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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CSPD, it's about having fun....



Dr. Santos Cortez  
CSPD President

Our annual meetings have always had a very good balance of continuing education, organizational work, as well as social events. The meeting this year was no exception. Dr. Marty Steigner, Meeting Chairman, and Arlene Lacayo, our Meeting Planner, did a marvelous job

in planning and executing their charge. I am sure you'll agree that this was another memorable Annual Meeting. It is where

friends meet to chat about ole times in our residencies or how our children have grown up so quickly. To some of us, bragging about our grandchildren is

an annual ritual and to others, discussing how we do things in our practices. Sharing practice management ideas is also a cherished time spent among friends. But despite the heavily impacted schedule for many of us at our annual meeting, it strikes me as a fun annual event.

CSPD it's also about learning...

I am sure that you noticed the camera crew at our lectures. Chaired by Dr. José Polido, the "Special Committee on On-line Continuing Education" was hard at work to record and subsequently format the video for placement on our website. This project will benefit our members and other practitioners who would like to learn more about the treatment of children. Ultimately, the children we

collectively treat will be the beneficiaries. Keep an eye out for these lectures on [www.cspd.org](http://www.cspd.org).

I was happy to hear Dr. Pitts Hinson, president-elect of AAPD and featured speaker at our installation luncheon challenge all pediatric dentists to promote dental exams for our children by age one. The establishment of a "dental home" by 12 months of age is not only the policy of our parent Academy but makes sense from an educational point of view. I have found that most parents of very young children are eager to learn about how they can enhance the overall health of their precious offspring. Physical and emotional well-being includes becoming educated about oral health. Their eagerness to learn makes me stay on top of fluoride use in local community water systems and attendant political issues about this subject. Anticipatory guidance and age-appropriate oral hygiene measures are other topics that we should discuss when we welcome new families into our practice.

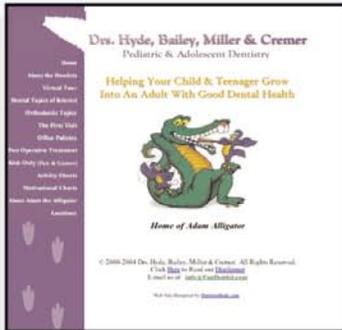
Although the age one dental exam may be a novelty to the general public, early examination should be a matter of course for all pediatric dentists. But as I have learned recently that is just not the case. The "Oral Health Education and Training Project", is a collaboration of the Dental Health Foundation and the California Dental Association Foundation. Their purpose is to educate and to train thousands of healthcare providers, as well as caregivers, about Early Childhood Caries. The focus of this training is to "get out the message" that the earlier a child is examined, the more likely it is that dental decay will be prevented. Through my participation in this program, I was made aware of, and I am disheartened to hear pediatricians complain that it's very difficult for them to find a pediatric dentist who is willing to see children so young.

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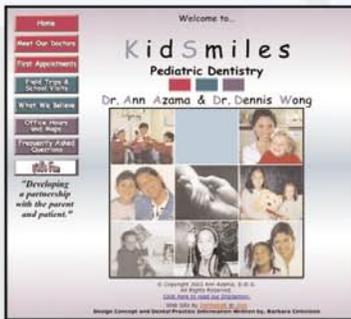
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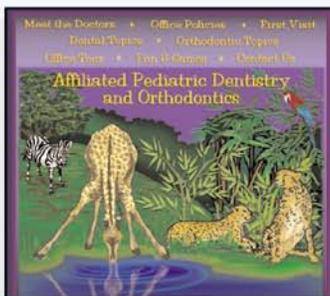
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Dr. Santos Cortez

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30th  
Anniversary

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Dr. Andrew Saderstrom, Terri Lisagar & Donna Saderstrom



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Mr. President, Santos Cortez poses with his loyal subjects!



Dr. John Fawle & Fiancée Cathy Caputo

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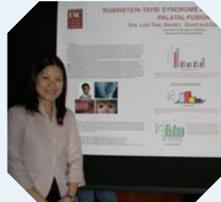
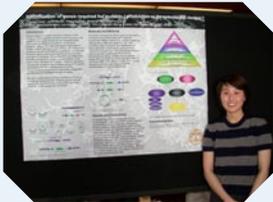
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Some of our Table Clinic Presenters



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# Memories



Roland Hansen, DDS

## Online Education Comes of Age

Roland Hansen, D.D.S

The lectures presented by Drs. Tom Lenhart and Bill Waggoner at our Annual Meeting held in Monterey will be available on our web site sometime this summer. The Vodium Corporation filmed the presentations so that health professionals will be able to view the presentations off-site over a high-speed Internet connection. This project is an outgrowth of meetings held several years ago with a Pediatric Dental Curriculum Committee that met in Sacramento and in Chicago to define the content of course work that would train generalists in the treatment of children. The committee identified several leaders in the dental education field who were then filmed as they presented four different lectures before a large group of generalists at the California Dental Association headquarters in Sacramento. The core group of lecturers

consisted of Drs. Steve Adair, Kevin Donly, Barbara Sheller, and Bill Waggoner.

