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## The Bulletin



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## Birmingham District Dental Society

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**DATE:** May 4, 2010  
**PLACE:** The Summit Club  
**TIMES:** Hospitality Hour 5:30  
Dinner and Program: 6:30  
**SPEAKER:** Huw Thomas, B.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.

**TOPIC: "Access to Care"**

Dr. Thomas, dean of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, will speak to us on the timely issue of access to care. He has been at UAB since 2004 following his service as professor and chairman, Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio from 1992 to 2003. In 1985, he received the NIH New Investigator Research Award. He has presented more than 100 lectures and continuing education courses throughout the United States, Europe and Asia and published some 150 articles and abstracts. His own research is in the areas of tooth development, nutrition and infant oral health. He currently serves as chair, Council of Deans of the American Dental Education Association. We welcome Dr. Thomas to our podium.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> floor. Our menu will include Caesar salad with croutons and homemade dressing with Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, oven-roasted grouper with asparagus risotto and tomato butter, chef's vegetables, dinner rolls, and key lime pie. 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. You will receive one hour of c.e. credit in public health dentistry for this program.**

**Advance Reservations: \$40.  
Tickets at the Door: \$42.**

**PLEASE WELCOME** Dr. Keith Dillard, new member, who practices in Pelham, and Dr. Gary Petro, Sumiton practitioner.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This has been a very interesting year for our profession. I've enjoyed having the honor of serving as president of our Society, and I thank each of you for your help and encouragement over the last year.

I want to thank Dr. Guy Rosenstiel and Dr. Burton Gooch for the excellent job they've done in providing outstanding programs for the meetings. We are very fortunate to have the quality of continuing education we've had this year. The change in venue to the Summit Club has brought many members to the meetings who had difficulty in making the drive down I-65 in "rush hour." I've been especially pleased to see the influx of new members and the welcome they've received by our Society.

Our profession is an esteemed profession. The trust our patients display in us is consistently higher than many of our sister professions and other businesses. That trust cannot be violated, and we must always strive to practice ethically, seeking to help those in need, and treating our patients with the highest degree of professionalism. We must also treat each other with the same respect and veracity. While we will not agree on everything, we work best when we work together for a common good. That often requires ethical compromise to reach accord on matters of importance. Our profession has diversity in race, sex, religion, age and expertise. There is no "average" dentist.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as president. I could not have done this job without the help of the Executive Council and Carolynne Scott. I am also grateful to the various committee chairman and members who do the day-to-day work of our profession.

**Make room for me on the back row.**

Cheers,

Roy

**BIRMINGHAM DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB** members will hear Dr. Debbie Sema speak on "Treating Patients with Tongue Thrust/Open Bite" at their May 10 meeting in Volker Hall at 6 p.m. Contact Becky Walters at 823-5554 for more information.

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## Giving Kids a Smile for 7 years in a Row!



**GIVE KIDS A SMILE! OUTREACH** resulted in treatment for 95 children. It was a team effort between United Way's Success by Six headed by Beth Johns, the Jefferson County Department of Health, represented by Drs. Teri Chafin and Martha Wallace Dawson; Cahaba Valley Health Care's Edwina Taylor and Lynn Headley; the University of Alabama School of Dentistry represented by Dr. Steve Wallace and Dr. John Thornton, the Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama's Ana Cyphers, and our society with Dr. Angel Rohner, Carolynne Scott and participating dentists. Plans for next year began in a meeting at United Way April 13. There are a few children still to be seen. Special thanks go to our volunteers: Drs. Preston Reynolds, Fred Smith, Lisa Miller, Kevin Alexander, Jerry Parker, Angel Rohner, Harold Ceitlin, Lisa Wilson, Elizabeth Jackson, Victor Kyatt, Steve Mitchell, Barry Goodspeed and Roy Smith.

