

# CONTACT

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## DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY *NEWS BULLETIN*

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### UPCOMING DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

#### **ALL DAY SEMINAR, Friday, April 28, 2006**

Place: *Best Western-Inntowner*, 2424 University Ave., Madison

Time: Registration 8:00 a.m., Seminar 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lunch offered at own expense

Speaker: Ben Bernstein, Ph.D.

Host: Dr. Karl Weaver (608) 222-8232

Topic: **"Wow, What a Great Visit! 9 Core Tools to Reduce Patient and Doctor Stress"**

#### **Thursday & Friday, May 4-5, 2006**

**WDA Annual Session - Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells**

#### **DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY SOCIAL**

##### **Mallards Game, Thursday, June 22, 2006**

Place: *Warner Park*, Madison

Cost: Adults \$10 and Children are FREE

Host: Brett Clark (608) 274-1911, [totalcare@choiceonemail.com](mailto:totalcare@choiceonemail.com)

Limited number of seats, so register early!

#### **ALL DAY SEMINAR, Friday, November 3, 2006**

Place: *Sheraton*, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison

Time: Registration 8:00 a.m., Seminar 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Joel Weaver II, DDS, Ph.D.

Host: Dr. Patrick Tepe (608) 848-4000

Topic: **"Safe Sedation Practices in the Dental Office"**

#### **GOLF OUTINGS**

##### **Friday, June 16**

Place: *University Ridge G.C.*

Host: Dr. Jay Hazen (608) 251-8790

##### **Friday, July 21**

Place: *Bergamont G.C.*

Host: Dr. Jay Hazen (608) 251-8790

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### MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS

#### **Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, December 13, 2005, Johnnie's Italian Steakhouse, 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES: Submitted by P. Tepe

Meeting called to order 6:20 p.m. by D. Walther.

Members present: D. Walther, B. Clark, C. Bird, T. Koob, P. Tepe, S. Brysh, B. Hopp, J. Amstadt, G. Lofgren, R. Warren, J. Phillips.

- I. Secretary's Report - Minutes from November 8, 2005 reviewed. Welcome New Member-Dr. Jullian, 5709 Odana Road, Madison. Reviewed toothbrush stock distribution. Motion to approve minutes - S. Brysh, 2nd - R. Warren.
- II. Treasurer's Report - Budget vs. Actual presented by S. Brysh. Discussed frustrations with Sharp's Disposal Program billing. Robb Warren volunteered to overtake the management of the program. Report Approved - Motion - R. Warren, C. Bird, 2nd.
- III. New Business -
  1. Guest - J. Amstadt, Programs Committee Chair - 2006 program discussion. Set 2006 total speakers budget \$18,000.  
1-11-06 - Fyfe's Corner Bistro - Dinner with WDA President. Dinner provided by the DCDS.  
3-14-06 - TBD location "Trends in Orthodontics" led by C. Bird and J. Phillips. They will contact and solicit contributions by additional orthodontists. Cocktails, dinner, after-dinner CE.  
Spring All-Day Seminar - TBD by J. Amstadt  
Fall All-Day Seminar - TBD by P. Tepe

2. Website for DCDS - May include items such as CE Schedule, meeting minutes, possibly member directory, and future ideas like seminar registration. After discussion, motion by B. Hopp to establish a DCDS website and it is to be managed by the VP/President-Elect. 2nd Warren. Second motion by D. Walther further establishes a new budget line item for 2006 to budget funds for website setup and maintenance, \$1,000. 2nd C. Bird. Third motion establishes the duties of Website Management and Maintenance Committee - Tepe, Hopp, Bird. Motion by T. Koob, 2nd B. Hopp.
3. Election of 2006 Officers and Board of Trustees  
Nomination by D. Walther for Brett Clark to be Treasurer-elect '06. 2nd P. Tepe.  
2006 Officers: President-Brian Hopp, Vice President-Patrick Tepe, Secretary-Stan Brysh, Treasurer-Tim Koob, Treasurer-Elect-Brett Clark  
Motion-D. Walther, 2nd S. Brysh. Vote-Unanimous in Favor.

IV. Old Business-

1. DCDS Social - B. Clark. Arrangements made for Friday, Feb. 3, 2006. Great Dane-Fitchburg 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 2 beverage tickets to each member who attends.
2. WDA Executive Dennis McGuire 1-14-06.

- V. Adjournment - 8:20 by D. Walther. 2006 President Brian Hopp presented a plaque to outgoing 2005 President Dave Walther. Thank you on behalf of the membership of the Dane County Dental Society for your time and service. Well Done!  
Next meeting: Just before Wednesday, January 11th Dinner CE meeting Fyfe's Bistro 6:00 p.m.

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**Board of Trustees Meeting, Wednesday, January 11, 2006  
Fyfe's Corner Bistro, 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES: Submitted by P. Tepe

Meeting called to order 5:45 p.m. by B. Hopp

Members present: D. Walther, B. Clark, C. Bird, T. Koob, P. Tepe, B. Hopp, R. Warren, J. Phillips

