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## The Bulletin



## Birmingham District Dental Society

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**DATE:** January 4, 2011

**PLACE:** The Summit Club

**TIMES:** Hospitality Hour 5:30  
Dinner and Program 6:15

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Mark Yanosky

**TOPIC:** "Hitting A Moving Target: The Impact of Time on Occlusion"

**One of the biggest challenges in dentistry is maintaining a stable occlusal result long-term. Improved understanding of craniofacial growth has helped to explain why orthodontic results aren't always stable and some restorations require modifications over time. In this lecture, Dr. Mark Yanosky will detail how the fourth dimension, time, impacts your results. Dr. Yanosky was born and raised in Huntsville and received his B.S. in Chemistry from Birmingham-Southern College in 1995. He graduated in 1999 from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry where he was the Dean's Medal recipient and went on to receive his M.S. in orthodontics at the University of Iowa in 2001. In addition to his private practice in Homewood, he is an adjunct assistant professor at UAB and has lectured nationally and internationally on a variety of orthodontic topics. He lives with his wife Jenny and their three children in Vestavia Hills.**

**The Summit Club is located at 1901 Sixth Avenue North. We will return to plated dinners for this meeting. The menu will include the club salad with dried cranberries, roasted pecans and bleu cheese in balsamic vinaigrette dressing, grilled London broil with caramelized onions and mushroom jus, Chef's vegetables, dinner rolls, iced tea and coffee and blueberry bread pudding. Please return your check by Thursday before the meeting.**

**Advance Reservations: \$40**

**Tickets at the Door \$42**

**PLEASE WELCOME** our new members: Drs. Barbara Anderson, who practices in Cahaba Heights; Michael O'Neill Meador, Midfield practitioner; Austin Powell, Hoover pedodontist; and Tara Jernigan Wheeler who practices in Trussville.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we read in the last ALDA E-News, there continues to be a call for participation by Alabama dentists to make decisions which will result in a win-win for public safety and for dentists, present and future. The following is an excerpt from the ALDA E-News.

The Special Committee has been asked by the ALDA Council on Legislation to take comments from ALDA members on possible Ethical Guidelines for the BDEA. The Special Committee plans to schedule several Town Hall meetings around the State to hear member comments on all issues.

Members of the Special Committee are Dr. Alvin "Red" Stevens, Chair; ALDA President Dr. Deborah Bishop; Renea Chapman, Hygienist; Dr. Randy Hawkins; Dr. Bill Ingram; Dr. Jerome Scales; Dr. Roy Smith; SOD Dean Dr. Huw Thomas; Dr. Gerry Walker; and ALDA Executive Director Dr. Zack Studstill (ex-officio.)

**Therefore, I encourage members to continue to attend meetings and voice your suggestions and concerns. We have been active this year in shaping decisions that are being made, but many decisions remain. And the best decisions are made when there is active involvement of all those who are affected by the decision-making process. This is one of the beauties and fundamental principles of our state and national democracy. Members can partake in the political process in many different ways. For example, ALDA recently sent an e-mail alert to contact our legislators regarding a change in how insurance companies are viewed. The links were provided making this an easy but powerful way to lessen the grip that insurance companies have on patients and dentists.**

The purposes of ethics guidelines for the Board of Dental Examiners is to show that we are acting responsibly as we self-elect those who also discipline us. This is a privilege lost by many other states. It is important that those who are protecting the interest of public safety are not the same as those in offices which are protecting the interests of dentists. Continue making an impact on your profession.

Leigh Kent

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## Give Kids A Smile! 2011

BDDS Members,

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.

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 8 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 if necessary.

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

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**SINCERE SYMPATHY** goes to Dr. Bill Lawson in the loss of his wife Ann. They had been married for 61 years. She is survived by their son William M. Lawson, Jr. and daughters Barbara Ann, Betty Vance and Rebecca Sue Lawson. The funeral was at Ridout's Valley Chapel Dec. 9. Any memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure or to the Mountain Chapel United Methodist Church, 2541 Rocky Ridge Rd., Birmingham, AL 35243.