**NECROLOGY AT MAY MEETING - Dr. Toxey Dorsett will memorialize our dentists who have passed away this past year. As usual, this is an event not to be missed!**

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**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** is one of the traditional highlights of our May meeting. This year, Dr. Red Stevens, past president and delegate to the American Dental Association will do the honors. Going up through the chairs will be Drs. Leigh Kent to president; Robert Rudolph to president-elect; Milton Essig to vice president and Maureen Pezzementi to secretary. Ascending to treasurer from the Executive Council will be Dr. Gerry Walker, and new to the Executive Council is Dr. Christine Abenoja. Delegates to the state meeting 2011 - 2014 are Drs. Karen McCaffery, Hunter Pope, Gia Brothers, Charles Baldone, Burton Gooch, Milton Essig and Elizabeth Jackson. Alternate delegates for 2011 are Drs. Wilson Wright, Kim Carr, Paul Petznick and Frank Melazzo. New to the Peer Review committee beginning in 2011 are Drs. Paul Koch and Adolphus Jackson.

A **NEW WEB SITE** has been unveiled by the American Dental Association after a year and a half of research, planning and design. "The new ADA.org provides enhanced navigation tools and easier access to the wealth of oral health information we have online," said dr. Ronald L. Tankersley, ADA president. Tools needed for practice management and continuing education as well as news about the latest developments in oral health care are available. Also, questions and answers about the National Health Care Reform Law have recently been posted.

**DR. STEVE SHEPHERD** said several dentists have inquired as to the cause of his disability, which resulted in his retirement. He has diabetic retinopathy, Parkinson's disease and diabetes - Type 1.

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**THE UAB SCHOOL OF NURSING presented Dr. Charles McCallum and family with the Alice L. McCallum Endowed Nursing Scholarship Resolution April 20 at a special reception honoring the memory of Mrs. McCallum. Memorial contributions were so generous that it was possible to create a scholarship soon after her death. We received a letter of thanks for our BDDS contribution.**

**OUR MENTORING PROGRAM** links dentists five years or less out of school with seasoned dentists. If you'd like to participate, please contact Dr. Victor Kyatt at [vickyattdmd@yahoo.com](mailto:vickyattdmd@yahoo.com). The partnership aims to provide young doctors with someone who can provide answers, encouragement and direction while giving career professionals the opportunity to give back to their profession and leave lasting impressions on future generations. There are no time nor monetary demands.

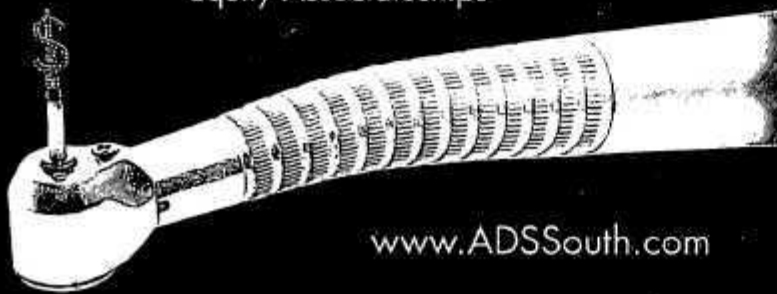
**The 78th ANNUAL Alabama Dental Hygienists' Association Session, sponsored by Henry Schein Dental, will be April 30 and May 1 at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Spa in Huntsville. Special topics will be Ergonomics and the Periodontic/Orthodontic Connection on Friday and "So You Want To Be A Periodontal Therapist" and Premeditated Dental Hygiene on Saturday. For details, please visit [www.aladha.org](http://www.aladha.org) or contact Kim Williams at [kimw2@bellsouth.net](mailto:kimw2@bellsouth.net)**

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**OUR DELEGATES TO ALDA and the annual meeting June 8-13 will be Drs. Roy Smith and Leigh Kent, ex-officio, Deborah Rigsby, Carol Miles, Adolphus Jackson, Gerry Walker, Iradj Sooudi, John Collier, Janice Jackson, Guy Rosenstiel, Melissa Nix, Matthew Litz, Red Stevens and Maureen Pezzementi. Changes might be introduced that will affect our district, so it is very important to have our full contingent present. If you cannot attend, please call Carolynne at 933-1718. Alternate delegates are Drs. Don Englebert, Holt Gray, George Petznick, Paul Petznick, Hunter Pope, and Debbie Sema.**