- I. Secretary's Report - submitted by P. Tepe - minutes from December 13, 2005 reviewed. Reviewed toothbrush donation thank you letter to DCDS from Center for Perinatal Care/Meriter Hospital (Elizabeth Siitari). Motion to approve minutes - R. Warren, 2nd - B. Clark
- II. Treasurer's Report - Budget vs. Actual submitted by T. Koob  
2006 Budget - discussion, modified, vote. Motion to approve budget as modified by T. Koob, 2nd - R. Warren. Board also moved to transfer \$10,000 from checking to money market account
- III. New Business -
  1. Report on 2006 CE Schedule - No change from last meeting. P. Tepe volunteered to work on schedule and finalize all-day lectures. Goals as follows:  
3-14-06 - TBD location "Trends in Orthodontics" led by C. Bird and J. Phillips. They will contact and solicit contribution by additional orthodontists. Cocktails, dinner, after-dinner CE  
Spring All-Day Seminar - TBD by P. Tepe  
Fall All-Day Seminar - TBD by P. Tepe
  2. Review changes to 2006 DCDS Directory. Discussion additional trustee position
  3. Approval of Board '06 meeting Schedule to be published in directory
  4. Give Kids A Smile Program - E. teDuits will address the attendance tonight before the WSA President's presentation. Posters (GKAS ADA) available thru Bird/Peterson in February. Contact their office
- IV. Old Business -
  1. DCDS Social Update - Great Dane Pub - Fitchburg. Happy Hour Friday, Feb. 2nd, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 .m. Flyer already mailed out. Will get update at next meeting.
  2. Website - P. Tepe. Need to establish goals, parameters and content at future meetings
  3. CE Schedule - Speaker ideas reviewed from the ADA Seminar Series will hopefully have dates, locations, and speakers confirmed at Feb. meeting so directory can be finalized. Discuss targeting big name speaker for 2007, i.e., John Kois, Stan Malamed, etc.
- V. Adjournment - B. Hopp 6:40 p.m. General Membership Dinner meeting with presentation by WDA President - Dr. Constantine Stamatelakys, Host - Past-President WDA Dr. Fred Jaeger.  
Next meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2006, Houlihan's Restaurant, Middleton. 6:00 p.m.  
2006 Officers: President - Brian Hopp, Vice President - Patrick Tepe, Secretary - Stan Brysh, Treasurer - Tim Koob, Treasurer-Elect - Brett Clark

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**Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 2006  
Houlihan's, 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES: Submitted by S. Brysh

Meeting called to order at 6:41 p.m. by B. Hopp

Members present: C. Bird, T. Koob, B. Clark, C. Gjertson, G. Lofgren, S. Brysh, B. Hopp, P. Tepe

- I. Secretary's Report -- submitted by S. Brysh
  1. Minutes of January 11, 2006 meeting reviewed
  2. New members were put forward
  3. For information only, F. Jaeger is looking for members to help host a fund raiser for Sen. Ehrpenbach and Rep. Pacon
  4. Motion to approve minutes: C. Bird, 2nd - P. Tepe

5. Addendum: (February 22, 2006) - B. Hopp will put forward Dr. Terry Donnelly as a 2006 Trustee and defer Dr. Shayna Kazimer until 2007.
- II. Treasurer's Report:
- Budget vs. Actual, Balance Sheet, Smith Barney 2005 Year End Statement submitted by T. Koob
  - Discussion - as approved at last meeting, \$10,000 will be transferred from checking to money market fund in order to increase interest earned
  - The 2006 budget will be amended to add \$1,000 as a donation to Meriter Hospital and add \$1,000 to increase the Speakers' Honorarium; both amounts to come from deferred 2005 income
  - Motion to approve - T. Koob, 2nd - B. Hopp
- III. New Business:
- C. Bird provided information that two assistants from his office are available to deliver educational talks at local schools
  - The 2006 golf outings will be on 6/16/06 at University Ridge and 7/21/06 at Bergamont
  - DCDS will provide its membership mailing list to the UW Medic Program. They want a list of potential providers of free care
- IV. Old Business:
- 2006 CE Schedule - P. Tepe provided the following dates and courses:
    - 3/14/06 - Ortho Seminar with 5 presenters
    - 4/27/06 - "Wow What a Great Visit" - Ben Bernstein
    - 11/3/06 - "Safe Sedation Practices in the Dental Office"
    - Additional speakers to be developed; each board member is to bring a list of three speakers to the next meeting
  - DCDS Social - B. Clark reported that 75-80 members and guests were present at the Great Dane Pub in Fitchburg on February 2. \$1,500 was budgeted for the social and only \$500 was spent. Discussion centered around using the remaining \$1,000 for another social, either a Mallards game or a Betty Lou Cruise. B. Clark will call the Mallards for details
  - Hazardous Waste - T. Koob reported that Dr. Paul Correll continues to operate the program and that R. Warren is also invited. T. Koob will continue to monitor the situation and follow up with Dr. Correll
  - Website - P. Tepe indicated that the cost can vary greatly depending on content and other factors. It appears that the set-up costs are \$1,500 to \$3,000 with a host fee of \$35 per month. More information on the website will be forthcoming.
- V. Adjournment: 8:05 by B. Hopp, 2nd - S. Brysh  
Next Meeting: March 14, 2006.

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### FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget vs. Actual January 1, 2006 to March 14, 2006

| Category                        | Actual             | Budget             | Difference           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                  |                    |                    |                      |
| Associate Dues                  | \$0.00             | \$2,000.00         | (\$2,000.00)         |
| Dane County Dues                | \$26,130.00        | \$32,500.00        | (\$6,370.00)         |
| Deferred 2005 Income            | \$2,000.00         | \$2,000.00         | \$0.00               |
| Donations                       | \$1,000.00         | \$1,000.00         | \$0.00               |
| Golf Outings                    | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00               |
| Medical Waste Receipts          | \$190.80           | \$2,000.00         | (\$1,809.20)         |
| Meeting Fees                    | \$0.00             | \$4,000.00         | (\$4,000.00)         |
| WDAIP Contributions             | \$0.00             | \$500.00           | (\$500.00)           |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>            | <b>\$29,320.80</b> | <b>\$44,000.00</b> | <b>(\$14,679.20)</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                 |                    |                    |                      |
| Audio-Video                     | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00               |
| Catering Expense                | \$500.00           | \$3,000.00         | (\$2,500.00)         |
| Children's Dental Health Month  | \$0.00             | \$1,000.00         | (\$1,000.00)         |
| Dane County Social Outing       | \$528.16           | \$1,500.00         | (\$971.84)           |
| Fluoride Tabs                   | \$2,159.58         | \$4,000.00         | (\$1,840.42)         |
| Golf Outings                    | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00               |
| MCHC                            | \$0.00             | \$2,000.00         | (\$2,000.00)         |
| Medical Waste Expenses          | \$704.20           | \$2,500.00         | (\$1,795.80)         |
| Memorials and Awards            | \$0.00             | \$300.00           | (\$300.00)           |
| Meriter Max Pohle Donation      | \$1,000.00         | \$1,000.00         | \$0.00               |
| Miscellaneous                   | \$0.00             | \$700.00           | (\$700.00)           |
| Office Supplies                 | \$0.00             | \$200.00           | (\$200.00)           |
| Officers and Delegates Expenses | \$0.00             | \$300.00           | (\$300.00)           |
| Printing Expense                | \$732.73           | \$5,000.00         | (\$4,267.27)         |
| Room Rent (Meetings)            | \$1,000.00         | \$2,000.00         | (\$1,000.00)         |
| Speaker Expense                 | \$0.00             | \$2,000.00         | (\$2,000.00)         |
| Speaker Honorarium              | \$0.00             | \$15,000.00        | (\$15,000.00)        |
| Toothbrush Fund                 | \$0.00             | \$1,000.00         | (\$1,000.00)         |
| WDA President's Dinner          | \$1,418.96         | \$1,500.00         | (\$81.04)            |
| Website Development             | \$0.00             | \$1,000.00         | (\$1,000.00)         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>           | <b>\$8,043.63</b>  | <b>\$44,000.00</b> | <b>(\$35,956.37)</b> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$21,277.17</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>      | <b>\$21,277.17</b>   |

**DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY  
Budget vs. Actual March 14, 2006**

**ASSETS**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Cash  |                     |
| Dane County Dental Society M&I Checking Account | \$34,127.96         |
| Dane County Dental Society M&I Money Market     | <u>\$13,815.52</u>  |
| Total Cash                                      | \$47,943.48         |
| Other Assets                                    |                     |
| Smith Barney Investment Account                 | \$92,641.69         |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                             | <b>\$140,585.17</b> |

**LIABILITIES**

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Liabilities                         | \$0.00              |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>            | <b>\$0.00</b>       |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> | <b>\$140,585.17</b> |

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**DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY Proposed Budget 2006**

**REVENUE**

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Associate Dues         | \$2,000.00         |
| Dane County Dues       | \$32,500.00        |
| Deferred Income        | \$2,000.00         |
| Donations              | \$1,000.00         |
| Golf Outings           | \$0.00             |
| Medical Waste Receipts | \$2,000.00         |
| Meeting Fees           | \$4,000.00         |
| WDAIP Contributions    | \$500.00           |
| <u>Total Revenue</u>   | <u>\$44,000.00</u> |

**EXPENSES**

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Audio-Video                     | \$0.00             |
| Catering Expense                | \$3,000.00         |
| Children's Dental Health Month  | \$1,000.00         |
| Dane County Social Outing       | \$1,500.00         |
| Fluoride Tabs                   | \$4,000.00         |
| Golf Outings                    | \$0.00             |
| MCHC                            | \$2,000.00         |
| Medical Waste Expenses          | \$2,500.00         |
| Memorials and Awards            | \$300.00           |
| Meriter Hospital                | \$1,000.00         |
| Miscellaneous                   | \$700.00           |
| Office Supplies                 | \$200.00           |
| Officers and Delegates Expenses | \$300.00           |
| Printing Expense                | \$5,000.00         |
| Room Rent (Meetings)            | \$2,000.00         |
| Speaker Expense                 | \$2,000.00         |
| Speaker Honorarium              | \$15,000.00        |
| Toothbrush Fund                 | \$1,000.00         |
| WDA President's Dinner          | \$1,500.00         |
| Website Development             | \$1,000.00         |
| <u>Total Expenses</u>           | <u>\$44,000.00</u> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$0.00</b>      |

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**LOCAL NEWS**

*Thank You* to Dave Walther for 5 great years of being editor of the Contact. The Dane County Dental Society owes you a debt of appreciation.

Tim Kinzel hosted a fundraiser for Senator Jon Erpenbach at his office on March 15th. We will be looking for help in setting up a fundraiser for Representative Mark Pocan. He is on the 2006 Joint Finance Committee. It is important to be involved in the political process.

Brett Clark will be the new editor of the Contact. Please contact me at 5520 Medical Circle, Madison, WI 53719. My phone number is 608-274-1911. My e-mail is totalcare@choiceonemail.com.

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Pat Tepe has toothbrushes available from the Dane County Dental Society. Please contact him if you wish to have some toothbrushes for donations. (Tepe@chorus.net)

January 23, 2006  
Dr. Brian Hopp, President, DCDS  
7017 Old Sauk Road  
Madison, WI 53717

Dear Dr. Hopp:

Once again it is time to review the annual statistics of the Dane County Fluoride Supplement Program. I would like to thank the Dane County Dental Society for their continued support of this program. The fluoride supplement program continues to be a successful and valuable public health measure for reducing dental caries in children, and also exemplifies the commitment the dental profession has for public health. All participants are informed that the fluoride has been donated by the Dane County Dental Society. Program participants are grateful for the generosity of the Dental Society and the accessibility of the program. A total of 2,734 prescriptions were provided to 1,455 Dane County children in the year 2005.

Enclosed is a summary of the Fluoride Supplement Program statistics and expenses for the year 2005. Expenses for the fluoride supplements for 2005 totaled \$2,712.24. I anticipate fluoride expenses for the year 2006 to be close to what was spent in 2005. An operating budget of \$4,000.00 was approved in 2005 due to increases in prices from our manufacturers and I expect we will **not** exceed \$4,000. If you need further information, please feel free to contact me at 242-6510. I would like to propose that the Dental Society once again fund this valuable program in the year 2006.

I look forward to another successful year of joint collaboration and the opportunity to promote dental health and wellness for Dane County children. Again, thank you for your generous support. I anticipate hearing from you soon.

Sincerely, Marlene T. Manning, RDH, MS, CHES, Dental Health Coordinator, Dane County Division of Public Health

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## STATE NEWS

### WDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, FEBRUARY 24, 2006 - SUPPLEMENT

The Executive Director's Update is a service to Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA) leaders to help keep you informed of staff activities and items of interest. It is sent monthly via e-mail and fax to all officers, trustees, component presidents and secretaries, committee chairs, WDA House Delegation and past-presidents. Notify [hwillette@wda.org](mailto:hwillette@wda.org) or fax/e-mail changes.

