

Upcoming Meetings in 2010-11
 Arranged by the Education Committee

November 16, 2010

Dr. Michael Messing

“Screening for TMD + TMD Case Studies-
 How to protect your patients,
 your dental work, and yourself”

January 18, 2011

NJDA Officer’s Night and
 Life Member Presentations

February 15, 2011

Ann Keirnan, Esq.

“Stay Out of Court! Basics of Employment
 Law for New Jersey Dentists”

Sy Symanski Memorial Lecture

March 15, 2011

Dr. David Sirois

“Oral Dermatology: Filling the Gap
 Between Dentistry and Medicine”

April 12, 2011

Dr. Elliot Hersh

“Geriatric Pharmacology”

May 17, 2011

STAFF NIGHT

The Dental Newsletter



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President’s Message ... Maya Prabhu



I would like to share my experience as a dentist working in a village in India. As a city girl, my first impressions of the place were not exactly inspiring. I did not think that I would even last a month in this one-horse town, where the only means of getting around was a good pair of walking shoes. The people of that village and a few of the neighboring areas had not had access to dental care for over five years. No dentist wanted to be disconnected from conveniences of city life, hence the vacuum. Well, I’d love to say that it was my humanitarian instinct that led me there, but then I wouldn’t be telling the truth. Circumstances were such that it was beneficial for me to be in that place at that time. The dental office was a one-chair facility, and I could see that it was going to be a one-person show as well. Triage, treat, sterilize was the mantra. For a person who thought she wouldn’t last a month, I can honestly say that those were my most memorable two and a half years. People would come from miles around and stand patiently, waiting to be relieved

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GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday, November 16, 2010

THE PINES Route 27 • Edison, NJ

Registration.....	6:00
Business Meeting and hors d’oeuvres.....	6:30
Dinner and Speaker.....	7:00

“Screening for TMD + TMD Case Studies-How to protect your patients,
 your dental work, and yourself”

Featured Speaker: Dr. Michael Messing



Dr. Messing will present a simple screening protocol that you can do in less than 3 minutes on all new patients. A review of several case studies will allow you to see how some common symptoms and patient complaints evolve into specific diagnoses and treatment.

Dr. Messing attended Colgate University for his undergraduate training. He received his dental degree from Northwestern University Dental School in 1980 and did his graduate training at the Columbia University School of Public Health prior to that graduating in 1976. Dr. Messing received his postdoctoral training in 1994 with a certificate from the Center for Advanced Dental Study, Diagnosis and Treatment of Masticatory System Problems in St. Petersburg, FL. He has been Invisalign certified since 2006. In addition Dr. Messing has taught in the dental residency programs at Englewood Hospital and the Hospital Center at Orange. He has been published in numerous journals and is a member of several Dental Societies.

MCDS Board of Trustees Report

-10/12/10-

Attendance: Ashmen, Bernstein, Brunsdn, Chustckie, Desai, Mir Madjlessi, Modi, Prabhu, Rizzi, Rosen, Savage, Silverstein, Simos, Stein, Villa, Vitale, Vora, Weiner, Marlene Glickman

Acceptance of Minutes-vote unanimous.

President's Report-Maya Prabhu

The next House of delegates meeting will be held on on November 10th, At Pines Manor.

Treasurer's Report-David Stein

See full report on page 3.

NJDA Trustee's Report-Mark Vitale

See full report under "NJDA Noteworthy News" on page 5.

NJDPAC Report-Mark Vitale

Give Kids a Smile-Cavan Brunsdn

The first meeting for GKAS 2011 will be held in the last week of October. Dr. Brunsdn and others met with School Nurses' Associations to discuss issues about efficient access to care through NJDA. The following issues were discussed: Low Medicaid participation rate, lack of state education system and absence of a dental director at the state level. Dr. Brunsdn talked about dental programs at various New Jersey hospitals like RWJH, St Peters', JFK, have requested additional supplies of Pit and Fissure sealants, bonding materials and bonding agents.

NJDA Council Reports:

Annual Session-Nainesh Desai

Next annual session meeting will be held on October 20th, 2010.

