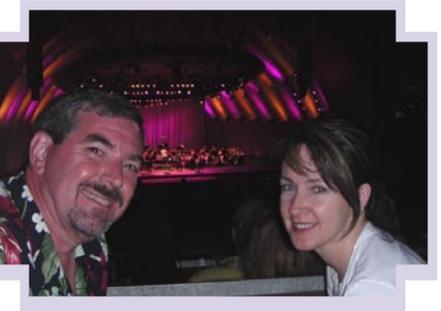
Also, look for an announcement of the third, Thursday afternoon program, at the Annual Meeting, which will further empower those in teaching and encourage others to explore sharing some of their experience and knowledge at one of the dental schools.

Thanks for your input and continued support!

Foundation Seeks Auction Items



The Lovingier family enjoy the generous donation from Dr. & Mrs. Ron Bills of their beach home and Padres tickets!!



Andy & Donna Soderstrom, along with John & Erica De Lorme, enjoy their evening at the Hollywood Bowl donated by Dr. & Mrs. Mark Lisagor!!



Many CSPD members will recall the mostly impromptu live auction which was held in conjunction with the Saturday "night at the races" event at the CSPD Annual Session in LaJolla. Just a few live auction items generated a fair amount of excitement, as well as over \$5,000 to go into the Foundation's coffers.

With the help of a few more generous CSPD members, we will raise even more money at the auction during the Saturday night event at the Monterey Aquarium at next year's Annual Meeting.

If you have a vacation home or timeshare that you are willing to offer up for a week or a weekend, or maybe some tickets to a big game, or seats at a play or concert, we'll be sure to let everyone know in advance so they'll be prepared to bid the big bucks at our CSPD Foundation's live auction.

Please contact the Foundation President Mark Lisagor (mlisagor@vcnet.com) or Executive Director Mel Rowan (melrowan@aol.com) with your auction item...and thank you!

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TO TEACH

Richard Sobel DDS

A major goal of the CSPD Foundation is to encourage more pediatric dentists to participate as faculty members throughout California.

Grants have been awarded to enhance the research experience and mentoring relationships for pediatric dental graduate students. Recently two new graduates receiving grants have embarked on careers that have included academic participation. The Foundation has interviewed these members to review those aspects of their education or experience that encouraged them to seek faculty positions.

Mary Le is a 2003 graduate of UCSF who is now a full time faculty member at UOP.



Tami Fujino is a 2004 graduate of UCSF who now teaches one day per week at UCSF while associating in two pediatric dental practices.

ON EXPERIENCES, GUIDANCE, MENTORING:

MARY: "I had always considered academics throughout dental school but was uncertain as to how this could occur. Most of my experiences came from faculty members who shared their varied roles. Pam DenBesten shared her position as both a full time scientist and administrator. Weyland Lum spoke repeatedly of the value of an academic component at

various stages throughout his clinical career. Richard Sobel raised my eyebrows by convincing me that you can be a full time academician early in your career with little clinical experience; and that this can be a financially viable alternative to practice."

TAMI: "During my dental education at Northwestern University, the department and faculty of pediatric dentistry encouraged me to specialize and include teaching in my activities. Both the organization and the style of the faculty members were very positive influences. I also experienced an externship at a rural clinic in Colorado, which stimulated these desires. At UCSF only a very few students liked pediatric dentistry. I wanted to share my knowledge and enthusiasm for pediatric dentistry with these students."

ON CSPDF GRANT:

MARY: "The CSPD grant was helpful even as early as the application process as I learned, with help, how to put together a request for funds and to convince someone that my project was worth funding. It was a glimpse into the future and a great experience. I gained a sense of financial responsibility and independence."

TAMI: "I was not very aware of the grant funding, although I knew that Dr. DenBesten was trying to get support for my presentation and attendance at the ORCA and IADR meetings."

ON SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE CSPDF PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE TEACHING:

MARY: "Most incentives relate to opportunities during a student's training. The chance to see their potential skills, discover a new interest, or someone to plant the "seed" or "open the door" for them. Specific incentives may include a scholarship or funds for part-time teaching during, or directly following, their training."