Those lectures have been finalized and are currently being utilized in online multimedia format to train fifty generalists who are participating in the second round of instruction in the Pediatric Oral Health Project (POHAP 2). The lectures were made available to the generalists who used the Internet to review 13 hours of course work designed to fulfill the didactic requirements of the training.

CSPD believes that access to the 13 hours of lecture material will enable large numbers of health care professionals to gain additional knowledge in the oral care of children. When universal access to all of these lectures is achieved, CSPD will be able to deliver a total of 20 hours of online education over the Internet, an achievement that could not be foreseen when the information age was in its infancy.

The California Society of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation has funded this most recent project that will enable access to about six hours of lecture material that was presented by our Annual Meeting speakers. Dr. Tom Lenhart delivered four lectures entitled, "Difficult Airway in the Pediatric Patient", "Management of Sedation Emergencies", "Sedation and the Obese Child", and a three-part lecture consisting of "Basic Principles of Pharmacology", "Sedation Pharmacology in Dentistry", and a short section on "Common Oral Sedation Combinations for Children." Dr. Waggoner reviewed "Restorative Dentistry for Children: One Clinicians Approach."

The support and encouragement of the Vodium Corporation ([www.vodium.com](http://www.vodium.com)) in Washington, D.C. has given new impetus to our desire to deliver online education on demand. Users will be fascinated by the Vodium software that creates four individual windows on the computer monitor. The software will simultaneously present a video with audio in the upper right quadrant, a scrolling highlighted transcript on the lower right, a table of contents, and a Power Point slide presentation on the upper left quadrant of the screen. The video portion of the presentation can be paused, moved forward or back to any location in the presentation. A search engine allows the viewer to find a word or a topic at will. Clicking on any word in the transcript will reposition the presentation and integrate the Power Point slide window and the video.

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Lindsay Robinson, DDS

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How are the funds managed? Proposition 10 created a state commission and individual county commissions to plan for and oversee the expenditure of the tax moneys. Each county commission is required to develop a strategic plan detailing how it will achieve the intent of the proposition. An individual dentist may apply for funding or develop a collaborative project with other county entities. The state and individual county commissions often put out a request for proposal (RFP) if they are interested in funding a specific type of project. Information on RFPs and currently funded projects is available on the commission websites. The main

stipulation for any grant proposal is that the funding will go to serving children 0 to 5.

How are First 5 funds being used in children's oral health care? Several CSPD members have already been involved with funded projects. Ray Stewart was instrumental in developing the Monterey Children's Oral Health Project, a model community oral health care program providing case management, education/prevention, and treatment in areas of limited access with a mobile van. Mark Lisagor helped establish the Santa Barbara-Ventura Dental Foundation. Administered through the component dental society, First Five funds from both counties are combined to provide oral health education, prevention, screening, and treatment. Chico pediatric dentist, David Saad, applied for and received a grant to purchase dental equipment to do OR cases at a Butte County hospital. In Grass Valley, I received a grant from my county commission to treat undocumented migrant workers' children and to pay for anesthesia services.

To find out more about your individual county's First Five Commission, you can go to CSPD's website ([www.cspd.org](http://www.cspd.org)), click on links, and then scroll down to First Five California. Additional information can be found through contacting the executive director of your county commission.



Lindsay Robinson, DDS

**Dr. Paul Morris Named to the Healthy Families Advisory Panel**

Dr. Santos Cortez is stepping down from his appointment to the Healthy Families Advisory Panel (HFAP). He completed a three-year term in which he did an outstanding job representing CSPD as an advocate for children's oral health.

Dr. Paul Morris has been appointed to this position. The Panel meets quarterly and serves as an advisory panel to the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) Board of Directors which directly oversees the Healthy Families Program.

CSPD members are encouraged to contact Dr. Morris with input and direction. He can be reached at [pjmorris484@netzero.com](mailto:pjmorris484@netzero.com) or by telephone at (831) 424-0641. For more

information about the HFAP please visit [www.mrmib.ca.gov](http://www.mrmib.ca.gov).