Dental Benefits-Devang Modi

- **CRP Statistics:** Staff provided the council with cumulative statistics from January 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010 indicating a total of 82 complaints submitted to NJDA for the year. 14 were from Middlesex County (most of any county). Majority of the 82 complaints were against Metlife (20) and Horizon (16). Refund requests by MetLife and denial of claims from Horizon were the biggest problems. Staff provided the council with statistics on the number of CRPs opened per component to date and are available upon request.
 - **Horizon BCBS Issues:** The council discussed the NJDA letter written to Dr. George McMurray regarding ongoing problems, notably bundling, and the subsequent conference call between Dr. McMurray, Dr. Vitale and Mary Moskal. Dr. McMurray had committed to changing EOB language by September, but no progress on any of the issues has been reported to date. The council discussed options for further action.
 - **The telephone number to reaching consultants at Horizon was made available 973-466-5711 and 973-466-4598 to help answer and resolve any claim issue. Do not abuse these telephone numbers. We emphasize and advocate calling the consultant 1st and then Dr. McMurray if necessary at 973-466-7304**
 - **Horizon "Dental Companion" Plan:** The council reviewed a new dental product offering that Horizon is marketing to its medical plan participants. In network, the plan covers 100% of its "allowed charge" for preventive and diagnostic services as well as amalgams. All other services are charged at the PPO allowance and paid directly by the patient to the participating dentist. Out of network, Horizon will pay the same PPO allowance on preventive and diagnostic services and the patient is responsible for the difference.
 - **Delta Dental will hold a free dental insurance course on September 29th.**
- Focus Group for iMedicare:** Dr. Vitale reported that he, Dr. Iserson and Dr. Pettigrew were asked to sample a website (iMedicare) that is meant

of pain. The sense of accomplishment one gets from this type of social service is indescribable, and would only have to be experienced to be believed. In this month of Thanksgiving, I think we should take time to gratefully acknowledge our profession, because we are uniquely positioned to render the type of service to underserved areas that no one else can give. We don't have to travel far. In fact, there are numerous resources at our disposal to volunteer our time and effort right here in this country. What makes it even more appealing is that there is no such thing as the "right time"—it can be done whenever it is most convenient for us. That is one way of giving back to the profession.

The other way of putting our skills to good use is to volunteer our time teaching pre-doctoral students. There is a serious shortage of academicians in dental schools, and the chasm is going to widen as older individuals retire. While we cannot fix the problem of income disparity between academic and private practice careers, we can donate our time on the clinic floor and offer valuable clinical input to the students. It is in the interest of the profession that well trained and well-rounded graduates enter the work force tomorrow. If a dental school is not for you, then I would suggest teaching at a residency program like the GPR programs at RWJ and JFK hospitals. The thirst for information is limitless, and these young doctors will renew your enthusiasm to acquire more knowledge. Dentistry affords us the ability to give, and I am sure that all of us are involved to some extent in donating our time, money, or expertise. Who could ask for more? Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Holiday Season!



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Detailed Treasurer's Report
September 30, 2010
David Stein, DMD

	9/30/09	8/31/10	9/30/10
Checking	\$14,444.76	\$21,176.40	\$17,990.97
Savings	\$14,382.13	\$35,883.05	\$35,897.80
CD (2% matures 12/10/09)	\$25,000.00	\$0(Closed)	\$0
PayPal	\$3,763.12	\$ 750.30	\$1,781.40
TOTAL:	\$57,590.01	\$57,809.75	\$55,670.17
P&L STATEMENT CHECKING ACCOUNT			
(9/1/10-9/30/10)			
INCOME			
CONT. EDUC.-INC			1,440.00
DUES			1,096.00
INTEREST			1.87
MENTOR COMM-INC			605.00
TOTAL INCOME			3,142.87
EXPENSES			
CONT. EDUC-EXP			1,503.35
DINNER MEETING LECTURE FEE			1,000.00
EXEC COMM DINNER			299.39
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY			650.00
NEWSLETTER			1,930.12
OFFICE SUPPLIES			244.00
REIMBURSEMENT			481.65
TELEPHONE			219.79
OVERALL TOTAL			-3185.43
P&L SAVINGS ACCOUNT			
(9/1/10-9/30/10)			
INTEREST INCOME			14.75
OVERALL TOTAL			14.75
P&L PAYPAL MONEY MARKET			
(9/1/10-9/30/10)			
CONT EDUC INC			726.14
OVERALL TOTAL			726.14

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to serve as a HIPAA compliant web portal for patient-related communications among practitioners, and then participate in a focus group discussion. The website uses sophisticated encryption technology that is or will be required so that patient information is secure. Delta Dental is promoting this project in the hopes of using the site to submit claims in the future.