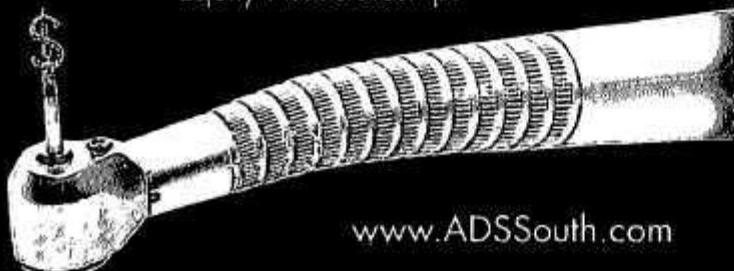
**DENTIST OF THE YEAR** – The Executive Council has unanimously chosen the award winner and will make the announcement at the May 3 meeting at The Summit Club.

**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. Mr. Phelps received his Bachelor of Political Science degree in 1974 from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He has served as the Senior Regional Claims Manager in Alabama and as the chairman for the Continuing Education Committee in the Claims Department. He has been in the insurance industry since 1979 and with ProAssurance since 1985. Attendees at this meeting prior to our general meeting will receive a discount on their premiums.

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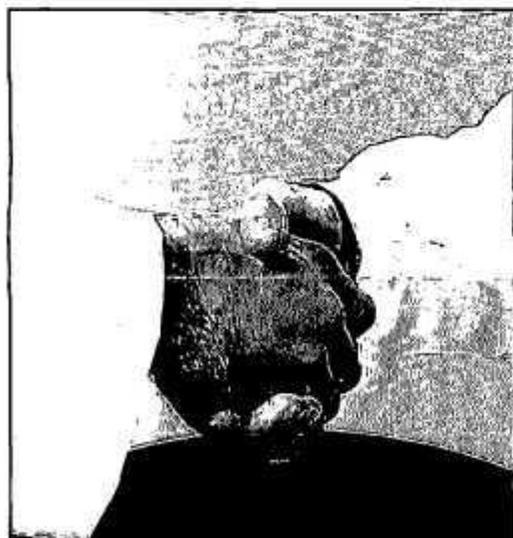
**CAHABA VALLEY HEALTH CARE'S** Executive Director, Mrs. Edwina Taylor, visited our November meeting to recognize the dentists who have volunteered time in 14 screenings, 14 dental clinics, and seven extraction clinics this past year. Each dentist receives one c.e.u. for four hours in the dental clinic and five c.e.u.'s for screenings (usually two and one-half hours of work.)

Those presented with a framed certificate were Drs. Kevin Alexander, Rocklin Alling, Elizabeth Booth, Robert Bradford, Roleen Bright, Rachelle Brown, Stephen Burge, Kim Carr, Jeanifer Castenada-Tan, Noel Childers, Jack Clark, Madeline Coar, John Collier, Robert Connor, Jon Curtis, Andrew Duckett, Ted Evans, Barry Goodspeed, Todd Honea, Yung Tsun Hsu, Dino Jacovides, Leigh Kent, Raquel Mazer, Charles McCallum, Jr., Lisa Miller, Lillian Mitchell, Jennifer Morrissey-Patton, Marc Moulton, Toni Neumeier, Kent Palcanis, Jim Pignataro, Teresa Ray-Connell, James Sanderson, Robert Sanderson, Debbie Sema, Somsak Sittatavornwong, Red Stevens, Grady

Swicord, Stephen Thomas, Ray Thornton, John Thornton, Belinda Waldo, Carl Walker, Daniel Weese, Justin Zellmer and Ken Zouhary.

CVHC is leaving its trailer for Dr. Kevin Sims' former office. A recent E-mail alerted you to the equipment they need. They are planning to have 16 screenings next year.