COMING SOON

The CSPD Auxiliary Course will be held in November 2005.

Reserve the month and watch for more information to come.

You won't want your staff to miss this exciting course!!





A. Jeffrey Wood, DDS  
WSPD Vice President

## WSPD Holds Successful PALS Course in Monterey

A. Jeffrey Wood, D.D.S

This year the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry held its annual meeting in Monterey, California, in conjunction with the CSPD. At this meeting the WSPD offered a PALS course for both initial certifications as well as re-certifications. A group of PALS instructors came from Washington and customized their presentation specifically for our group. Activities ranged from traditional lecture presentations, to intubation and monitoring of mannequins, to practicing intraosseous access skills on chicken thighs!



Practicing intraosseous access

Seventeen members received their initial certification, and an additional eleven members were re-certified at this course. While the program was intense, everyone seemed to enjoy the experience. Multiple participants commented that it was a "very user-friendly course," and that "the instructors stressed things that are important to us as pediatric dentists." One of the re-certification participants noted: "it was one of the most pleasant PALS courses that I've taken," while another described it as a "very non-intimidating course."

Based on the overwhelmingly positive response, the WSPD is considering the possibility of offering this course again at next year's annual meeting, in Palm Springs, California. Look for information about the course in meeting publicity materials!

## Pediatric Advanced Life Support offers material relevant to the clinical practice of pediatric dentistry

Robert Smith, DDS

Pediatric Advanced Life Support [PALS] is what we do when an infant or child has an episode in our office that is life threatening. While such episodes may happen with only rare occasion in our offices, the consequences far outweigh incidence. The situations that we may face as practitioners may include severe allergic reactions and cardiopulmonary arrest and aspiration. The PALS course was presented by WSPD and offered sixteen of us an intense review of terms, principles, and

practices that would enable us to save a life in the unlikely event one of our patients loses consciousness or appears to be experiencing a level of cardio-respiratory distress in the clinical setting. It also prepares us for the possibility of an event in the backyard swimming pool or on the soccer field.

While most of us can recite the ABC's of basic life support, we will probably never be called upon to put that knowledge to clinical test. It is definitely not something that most of us would perform routinely and effortlessly, as we do our daily tasks of providing dental care for children. The PALS course prepares us with the knowledge, if not the experience, to be prepared. The course also offers a good review of cardiopulmonary physiology and introduces terminology that we seldom use in our professional interaction except during our treatment of patients under the various levels of sedation.

One might think this preparedness is only for those who practice oral-conscious sedation or intravenous sedation administered by a third party anesthesiologist. Knowledge of the equipment and procedures is beneficial to all pediatric dentists. This needs to be standard procedure in our offices. There exist situations in our normal everyday practices that raise a level of risk requiring some knowledge of PALS beyond basic life support. This knowledge should be shared with, and available to, the entire office staff. For example, I do not think my staff knows when to use the epinephrine and in what dose. How many of us routinely take blood pressures or heart rates, or have trained our staff members to look for and monitor other vital signs of skin color, pupil size, or breathing difficulties? Are all staff members familiar with, and capable of, dislodging airway obstructions in an infant or a ten-year-old? How many of us own or know when to use an AED?

As I sat through the intense two-day PALS instruction, I thought back to dental school when I tried to know everything, but I knew I would not remember all that I learned. I questioned where I could safely draw my own boundaries (did I really have to know how to use a face bow?). In the practice of pediatric dentistry, we don't have to know everything about pediatric life support, or do we? There is going to be a day when our self-defined boundaries will



Practicing intubation skills

Editor note:  
I received two articles independently praising this course, so I included them both.



Robert Smith, DDS

During the next three years thousands of physicians will hear the message that children should have an oral health assessment by no later than age one. As a result they will be referring very young children to dental practitioners. Our message to the public needs to be consistent. It's definitely a mixed message, should a young child be referred to our practices by a physician and have the parent be told that "we don't take kids under 3 or 4 years unless it's an emergency"? As Dr. Hinson stated in his luncheon speech, let's really look inside ourselves if we are not accepting patients for the "age one exam". Accepting young children into our practices gives our specialty a great opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of many children. Parents have been made aware of ways they can help prevent Early Childhood Caries. Let's all make a difference! Let's help them!

**CSPD, it's about direction for a purpose...**

My goals for CSPD for the upcoming year fit within our strategic plan and as such, we will be working on the last year of the three-year plan. Make no mistake about it, we have much work to do!

