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DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY *NEWS BULLETIN*

UPCOMING DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2002

Place: *Hawk's Landing*
Topic: Golf Outing
Host: Dr. Jay Hazen 251-8790

ALL DAY MEETING, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2002

Place: *Crowne Plaza-Madison*, 4402 E. Washington Ave.
Time: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Topic: **Predictable Cosmetic Dentistry**
Speaker: Dr. Jeff Morley, DDS
Host: Dr. Patrick Tepe 848-4000

ALL DAY MEETING, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2002

Place: *Sheraton-Madison*, 706 John Nolen Drive
Time: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Topic: **Dental Potpourri: Creative Ideas and Expanded Duties for Today's Dental Assistant**
Speaker: Dr. Debra Stewart, DDS
Host: Dr. Eric teDuits 288-1543

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MINUTES OF DANE COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Tuesday, March 12, 2002 - Houlihan's Restaurant

Present: Drs. B. Hopp, D. Walther, S. Brysh, P. Lorge, J. Hartjes, G. Lofgren, C. Gjertson and E. teDuits

- I. Secretary's Report -- Written by P. Lorge
Approved -- J. Hartjes, Seconded - S. Brysh
- II. Treasurer's Report -- Written by D. Walther
Total cash in bank accounts -- \$31,977.69
Smith Barney -- \$71,354.88
Total Assets -- \$103,332.57
Approved by P. Lorge, Seconded -- J. Hartjes
- III. President's Report -- Dr. E. teDuits
 - A) Old Business
 - 1) Dr. E. teDuits recapped Legislative Day. State representative John Gard spoke to the attendees regarding medical assistance. His most recent proposal is to eliminate medical assistance benefits for adults and slightly increase benefits for children. The WDA has formally opposed this. Mr. Gard then stated he would not push this issue if WDA does not support it.
 - B) New Business
 - 1) The new dentist dinner has been slated for April 4th at the Edgewater Hotel at 5:30 p.m.
 - 2) A discussion was raised on the gifts to donate for the Foundation.
 - 3) Dr. E. teDuits then solicited award nominations for the Pyramids of Pride that are necessary prior to June 15th.

IV. Trustees Report -- None

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Hartjes and seconded by B. Hopp.

Respectfully submitted, Patrick J. Lorge, DDS, Secretary, DCDS

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Balance Sheet

as of 3/31/02

Assets

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Dane County Checking	\$27,985.60
M&I Money Market	<u>\$ 3,730.08</u>
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$31,715.68

Other Assets	
Investments - Smith Barney	\$73,631.33

<u>Total Assets</u>	\$105,347.01
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Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	\$105,347.01

<u>Total Liabilities and Equity</u>	\$105,347.01
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Income vs. Spending 3-31-02

<u>Income</u>	\$0.00
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<u>Total</u>	\$0.00
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Spending

Madison Energy	\$178.20
Perfect Type	\$83.81

<u>Total</u>	\$262.01
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NATIONAL NEWS

ADA SURVEY: Distribution of Dentists

The ADA Survey Center has been directed by the House of Delegates to conduct a census-type survey of all known dentists in the United States and its territories. Called the *Distribution of Dentists*, its purpose is to assist in the maintenance of a comprehensive registry of dentists. The *Distribution of Dentists* report offers the most accurate information available on the number, location and practice status of dentists in the United States. Its data provides the sampling frame for all periodic surveys conducted by Association agencies. In addition, this data serves as the basis for the Association's *Dental Workforce Model*. It is also used to verify and update mailing addresses and professional practice status, and provides information to the Division of Membership and Dental Society Services for use in calculating market share. This data is also the source for updating the *State and County Demographic Reports*, which are used by dentists seeking a practice location. In addition, some of the information dentists provide (e.g., address information) is used for a variety of purposes, **including only commercial and non-profit mailings that have been reviewed and approved by the ADA.**

The survey form is mailed to all dentists who graduated from accredited dental schools in the United States, regardless of their Association membership status or licensure, as well as graduates of foreign dental schools who were licensed to practice in the United States. The survey requests the following information: occupation (primary and secondary), area of practice, research or administration; practice ownership status; gender; birth date; professional retirement date; mailing address and office telephone number; race/ethnicity; social security number; fax and e-mail address; and practice state/county/zip code. Approximately 75,000 dentists will be contacted in 2002. Results from the *Distribution* will be reported in aggregate form. Source: ADA Survey Center, June 2002 (302 words)