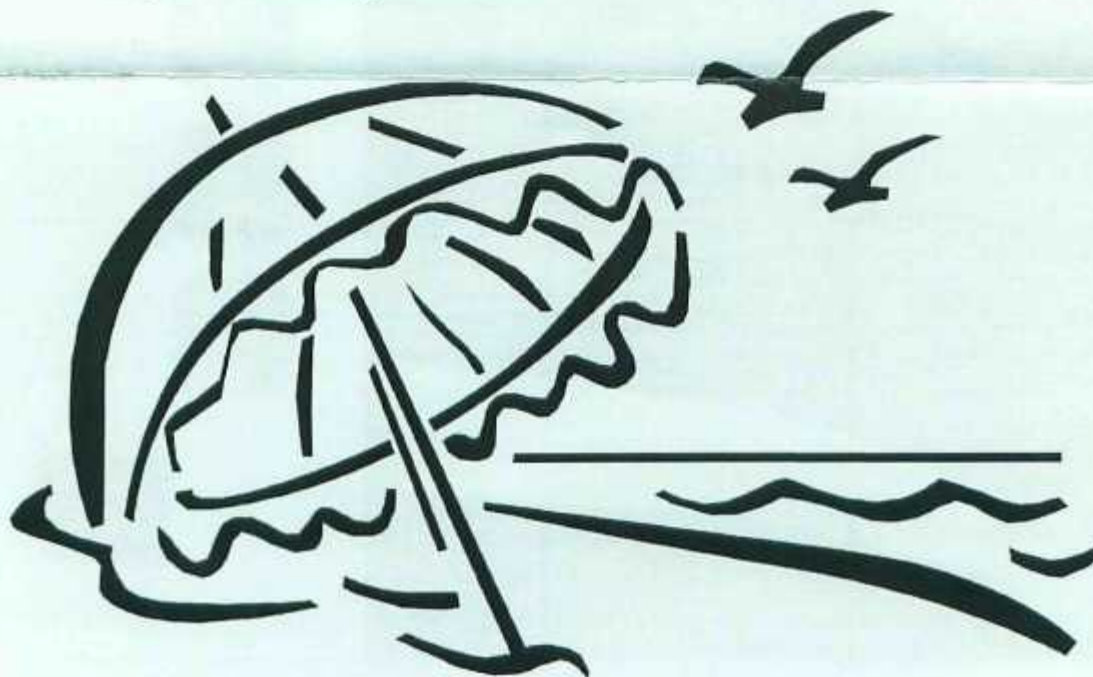
**OUR PRESIDENT, Dr. Roy Smith, would like for us to contribute items for Veterans' Hospital patients each month at our meeting. Needed are toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash, combs, playing cards, shave cream, disposable razors, ball point pens, note pads and playing cards. Mr. George Raburn, formerly with Mutual Assurance, is spearheading this drive and has asked for dentists to help our veterans. Please bring donations to our May meeting.**

Also needed are two nearly new dental chairs for Alabama Granada Clinica, the mission in Nicaragua which Dr. Iradj Sooudi assists each February. Dr. Rodolfo Vargas has asked us for the chairs. Call Dr. Sooudi at 877-2931 if you can help.

**IN THE NEWS** --One of our newest members, Dr. Mladen Zekic, who practices orthodontics in Hoover was featured in The Birmingham News recently, and our recently deceased member Dr. Frank Vines was celebrated in memoir of his life and service to the community.

**LITTLE ISAAC and his mother are worried about whether his jaw needs to be broken before orthodontic treatment. His case has been referred by Children's Hospital. If one of our orthodontists will give them a decision on this and possibly follow-up care, they will be grateful. Please call Carolynne at 933-1718.**

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