Dr. Weyland Lum, as Chair of the Leadership Development Committee, is hard at work developing the action plan that will be finalized into a CSPD Leadership Conference to be held in the fall of 2006. We have appropriated a major share of our budget for this first-ever conference and we're seeking corporate sponsorship for the remainder of the cost. This course will be open not only to our Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Members, but also to all of you who have an interest in

honing your leadership skills. You will learn techniques at this conference that can be applied to any leadership position you choose. It will help you with civic organizations, professional organizations, and improve your practice leadership skills.

Much work is being done in the area of advocacy. We are so fortunate to have Paul Reggiardo taking on the position of Public Policy Advocate for CSPD, another first in our organization. His expertise in the legislative and regulatory arena has helped us to be well-positioned in the public eye. This certainly helps us as we promote issues that the Board has identified as significant and worthwhile. Paul has been hard at work in strategizing and appearing at hearings related to AB-1077. This legislation will require school children, entering kindergarten and at second and sixth grades, to have an oral health assessment by a licensed dental professional. The California Dental Association sponsors this bill and for the first time CSPD has been listed as a supporting organization. Congratulations to everyone involved. The ultimate goal of the bill is to identify dental conditions early enough in a child's educational career to help prevent dental disease from becoming an emergency. The pain and suffering of children will be reduced, they will be more school-ready, and ultimately oral care costs will be reduced.

Another very large issue that CSPD will address this year is the matter of in-office general anesthesia (I.V. sedation). We will determine if the access to care for some of our patients will be

improved by having the insurance industry provide benefits for pediatric patients and those with special needs managed with in-office general anesthesia. We will look at the issues from all sides and develop a strategy to find the best solution to this issue. Your feedback is appreciated, so you are welcome to contact Paul Reggiardo or your President.

Estela Sanchez will be chairing our Continuing Education Committee. She is planning an auxiliary course for this Fall. She is also establishing the action plan that will implement a practice management course for the new pediatric dentists, residents, and those of us who may want to further refine our skills in practice administration.

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on mentoring and identifying students for potential academic careers.

Well, it is time again to move ahead, more rapidly, more decisively, and more confidently. As growing children do, it is time to learn how to run, to see our projects begin to fulfill the strategic goals of the Foundation.

Beyond our current projects of funding support for students, we are beginning to examine the role of the pediatric dental educator. What would it take to identify students early in their professional training and to develop a curriculum in which interested students could move beyond their clinical and didactic coursework? The disciplines of education and research are both necessary to insure long-term faculty positions.

Simultaneously, we are developing a prototypical program to aid the experienced practitioner who desires to become a part-time instructor. Consistency of teaching guidelines and materials, coupled with the hands-on guidance of a faculty mentor will help clinicians that make the commitment to teach. We believe that these faculty members will be primary motivators for students, mentoring them through their

educational experiences. Pilot projects in this will soon be considered for funding. We are also looking forward to the results of the USC pediatric dental department retreat, predominantly underwritten by our grant. This program is designed to identify evidence-based information to help standardize teaching techniques and procedures.

During the next few issues of this Bulletin we shall be reporting, in greater detail, the activities of the Foundation. You will have more specific information regarding our projects, their funding and progress. We will share with you, and ask for your opinions and aid with new programs. Remember that our major goal is to increase the number of pediatric dentists who see academics as part of their professional careers.

Thank you for your support of our Foundation. As we reach out to corporate, government and other institutions for funds, it is necessary to demonstrate the overwhelming involvement of the members of CSPD. Your direct contributions are indicative of this involvement. Therefore I ask that you participate in our annual fund raising campaign at any level that is possible.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Richard Sobel, DDS

It is a great honor to serve the leadership of our Foundation. As most of you know, when the dreams of our past presidents to form a foundation became a reality, we knew there were great challenges. Dave Good started us crawling in the right direction, helping to formulate an early structure, a direction and goals. Mark Lisagor taught us how to walk, leading us to clarify our role and focusing on the crisis in pediatric dental education. We began funding post-doctoral student projects and stimulating early faculty involvement through programs

## NEW FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

The CSPD Foundation Board is pleased to announce the election of two new Trustees. Each of them brings additional skills and insight to our meetings.



Steve Blain has been a full time faculty member at the UCLA, Section of Pediatric Dentistry for about 30 years. He has recently retired as professor emeritus, on recall at that department. He also is continuing his part time practice in Santa

Monica. During his tenure at UCLA he participated in many research projects and guided numerous pediatric dental postdoctoral students.

Steve has been a long time member of CSPD; six years on the Board and a member of various committees. In recent years, he has been a participant in the evaluation process of projects funded by the Foundation.

Steve's knowledge of the role of the pediatric dental educator and his academic background bring an important additional experience and skill base to our Foundation Board.