**WDA Leaders/Staff Meet with Division of Health Care Financing Regarding Dental Access - Two Pilot Programs Under Consideration** - WDA leaders and staff met with Mark Moody, Wisconsin's Medicaid (MA) director, and other staff from the Division of Health Care Financing (DHCF) to discuss Wisconsin's dental access problem. During this meeting, the WDA pointed to specific member frustrations with the MA program, including reimbursement, paperwork hassles, problems with the emergency MA claim form and patient no-shows. The WDA leaders listened and provided feedback to potential solutions put forth by DHCF.

DHCF is considering two pilot programs for the dental MA program, including a pay-for-performance model and a disease management model. The pay-for-performance model would provide MA certified dentists with the option of participating in an agreement with the state in which they would receive an increased reimbursement rate, for all MA patients seen, if they indicate a willingness to treat one or more of the specific populations of MA patients as outlined by the state (i.e. dental emergencies, pregnant women, foster children, etc.) and then also treat a predetermined minimum number of patients in the category(ies) they agreed to treat (the minimum number threshold will be determined later in the process). The second model discussed, disease management, would involve screening and triaging school-aged children in order to make sure those children with urgent dental needs are receiving the necessary care. The concept of promoting a triage model in the school system is to try to make sure limited financial resources are spent in the most efficient manner. The WDA looks forward to working with DHCF on these two prospective dental MA models; please look for a more detailed report of this meeting in future Journal articles.

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### REVISED (legislative info) WDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

MARCH 31, 2006

This update is a service to Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA) leaders to help keep you informed of staff activities and items of interest. It is sent monthly via e-mail and fax to all officers, trustees, component presidents and secretaries, committee chairs, WDA House Delegation and past-presidents. Notify [hwillette@wda.org](mailto:hwillette@wda.org) or fax/e-mail changes.

**Important Jewel of the Great Lakes Wisconsin Dental Meeting News** - The WDA has more than **tripled** its anticipated room block at the Kalahari Water Park and Conference Center for the upcoming annual session. Room blocks at the Kalahari and Ho-Chunk Casino and Conference Center are SOLD OUT, but special rates are also being offered at:

Wintergreen Resort at 800-648-4765 or [www.wintergreen-resort.com](http://www.wintergreen-resort.com). Wednesday/Thursday - \$65 standard room, \$75 whirlpool suite; Friday/Saturday - \$75 standard room, \$85 whirlpool suite. The waterpark is suitable for smaller children. Mention the WDA when making your reservation by April 20 (or until block is full).

Wilderness Resort at 800-867-9453 or [www.wildernessresort.com](http://www.wildernessresort.com). Wednesday/Thursday - \$90, Friday - \$117, Saturday - \$135. The Wilderness will open its third indoor waterpark next month. All rates include up to four waterpark passes. Mention the WDA when making your reservation by April 14 (or until block is full).

We have also added exhibit hall booths for a grand total of \$144! Many new and returning exhibitors are eager to show you their latest products and services. Continuing education classes are filling quickly. Register today at [www.wda.org](http://www.wda.org)!

**Calling All Silent Auction Donations** - The Wisconsin Dental Foundation's annual fund-raising silent auction, mini-affle and raffle, held in conjunction with the Jewel, is one the proudest for great items to offer. Do you have a hobby or craft you'd like to share? Would you and your component colleagues offer a package highlighting your area of the state? No package is too big or too small. For donor information, please contact Heather Willette at 800-364-7646 or [hwillette@wda.org](mailto:hwillette@wda.org). Remember to visit

the auction area May 4 and 5 at the Kalahari to bid on an array of great items and buy raffle tickets. Proceeds benefit the non-profit foundation's efforts to improve Wisconsin residents' dental health.

**WDA Regulation Activity - Four Administrative Rules on Dentistry Pending** - Four administrative rules that would impact dentistry are pending in the regulatory and legislative arena:

**CR 04-095 - Regulation of Anesthesia Use in a Dental Office.** The Dentistry Examining Board (DEB) proposed this rule to regulate anesthesia use in the dental practice. Among other things, it creates three different permit levels based on the type of sedation used. The WDA has not opposed the rule's creation, but testified in opposition to the section that would strictly limit a dentist's ability to determine proper total drug dosage and the time needed between additional doses. The WDA supported adoption of American Dental Association (ADA) guideline language for this rule section, because it sets an expectation while giving practitioners some leeway. The DEB refused to adopt ADA guideline language saying it is too vague for a regulation. Responding to the DEB decision not to change the intended language, the State Senate Health Committee (SHC), objected to implementation of just that section. That specific objection now moves to the Legislature's Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR), which can agree or disagree with the SHC recommendation. A JCRAR hearing is expected in Madison by mid-April and a WDA spokesperson will testify in support of the SHC objection.

**CR-05-033 - Independent Billing of Medicaid (MA) Services by Dental Hygienists.** This rule was proposed by the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) to regulate dental hygienists' independent billing for dental MA services. It also proposes removing prior authorization for several dental procedures. Four WDA representatives testified against the rule last summer at statewide DHFS public hearings. DHFS did remove the list of services dental hygienists could bill for from its original rule draft; now, the rule draft says the state will only pay for services provided within dental hygienists' scope of practice as outlined in two specific Wisconsin statute sections. WDA Board of Trustees reviewed the revised draft and was originally comfortable with the changes. However, a Board conference call with WDA legal counsel after an Assembly hearing notice was published revealed a potential legal concern regarding the existence of two separate legal interpretations of the dental hygiene scope of practice. The state attorney general's 2004 interpretation claims dental hygienists can place dental sealants without a dentist's exam or diagnosis in three public health settings (i.e., dental/dental hygiene schools, K-12 public and private schools and city or county health departments). The 1991 DEB opinion states standard of care requires a dentist's examination and prescription prior to sealant placement by a hygienist regardless of the setting. Given these opposing interpretations of the Dental Practice Act, the WDA testified in opposition to CR 05-033. The WDA would support the rule if it was further amended to allow dental hygienists to bill for dental sealants, scaling and root planing only if a dentist first examines the patient and issues a prescription. No vote was taken at the March 29 hearing. A copy of WDA testimony is available by calling 888-538-8932.