TAMI: "Stimulus or encouragement is difficult. You have to truly want to teach students. Small benefits would be helpful as a new faculty member; a parking permit or things of that sort would be useful."

ON CHALLENGES FOR THE NEOPHYTE FACULTY MEMBER:

MARY: "The greatest challenge is how much time is devoted to preparation or for evaluations after a day of teaching. As a new faculty member you learn as you teach. There are no books to tell you what to do, so you need someone to help you with constructive and concrete criticism, advice and guidance."

TAMI: "One difficulty is that there is no specific guidance in the clinic on how to teach or deal with the students. Also there is little organization or consistency in teaching standards. A real challenge is to change the students' attitude towards pedo, to make them feel positive about treating children."

ON PERSONAL REWARDS OF TEACHING:

MARY: "Meeting people, being exposed to different ideas or points of view and having consultations readily available are great rewards. I also believe that the chance to learn from students, from a different perspective, is very valuable."

TAMI: "The strongest rewards are having the students see the enjoyable side of dealing with children and come back to tell you how much of the clinical experience was positive. I love the balance between my days of practice and my one-day of teaching each week. I like that it stimulates me to read regularly and to keep up-to-date with new information."

To those who teach, the CSPD Foundation and CSPD members genuinely appreciate your effort. We sincerely hope others will make the time in their schedules to teach; we know you too will find great joy and rewards.

Cut and mail

Annual Giving Campaign 2004-2005

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AUXILIARY CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE

Friday November 12, 2004 at the Embassy Suites, Burlingame

Saturday November 13, 2004 at the Sheraton Cerritos



This year's speaker will be Barbara Rose Cirincione, R.D.H. She is the founder of Wellness 4 Work, a company that enhances productivity through lectures, seminars and wellness retreats in California and Europe. As a graduate of the University of Southern California School of Dental Hygiene, Barbara has spent the last 18 years as a clinical pediatric hygienist. Barbara has authored books on dental health education, scripts for educational films and pediatric dental websites. In December 2002, Yoga Journal Magazine featured Barbara in an article titled, "Open Wide and Say Om" describing how she integrates yoga in pediatric dentistry. Barbara resides in Westlake Village, California and is the proud mother of two children.

This year's annual CSPD dental auxiliary continuing education course will be "Tickling

Teeth, Touching Hearts, Achieving Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry." It will cover the following topics. Caring for the apprehensive patient and parent, the defiant patient, and the very active patient. Caring for children with special needs and the child with braces. Caring for the infant and toddler patient. She will address the winning attitude, practice building ideas, the baby appointment and community outreach programs. She will also discuss the valuable mental and physical techniques for raising energy and awareness levels of the dental staff. The participants will practice "stretching for success." Registration brochures were mailed in September. For further information call the Society office at 310/465-1580.

Howard Brostoff, DDS
CE Chairman



Discriminatory Admission Policies Challenged

In response to a growing number of reports that some hospital facilities in California may be discriminating against the admission of patients for dental services, CSPD in late August polled its membership through a "blast e-mail request" for specific information on their experiences with overt and covert hospital and surgical center policies discouraging or preventing access to the operating room for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families beneficiaries when dental procedures are involved. The intent of the request was to provide information to the Department of Health Services' Medi-Cal Dental Program Office, which in turn wished to speak directly with the hospital administrators and governing boards to discuss the issues involved in such policies and to better understand the scope of the reasons for such denials. The objective of the Department of Health Services is to eliminate artificial and possibly illegal barriers to care.

The project is part of a larger effort of the California Dental Association's Denti-Cal Reform Workgroup, on which CSPD is represented.

CSPD members responded by identifying a number of facilities throughout the state in which they had experienced such problems. While the number of such incident reports was not large, the reported tactics indicated a callous disregard for the oral health needs of a vulnerable set of infants and children.