- **Dental Benefit Providers Contract:** The council reviewed, as informational, an amendment to the Dental Benefit Providers (DBP) contract that is being distributed to its participating dentists. The amendment deletes the provision that requires participating dentists to accept the contracted fees even if the service is not covered. The cover letter states that DBP is "updating its Agreement to reflect changes in the regulatory environment pertaining to billing of members for non-covered services."

- **Federal Employee Dental Plan:** The council reviewed a MetLife communication to participating dentists concerning the federal employee dental plan (which is exempt from government regulation). According to MetLife, legislative actions concerning billing for non-covered services do not apply to the Federal plan; that is, dentists may charge only the contracted fee. Another issue deals with the MetLife federal plan as secondary to another federal plan, in which case the dentist may charge a maximum of the PPO fee.

- **Oral CDx:** Staff reported on a telephone call she received from a representative of Oral CDx subsequent to the article that was published in the NJDA Advocate on brush biopsies. The representative insisted that the article was "patently false" and misleading, especially the advice that dentists use the appropriate brush biopsy code and not the CPT code for incisional biopsy. Staff explained the information in the ADA Coding Companion and requested documentation from a reliable authority to the contrary. NJDA stands by the article as written.

- **Please use ADA code D7288 for brush biopsy.** You cannot bill incisional biopsy to medical insurance if you're doing a brush biopsy.

- **Dental Benefits Course Evaluations:** The council briefly discussed the two courses presented at Annual Session. Dr. Vitale requested input on whether the same format should be used next year, a change should be made to provide one longer course, or whether the council should just "sit out" the next year. This discussion will be continued after speaking to the Council on Annual Session.

- **NEW BUSINESS: Update on Legal and Regulatory Matters (Oral Report):** Mr. Meisel updated the council on pending litigation, including the recently filed suit against "Beach Bum Tanning Salon" and well as the suits against Horizon and MetLife/Aetna. Mr. Schulz reported on the NJDA meeting with the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, a former lobbyist for MetLife, and the discussion involving proposed legislation on copayment waivers.

- **H.R. 5000 – Non-Covered Services Legislation:** Mr. Schulz reported to the council on the introduction of HR 5000, the Dental Coverage Value and Transparency Act, which is federal legislation to amend ERISA to bar dental plans from dictating fees for non-covered services among other reforms. ERISA is the federal law that governs self-insured and union plans that are exempt from state regulation. Mr. Schulz was not optimistic about the future of this bill.

- The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2011.

Dental Education-Bob Ashmen

For the Weekend Study Club, NJDA did not produce and mail a tri-fold ad for the first time, and the registration numbers were about the same. We will be annually forwarding the course evaluation sheets of the WESC to the Council on Annual Sessions for review/consideration as potential speakers for Annual Sessions in the future. CE courses have been developed and offered by the NJDA Partners Program participants and Endorsed Programs. Seven courses are scheduled to occur through Jan 2011, and these are free to the NJDA membership.

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Feedback on the first 2 courses was exceptional.

The Council meeting with the Dental Assisting Program directors and high school guidance counselors in April 2010 seemed to reveal a common concern. This concern was that non-CODA accredited programs were misleading applicants and students regarding eligibility to sit for the CDA examination. The Council will request a report from the accredited programs identifying the offending non-accredited programs with documentation supporting the claim. When received and reviewed by the Council and any ethical breach is shown, the Council will recommend a letter be sent to the offending non-accredited programs from our executive director and general counsel. Dr. Brunsdon emphasized that misleading information is being given out by a few other non-CODA accredited programs.

The Council will be continuing our scholarship program for Dental assisting program students, with 2 scholarships of \$1000 instead of 4 scholarships of \$500.