**CR 06-016 - Allows Dental Hygienists without Local Anesthetic Permit to Administer Topical and/or Applicator Local Anesthetic.** Current regulations relating to local anesthesia require dental hygienists to obtain a local anesthesia permit (requires additional education and training) before a dentist can delegate this procedure. However, the regulations don't consider new anesthesia products (e.g., Oraqix) that can be administered by an applicator and/or other topical products. This proposed rule would remove non-injected anesthetics from the local anesthesia definition and its permit requirements. The goal is to allow dental hygienists who have no permit in local anesthesia to avoid the additional education and training necessary for a permit. A public hearing on this rule will be held at the May 3 DEB meeting. The WDA supports the rule's general concept, but will provide testimony requesting clarification on the supervision level required of dentists. The WDA wants the rule to clarify that the dentist remain on the premises and available to the patient throughout the appointment, regardless of the type of anesthesia prescribed.

**DHFS Administrative Code HFS 157 on Radiation Includes Fee Increases.** DHFS has introduced an administrative rule draft updating current X-ray regulations. Those areas affecting dentistry reflect fee increases. The annual site visit charge for dental offices will increase from \$36 to \$50. The fee per X-ray tube will increase from \$30 to \$35. Fees support the cost of state inspections of dental offices every three to four years. Watch for WDA Journal articles authored by state radiation compliance staff for information on how to easily and efficiently comply with current regulations.

**Results from Expanded Survey Now Available** - WDA member dentists were surveyed in January and February to gauge their knowledge and opinions of expanded duties for allied dental personnel. Results indicate the overwhelming majority of dentists - 93 percent - do not support the June 2005 Governor's Task Force to Improve Access to Oral Health report which calls for independent practice by dental hygienists. Most dentists see significant value in expanding certain functions specifically to dental assistants, but 67 percent say direct supervision is necessary and there's a limit to delegation of duties. Survey results are available at [www.wda.org/professional/office/Future/default.asp](http://www.wda.org/professional/office/Future/default.asp). This section is password protected - contact Kelly Schottler at 800-364-7646 or [communications@wda.org](mailto:communications@wda.org) for your password. For a hard copy of survey results/analysis, contact Lisa Chandre at above number or [lchandre@wda.org](mailto:lchandre@wda.org).

**Calling All Amateur Photographers - Get Your Own WDA Journal Photo Credit** - WDA dentists, family members and dental office team members are invited to join the WDA Journal's statewide "shutterbug" network. Beginning in the June 2006 issue, photographers will receive "Photo by. . ." recognition when their oral health-related pictures appear in print. Digital photos of WDA or other oral health-related events only, please. Provide a descriptive caption for each picture along with photographer's name, phone number and e-mail. Submit photos as soon as possible after an event to WDA Journal Managing Editor Heather Willette at [hwillette@wda.org](mailto:hwillette@wda.org).

**Stamp Out Spit Tobacco** - For the sixth year. WDA members and dental office teams are invited to help spread the Stamp Out Spit Tobacco message by visiting local fifth grade classrooms during April and May and talking with students about oral cancer. Mr. Grossmouth models and spit tobacco videos are available on loan from the WDA through generous WDA Insurance

Programs, Inc. funding. These and other resources are available in the Community Activities section of [www.wda.org](http://www.wda.org) or by contacting Kelly Schottler ([communications@wda.org](mailto:communications@wda.org)) or Heather Willette ([hwillette@wda.org](mailto:hwillette@wda.org)) at 800-364-7646. All fifth grades across the state will receive a teacher's guide, pre and post-tests, instructional DVD and one curriculum-based B-Force comic book for each student. An additional 10,000 comic books, featuring Milwaukee Brewers Ben Sheets and Carlos Lee, will be distributed at the May 21, 2006 Brewers home game against the Minnesota Twins. WDA President Dr. Constantine Stamatelakys will throw out the first pitch on behalf of the anti-spit tobacco education program - a cooperative effort of the WDA, Milwaukee Brewers, Group One Marketing and Wisconsin's Departments of Public Instruction and Health and Family Services.

**New Dentist Committee Volunteers Needed** - The WDA New Dentist Committee is looking for dentists (out of dental school 10 years or less) to serve as local component contacts. Each contact will receive new dentist updates via e-mail several times a year to share with colleagues. They will also be asked to alert the committee to any new dentist concerns. New Dentist Committee members are also needed and may be component contacts or another dentist. The committee meets three times a year, coordinates several events for dental students and hosts a reception during the Jewel of the Great Lakes. Please contact Lani Becker at [lbecker@wda.org](mailto:lbecker@wda.org) or 800-364-7646 or Dr. Matt Bistan, New Dentist Committee chair ([drbistan@ftbdds.com](mailto:drbistan@ftbdds.com)) for more information about these WDA volunteer opportunities.

It is my great pleasure to announce that Mark Paget will assume the duties of WDA executive director on May 1, 2006. He will replace the retiring Dennis McGuire who has helped lead the WDA for some 21 years.

Mark, who is looking forward to working with our "dedicated Board of Trustees and outstanding staff," comes to the WDA from the Wisconsin Funeral Directors Association (WFDA) where he has served as executive director since 1998. Prior to the WFDA, Mark worked for the Milwaukee School of Engineering, National Funeral Directors Association, Marquette University and Milwaukee Brewers.

A 1979 Marquette University graduate, he holds a bachelor's degree with a major in communications and minor in psychology. Mark resides in Brookfield with his wife Lori and their three children - Alec (14), Evan (12) and Rachel (10).

The Annual Session Committee is coordinating a special "Meet and Greet" with Mark Paget at the Jewel of the Great Lakes Wisconsin Dental Meeting in May at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. Watch for more details as they become available. Also, a future WDA Journal will include an in-depth profile of Mark.

Sincerely, Constantine Stamatelakys, DDS

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### 'Misleading' article under fire from ADA

*By Judy Jakush*

An article in the April issue of Smart Money magazine is filled with half-truths about dental care that create a false impression, ADA President Robert M. Brandjord says in a March 23 letter to the magazine.

Besides appearing in the magazine and online on the Smart Money Web site, the article, "Ten Things Your Dentist Doesn't Want You to Know," was also posted on March 23 on America Online. It was in AOL.com's rotating list of major news and features and included a lead-in ("What Your Dentist Isn't Telling You; Not Everyone Needs to Go Twice a Year, Old Fillings May Be Toxic: 10 Must-Knows") and a link to the article on Smart Money's Web site.