One CSPD member in the central valley responded with the following narrative:

"I am on staff at [a] children's hospital in Central California and have been so for the past 22 years. Until about two years ago, I had confirmed block time in the operating room for my dental patients. Then, for a short period of time, all dentists were denied access to the OR. We were told that dental cases did not generate enough revenue. The hospital could not discriminate against a Denti-Cal patient and chose instead to deny all dental patients

access to the operating room. A few months later, a 'compromise' was reached and all dentists are now given 4 hours of O.R. time every other month. This is totally inadequate and certainly compromises the health

of my patients, some of whom who have been waiting 4-6 months for dental treatment. Dental patients have been specifically targeted at this hospital and it is my understanding that other hospitals [in the area] are doing the same. When I asked what we were supposed to do with these patients, the hospital representative told me to "send them to Stanford", which is 3 hours [away]. Thank you for your attention to this matter as it jeopardizes the health of so many children, especially the handicapped and disadvantaged."

CSPD members who have encountered similar experiences, or experienced difficulty in securing O.R. times for any reason, are encouraged to contact CSPD's Public Policy Advocate, Paul Reggiardo, by phone (714 848-0234) or email (reggiardo@prodigy.net). All replies will remain confidential and the names of individuals identifying facilities with possibly discriminatory policies will remain anonymous.



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Interview by
Nhu Tran DDS

Teaching at USC

An Interview with Dr. Tom Tanbonliong

Nhu: Tell us a little about your background such as your birthplace, where did you grow up, undergraduate school, dental school, pedo program, how long have you been teaching, how many days do you teach/work in a private practice.



Tom: "I was born and raised in Manila, Philippines. I came to the United States when I was 18 to go to college at USC.

I obtained my DDS from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry. I did a General Practice Residency at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. I completed my Pediatric Dental Residency at Case Western Reserve University and Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. I taught at Case Western and Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital for a year. I practiced part-time in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. I entered the world of academia as soon as I graduated from my program in 1996. I joined the faculty at the University of Southern California in 1997. I teach three days and practice for a day and a half. I feel I have the best of both worlds."

Nhu: What motivated you to enter into teaching?

Tom: "What motivated me to enter academia were my mentors Drs. David Johnson and Alison Harding. They were both my program directors. Academia has its own joys and challenges. You need to have an open mind and be willing to accept different viewpoints. There is always some new concept or new technique that come up. Most of the time, you learn from residents and your peers. You are constantly exposed to new and exciting things and it is up to you to decipher if it makes good sense or not."

Nhu: How did you go about looking for a faculty position?

Tom: "I found out about the teaching

position at USC through word of mouth and the AAPD Journal."

Nhu: Why did you choose USC?

Tom: "Attending college at USC was a pleasant and fun experience. I always loved living in Southern California; I like the climate, the cultural diversity and the good ethnic food the region has to offer. I have always respected USC's excellent reputation in clinical dentistry. The Pediatric Dentistry Program has always been one of the strongest in the nation."

Nhu: What do you enjoy most about teaching? What, if anything, do you feel you gain from teaching?

Tom: "What I enjoy most about teaching is the relationship you develop with residents and your colleagues. I have a chance to mold and mentor someone to be an excellent Pediatric Dentist and motivate them to excel in this field and enjoy the fruits of their labor. There is always a learning curve when residents start the program. There are expectations that must be fulfilled before a resident can safely treat children and go out and practice with confidence. I gain the satisfaction of knowing that at the end of the day, I "hopefully" imparted some knowledge to someone who will use it to better the quality of life of a child. I am also privileged to work with some of the most dedicated and respected Pediatric Dentists in the Southern California. We are also quite fortunate to have a very dedicated and skillful staff that makes teaching easier and more comfortable."

Nhu: Do you think that there are fewer pediatric dentist graduates who are teaching after they finish their residencies now? If so, what do you think is contributing to that?