Governmental and Public Affairs-Mitch Weiner

- NJDA has been asked for input from the hygienists association in relation to proposed legislation that would permit general supervision of hygienists in private practice (this already exists in NJ institutions- hospitals, etc.).
- There are many competing organizations in at least 41 states that are moving towards implementing or experimenting with mid-level providers. Even at the ADA level, different factions are forming (Austin Group vs. Boston Group) that are either staunchly against mid-level providers or are willing to hear all sides and work out a compromise on this controversial issue for the profession going forward.
- There are over 800 State Boards and Commissions in NJ. The governor has eliminated 60 State Boards and Commissions to consolidate and save money. The State Board of Dentistry has been preserved as a stand alone Board. However, the State Medical Examiner and State Crime Labs are slated to consolidate, which may have an impact on the NJDA Dental Victim Identification Team (DVIT), which had an excellent working relationship with the stand alone ME's office.
- There have been 'customer service' issues with the Division of Consumer Affairs for a while, mostly due to internal clashes. We have an attentive Board, but infighting between the division and the attorney general's office is creating inefficiencies. At the same time, the governor wants to re-define the role of the lieutenant governor by giving the economic development corp. oversight over to the Lieut. Governor and is considering taking some of the State Boards (including Dentistry) away from the Div. of Consumer Affairs and giving them to the Lieut. Governor's jurisdiction.
- A Federal Qualified Health Center opened up in Perth Amboy with state of the art dental equipment that local private practitioners feel is aggressively marketing in the attempt to erode their patient pools. The clinic mostly treats Medicaid and Charity Care/Indigent patients so the potential impact on these local practices is still being debated, with NJDA attempting to mediate the matter while protecting the interests of our member dentists.
- NJ still has no dentist as Dental Director and therefore no one to manage and aggressively pursue the application process for millions of dollars in federal funding towards oral healthcare that NJ can benefit from and loses out from each year. NJDA is working with the NJ Dental School to propose that the Dental School Dean be given the title of NJ Dental Director and hopefully, with the dental schools advocacy, this would open the door to federal grant money for oral health programs in the state.

Legislative Matters:

- Suits against Metlife and Aetna: Metlife wanted the suit to be decided in Federal court and NJDA wanted it decided in State Court. The federal judges decided that the suit should be in state court (in NJDA's favor). A summary judgment on the matter is expected in the coming weeks.
- Assignment of Benefits Lawsuit against Horizon: Horizon is interested in settling and NJDA is in the process of working with Horizons' attorneys on the wording of the settlement. Once finalized, it should go into effect on 1/1/2011, similar to the legislation for medical insurance assignment which was passed previously.

Membership-Tara Savage

We have 4645 members as of Oct 7th up 39 from last yr. We are still short by 129 from last year's end.

Peer Review-Sandy Goldstein

We had one case successfully mediated in September

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance-Ira Rosen

Budget was presented and approved by the board.

Mentor-Amit Vora/Nima MirMadjlessi

Our next bi-annual OSHA program that satisfies the OSHA standard on Occupational Exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens, which is required annually for dentists and staff, will be given on November 4, 2010 at St. Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick. Two CEU credits are awarded to the Dentists & staff members attending these 2-hour seminars. These seminars are available to our members & staff for \$25/pp as a member benefit of MCDS. A very big "Thank You" to Dr. Joe Fertig, Director of Dental Services - St. Peter's Medical Center, for arranging all our room accommodations for the MCDS OSHA-Mentor programs at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Dr. Larry Brent will present the next mentor program on December 9, 2010. He will speak about: "Everything I did not Learn in Dental School" at the NJDA Headquarters, North Brunswick.

Please see the insert in this newsletter for additional information and registration for the Mentor/OSHA program.

Continuing Education-Mark Schambra

Dr John Ruel has been confirmed for the 2011-2012 CE year for Tuesday evening lecture and a full day course on Wednesday.

Dental Hygiene Study Club-Alyssa Bernstein

The Central New Jersey Dental Hygiene [CNJDH] Study Club met on Wednesday September 29, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Rte 27 South, Edison NJ and was sponsored by the Middlesex County Dental Society. The speaker was Dr. Jim Albani, speaking on cone beam imaging for implants.

Two CEU credits were awarded to the 25 Hygienists that attend this meeting. The next CNJDH meeting will be on Wednesday November 10, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edison. The speaker will be Annabelle Bacchione a registered dental hygienist and nutritionist. She will be speaking on nutrition and digestion. Two CEU credits will be awarded for this seminar. This CNJDH study club is available to our hygienists as a Dentist-member benefit of MCDS. Please see the registration form included in the newsletter for information on the upcoming speakers and to register your hygienist. Please contact Marlene Glickman, the Executive Secretary for MCDS, at # 732-238-1255 for additional information and registration in advance for the program. Thank you. In addition one of the lectures for next year is open to doctors and hygienists, Hahn Diagnostics is presenting on marker pathogen analysis for perio. They will only present to the hygiene study club if there is at least 10 doctors present. Please consider attending this lecture. Thank you.