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New Dentists Descend on San Antonio for Conference

(Chicago) Dentists will get together for peer networking and continuing education at the 16th National Conference on the New Dentist, to be held August 15-17, 2002 at the Hilton Palacio del Rio in San Antonio, Texas. The theme for the conference is "Bigger, Brighter Smiles, Deep in the Heart of Texas." Mentadent has been the sole corporate sponsor since the first conference was held in 1987; the Texas Dental Association, the San Antonio District Dental Society and the Greater Houston Dental Society are 2002 sponsors.

The conference program includes extraordinary continuing education opportunities targeted to new dentists, recent graduates and dental students. A two-day program, the educational courses include clinical issues, professional issues, practice management and a leadership track, with up to 12 CE hours available. State and local new dentist committee leaders can participate in the leadership track's New Dentist Committee Network Idea Exchange, a Q & A session with the ADA President and President-Elect and the Open Forum. The Idea Exchange is an open discussion for new dentist leaders to share ideas and activities happening in their state or local community. The Q & A session is a unique opportunity to discuss concerns and issues with the ADA President and President-Elect. The Open Forum discussion allows for new dentists to share experiences and opinions with ADA leaders on matters affecting new dentists in organized dentistry.

Pre-conference special programming includes the Network Leaders Orientation on Thursday, August 15, 2002. This program, for new dentist committee leaders, will explore the nuts and bolts of the New Dentist Committee Network, and how to get the most out of the ADA resources for the new dentist. New this year is the New Dentist Transition and Smart Start Program Training Workshop for dental society staff on Saturday, August 17, 2002. This special workshop will teach dental society staff how to host and present the New Dentist Transition and Smart Start programs in their respective dental schools. Participants will learn to schedule programs, secure presenters, correspond with program participants and present tripartite resource information.

The Hilton Palacio del Rio is ideally located on the River Walk in Downtown San Antonio. Both banks of the waterway are bordered with a winding walkway, attractively landscaped with stone bridges and benches. Boutiques, restaurants and clubs line the River Walk for easy access to San Antonio's hottest spots. The hotel is also within walking distance to the Alamo, Tower of Americas, Institute of Texan Cultures and the Rivercenter Mall. Each room includes a private balcony with an impressive view of San Antonio, a coffee maker, a hair dryer, and a full-size iron and ironing board. The hotel also offers guests use of the fitness room, an outdoor swimming pool, and a hot tub.

The early registration fee for the ADA member dentists is \$295 and for dental and graduate student members it is \$95; register by July 12, 2002. Early registrants (dentists and dental students only) will be eligible for prize drawings including free registration to this conference, free lodging at the Hilton Palacio del Rio in San Antonio, August 15-18, 2002, two roundtrip airfare tickets to attend the 143rd ADA Annual Session in New Orleans, LA in October 2002 and free lodging at a hotel in New Orleans, LA, October 18-21, 2002. Special rates apply for spouses, guests, dental office staff and nonmembers.

For information about the conference or to request a conference brochure, contact ADA Committee on the New Dentist on the ADA toll-free number, ext. 2779, or call 312/440-2779. Information is also posted on ADA.org at www.ada.org/goto/newdentconf.

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NATIONAL NEWS PREFACE

Members:

The following article provides some credible references when defending the use of dental amalgam restorations. Please keep a copy for future references.

-- Editor

Notes from the ADA lawsuit

What some others say about amalgam safety

by James Berry

In its defamation suit against Los Angeles attorney Shawn Khorrami, the ADA cites statements from a number of leading scientific, government and consumer organizations attesting to the safety of dental amalgam.

These groups include the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health, the World Health Organization, the FDI World Dental Federation, the U.S. Public Health Service, and Consumers Union of the United States, publisher of Consumer Reports magazine.

The complaint also quotes a 1998 statement from the ADA's own Council on Scientific Affairs as well as a research paper published in The Journal of the American Dental Association in 1999.