Tom: "Most graduates do not pursue teaching as their main career not because they do not want to, but most of the residents accumulate substantial student debt and simply cannot afford to teach even if given the opportunity. They have a lot of financial responsibilities to fulfill. Academia lacks mentorship because

there are so few of us and we have so many "hats" to wear. Resident education takes a lot of time and planning. At USC, we are constantly fine-tuning our program to suit the needs of our residents."

Nhu: How can we make teaching more desirable to new pediatric dentist graduates?

Tom: "It is important to expose residents to teaching at an early stage of their program. They must be given a chance to interact with dental students and other residents as much as possible to "plant the seed". Teaching is not for everyone. It takes a certain personality to be a good and effective teacher. Dental schools and hospital programs must generate adequate compensation. These salaries must be competitive so the graduate can actually "live" on this salary."

Nhu: What do you think CSPD can or should do to motivate its members to teach?

Tom: "Mentorship is important. Also, CSPD might try to help lobby dental school administrators to increase funding and keep faculty members happy. CSPD and the dental school faculties can work together to identify potential educators and help mentor them. The future of Pediatric Dentistry lies with the faculty. Inadequate faculty results in low morale and poor quality of education and no one will wish to enter the teach field."

[Editor's note: On behalf of the members of CSPD, we too recognize that the future of pediatric dentistry depends heavily on those in academia and we certainly appreciate all of those who participate in teaching.]

WEB NOTES

By Steve Niethamer
Webmaster

We encourage our members to use CSPD's website as your browser home page and to visit the CSPD website regularly to get the latest news involving our profession and information about our meetings. We also remind our members that the user name and password are listed in your annual dues billings and will be included in the "Web Notes." We encourage you to write them down for future use. **The user name is "cspd" and the password is "pedo."** Be sure that all letters of these entries are in the lower case.

The Members Only section contains the latest CSPD Strategic Plan, the Patient Safety Committee Incident Report for Behavior Management, The CSPD Bulletin Archive, and many helpful forms and promotional items developed by our members.

Make the CSPD web page your home page. Simply open your browser, click on tools on the menu bar, then open Internet options and place <http://www.cspd.org/> into the text box for the address of your home page.

Good news - CSPD website statistics show that monthly repeat users visits to our site has increased to almost 500 in recent months from 300 one year ago. Hits to the site increased to 64,000 hits/month from 31,000 hits/month during that same period. The site also has its first banner advertisements placed by NuSmile Primary Crowns and a group of supporters from the California Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists. We suggest that you click on the advertisements to discover more about these sponsors.

Faculty Positions Now on the Professional Opportunities Page!

We tempted you in the last Bulletin about the Faculty Positions being posted on the Professional Opportunities Page, and it is now available! Pediatric Program Directors, Hospital Directors, or Clinic Directors who need volunteer or paid faculty members, can now post your opportunity on the CSPD Professional Opportunities web page, for free!

Along with available associate positions, offices for sale, and pediatric dentists looking for associate positions, faculty positions (volunteer or paid) will now be added to our list of available opportunities. Why not take advantage of this free membership benefit? Other pediatric dental organizations will charge you for a posting, but ours is a true member benefit! And, you can leave your posting on the website until you've found a buyer, a job, an associate, or a faculty member.

Graduating residents, act quickly! There are already close to a dozen of your colleagues who have posted their information on the Professional Opportunities page. Don't be the last one to act! This is a superb way to let pediatric dentists know that you'd like to practice in their town or city. This is the quickest, cheapest, and most efficient way to let everyone know that you're graduating, and where you'd like to work! It will keep your name visible and handy for those practicing pediatric dentist when they decide they need an associate.

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CSPD is putting together a bank of practitioners who are interested in speaking to students at the universities, student groups, or to study groups on subject matter not normally emphasized during their dental training. These practitioners might speak to pre- and postdoctoral students on different career options including pediatric dentistry, dental research, dental education, hospital dentistry, public health, community service and outreach programs. They might help the faculty present topics that they may not have time to include in their lecture sessions. This might include additional topics which interest you such as behavior management, clinical skills, or specific procedures; or practice management and staff issues. If you have an interest in participating in this worthwhile program please contact Oariona Lowe and let her know

which subjects interest you.