New Business

A motion was made by Dr Rosen to maintain the current MCDS dues structure for 2011. This passed unanimously.

Our next continuing education coordinator will be Dr. Devang Modi

Good & Welfare

Dr. Mark Vitale became a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. On October 9th, Dr Scott Galkin married his fiancée, Dana. Dr. Carmen Cicalese and his wife Amy had a baby girl

Respectfully Submitted, Nainesh Desai, Secretary

NJDA Noteworthy News

-Two members of the NJDA Partners sponsorship program were in attendance; Kuwata Pan Dent, a full service dental lab with hands on owners and years of activity in dental education; and Group Financial Services, with expertise in opening and buying practices.

-The Committee to review endorsed programs met and reviewed TDIC. TDIC offers malpractice insurance in New Jersey only to NJDA members. They concluded that the malpractice insurance service was excellent.

- The Board was asked to consider the endorsement of B. C. Szerlip as NJDA's endorsed health insurance broker. B.C. Szerlip has been providing all forms of insurance to dentists for over 30 years. Mr. Burton Szerlip reported that the company prides itself on its service and assistance to the dental community. He discussed health insurance rates as benefits vs. cost. With the high cost of hospitals, labs, medication, etc. more and more people will have to share in cost sharing. The expanded coverage in President Obama's health plan has caused rates to increase, however, reimbursement rates are not going up. B.C. Szerlip has sponsored many of our programs and has made an arrangement between Szerlip and NJDA to co-share proceeds on 10% gross revenue. One person at B.C. Szerlip will be dedicated to all NJDA business, although there will be other employees also working with NJDA members.

- Dr. Michael Messina received emails from Fred Leviton, VP & COO of the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped (DDS) and Barry Raphael, Chair of the Donated Orthodontic Services (DOS). The DDS has been working with the American Association of Orthodontists on developing an access program for low-income kids, very similar to the DDS program. Five states have been selected to participate in this pilot program, New Jersey being one of them; \$50,000 has been budgeted for this. As with DDS, dentists must commit to seeing a certain number of people. The motivation is CE credits.

- Dr. Mark Vitale (MI) was approached by iMedicor, a communication website. Focus groups, including members of the Council on Dental Benefits and Delta Dental are evaluating the website. It provides instant a HIPAA compliant communication portal so that professionals can share information with each other and insurance companies. Electronic records are coming soon and he felt this could be an easy transfer into electronic records or to piggyback on to practice management.

-Membership and Annual Session

Tricia DeCotiis reported that members paid to date are 4,596 which is 11 down from last year, this time. We do have applications that have not been processed to date. Yesterday she started her visits to the general practice residency programs and they will continue through November. The Post Graduate Lunch and Learn has been set up as well at the

NJDS. UMDNJ Alumni Association, TDIC and NJDA will be exploring partnering with each other to increase membership/business for all involved. The quarter year dues letter will be going out shortly to non-members offering membership for the remainder of 2010 for free.

Stan Orenstein, AnnMarie Varga and Tricia DeCotiis met with Roy Childers to develop an online dues payment program which we are hoping to have available for payment of 2011 dues.

Annual Session booth sales are moving along. To date, we have sold 46 booths out of an available 96. We have also sold five table tops. Benco is again sponsoring the High tec Vendor Fair and Henry Schein will do the glass classroom. NJDA is working on marketing and promoting the convention in Long Branch primarily to the new dentists and/or up to age 45. They feel they need to sell the show to them and are asking for component involvement. They are asking each component rep on the Annual Session Council to go to their component and market this show to its members. The Council Sub-committee for Speaker selection will meet on September 16, 2010 to establish the 2011 speaker line-up.