Ken Szymanski attended the University of Detroit Dental School. He completed a General Practice Residency with the Veterans Administration in Brentwood. Following that, he attended the Pediatric Dental Residency at Harbor General Hospital in Torrance. After 15 years of practice in Michigan, he joined Mark Lisagor at the Children's Dental Group in Simi and Oxnard.

In addition to his clinical participation within the practice, Ken's expertise is in the financial management aspects of pediatric dentistry. Taking on the position of Treasurer, his skills will greatly enhance the management of the Foundation's finances.

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## Ron Johnson Highlights Recruitment and Retention of Educators

Madeliene Brandli, Trustee

Former colleagues and residents from pediatric dental programs in Los Angeles remember Ron Johnson as a superb mentor, known for his dedicated hands-on approach to guiding students. In a presentation crackling with humorous anecdotes, he offered serious solutions for problems faced by schools in their efforts to recruit and retain students and faculty.

Dr. Johnson observed that recognition of potential faculty could begin as early as the first week of dental school. He presented evaluation mechanisms to be used by students and their counselors to identify areas of strength and weakness in a proactive manner early in their pre-doctoral careers.

Acknowledging the impact of attitude in mentoring, Dr. Johnson cited the need for faculty to emphasize the

positive attributes and advantages of teaching, encouraging academics as part of a student's career plans. For the clinician considering a return to teaching, he recommended the enhancement of the teaching environment and programs to assist clinicians in developing competency as clinical faculty.

Dr. Johnson concluded his remarks by addressing the need for clinical training in pre-doctoral and residency programs to simulate the real world environments they will enter upon graduation.



*Dr. Ron Johnson presents at the CSPDF Symposium*

## Foundation Funds Research and Mentoring Grant

Gila Dorostkar, DDS, Trustee

The Foundation recently approved funding for a new project proposed by Drs. José Polido and second-year pediatric resident Andrea Pinnick of USC. Dr. Pinnick will be participating in a year-long seminar series as part of a "Core Curriculum in Scholarly Skills" training program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

This seminar series is designed to strengthen the training of pediatric subspecialty fellows at CHLA and provide unique interactions of the pediatric dentistry resident with fellows from other medical specialties. The research study she and Dr. Polido have developed in conjunction with the seminar will evaluate the surface roughness of new composite materials vs. the traditional composites by use of a profilometer and scanning electron microscopy. Funding will not only cover costs for

the scanning electron microscopy and the associated equipment and materials but also a poster session presentation at the Saban Research Institute at CHLA, as well as a presentation to pediatric dentistry residents and faculty.

The Foundation felt this proposal was a very relevant submission to the Internal Faculty Development Grant Program mainly because it is tied into an established core curriculum for scholarly skills. This combination of scholarly core programs and research may begin to attract pediatric dental residents into academics. In addition to a mentoring component for this project, the primary focus of funding for this proposal is the potential pediatric dental educator in support of his/her research.

## SPOTLIGHTING DR ANN TORNABENE

Dr. Ann Tornabene, a second-year pediatric dental resident at UCSF, gave a short presentation during the Foundation CE Course in Monterey describing a mentorship program that she has organized and implemented at UCSF. As a former teacher, she realized the importance of having a good role model in encouraging students to enter the teaching profession and wanted to design a program at UCSF that would pair residents and students with pediatric dental educators for a one-on-one experience in mentoring. Another key part of the mentoring process includes the opportunity for the professor to help his/her mentee in developing predoctoral lectures and exposing them to daily academia.

Under the guidance of Dr. Kenneth Troutman, Dr. Tornabene's program has been underway for almost one

year. To conclude the project, a dinner is planned for all participants at the CSPD annual session. It will include a presentation as well as a publication of the program's achievements.

Dr. Tornabene received good feedback regarding her presentation: "I had so many people come up to me and thank me for presenting and were very interested in the program."

This project was funded by the Foundation's Internal Faculty Development Grant Program which strives to create innovative ways to address the shortage of pediatric dental educators in California. For further information, please contact the Program chair, Gila Dorostkar, at [giladorostkar@aol.com](mailto:giladorostkar@aol.com).

## AUCTION AT MONTEREY AQUARIUM

Working the crowd with enthusiasm, under the watchful eyes of the inhabitants of Monterey's large tank, out-going Foundation president Dr. Mark Lisagor auctioned off seven donated items for the Foundation.

