
The Bulletin



Birmingham District Dental Society

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DATE: February 2, 2010

PLACE: The Summit Club

TIMES: Hospitality Hour 5:30

Dinner and Program: 6:30

SPEAKER: Patricia DeVilliers, D.D.S., M.S.

TOPIC: "Biopsy Technique for Every Dental Practice"

Dr. DeVilliers received her D.D.S. from the Colombian School of Dentistry in 1983, then a Certificate in Oral Pathology in 2006 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to that, she was in private practice of general dentistry for more than ten years in Denver. She is now an assistant professor in the Department of Pathology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. DeVilliers is renowned nationally and internationally as a speaker on topics related to head and neck pathology.

Her lecture will be on lesions that represent a dilemma in terms of diagnosis, biopsy and treatment. By the end of the program, the audience will have a greater understanding of the diagnostic process of oral lesions from the clinical presentation to the pathology report. You will receive up to date information on the different oral diagnosis and biopsy techniques.

The Summit Club is located downtown at 1901 Sixth Avenue North. Take Sixth Avenue North and turn left down into the Regions-Harbert Parking Garage. From there, take the elevator to the first floor and then the other elevator to the 31st floor. Our menu will include The Summit Club salad with dried cranberries, roasted pecans, bleu cheese tossed in vinaigrette, roasted sirloin with wild mushroom sauce, chef's vegetables, dinner rolls, and chocolate mocha torte. Please return your check by Thursday before the meeting. Or give us a call at 933-1718 if you can't get it in the mail.

Advance Reservations: \$40.

Tickets at the Door: \$42.

PLEASE WELCOME Dr. Patricia DeVilliers who is not only our speaker tonight, but is also joining the dental society. Also Dr. Tom Butts is returning to membership and brings his son-in-law Dr. Mladen Zekic, who has been an orthodontic resident in Colorado.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year!

I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season. We had a great January short course and will have four more evening meetings this year. I have had many positive comments on our new location. If you have an opinion on this, please feel free to contact me.

We have a need in our VA Medical Center for donations to help our returning veterans. They can use toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, combs, playing cards or other items that could make their stay here more comfortable. Please either call my office for pick-up of items you can donate or bring them to our February District Meeting.

Cheers,
Roy

HELP FOR THE NEEDY - After Dr. Christine Abenoja removed the brackets (which had been on six years) from a learning disabled young man who was about to enter a training program for a job, she said we needed to find someone to do a deep cleaning for him. Dr. Richard Vest stepped forward to help with that. Dr. Barry Goodspeed has set aside two Thursday afternoons to see some of those on our outreach list. Dr. Kevin Alexander took care of a case recommended by the social worker at Children's Hospital and two others. Dr. Richard Morgan fixed dentures for another lady. Please call our office at 933-1718 if you can help with any of the folks on our list.

DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB members will hear Randal Barnett-Vanisia Bland speak on "Digital X-Rays - Position Class - Eagle Soft" at their Feb. 8 meeting in Volker Hall at 6 p.m. Contact Becky Walters at 823-5554 for info.

The Eastern Dental Hygiene Study Club will hear Dr. Jon Holmes speak on pathology at the First Baptist Church in Trussville (Blythe Building) Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.

They will have a CPR session Sat. Feb. 20 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with George Duncan and Scott Watkins instructing, also at the Blythe Building. Cost: \$25.00. Please Call Karen Jackson at 655-4319 for further information.

WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY go to Dr. Bob Hamric who is recovering at home following open heart surgery on Dec. 14. He had a quadruple bypass operation and is recovering a little every day. He hopes to return to work at Warrior family dentistry part-time Jan. 25. He says "God Bless and Happy New Year."

RETIREMENT —Dr. Steve Shepherd retired a few months ago due to medical reasons and sold his practice to the Crossings Dental Group. We wish him well!



GIVE KIDS A SMILE! 2010

BDDS Members:

GKAS has had seven years of tremendous success! Our members have provided dental care for more than 1100 children who would not have had access to dental care. In 2008, we introduced changes which allowed you to participate in this event from the comfort of your private office. This change has been very successful, and we plan to continue and improve this approach.

This year, we need volunteer dentists to commit to seeing patients in their private offices for a cleaning/screening appointment and one operative visit. UAB School of Dentistry will not be providing a screening/cleaning event this year. Therefore, it is up to our members to conduct this event within our offices.

I can provide you with a 'limited doctor/patient relationship' consent

documents for use when seeing patients. United Way of Central Alabama will spread flyers through local schools and health clinics advertising the event. I will submit a list of volunteer dentists to United Way. Our contact will then call volunteer dentists with contact information. Their staff can schedule appointments with the GKAS patients, who are between the ages of five and 12 years old. Dentists may specify if they are comfortable seeing patients eight and older or all- age patients. Translators are available for patients from our Hispanic community.

Please call me or e-mail me if you can help with Give Kids A Smile!

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OVER THE TOP! Meredith Watkins, our liaison with United Way, says our dental division has raised \$65,900, well exceeding our goal of \$62,000. "Dr. Kent and her team did a fantastic job of reaching out to the *Dentist Community*," she adds. Of the total raised, \$12,400 came from 17 new contributors. "I wish that 'Thank You' could encompass the gratitude I have in my heart for the generosity within our community."

TRI-STATE INSTITUTE, located at 100 London Parkway, is applying for ADA/CODA initial accreditation for its dental hygiene program.

There will be a site visit Feb. 18.

Tri-State also has a dental assisting program with financial aid available for those who qualify. It is a branch campus of the Tri-State Business Institute located in Erie, PA.