**INSTRUMENTS FOR NICARAGUAN HEALTH** - Dr. Rodolfo Vargas would appreciate your donation of any instruments or equipment in good working condition for his annual February mission trip. Please contact Dr. Iradj Sooudi at 877-2931 If you can spare anything.



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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 ten 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. They also train medical billing and coding students who could work for you. Please call her at 718-6967 for further information.



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## **WE GET MAIL!**



The Lovelady Center at 7916 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South is the temporary home for ladies who have made mistakes, paid their time and now want to prove themselves to re-enter the world. We have free, on-site, medical, dental and optometry clinics. I started the clinic in late August, but our first official "clinic" was September 17. We try to work there every other Friday. We need some help! There are 344 ladies housed at The Lovelady Center (TLC) and because of their prior methamphetamine use, we are having to extract all teeth on girls from 22 years of age and up. It breaks your heart.

We have one room with a fully operational unit, chair, light. By January, we should have a second room operational that is every bit as good. A third 'triage' room has an *old* barber chair and our only x-ray machine. We have a small chair side developer, and I've tried as money allows, to stock the small office, but it's hard to remember everything you need.

**Needs: 1. You** – if you can come on a Friday at 9 a.m. for half a day or stick around until 6 or 6:30 p.m. as we have.

**2. Any functional, old equipment that you have.** We don't have money to *fix* things.

**3. Any access to a dental lab.** We try to get the ladies who can to pay lab charges.

**4. Your prayers.**

As of now, we have two practicing dentists, one retired dentist, and two hygienists.

For any information, call Dr. W.D. Powell, 823-0770; Dr. John Jayne 995-5154; Dr. Chris McCallum 824-0018.

I look forward to hearing from you and serving with you.

**Bill Powell**

**DARBY DENTAL** makes quarterly contributions to BDDS based on how much our members spend with them. The most recent gift was \$220. Since some of our members have not signed on due to the fact that state income tax is not figured into the sale, they will now provide you with a personal statement of sales tax owed by you to the state at the end of the year. You may request it through your Darby representative.

**BIRMINGHAM DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB** will hear Dr. Jon Holmes speak on "The After Effects of Fosamax" at their January 10 meeting in UAB's Volker Hall at 6 p.m. Contact Becky Walters at 823-5554 for more info.

**THE EASTERN DENTAL HYGIENE STUDY CLUB** will hear Greg Teaford of Crest/Oral B talking about Children's Dental Health Month on January 11 in the Blythe Building at the First Baptist Church in Trussville. at 6 p.m. Contact Kathy English, 680-3154 for more info.

**ORTHODONTISTS NEEDED** – Simone Cook, 16, has an overbite and her sister, Arlectric Moreland has custody of her, but no funds for orthodontics. If you can help, please call Carolynne at 933-1718. Ms. Moreland, said Simone was rejected by her parents, lived with an aunt until her death, and now lives with her.

Katelyn Williams has been referred to us by Children's Hospital. At 11, her teeth are too crowded and she needs help. She was assessed at the school of dentistry by Dr. Mahendra Modalli. Please call Carolina Endert at 939-9266 if you can help her.

Cleopatra Wallace called about her son, age 6, who was diagnosed at a dental checkup as having an overbite and needing braces. His teeth are coming in all crooked. He's on Medicaid and she's on disability. Her number is 856-0491.

**BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER** to one of our meetings and if he or she joins, you'll get a complimentary wine voucher.

**SINCERE SYMPATHY** to Dr. Anthony Tortomasi who lost his father Joseph John Tortomasi on October 29. Mr. Tortomasi was 91 and had operated Johnny's Shoe Shop in Pratt City for more than 30 years. He is also survived by his son Jack. The funeral was at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. Any memorials may be sent to the Dominican Monastery of St. Jude, P.O. Box 170, 143 County Rd. 20 East, Marbury. AL 36051.

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