Auction items and winning bidders:

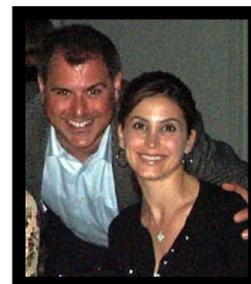
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*Dr. Mark Lisagor gets things going during the CSPDF Auction*



*Dr. Howard & Donna Dixon generously donate a week vacation in Telluride, CO*



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## FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE DONORS

"A Taste of Monterey" in Cannery Row, with its breathtaking views of crashing surf and a lone otter lounging peacefully, provided a spectacular sunset locale for the reception honoring members of the Foundation's President's Circle.

This event was fully underwritten through the generosity of Drs. Andrew Chen, Tom Lenhart, Andreia Minasian Silvera, John Yagiela, Pankaj Patel and members of the Oakland Children's Anesthesia Medical Group. The Board of Trustees expressed its gratitude for their sponsorship during the hosted wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres service,

with comments from Drs. Richard Sobel and Mark Lisagor, the incoming and outgoing presidents of the Foundation.

In addition to President's Circle Donors, special guests invited included directors from the California pediatric dental residency programs and the CSPD annual session guest speakers, Drs. Ronald Johnson, Bill Waggoner and Tom Lenhart, who voiced his pleasure to be one of the sponsors for such a worthy cause.

Dr. Scott Fishman, who graciously thanked his wife Grace for her help in giving the event its special flair, chaired the committee that planned the reception. He echoed the Board of Trustees in commenting that it was "our opportunity to recognize our colleagues who have generously contributed to our Foundation."



*(Pictured left to right) Dr. Pitts Hinson, Dr. Ron Johnson and Dr. Ned Savide*



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Richard Mungo, DDS  
District VI Trustee

## District VI Trustee Annual Report

### Trustee Activities:

This year has proven to be very positive. As our Academy has expanded its influence, our District has grown and our Western Society has matured. The second year of my trusteeship has brought a great deal of clarity to the duties and responsibilities found within the position. Acting as a conduit for information and a venue for concerns, I have enjoyed working with all of the members of the state unit leaderships. The opportunity to visit many of the organizations has enhanced our understanding of our individual and common areas of interest. The Ad Interim WSPD meeting, held in Las Vegas, Nevada helped us take a huge step in our maturation process. I was extremely impressed with the caliber of the participants and the sincere dedication to the goals and mission of the society.

The district trustee position carries with it the opportunity to work with various councils and committees. The work that takes place within these compartments of our governance structure is vital to the existence of our academy and specialty. Our California Society of Pediatric Dentistry benefits from a constant back and forth flow of information and leadership techniques. Communication and diligence are two very important aspects of making all of this work. I applaud our system of governance and those chosen to work within its dictums.

I enjoyed the Annual Planning Session held in January of this year. The revisiting of our strategic plan kept us focused and properly directed for setting the charges for the upcoming year. This exercise in leadership and vision is always the most challenging and rewarding activity of the year.

My goals for this year are to complete my journey to the western states and to better represent the members of our society. I am developing a district calendar that will inform the members of District VI of all western state unit meetings, continuing education classes

and special events scheduled for the next year. This membership benefit will make it possible for increasing an inter-state awareness of activities that may be of common interest to all of those within the WSPD, including those states and providences, not formally organized or large enough to hold their own meetings and courses. I hope to establish a District VI speaker's bureau that will tap into our incredible resources of lecturers, educators and clinicians. This will be beneficial to the smaller state units that might not have the funds to bring in name speakers from afar or may not be aware of our exceptional "local" talent.

I am very honored to be of service to our district. This has been an enriching year of experiences with rewards abounding. I look forward to 2006 with enthusiasm.

### District Organizational Activities:

The WSPD is continuing to mature, organize and follow its established mission. The first ad interim meeting for the WSPD was held on November 12, 2004 in Las Vegas, Nevada. President Lynn Fujimoto brought together a core group of District VI state leaders to discuss pressing issues that needed to be addressed prior to the AAPD Annual Session. Drs. Savide and Rutkauskus from AAPD headquarters also attended the productive gathering. Their presence added a historical perspective that helped clarify current Academy policies.

The four-hour session produced the upcoming year's budget proposal, the establishment of vital committees and final decisions regarding WSPD participation in the CSPD/District VI Annual Meeting.

Dr. Johnathan Staker led the discussions establishing a budget that clearly defines the current and expected needs of the Society. The dues, its structure, amount, collection and money management was the topic of major concern. Further re-evaluation of the dues will take place by the Finance Committee and be presented for discussion

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# WEBSITE REPORT

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Our website continues to grow in visits by our members and the general public. Since last January 2004, the number of hits to the site more than doubled to over 90,000/month. Search engines such as Google now list [cspd.org](http://cspd.org) along with [aapd.org](http://aapd.org) at the top of their results for keywords like, pediatric dentistry/dentists. If California is added, [cspd.org](http://cspd.org) comes up number one in the searches.

