
The Bulletin



Birmingham District Dental Society

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DATE: February 1, 2011

PLACE: The Summit Club

TIMES: Risk Management Seminar 5:00

Hospitality Hour 5:30

Dinner and Program 6:15

SPEAKER: Keith Kinderknecht, D.M.D., F.A.C.P.

TOPIC: "TMD – A Practical Screening Process"

Dr. Kinderknecht is a professor in the Department of Prosthodontics and Director of Advanced Education in Prosthodontics at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. He received his D.M.D. with distinction from the University of Kentucky in 1971 and a certificate in prosthodontics with distinction from the National Naval Dental Center in Bethesda, MD. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics. He has been working in the areas of dental occlusion and articulation, mandibular movement, and TMD for more than 40 years. He is past chair of the American Alliance of TMD Organizations, consultant to the Graduate Prosthodontic Program at the National Naval Dental Center, and a member of the American Equilibration Society. He was named outstanding faculty member at the Oral Roberts University School of Dentistry in 1979 and placed first in the John J. Sharry Prosthodontic Research Competition in 1991. You will learn what TMD is, its Epidemiology, the medico-legal aspects of TMD and how to screen for it..

The Summit Club is located at 1901 Sixth Avenue North. Take the driveway off Sixth Avenue down into the Harbert-Regions Parking Garage, then the elevator to the 1st Floor and the main elevator to the 31st Floor. We will have plated dinners for this meeting. The menu will include Caesar salad with croutons and house-made dressing with parmigiano reggiano, walnut crusted chicken with honey cream sauce, Chef's vegetables, dinner rolls, iced tea and coffee and an apple brandy cheesecake tart. Please return your check by Thursday before the meeting.

Advance Reservations: \$40

Tickets at the Door \$42

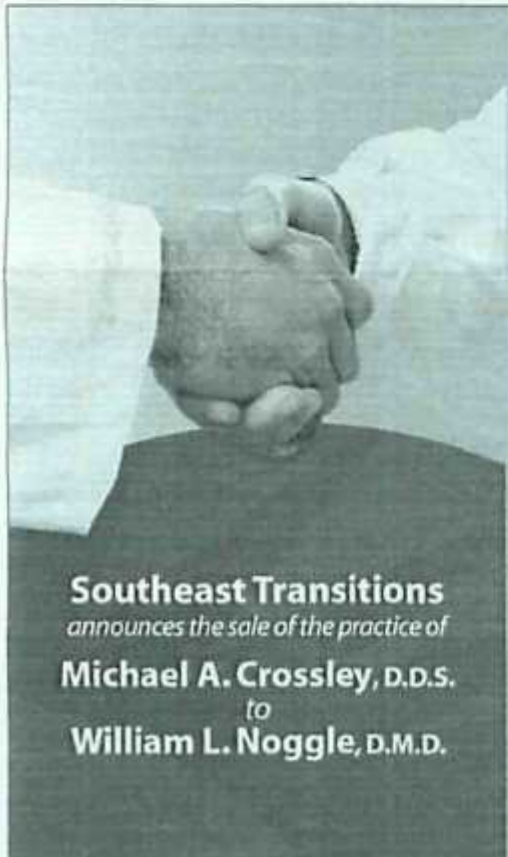


President's Message

Seated Dinners are Back!

Thanks for all the positive comments about the Tuesday night meetings. According to the surveys, the overwhelming majority of you said that the most important thing that we do at the meetings is try to end the meetings by 7:15 to 7:30 pm. Yet, several of you really voiced a desire for the seated meal. So, we are attempting to meet the needs of as many members as we can. At the last dinner, we decided to bring back the seated meal. However, in order to attempt to complete the meeting by 7:15pm, this meant that we were eating while the speaker was giving his lecture. I know this is not the ideal setting for some speakers, but if it is a solution that satisfies as many members as possible, I am in hopes that as long as the speaker is made aware of this format, they are less likely to be offended that there is some noise, and we can have the meals that some really want and can finish at a time many of you want.

Another issue for the meetings is the cost of the meetings and the fact that we have slightly lost money at the last two Tuesday night meetings. At least part of the reason for this is that we are being charged by the Summit for members who say they are going to attend, but do not attend and do not pay. We have to tell the Summit how many members are attending a day or two prior to the meeting and the Summit charges us based on that number. We, in turn, tell the



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

Summit how many people are coming based on your RSVP's. Therefore, it is very important for us to have an accurate count of the number of you who are attending each meeting. For instance, if just two people RSVP that they are coming and then aren't able to attend and don't send a check for the meal, we lose approximately \$40. My hope is that by getting everyone to understand this situation we can resolve the problem without any further changes and just getting the word out. A proposal has been made to RSVP and prepay prior to attending. Under such a scenario, in an effort to not raise the dinner fee, no refunds would be given after the final head count has been submitted to the Summit. On a related note, I know some of you would prefer to attend but not pay for a meal. For you, we are looking at a potential different fee schedule where you could attend and hear some, or all, of the lecture, but not eat. Of course, a fee will still be necessary to cover the cost of the lecture.