The AOL.com page prompted calls from across the country to the ADA from dentists angered by the article, which was written by William Mauldin.

Dr. Brandjord, whose letter is also being sent to AOL and is available online, told Smart Money, "There is a stream of unfair inferences and half-truths in the article."

He cites what he views as the worst two of the 10 items (noting that there isn't enough space to adequately refute all of them):

- The first item: "You really don't need to see me every six months." The ADA president explains that "dentists base the frequency of recall visits on patients' individual oral health care needs," with some individuals needing to visit the dentist less often than others.
- The second item, he says, makes misleading statements about the amount of mercury released from amalgam during normal wear and tear. "Scientific research tells us that amalgam releases mercury vapor at a rate that ranges between 1-3 micrograms per day under the pressure of chewing or grinding, not the author's alleged 10 micrograms a day. . . it would take almost 500 amalgam fillings in a mouth to see the subtlest symptoms in the most sensitive person."

Dr. Brandjord, in closing, states, "Surely your readers deserve a more science-based and objective article."

Dr. S. M. Willardsen of Tacoma, Wash., is one of the many ADA members who contacted the Association, sending a copy of an e-mail he directed to Smart Money March 23.

"I am writing this to let you know how your credibility has sunk due to the sensationalized article '10 things Your Dentist Doesn't Want You to Know,'" he wrote. "There are many untruths in this article and it's implication is that the dental profession is less than 'honest.' There are those that may be less than honest, but the greatest majority are hard working dedicated people that have their patients' interest first and enjoy the benefits of such as a result."

Dr. Theresa Dolan, dean of the University of Florida College of Dentistry, also took exception to the Smart Money story in a March 24 statement issued by UF.

"We at the University of Florida College of Dentistry are disappointed by the Smart Money Magazine article. . . This article does not represent the college's position regarding the issues touched on in its content, and we are dismayed our name has been associated with it. Our view is that the article presented information out of context, which cast the dental profession in an unfavorable light that is both unfair and inaccurate. The college is currently working with the American Dental Association and

the Florida Dental Association to formulate a unified response to the article and America Online posting. We feel the article does a disservice not only to the dental profession but also to consumers. It is very disappointing that Smart Money Magazine and AOL would publish such a sensational and misleading article."

Dentists, especially AOL members, who wish to join in critiquing the article are encouraged to lodge a complaint either by e-mail (through your AOL log-in screen) or by phone (general AOL corporate media inquiries, Nicholas Graham, 1-703-265-1746).

Dentists whose patients ask about the article can direct patients to ADA.org for answers to questions on almost any dental topic in the section [Oral Health topics A-Z](#).

### **National Academies releases report on EPA fluoride standards**

*By Craig Palmer*

Washington--The story behind the fluoride story is the meeting of science, profession and public policy.

The National Research Council of the National Academies March 22 released a report on Fluoride in Drinking Water. A Scientific Review of EPA's Standards. The Environmental Protection Agency requested the review. The news release and report were announced at a public press conference and the Web cast inviting e-mail and on-site questions from national media representatives. The report is available online on the [National Academies Press Web site](#).

The report updates scientific information available on fluoride and advises the EPA. It also calls for further research. The report did not examine the health effects of community water fluoridation, which benefits millions of Americans and is hailed as one of the great public health achievements for preventing tooth decay. It focuses exclusively on naturally occurring levels of fluoride in water supplies.

The American Dental Association, convening an interdivisional work group well in advance of the report, stood ready to respond to member and media requests for information. The work group harnessed years of fluoride savvy and Association resources under the leadership of Dr. John Luther, associate executive director, Division of Dental Practice, and met again the day before the report's release.

As the report issued, the Association offered member guidance "if your patients ask you about the report."

- This report deals only with naturally occurring levels of fluoride in water. A very small segment of the U.S. population, estimated to be less than one percent, are on public water systems where the natural levels of fluoride are above that recommended by the EPA.
- This report in no way examines or calls into question the safety of community water fluoridation. Water fluoridation is the adjustment of the natural level of fluoride to a level to help prevent tooth decay. When the natural levels of fluoride in water are very low, a small amount of fluoride is added in order to achieve an optimal level, which is between 0.7 - 1.2 parts per million. A part per million can be likened to one cent in \$10,000 -- that's how small an amount we're talking about.
- The American Dental Association welcomes ongoing research on the topic of fluoride and its effect on the public health.
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cited community water fluoridation as one of the 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century, and the ADA continues to endorse water fluoridation as a vital public health measure to prevent tooth decay.

In Dallas, Dr. Arlet Dunsworth awoke that morning to a promotion for a Paul Harvey radio report on fluoride. It caught his attention, he told the ADA News, and although he had no previous involvement with fluoridation he sees its benefits in practice. "I wrote an e-mail to him and to the ADA. I practice oral and maxillofacial surgery and we see teen-age patients who have never had cavities and that's a benefit of fluoridation. Their teeth are perfect. If we took fluoride out of the water, it would be a disaster."

His message to Paul Harvey was this: "I just asked him to be sure he was giving evidence-based information."

ADA staff contacted the producer of the Paul Harvey show to offer information before the segment aired.

Dr. Dunsworth also alerted ADA staff to the report and learned that the Association was prepared to respond and would offer further information at ADA.org, in the WDA News and through other Association publications and media communications. Association staff also shared with Dr. Dunsworth the NAS/NRC press release on the 500-page scientific review so that he could access the Web cast and the full report.

"Thank you for the information," he replied. "I am grateful to all of you who work to make our ADA the greatest! I am proud to be a member."

About the same time Dr. Dunsworth initiated his e-communications, an Iowa dentist hearing a similar radio promotion called the Iowa Dental Association to alert his constituent partner in the tripartite profession. Dr. William E. "Bill" Strohm, a general practice dentist in Algona, is the IDA north central district trustee. When he heard the promotion he was "a little nervous" about the broadcast and what it might mean in communities across his state, he said. Lawrence F. Carl, executive director, relayed the message to the Association and later told the ADA, "This is the way it's supposed to work."