Visitors can get **Urgent Calls for Action** from our President and read the **Latest News** about CSPD. We can see photos of our last meeting, lists and photos of our **Leadership** and download information about the Foundation or the next meeting. If you missed the last meeting or want to review what our speakers said, you soon will be able to view these lectures again and receive CE credits as a bonus.

## CSPD Professional Opportunities

*Nhu Tran, DDS, Membership Services*

Have you been thinking about hiring an associate, but just aren't sure where to look? Or are you finishing your residency soon, and aren't sure where you'd like to live and practice? The answer is right on the CSPD website. To look at these opportunities and others, go to <http://www.cspd.org>. On the left side of the home page, click on the Professional Opportunities link from the navigation bar. You will find yourself on our growing Opportunities Page. Once there, just click on one of the tabs below to see a corresponding list of opportunities.



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and final acceptance by the membership. The proposed budget will be presented to the Western Society at the general business meeting in Orlando, Florida at the upcoming AAPD annual session. Offering discounts for military and faculty members will also be discussed and voted upon.

Dr. Marty Steigner's report stated that the communications and combined efforts shared between CSPD and WSPD were exceptionally good. This led to the successful PALS course that highlighted our CSPD annual meeting held in Monterey,

Dr. Loveridge also stated that the WSPD website is up and running. Visit it at: [www.aapd.org/district6](http://www.aapd.org/district6)

Alaskan, Dr. Mary English, came to the ad interim meeting specifically to educate our Society about the dire situation that faces the children of her beautiful state. There are simply not enough pediatric dentists and family dentists to help the underserved pediatric population. Dental Health Aid Therapists are slated to be brought to the state to perform invasive dental therapeutic procedures with a questionable amount of training and guidance. This situation, taking part within our Western Society region, demands our attention. We urge our WSPD members to become familiar with this issue and support Dr. English, and her colleagues, in addressing the needs of the children of the State of Alaska with the highest

level of competency and care.

Alaska becomes formal member of the WSPD: We are happy to announce that Alaska had its first organizational meeting on April 7, 2005 to finalize officers and bylaws. The WSPD continues to grow with the hope of including Idaho and Wyoming within its formal ranks in the upcoming year.

The WSPD held its second meeting of the year during the CSPD Annual Meeting in Monterey. The dues assessment was again high on the agenda. The final budget and dues outcome will be proposed and acted upon in Orlando, Florida. I strongly encourage all CSPD members to attend the general meeting of the WSPD and participate in the financial discussions.

Our own Dr. Jeffery Wood will be serving, in 2006, as Vice President of WSPD.

Dr. Kyle House was elected as the District VI representative to the Nominating Committee and Dr. Joseph Creech from Arizona will be the alternate.

The AAPD was put to the test recently, as were all facets of the ADA, when deep cuts were to be made in the Medicaid program. The leadership mobilized quickly to rally dentist members to get involved, take action and be heard as a cohesive and concerned group. A stream of phone calls throughout our District VI, and the entire country, proved to be the tipping point in which an amendment to the FY 2006 budget resolution halted all proposed Medicaid cuts and set up a bipartisan commission on Medicaid reform. This is where our PAC funds make a difference. This is where each one of us makes a difference. District VI leads the way in its dedication to child advocacy through our continued financial support of our AAPD Foundation and the PAC.

### Give Kids A Smile Program

Every state within our District participated in the national Give Kids A Smile program. This ADA-sponsored event has given access to dental care to thousands of children throughout the United States who otherwise would not be identified in their needs and could not establish a dental home without breaking through difficult and multiple barriers. The GKAS program is fast becoming one of the profession's most notarized endeavors and has been established as an ongoing annual event. We hope to coordinate our efforts next year to assist state units who want to expand their efforts and take a leadership role in this best practices child advocacy exercise.

The upcoming year will be a pivotal one. We will need to produce a long list of District VI leaders to fill a number of positions on councils, committees and even

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## Allied Professional Membership

CSPD has created a new membership category that is available to non-dentists in California who share in the vision and mission of the Society and its service to children.

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liaisons in this Bulletin and our website. That list will give you an indication of the work that is done by this organization on a yearly basis. I encourage you to thank these volunteers for the incredibly large amount of work they do for CSPD the next time you see them at meetings.

