

# NEWSLETTER

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*President's Message.....*

*I would like to thank Tom Barber on behalf of the Society for the fine job he did as president. Under Tom's direction, it was a smooth run and progressive year for the Society.*

I would like to welcome the new Board Members: Lonnie Lovingier, Dick Adams and John Frame. I look forward to their thoughtful input as we begin our fifth year representing pediatric dentists in the State of California.

We look to the future now. Roland Hansen stated at the last Board Meeting, that we must be cognizant of the probable decrease in pedodontist/population ratios and the impact this will have on our offices. The Board has been charged with developing thoughts on increasing the public's awareness of the role of pediatric dentists.

The Board is searching out ways of improving the position of pedodontists with respect to third parties. The Board invited CDA President, Dave Gaynor (also a pedodontist) to discuss the CDA position on the 60th percentile payment basis for Denti-Cal. Although no solutions were forthcoming, the CDA president was made aware of the feelings of many pedodontists, and the Board learned of the frustration and near futility of dealing with the State. This emphasizes its need for continuous input to the State and a monitoring of their discussions.

The ad hoc insurance committee under the chairmanship of Rolf Spamer has delved into the ramifications of the various options on malpractice insurance including self-insurance of just pedodontists. Their conclusion is, that at least for now, it would be best to go along with CDA in its self-insurance program.

As changes that affect your practice, both beneficially and adversely, come up, you will be kept informed.

*Robert W. Weis, DDS*

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dr. Richard Therrell

Financial summary at June 1, 1979:

Cash on Hand	\$14,420.52	
Current Revenues	1,435.10	
Current Expenditures	<u>9,435.78</u>	
Balance on Hand Operating Account		<u>\$ 6,418.84</u>
In Savings (\$12,750.62)		

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# CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTS

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## Member Receives Award for Art Book "Painter Lady".....

Searles (Si) Boynton, a Ukiah Pedodontist and a Charter Member of CSPD, received "The Wrangler Trophy" from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and the Western Heritage Center. This award was given to him for his art book "Painter Lady." This book includes pictures of Pomo Indians Paintings, by renowned artist Grace Carpenter Hudson and commentary on her life and paintings by Searles.

The actual Wrangler Trophy itself is a replica of one of the sculptures by famed Western Artist, Charles W. Russell. This award is given in many fields of western art, books, motion pictures and television categories, for "artistic merit, integrity and outstanding achievement in portraying the spirit of the pioneers of the developing West."

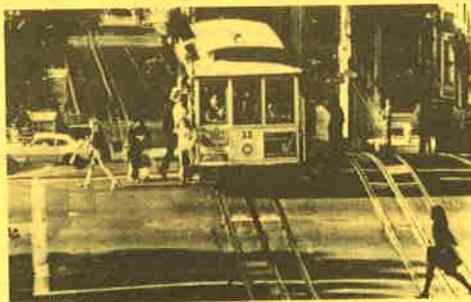
The Trophy was officially presented to Si, in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 7, 1979. Si stated that "The Painter Lady" was a hobby that turned out to be a highlight in my life. Three and one-half years of research and three years of writing, and two years work with publishers, book designers and promotion. The Cowboy Hall of Fame Western Heritage award "The Wrangler Trophy" for the best Art Book of the year was an unexpected honor that added a bit of frosting to the cake! The award ceremony was a western version of the Academy Award complete with a fully symphony orchestra, a seventy-voice choir, film strips, etc., it was the thrill of a lifetime.

Si Boynton's special interest in Grace Carpenter Hudson, and her paintings, came about by a stroll on Sutter Street in San Francisco which took him into the Maxwell Art Gallery. His interest was taken by a display of paintings of Pomo Indian women and children by Grace Hudson. Her parents had crossed the Plains in a covered wagon, and settled in Potter Valley in the middle 1800's. Grace Hudson was raised in Potter Valley and became a legendary prolific painter, concentrating on the Pomo Indians, a Dying Tribe of Indians living in a nearby area. Although Si was himself born and raised in the Potter Valley, he had never heard of Grace Hudson, but became deeply interested in her life and paintings as a result of the chance visit to the art gallery and, in 1969 decided to compile a book on her paintings and life.