Said Dr. Strohm, "I appreciate that you folks were proactive in calling Paul Harvey."

The science updated, the profession engaged, the story continues. The Association will keep you posted.

### **NIDCR Launches Important Study on Temporomandibular Joint and Muscle Disorders**

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*(For additional information about the study, please see the [Inside Scoop](#) interview with Dr. Maixner)*

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), part of the National Institutes of Health, announced today the launch of a seven-year clinical study that could accelerate research on better pain-controlling treatments for a jaw

condition called temporomandibular joint and muscle disorders (TMJDs).

Called Orofacial Pain: Prospective Evaluation and Risk Assessment, or OPPERA, the \$19.1 million project marks the first-ever large, prospective clinical study to identify risk factors that contribute to someone developing a TMJ disorder. A prospective study looks forward in time, tracking volunteers over several months or years to monitor the onset and natural course of a disease.

During the OPPERA study, scientists will track 3,200 healthy volunteers from three to five years to see how many develop the disorder. According to Dr. William Maixner, the study's principal investigator and a scientist at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, those who develop TMJ problems will open a critical and largely unexplored window on the early stages of the disorders, pointing the researchers toward genes and other biologic factors that might contribute to pain sensitivity.

Maixner said the high-quality data generated from this prospective vantage point could provide the future impetus to refine diagnostic criteria for TMJ disorders, consider new approaches to treatment, and predict a person's natural susceptibility to develop a chronic pain condition. "This is a timely study that will greatly enhance the scientific underpinnings of research on TMJDs," said NIDCR director Dr. Lawrence Tabak. "Most importantly, it will accelerate the pace of the science and seed valuable new leads that impact virtually every aspect of care for the disorders."

"This study represents an important step forward not only for TMJD research but pain research in general," said NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni. "It marks one of the first - if not the first - prospective clinical studies to identify risk factors for a chronic pain condition. It's quite possible that some of the findings that arise from this study will be applicable to other musculoskeletal pain conditions."

TMJD is an umbrella term for a group of conditions that affect the area in and around the temporomandibular joint, or TMJ. These two large, ball-and-socket joints connect the jaw to the skull on both sides of the head, and common symptoms of a TMJ disorder include persistent pain in the jaw muscles, restricted jaw movement, jaw locking, and abnormal popping and clicking of the joint.

It is not known precisely how many people have TMJDs, but the main symptoms-pain and restricted jaw movement-occur in 5-15 percent of Americans. TMJ disorders may be more common in women than men and, while some conditions can be linked to physical trauma, in most cases the cause is unknown.

Although TMJ disorders vary in their duration and severity, for some people the pain becomes a permanent feature of their lives, and controlling it can be an exercise in frustration for them and their doctors. In the absence of generally accepted, science-based guidelines for managing TMJ disorders, health care providers have tried to help patients using a variety of approaches, often with unsatisfactory results.

One reason that relief is so difficult to find is the chronic pain associated with TMJ disorders results from a highly complex biological interplay. The interplay involves myriad factors, ranging from the intricacies of pain transmission and its possible rewiring and overamplification en route to the brain to the complicating and frequent presence of other painful conditions, such as fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue, which possibly mask or modify the symptoms of the TMJ problem.

With so many variables, some researchers have supported that the best scientific entry point to examine a TMJ disorder is during its earliest stages, before the full-blown complexity of advanced disease clouds the investigative picture. This thinking and recent progress in studying the basic biology of pain led to the NIDCR's decision to support the OPPERA study. The multi-center research program will involve investigative units at: University of Florida in Gainesville, directed by Dr. Roger Fillingim; University of Buffalo-SUNY, directed by Dr. Richard Ohrbach; University of Maryland at Baltimore, directed by Drs. Joel Greenspan and Ronald Dubner, and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, directed by William Maixner.

This study builds on the recent completion of a successful three-year, prospective pilot study in North Carolina that involved 240 healthy women who initially had no history of a TMJ disorder. In the OPPERA study, participants may be both male and female. All must be between the ages of 18 and 44, in good health, and have had no previous TMJ problems. Based on the results of the pilot study, Maixner said an estimated 200 volunteers may develop their first TMJ disorder during their participation in OPPERA.

"A large prospective study on a TMJ disorder would have been futile just a decade ago because not enough was known about the basic mechanisms that control human pain," said Maixner. "It's only been within the last few years that an adequate conceptual framework has emerged, and I'm very hopeful OPPERA will identify key genetic, physiologic, and psychological variables that tell us more about patients and, ultimately, lead to more effective treatment approaches."

*The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research is the nation's leading funder of research on oral, dental, and craniofacial health.*

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## EDITORIAL

### Blanchard - A Faulty Firewall

Brian Blanchard, who in case you did not know, is our elected District Attorney for Dane County and serves at the discretion of the electorate of Dane County. His responsibilities make him the only firewall between the citizenry of Dane County and its criminal element. He has the right of "arbitrary prosecution." That right can be used to bring criminals before a jury of their peers or let them off without even a slap on the hands or even footnote in their record of criminal activities. Mr. Blanchard has recently shown himself to be unworthy of my trust, and I suspect others in the Dane County electorate, with regards to helping health care providers in their very difficult task of holding the records of patients in complete confidentiality. He has demonstrated a poor grasp of the importance of working hand in hand with patients and their health care providers in protecting this confidentiality by offhandedly dismissing a recent theft of permanent health records as not worthy of prosecution. (Even after he admittedly was probably not in possession of all of the facts of the case).

I recently had an employee in my health care practice quit and as this employee left, stole the permanent health care records of herself, her two daughters and those of her ex-husband. Patients are allowed copies of their health care records, but the permanent records are always the property of the health care provider and it is the responsibility of the health care provider to

protect. This former employee knew that such protection of my patient's records was, and continues to be, held by me as a sacred trust. Given the nature in which this employee left, past criminal activities and the defamatory way in which unemployment compensation continues to be sought, I can only conclude that the vindictive intent of this theft was to potentially alter the permanent records and attempt to extract money under false pretenses. This employee's possession of the permanent records would have given me no defense against any trumped up malpractice litigation tactic that could have been attempted.