Dr. Oariona Lowe / w.roslo@verizon.net, / 562/907-4522

PEDIATRIC DENTIST FACILITATORS NEEDED

The Los Angeles Oral Health Foundation (LAOHF), the California Dental Association Foundation (CDAF), and CSPD are hosting the Pediatric Oral Health Access Program again. This is a program funded by the Los Angeles Care Foundation (LACARE). It is designed to help train general dentists to treat more children in their practices. These organizations are requesting the help of practicing pediatric dentists to facilitate this program. This is a great opportunity to express the serving, giving attitude of CSPD members. It exemplifies the desire of CSPD and its members to serve all children. Please contact Rolande Tellier @ 916/554-4918

COMMUNITY HEALTH ON THE WEB

“Community Health” web pages are now up on both the public and professional sides of the CDA web site. On the professional side, this page is currently found under “Issues and Public Policy.” These pages will be used to highlight community oral health issues and information, serving as a resource to both the public and the profession. As part of the effort to keep current the information posted on this site, and to provide a way to link programs with professionals, CDA has created a “form” that can be filled out and submitted by you or others in the dental community. / Suzanne Berger, DDS

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Everyone has some pearls of wisdom they would like to share. We just need a little encouragement. Make the effort to prepare a table clinic; you'll be glad that you did. Please visit the CSPD website. Table clinic forms can be downloaded from the CSPD website. The deadline is, February 28, 2005. Contact: Oariona Lowe / w.roslo@verizon.net / (562) 907-4522

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Post-doctoral and pre-doctoral students interested or currently involved in research may apply to the CSPD for a research grant. Please contact your program chairperson or director for more information about this

great opportunity. This is a grant funded by the CSPD Foundation, but administrated by CSPD. You may also contact Dr. Oariona Lowe / w.roslo@verizon.net / (562) 907-4522.

ALL STUDENTS and NEW DENTISTS

Short, “Lamp-light,” seminars are being planned for you at our annual meeting in Monterey. We need your suggestions for topics such as lasers, practice management, sedation techniques, behavior management techniques, etc. We need names of potential private practitioners, mentors, and researchers that you may want to hear from. What are your interests? Let us know! Response forms can be downloaded from the CSPD website. Contact : Dr. Oariona Lowe / w.roslo@verizon.net or (562) 907-4522.

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SAVE THE WORLD FROM CAVITIES

The ADA and Colgate are co-sponsoring an exciting new program. The “Save the World from Cavities” program is a multimedia consumer campaign to raise awareness about cavity prevention and to encourage dental visits by children. A letter announcing the program was sent last month to dentists and hygienists. Beginning in October, children will be able to get a special “Save the World from Cavities” form from retail outlets, the Internet or participating dental offices, which they can get stamped at their next visit. The form goes to Colgate (with one proof of purchase from any Colgate toothpaste or toothbrush), and then the child receives a free battery-powered

toothbrush. Colgate is making a Save the World from Cavities Kit available to members online. This free kit includes an easel with tear pad containing "Save the World from Cavities" forms for office display.

UPCOMING MEETING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION DATES –

CSPD Auxiliary Courses, south and north, November 12&13, 2004
 CSPD at the Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa in Monterey, April 7-10, 2005
 CDSA location, topic and date TBA. April 2005
 AAPD at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort in Orlando, May 26-30, 2005
 CSPD at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort in Indian Wells, April 6-9 2006
 AAPD in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 25-29, 2006
 CSPD in Seattle, WA, March 29- April 1, 2007
 AAPD in San Antonio, Texas May 24-28, 2007
 AAPD in Washington D.C. May 22-26, 2008
 AAPD in Honolulu, Hawaii, May 21-25, 2009
 See the CSPD and AAPD website for more sponsored courses.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE – The only place you can register for the February 4, 2005 Give Kids a Smile Program is: www.sullivanschein.com. Please do so today!!