For more information, contact Carolyn Greene at (205) 940-7791 or cgreene@edaff.com.

OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE will be selected at the February 2 meeting. They will be looking for future officers of the society and then reporting back at our March meeting. If you have prospects in mind, please speak up or volunteer yourself. The committee consists of seven members. Your suggestions to the chairman of the committee would be most welcome.

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Thank you again for your support of the oral health education program I realized in Nicaragua during Oct. 12-16. It was a great success and we had 276 women and children attend eight oral health and hygiene lectures! We also distributed 590 toothbrushes and 910 mini toothpastes, among other dental supplies. Attached is a letter from the NGO I worked with in Nicaragua. I've translated it since it was written in Spanish.

Thank you for all you contributed to this project!

Natasha Varma

Dear BDDS,

The founding members of the Nicaraguan NGO "Group for Women Sacuanjoche" thank you for your support of our social development program which aids resource-poor populations in our city. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated. I take this opportunity to greet you and to wish you continued success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Elba Urbina Chavarro
Director
Grupo de Mujeres Sacuanjoche

DR. DAVID SARVER is our Dentist of The Year -2009. He was named at our December meeting at The Summit Club. He was nominated by two members and approved by the Executive Council.

"If he is one of (if not) the most famous dentist in the world, how could he not be the

most famous dentist in our district" said one nominator.

Dr. Sarver was cited for his presentations to dentists, not just specialists. He has given more than 300 professional presentations in the United States, Europe, Australia and the Middle and Far East including both the Salzman and Merson Lectures at the AAO. He has also addressed the Hinman meeting, the Chicago Midwinter Meeting, the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the annual meeting of the American Dental Association, the California Dental Association, the Alabama Dental Association, and the Birmingham District Society (three times in the past two years.)

In addition to his private practice, Dr. Sarver has authored or co-authored more than 60 articles, 14 book chapters, and his book: "Esthetics in Orthodontics and Orthognathic Surgery" (1998.) He is also co-author of the surgical text "Contemporary Treatment of Dentofacial Deformity" published by Mosby, and co-author of the fourth edition of Proffit's classic textbook "Contemporary Orthodontics", the most widely used text in U.S. dental schools for undergraduate teaching.

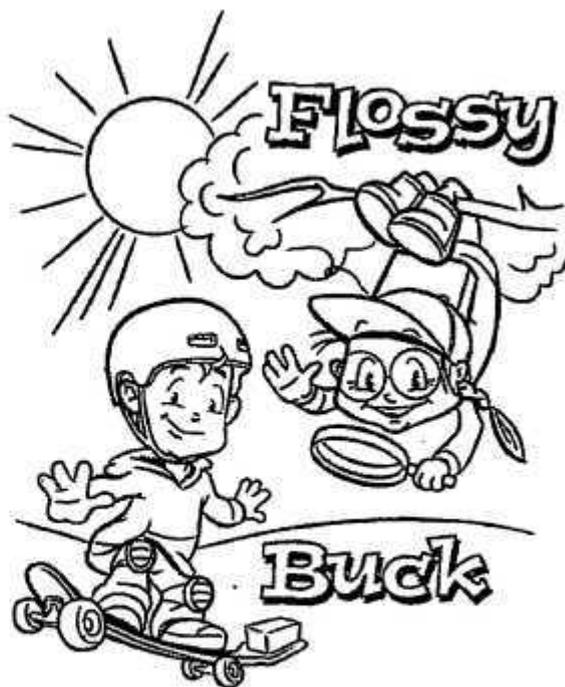
In 2004, he won the B.F. Dewel Award for the best clinical article in the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. He also serves on the Dean's Advisory Committee for the University of Alabama School of Dentistry

Dr. Roy Smith presented Dr. Sarver with the plaque commemorating this award. He joins the ranks of Drs. Lee Ferguson, Milton Essig, Kent Palcanis, Charles McCallum, Red Stevens, George Petznick, Bill Lawson, Robert Porter and Calvin Mcculloh.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH --

The McGrinn twins, Flossy and Buck, remind children "For a Sparkly Smile, Remember to Brush and Floss Every Day!" on this year's National Children Dental Health Month's posters. On the opposite side, pre-teens and teens are encouraged to "Rock Your Smile" with general oral health messages. These colorful posters will be available at our Feb. 2 meeting.

For those, planning to visit schools, there are suggestions, activity sheets, and arty items to use in the classroom presentations. Go to www.ada.org/goto/ncdhm to download what you need. As usual, the dental society has videos and puppets with articulating teeth available to demonstrate brushing and flossing. Just call our office if you want to pick up any materials. That's 205-933-1718.



National Children's Dental Health observances began with a one-day event in Cleveland, Ohio and a one-week even in Akron, Ohio during February 1941. Since then, the event has grown into a nationwide program. The single day became a week long in 1955 and grew to a month-long celebration in 1981.

NCDHM messages reach millions of people in communities across the country and at numerous armed service bases. Observances include posters, coloring and essay contests, health fairs, free dental screenings, museum exhibits, classroom presentations and dental office tours.

DENTIST NEEDED FOR NICARAGUA!

Dr. Rodolfo Vargas of UAB's Internal Medicine, Diabetes and Endocrinology Division has asked that we try to find a dentist interested in Nicaraguan Health mission to Granada Jan. 29 to Feb. 6. Dr. Iradj Sooudi has been filling this need for several years, but is unable to go this year. The trip which costs about \$1600 is tax deductible and spouses can come along. If interested in details, please call Dr. Sooudi at 877-2931 or Dr. Vargas at 877-2960.

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