-Communications and Dental Education: Mr. Eric Elmore announced that we now have a Face Book button on our web page. The GKAS fan page has 290 fans, including doctors, hygienists, sponsors, mayors and legislators to name a few. In putting in our name, type New Jersey Dental Association, not NJDA. If you do, it will come up National Juvenile Delinquent Association. We have photos of the last convention, the golf outing and the new location in Long Branch. There are two discussion groups, one on fluoridation and the other on Access to Care. One simple goal is to promote good things for everyone to see. He reported that regarding Give Kids A Smile, the School Nurses Association has renewed its interest so they can promote it in their schools. Presentation schedules have been set. Union County Dental Society will meet October 7th. The Latino Association of the American Diabetes Association will meet on November 13th. He will be talking to the 2011 Partners Program over the Fall and Winter months. All current Partners are very happy with the program. The intent is to grow the Partners program slowly; with two or three new companies in the next year. He reported that Benco, one of our newer partners, had its worst quarter but still had a 3% increase in sales just among its NJDA members. Mr. Elmore is distributing a list of CE courses by some of the partners. Registration for the Weekend Study Group programs are filling up quickly. This is the first time we did not put out a brochure or put it in the Advocate. The form is on the NJDA website. A question was raised on whether or not NJDA could send out all component emails. To do this for all components would be very time consuming for NJDA staff. It was suggested that component trustees, secretaries and/or executive secretaries be given instructions on how to get email addresses to components. Most important is that fact that when you send out a blast email, the emails are put in the bcc: field, not the to: field.

-Governmental and Public Affairs: Mr. James Schulz reported that Governor Christie has recently issued Executive Order 40 which eliminates more than 60 boards and commissions that were created under previous Governors' Executive Orders. Additionally, he has just release findings from all state departments as to the status of the more than 800 boards and commissions which presently are constituted under state law. The aim of these reports is to recommend which boards, if any, should be eliminated, preserved or retooled to (1) reduce the size of government, (2) improve the effeciency of government and (3) reduced the regulatory burden in this state. The Division of Consumer Affairs, which presently has 45 licensing boards, has recommended reducing that number to 16. However, in the proposal, the State Board of Dentistry is preserved as a stand-alone board. This is something Mr. Schulz has worked hard on with the Governor's office since Christie first came into office. Moreover, there has be a recommendation made that the State Medical Examiner, merge into the State Crime Lab for efficiency purposes since their missions are similar. This may have some impact on the NJDA's DVIT, who works closely with both agencies. Additionally, the Department of Health recommended that the Public Health Council be eliminated. Appointments under this Governor have been purposely slow since it is uncertain which boards and commissions will ultimately stay. However, there is some indication that the Governor may appoint an individual to the State Board of Dentistry who is close to him, but nothing has been finalized yet. Drs. Dolinsky and Hall appointments have recently expired. Mr. Schultz attended a meeting in Perth Amboy with the Mayor of Perth Amboy and Senator Joe Vitale to discuss federally qualified health centers and their impact on the private practitioner in those communities. The dentists from Perth Amboy feel that the FQHC is draining patients from their offices. Mr. Schulz attended to see how, if at all, the NJDA could assist. Most of those dentists who attended the meeting are not NJDA members.

The NJ dental labs have once again become very aggressive with regard to the foreign dental labs issues. Senator Loretta Weinberg introduced a Senate version of legislation which would require dentists to disclose what materials crowns and other dental devices are made of prior to installing them into patients and then give the patients the option of not have that device or appliance used on them. NJDA is opposed to the bill and has offered amendments which are more workable and place the oneous on labs to disclose at the doctor's direction.

On October 7th, the Senate Health Committee will hold a public hearing at dental school to highlight the need to complete the dental school's special needs and pediatric pavilion. NJDA will be invited to testify on this issue. It is expected that other dental health related bills will also be heard by the committee at that time. No word on the agenda yet.



Middlesex County Dental Society

Full Day CE Program 7 CEUs

Dr. Terry Tanaka: Treatment Planning Guidelines for Restorative and Prosthodontic Problems
Sponsored by Kuwata PanDent Open to Doctors and Staff

Friday April 8, 2011 8 am to 4 pm



Terry T. Tanaka, D.D.S., is Clinical Professor at the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry, Advanced Education Prosthodontics and maintains a private practice in prosthodontics in Chula Vista, California. Dr. Tanaka holds fellowships in the Academy of Dentistry International, American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists and Master in the Academy of General Dentistry, and is a Diplomate, American Board of Orofacial Pain. He has published numerous articles and is widely recognized for his teaching of advanced restorative and prosthodontic procedures and as a research anatomist.. An active Rotarian, he helped found the Thousand Smiles Foundation Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery and Dental Care Mission Clinics that provide free craniofacial reconstructive surgeries and dental care for needy children in Latin America. He is especially pleased that the Academy of Dentistry International has named an award the Terry Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award and presented to a Junior dental student who exhibits his kind of humanitarianism.