Si Boynton attended the College of Physician's School of Dentistry, (U.O.P.) graduating in 1949, and was Editor of the Yearbook "Chips" that year. After graduation he studied Pedodontics under Charles Sweet, Sr. (POP), and Growth and Development under Fred West. When Si completed his year of Post-Graduate studies, he returned to Ukiah to set up a Pediatric Dentistry practice. Si has been an active pedodontist, he has attended every Pedo Research Seminar except one (back surgery, 1976). He is an active Charter Member of CSPD, and helped found the Golden Gate Pedodontic Study Club.

Si and his wife, Marge, were married in 1949. They have three grown children, Paige, Kevin and Tambi, all who have graduated from U.O.P. at Stockton. Marge read and re-read Si's writing of the commentary for his book. Si states, "I could not possibly have completed my book on 'The Painter Lady' if it had not been for Marjorie."

CSPD extends congratulations to Searles (Si) Boynton for his Award and literary achievement!



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**1 GENETICS IN DENTISTRY: ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE DENTIST, HIS PRACTICE AND HIS SOCIETY**

Dr. Ray E. Stewart, Chief, Pediatric Dentistry, Harbor General Hospital, presents a program of oral-facial genetics in the first of a series of annual lectures. Dr. Stewart's discussion will include a review of basic genetic principles, current genetic mechanisms and genetic research as well as a review of commonly expressed oral-facial anomalies. This lecture series is jointly sponsored by the *California State Society of Orthodontists* and the *California Society of Pediatric Dentists*.

**FACULTY:** Ray E. Stewart, D.M.D., M.S.  
**TUITION:** \$55 Dentist, \$45 Auxiliary

# CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTS

## FIRST CO-SPONSORED MEETING TO BE HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO!

The California Society of Pediatric Dentists and the California Society of Orthodontics will jointly sponsor an allday Seminar, on Saturday December 1st, at the University of Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco. Dr. Ray Stewart, Chief, Pediatric Dentistry, Harbor General Hospital, and a member of CSPD will present the Program on Genetics in Dentistry. This program held under the auspices of the Continuing Education Department of the University of Pacific School of Dentistry.

The concept of a yearly meeting co-sponsored by both specialty organizations, was explored by combined committees of CSPD and CSO and then unanimously approved by the Board of Directors of both societies.

It is hoped that this combined meeting will become a yearly event. If approved, next year's meeting will be held in Southern California, under the auspices of one of the Dental Schools Continuing Education Department.

The Saturday, December 1st date of this seminar should give members a good chance to visit San Francisco between the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season, and also pick up some Continuing Education Credits.

There will be a buffet luncheon served at the Dental School, Dean Arthur Dugoni will be the luncheon speaker. At the conclusion of Ray Stewart's program, there will be a hospitality time, with refreshments of coffee, fruit juice, served. This should provide a time for some friendly conversation, and perhaps renewing old friendships.

There will be another meeting notice going out from the Continuing Education Department of U.O.P. in October, however, for those who want to register early, there is an application form included in this Newsletter (see below). Permission has been given by the U.O.P. Continuing Education Department to use the form in this Newsletter.

Register early! Come to San Francisco in December; let CSPD be well-represented at our First Co-Sponsored Meeting between CSPD and CSO!

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Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_\_

A fee of \$20 will be charged to applicants who cancel less than 14 days prior to the course date. The University of the Pacific School of Dentistry's Division of Continuing Education reserves the right to limit registration and to cancel by mail or telephone any course offered no less than 2 weeks prior to the course date if circumstances make this necessary. **No refund after course date.**

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Plans are being made to hold 2 Mini Conferences for pedodontic graduate students. This will allow the students to become acquainted with the profession and CSDP and will allow the practicing pediatric dentist to become acquainted with the students.

Our Board was honored to have as its guest, CDA President Dave Gaynor. Discussion was held. (See President's Message for summary.)

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 29th at the San Francisco Airport Hilton.