Congress Supports Program to Address Pediatric Dentist Shortage
 (Reproduced from AAPD email hotline)

House Report 108-326 on federal fiscal year (FY) 2005 appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education contains the following language concerning the federal Title VII pediatric dentistry program - a program that provides seed money for start up or expansion of pediatric dentistry residency programs:

The committee recognizes there will be a major increase in the pediatric population through 2020,

and an increased percentage of the children will be underprivileged. The roughly one of every six children living in poverty today has about five times the level of untreated dental disease compared to their more affluent peers. Pediatric dentistry residency programs provide both treatments for underprivileged children and training opportunities for pediatric dentists. In fact, two-thirds of the patients treated in these programs are Medicaid recipients. Recruitment and retention of pediatric dental educators is vital to pediatric dental residency programs. While pediatric dentists treat about 30 percent of the children in this country, they train 100 percent of the dentists who treat children. The committee encourages HRSA to develop innovative programs, such as faculty development initiatives and a faculty loan repayment pilot program.

Senate Report 108-345 on FY 2005 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations contains the following language:

General Dentistry and Pediatric Dental Residencies

This program assists dental schools and postgraduate dental training institutions to meet the costs of planning, developing and operating residency training and advanced education programs in general practice of dentistry and funds innovative models for postdoctoral general dentistry and pediatric dentistry. The committee recognizes that these programs play a critical role in meeting the oral health care needs of Americans; especially those who require specialized or complex care and represent vulnerable populations in underserved areas. Additionally, rural states are disproportionately underserved by pediatric dentists. The committee notes that several states have fewer than 10 pediatric dentists. This clearly is not enough to address American children's needs. The committee intends that the Pediatric Dental Program be continued with at least the FY 2004 funding level.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) thanks Congress for recognizing the importance of pediatric dentistry residency training, and also applauds the Senate report for providing funding of \$90.7 million for an overall "cluster" of primary care training programs (compared to \$81.7 million last year and only \$63.8 million in the House bill).

While the congressional appropriations process for FY 2005 is far from over, the inclusion of this language is a result of AAPD's strong advocacy efforts and the critical support of key members of Congress, including Senate Subcommittee Chair Arlen Specter and House Subcommittee Chair Ralph Regula. Full text of these reports is available at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

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of governance comprising AAPD. They will also address continued mentoring of those states and Canadian provinces striving to organize into WSPD units, develop a well specified budget for 2005 and formalize plans for continuing education programs and other membership benefits. A full report on this vital meeting and the upcoming AAPD Board of Trustees Ad Interim meeting will be in my next District VI report.

Some important upcoming dates:

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| Oct. 22-23, 2004 | Pediatric Emergencies in the Dental Office | Atlanta, Ga. |
| Nov. 10-13, 2004 | Pediatric Dentistry for General & Ped. Dentists | Las Vegas, Nev. |
| Nov. 13-15, 2004 | Contemporary Sedation of Children for the Dental Practice: Enteral and Parenteral Techniques | Las Vegas, Nev. |
| May 26-30, 2005 | AAPD 58th Annual Session | Orlando, Fl. |

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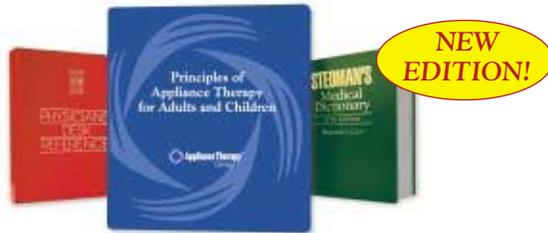


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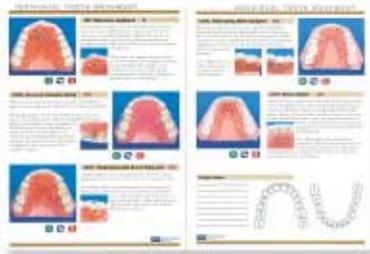
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