Important diagnostic criteria for the restoration of every-day restorative problems will be presented in this interactive program that will highlight what is taught in advanced graduate restorative programs that is critical to the success of all restorations. New guidelines will be presented on how age, gender, facial morphology and oral habits affect the dentition and the overall well being of our patients. Doctors, dental assistants and dental hygienists will have an opportunity to treatment plan together as a team using these universal guidelines developed by Dr. Tanaka.

Practical diagnostic guidelines for the treatment of patients with temporomandibular disorders will be presented with indications for effective stabilizing splints and how they are used for patients with tooth wear problems. In addition, videos on how to fabricate splints in your own office and how to adjust the splints in the mouth in 5 minutes will be part of this comprehensive and interactive program. Come prepared with pen and paper, this is an "interactive workshop."

Registration Form

Doctor's Name (Last) (First)

Address

City State Zip

Office Telephone Number Fax Number

Non-Dentist Staff Members for the Tanaka Course:

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

Register Online at www.MCDSofNJ.org
and Pay by Credit Card

All courses to be held at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ
Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included

Registration Fees: (Please check appropriate boxes)

MCDS Members/Residents: \$90 / \$115 ea*

NJDA Members (non-MCDS) \$125 / \$160 ea*

NJDA Non-Members: \$250 / \$285 ea*

Staff (non-dentists):
MCDS: \$85 per staff member
Non-MCDS NJDA: \$100 per staff member
NJDA Non-Members: \$150 per staff member

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

* Early / Late registration cutoff dates:
Tanaka Course: March 24, 2011

Checks Payable to MCDS (Payment must accompany registration)
Mail to: Middlesex County Dental Society
P.O. Box 7026, East Brunswick, NJ 08816
Registration for all courses starts at 7:30 a.m.

All programs to take place at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ
Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included
For further information call 732-238-1255 or visit
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Highlights from the October 2010 Meeting



MCDS Membership Chairperson Dr. Tara Savage (2nd from L.) and MCDS President Dr. Maya Prabhu (3rd from L.) welcome our newest members (from L to R): Dr. Sowmya Ananthan, Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Dr. Joseph Dubin, Dr. Shawn Lafkowitz, Dr. Pedro Parente, Dr. Sita Kulkarni



Educational Coordinator Dr. Alyssa Bernstein (L.) and MCDS President Dr. Maya Prabhu (R.) welcome October Featured Speaker Dr. Avishai Sadan.

Middlesex County Dental Society

REGISTRATION FORM

MCDS Bi-Annual OSHA Seminar/Certification

Thursday November 4, 2010

Time: Registration: 6:00 PM Program: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Place: St. Peters Medical Center, New Brunswick, NJ

Tuition: MCDS Member Dentists & Staff \$25 per person [member benefit]
NJDA Member Dentists & Staff \$55 per person
Non-MCDS/NJDA members/Staff \$75 per person
(payable to Middlesex County Dental Society)

This program will satisfy the OSHA standard on Occupational Exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens, which is required annually for dentists and staff. Each office person trained will receive certification that they have been properly instructed for this OSHA regulation on Infection Control.

Two CEU credits will be awarded to those attending this 2-hour seminar.

This seminar is available to our MCDS members as a

member benefit of MCDS

MCDS Member Dentists & Staff \$25 @ # _____ = Total \$ _____

NJDA Member Dentists & Staff \$55 @ # _____ = Total \$ _____

Non-MCDS/NJDA members/Staff \$75 @ # _____ = Total \$ _____

Please REGISTER as early as possible since this program tends to fill up quickly - Thank You

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Office phone # Office fax #.....

Name (Dentists & Staff attending) title

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2011

Prepared by the MCDS Budget Committee:

- Dr. Ira Rosen, Chairman
- Dr. Maya Prabhu, President
- Dr. Scott Galkin, Immediate Past President
- Dr. David Stein, Treasurer
- Dr. Robert Ashmen, Immediate Past Treasurer

INCOME:

Continuing Education – Income	\$30,000.00
Corporate Sponsorship – CE.....	20,000.00
Corporate Sponsorship – Meetings.....	10,000.00
Corporate Sponsorship – Newsletter	2,500.00
Dues	55,000.00
Interest.....	500.00
Mentor Committee Income.....	6,000.00
Staff Night – Income.....	20,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME:	\$144,000.00

EXPENSES:

Accountant Fees.....	300.00
Bank Expenses.....	100.00
Board Member Expenses.....	1,000.00