I am thankful for the opportunity to represent you. I look forward to an exciting and productive year.

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software will be provided so that the viewer can easily download the appropriate program. Access to the approximately six hours of lecture material will be provided free of charge for an initial period of time. Subsequent to an initial period of testing, the lectures will be made available for continuing education credit after an online payment has been received.

CSPD is very fortunate to have the cooperation of the Vodium Corporation who has been instrumental in the creation of software that delivers online multimedia education to the desktop.

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be tested. I don't want that test to be at the expense of compromising a child's life or quality of life.

A Pediatric Advanced Life Support course has a place in every annual meeting of CSPD. Not to undervalue other areas of our learning experiences at the meeting, but this is an area that has real clinical application and should be more broadly available to our members. WSPD and CSPD should be congratulated on this joint effort.



WSPD PALS course attendees

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the District itself. My tenure as District VI Trustee will come to an end in 2006. I am encouraged that many of our members have already expressed their interest in becoming more involved on the national level of governance that keeps our specialty in the forefront of dentistry. I invite everyone to please contact me and let me know if there is anything I can do to help you find a position that will hold your interest and bring you satisfaction in knowing that you have given of your talents and experience for the betterment of the children we serve. I will provide a

list of available positions as they present themselves from our AAPD leadership.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to have served you this year. This journey of governance is a humbling experience. I marvel at what we at CSPD have to offer our parent group. Representing AAPD has been exhilarating and I realize that my CSPD lineage has prepared me well. See you in Orlando.



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## STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE

— 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.

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Ms. Sina Afredi would like to offer her sincere apologies to those who would like to have heard her presentation at the annual meeting. She is sorry she missed the opportunity to speak to the young dentists. For the residents and new graduate students who missed the opportunity to hear the Matsco financial institution's representative, Ms. Sina Afredi's presentation on financing and practice management, feel free to contact Ms. Afredi to obtain the presentation information or to answer any individual questions or concerns at sina.afredi@matsco.com or (888)220-7321.

## UPCOMING MEETING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION DATES

AAPD / University of Washington Toddler Oral Health Program for your Office - Alaska Explorer Cruise Aug 28-Sept 4, 2005

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AAPD / Lifestyles & Well-being Retreat / Camelback Inn & Spa, Scottsdale, AZ / Feb 10-12, 2006

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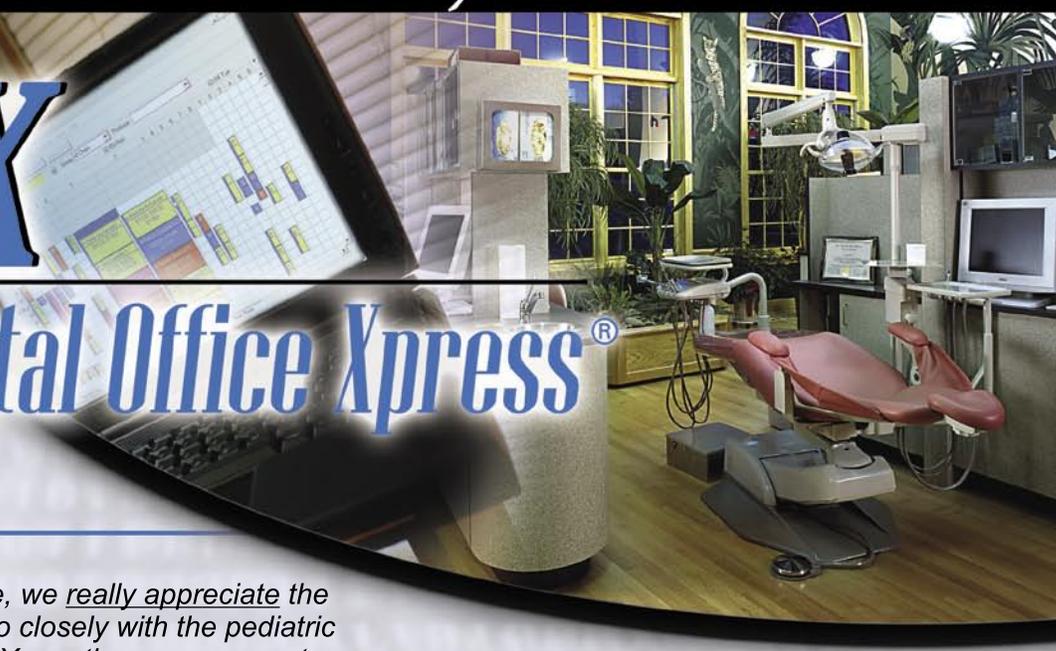
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