*Rolf Spamer, DDS  
Secretary*

## CLINICAL OBSERVATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSED!

There will be a Research Project concerning injured and fractured primary anteriors in our offices. Dr. James Stenger is now a member of the Professional Activities Committee and will organize and gather information from those members who would like to volunteer to gather observational data, on fractured or injured primary anterior teeth.

Data gathered from offices involved in this Research Project will be organized and given statistical significance. Dr. Stenger will be sending out a request form to join this project to the membership. However, in the meantime, any member who has positive suggestions concerning such a project, please contact James Stenger in Salinas, 1055 Los Palos Drive, 93901.

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*Special Report prepared by Dr. Roland Hansen-----We think it is important!*

### "THOSE THIRTY YEARS - 1950 - 1980"

When speciality training programs in Pedodontics were "few and far between," the generalist was most often the source of dental care for the child. During those early years California was experiencing a rapid population growth and the demand for dental services was accelerating at a similar rate. Many general practitioners found themselves inadequately trained in the highly technical field of Pedodontics. Many thinking individuals realized their inadequacies and decided to seek some form of postgraduate study. That desire became a reality when membership in professional organizations created vehicle to study the techniques that were currently in vogue. A nucleus of interested professionals subsequently attracted other individuals who formed study groups to improve their skills based upon the experience of their peers. This "bootstrap" operation was ongoing and resulted in many practitioners declaring themselves to be dentists who "limited their practice." Granted certain perogatives, this group of men cared for large numbers of patients with a no-frill, drill and fill expertise. At that time, some detractors expressed the idea that basic care for the child was not exactly specialty practice, but more akin to general practice for the young. However, the quality of that care does speak well for the treatment they rendered because many practitioners flourished, presumably the result of mutual satisfaction between doctor and patient.

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"THOSE THIRTY YEARS"...continued

For many years that system functioned reasonably well until the American Dental Association modified the educational requirements for specialty practice. The effect of that edict set aside the law of supply and demand and limited the entry of "untrained" practitioners into Pedodontics. The long standing dynamic balance between patient supply and doctor availability was then upset, and imbalance at the marketplace was introduced. During this time period, the demand for Pedodontic care slowly continued to grow, never mollified by improved access to graduate specialty training. With the introduction of more graduate training programs in the late sixties and seventies, California saw the tide of doctor-patient ratios change again.

University and hospital programs now abound with eager practitioners who relish the idea of completing their graduate program and entering the job market. These people seek a responsible place in society, certainly able to admirably perform every task that comprises dental specialty practice. Unfortunately, the availability of an appropriate position has often been less than expected. Metropolitan private practice opportunities are limited with little chance that the doctor-patient ratios will significantly change for the better. Many diverse reasons could be held responsible for this dilemma. Any list of contributing factors would likely include the two which have played a major role...prevention and the reduction in birth rate. These and other economic trends have stressed the job market to such a great degree that many recent graduates have turned away from private practice to seek institutional positions.

Some specialists who enjoy successful practices may feel little or no compassion for the difficulties faced by the recent graduate since they may have experienced similar distress when they opened the front door for the first time. If we are able to concede that there is a distinct lack of opportunity in metropolitan private practice, and further that the character of practice is changing, should we not inquire about the possible impact of such changes and seek appropriate solutions?

We have been traditionally identified with those specialties that treat the child patient. Should we not be aware that their problems are also our own? If such inquiry is appropriate in other closely related dental specialties, can we remain aloof to the facts of economic pressure?

Solutions to complex problems come after the application of careful analysis and deliberation by qualified individuals. As with many difficult decisions, the statement of the facts surrounding an issue can often present a task that overshadows the solution. It could be suggested that the delineation of our corporate priorities should be paramount in our thoughts. Pedodontics must do it...no other group of people should have primary responsibility.

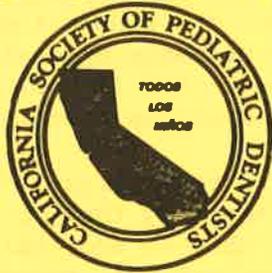
Serious questions surrounding the future viability of practice have been voiced by experienced people in the profession. If we recognize that legitimate questions remain unanswered, we can begin to seek responsible answers to those questions.

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