I am a small health care practice and do not utilize any electronic wire transfer of patient information. Therefore, I am not covered under HIPPA laws. Brian Blanchard, and the position to which he was elected, is where I should be able to go in search of justice. Unfortunately, this case, does not appear to be a high enough profile (nor I suspect press worthy) for him to pursue. The value of each of these four files is the maximum amount a trial lawyer could obtain from prosecution of me for malpractice, in which case I would not have the original patient file(s) to protect myself. If a health professional is found guilty of not safeguarding the privacy of patient's records -- penalties are severe, both professionally and financially. Should not the theft of these records be viewed with similar severity? Should that not make Brian Blanchard responsible for pursuing charges of grand larceny when such a crime is committed?

Everyone complains about the high cost of health care. Brian Blanchard, through what I see as incompetence, is potentially driving up these costs - although being an attorney, he may only view it as "cost effective." Brian Blanchard's opinion on the theft of permanent patients records from my office was that "A patient has a right to their health records." Case closed. Mr. Blanchard, if you took the time to know Wisconsin's statutes on this topic you would know that a patient has only the right to copies of their health records - not the originals - which are the property of the health care provider.

This is a case of victim's rights and whether you know it or not, you the electorate of Dane County are all victims with the precedent (or lack of) that this sets.

Michael R. Lewis, D.D.S.

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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As leaders of the WDA in Dane County, we encourage more of our fellow dentists to be involved in this fall's election of your state officials. Several issues over the past several years have surfaced which will have a significant impact on dentistry.

### **Potential Licensure of Foreign Trained Dentists**

The Doyle Administration has supported the licensure of individuals you have graduated from unaccredited foreign dental schools, without requiring a DDS/DMD degree from an accredited U.S. dental school.

### **Independent Practice of Hygiene**

Governor Doyle's Task Force on Oral Health supported the independent practice of hygienists in all practice settings as a "solution" to the dental access problems. The proposal promotes hygienists independently providing hygiene services without first requiring the diagnosis of a dentist.

### **Promoting Dental Hygienists to Bill Medical Assistance Program Independently**

The Doyle Administration has successfully introduced an administrative rule which would allow dental hygienists to direct bill the state for seeing medical assistance patients.

### **Placement of Sealants by a Hygienist without a Diagnosis of a Dentist**

Governor Doyle's Task Force on Oral Health supports dental hygienists placing sealants without first having an exam and diagnosis by a dentist. This push continues to be made despite the WDA's offers to consistently help school-based sealant programs find a dentist to provide the exams. The WDA is not aware of any sealant program being cancelled due to an inability to find a volunteer dentist.

### **Dentistry Examining Board**

The Doyle Administration has refused to discuss Dentistry Examining Board (DEB) nominees with the WDA. The WDA presented a list of four interested dentists to the Doyle Administration, only one of whom was put forth by Doyle for nomination to the DEB. Only after nominating dentists to the DEB, does the Doyle Administration ask for the WDA's review and support for his chosen candidates; the WDA has endorsed all of his candidates but remains concerned about a sudden wholesale turnover of the six dentist-members of the DEB. To date, the Senate has approved none of the Governor's nominees.

### **DEB Rule Governing Sedation**

The WDA has asked for a legislative review of a section of the proposed DEB rule on conscious sedation. The WDA asked that the portion of the rule regarding multiple doses of oral sedative reflect the ADA guidelines, which provided dentists with the necessary leeway to utilize their own clinical judgment and experience; the rule proposed by the DEB would allow for strict guidelines and hamper dentists from using their clinical judgment.

Please be aware of the dental issues when you vote this fall. Please get involved to know the candidates and their position on these items. Please let them know about your concerns.

This is a brief synopsis prepared by Madison area dentists who are currently active in the WDA leadership. For more detailed information on these topics or on other topics that impact dentistry, feel free to contact Mara Brooks at the WDA Madison office by phone at 250-3442 or by e-mail at [mbrooks@wda.org](mailto:mbrooks@wda.org).

## 'Operation Blessing' seeks volunteers for New Orleans clinic

By Stacie Crozier

New Orleans - If you didn't have a chance to participate in Mission of Mercy's joint medical and dental clinic sponsored by Remote Area Medical in New Orleans last month, there are still opportunities to volunteer. Operation Blessing International has launched a semi-permanent dental clinic to provide much-needed dental care to Hurricane Katrina victims.

Since 1978, Operation Blessing International Relief and Development Corp., a nonprofit humanitarian organization headquartered in Virginia, has provided more than \$1.1 billion in goods and services to 184.9 million individuals in all 50 states and in 96 countries.

OBI's dental clinic in St. Bernard Parish opened Feb. 6 and will be in operation for at least six months, said Scott Hill, OBI's disaster volunteer coordinator. "This is a great opportunity for dentists throughout the United States to have a meaningful impact in an area close to all of our hearts," Hill said. "Operation Blessing has been servicing dental needs throughout the world, and we are honored to now serve those in New Orleans."

The clinic provides a range of dental treatment, including restorations, extractions and cleanings. OBI also offers all volunteers free room and board--a trailer with bathroom and kitchenette--plus three meals a day. In addition, OBI is working directly with Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals to help dentists secure a provisional licensure.

For more details, contact Scott Hill at 1-757-226-3858 or email [scott.hill@ob.org](mailto:scott.hill@ob.org). OBI is also listed in the ADA's publication, "International Dental Volunteer Organizations: A Guide to Service and a Directory of Programs."

This 78-page guide, compiled by the ADA Center for International Development and Affairs, contains an in-depth introduction to overseas volunteerism for dental professionals.

The guide is free to ADA members and available to nonmembers for a fee of \$15. Request a copy of the guide by contacting the ADA Center for International Development and Affairs toll free at Ext. 2726 or by e-mailing [international@ada.org](mailto:international@ada.org).

More information is also available at [www.ada.org/goto/international](http://www.ada.org/goto/international).

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Dentist: \$90

Patient: \$90 for just a few minutes of work???

Dentist: I can extract it very slowly if you like.

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If any dental office would be interested in having any forms translated to Spanish, they can contact Kitty Tobias of Endodontic Specialists of Madison, S.C. at (608) 833-7424 to acquire the translator information.