Continuing Education - Expense	50,000.00
Dinner Meetings.....	40,000.00
Donations	4,000.00
Educational Grants.....	3,000.00
Executive Committee Dinners	3,000.00
Executive Secretary	7,000.00
Insurance	400.00
Membership Expense.....	500.00
Memorials and Gifts	100.00
Mentor Committee – Expense	700.00
Name Badges	200.00
Newsletter	8,000.00
NJDA Annual Session.....	1,500.00
Office Supplies.....	750.00
Plaques	500.00
Postage	500.00
Staff Night – Expense	20,000.00
Taxes	50.00
Telephone.....	1,000.00
Contribution to Available Reserve	1,400.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES:	\$144,000.00

NJDA Noteworthy News, continued from page 6

Mr. Schulz reported that he, Dr. Kahn, Mary Moskal and Art Meisel met with Tom Considine, Commissioner of Banking and Insurance and formerly top lobbyist for MetLife for years. From that meeting he felt that change was coming, there would be more transparency and that it was felt the patient should know in advance what is best and what the coverage limits are.

-House of Delegates: The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2010 at the Pines Manor in Edison.

-Executive Directors Report: Mr. Arthur Meisel reported on the ongoing lawsuits. On the Blue Cross/ Blue Shield suit, a draft of a settlement agreement was written and we returned it with revisions. We are waiting for a response. With the Met Life and Aetna suit, we are waiting to see whether we will be in State or Federal Court. The Judge will decide; she will hear oral argument tomorrow. When the Judge makes her decision, 30 days after that decision, we will file a motion for summary judgment. On the suit involving tooth whitening services by an entity, Beach Bum Tanning, there was no report at this time. Mr. Meisel also reported about a letter received by the State Board concerning advertising of credentials. The Attorney General’s office will review the matter.

Mr. Meisel reported that with respect to the issue concerning General Supervision and Mid-Level Provider, that he was going to try to visit all the component societies. He has been to Monmouth-Ocean, Central and Middlesex and tonight he will be at Southern. He wants to be sure everyone hears the same message the same way.

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24th Annual NJDA Golf Classic

Monday, August 15, 2011



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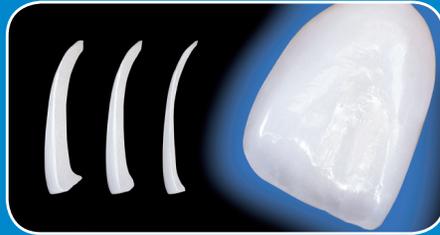
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Members of the Middlesex County Dental Society are allowed to borrow dental materials from the Medical Library at Saint Peter's University Hospital. A valid ADA ID must be presented in order to borrow materials. Here is a list of some of the materials in the dental collection:

- Excellence in Cosmetic Dentistry-Video Series;
- Gordon Christensen Video Tapes;
- Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery;
- Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology, and Endodontics.

Information about the Medical Library, including hours of operation, can be found at www.stpeterslibrary.com

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Pay your dues online!

The Association is taking another exciting step forward in the process of streamlining the delivery of services. In an effort to lower operating expenses while maintaining the highest level of member services, the Association will implement an on-line dues payment option later next month for the payment of your 2011 membership dues and voluntary contributions.

As you may know, the Association did utilize an on-line payment service for payment of continuing education fees and other events associated with the 2010 Garden State Dental Conference and Expo. It was our foray into the world of on-line payments and it was enormously popular and successful. Should you choose to provide your payment information on-line, this same tested system will be used to collect your dues and any voluntary contributions you make. Rest assured, however, that nothing else will change about the method and manner in which you will pay your dues or make your voluntary contributions. You will simply be offered the convenience of making your payment on-line.

As always, in late November you will receive your dues bill. It will itemize your ADA, NJDA, and local component dues amount and list suggested voluntary contributions. Specific instructions will be included to pay on-line. The Association will still make its' two and six-payment options available and you will be asked to make that selection on-line prior to providing your payment information. You will be reviewing our new on-line payment option procedures AND ENTERING ALL YOUR RELEVANT INFORMATION (INCLUDING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION) ON OUR WEBSITE. YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE OUR WEBSITE. THE NJDA WILL UPLOAD YOUR INFORMATION TO THE PAYMENT PROCESSOR.

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Dr. Larry Brent

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