As for the next meeting, we are very fortunate to have Dr. Kinderknecht from UAB speaking to us this month. He is to follow up on the talk that Dr. DeWitt Wilkerson gave us from the Dawson institute by walking us through the aspects of a TMJ exam. I ask that you please encourage potential members to attend as this will be an excellent lecture.


Thank you again for all the constructive suggestions and support that we have received this year. I believe it is the role of the President of the BDDS to do three things concerning the past, present and future. As for the past, I believe it is important to attempt to carry out the ideas that have been implemented in past as best we can. As for the present, I believe it is important to look for ways to improve on things we are doing – especially given the current economic condition we are in. As for the future, it is my hope that we leave the BDDS in a better condition than when we started – both financially and with our membership – and we begin to identify ideas that we may not be able to accomplish this year, but are able to accomplish in the future.

Leigh Kent

A Healthy Smile? It's Easy To Find Remember to Brush and Floss Everyday!

February is just around the corner, and the American Dental Association can help you with activity sheets for use in classrooms you visit or with your own patients. Go to www.ada.org/goto/ncdhtm to download what you need.

BDDS has videos and puppets with articulating teeth to help demonstrate brushing and flossing. We also have a small TV to play the video. Please call 933-1718 to schedule a pick up.



February is National Children's Dental Health Month

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Dentist Volunteers Needed

GKAS has had eight years of tremendous success! Our members have provided dental care for more than 1100 children who would not otherwise 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 was very successful, and we plan to continue and improve on 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. So far, two have volunteered.

GKAS patients are between the ages of five and 16 years old. And, volunteer dentists should feel free to specify if they are comfortable seeing patients eight and older or all age patients. Approximately 40% of past GKAS patients have come from our Hispanic community, and translators are available through Cahaba Valley Health Care (991-8771) if necessary.

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

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Sincerely,
Kevin J. Alexander, D.M.D.
(205) 871-7361

A **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will be elected at our February meeting. The first person nominated will be the chairman, and the next six will make up the committee. Be thinking of someone you'd like to see serve.

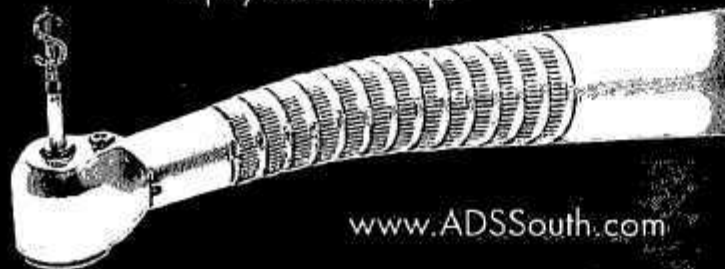
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RISK MANAGEMENT – Mr. Thom C. Phelps, Jr., vice president, Loss Prevention Services for ProAssurance, will give a Risk Management Seminar at 5 p.m. prior to our February 1 meeting at The Summit Club. Policy holders will get a 10% discount on their premiums for attending.
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EXTERNSHIPS –Tri-State Institute seeks externships for its dental assisting graduates who complete their course work Feb. 21. There will be at least 14 girls available. They would be in your office available for work for six weeks or 180 hours. These services would be free. Deborah Callahan, coordinator, says they could fax or e-mail resumes to you to look over ahead of time or arrange an interview for you on their campus at 100 London Parkway, Suite 150. It's a great way to try out a new employee and see if she fits in.

Please call Deborah at 718-6967 for further information.

MOBILE AREA DENTAL SOCIETY will hear a program by Dr. Brian Smith on "Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office" Friday March 18 at the Battle House Hotel from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m..

IRMINGHAM DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB will hear Dr. Merrie Ramp speak on "Posture in Ergonomics" Feb. 7 at their meeting in Volker Hall at 6 p.m. Contact Becky Walters at 823-5554 for more information.

THE EASTERN DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB will welcome Dr. Andrew Duckett speaking on "Periodontal Treatment of the Gummy Smile" Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Blythe Building at Trussville's First Baptist Church.

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