Some statements cited in the lawsuit:

- As recently as February 2002, the FDA reaffirmed the safety of dental amalgam, concluding that "no valid scientific evidence has ever shown that amalgams cause harm to patients with dental restorations." The statement is consistent with the March 1991 findings of the FDA's Dental Products Panel, which said that amalgam posed no direct hazard to patients and that there was no reason to remove serviceable amalgam fillings.
- In a 1997 consensus statement, the WHO and the World Dental Federation observed that "no controlled studies have been published demonstrating systemic adverse effects from amalgam restorations."
- The U.S. Public Health Service in January 1993 reported that there was "no solid evidence of any harm for millions of Americans who have these [amalgam] fillings" and "no persuasive reason to believe that avoiding amalgams or having them removed will have a beneficial effect on health."
- An August 1991 NIH technology assessment conference found that there was "no scientific evidence that currently used restorations [amalgam] cause significant side effects. Available data do not justify discontinuing the use of any currently available dental restorative materials or recommending their replacement."
- In the June 2001 issue of Consumer Reports, Consumer Union concluded that "as far as we know in this well-studied area, your silver amalgam fillings are doing you no harm. . . . "If you need new fillings for your back teeth, amalgams remain the cheapest, most durable choice."

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Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Overview

The *Ronald McDonald Care Mobile* is a healthcare initiative for uninsured and underserved children established by Ronald McDonald House Charities-Global (RMHC-Global), the charitable foundation of the McDonald's Corporation. There are currently eight vehicles in operation with the prospect of 40 more vehicles in operation by 2005. The fully equipped *Care Mobile* is leased to the clinical partner, the University of Wisconsin Children's Hospital ("UWCH"), at no cost for a minimum of five years with the understanding that operational costs are assumed by UWCH with the support of the local RMHC. The local RMHC, RMHC-Madison, has committed to paying a portion of the operational costs.

RMHC-Madison works within a 16-county region of south central Wisconsin and northern Illinois to raise funds to support its mission (see attached map). The area is determined by the two McDonald's marketing co-ops that financially support RMHC-Madison through special fund raisers and in-restaurant coin collection canisters. Due to licensing, insurance, and distance constraints, UWCH will work with Rockford Memorial Hospital who has agreed to provide the health care services to the areas located in Illinois.

The vehicles are designed and built by *Lifeline* of Growthport, OH, specifically for the delivery of pediatric health care. Valued at approximately \$300,000, the *Care Mobile* is forty feet in length. Each vehicle houses two patient examination rooms, a laboratory, a reception area and a medical records area which are designed to meet the individual needs of the clinical partner. The vehicle comes equipped with most essential equipment and storage units; however, the clinical partner is responsible for supplies.

The Care Mobile program is being designed to commence operations in phases. Initially, it will begin providing services in the immediately surrounding counties, such as Columbia, Sauk, and Iowa counties. Once operations are running well in these areas, it will then expand to another three to four counties in the second phase, and the final counties in the third phase. It will also need to incorporate the time allotment that the mobile unit will be given to Rockford Memorial Hospital who will be providing services to the Illinois territory after the first initial six-month period of UWCH's operation. The current commencement target for the Care Mobile program is the Fall of 2002.

Conference on Ectodermal Dysplasias

The ectodermal dysplasias syndromes (EDs) are a group of genetic disorders affecting the development of dentitia, hair, sweat glands, nails, and other ectodermal structures. The National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias (NFED) is sponsoring an educational conference for affected families on Saturday, September 21st at the Radisson Metrodome Hotel in Minneapolis.

The topic of oral health will be presented by Dr. Soraya Beiraghi and Dr. John Collier. Other topics will include genetics, dermatology, otolaryngology, and NFED services.

Dr. Beiraghi is the director of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Minnesota, School of Dentistry. She will address the affect of the EDs on dental development and early treatment techniques. Dr. Collier will focus on appliances such as dentures and dental implants. Dr. Collier has a private practice in St. Cloud as well as serving on the faculty at UM, School of Dentistry.

Partial funding for the event has been granted by the March of Dimes, Minnesota Chapter. The conference will begin at 9 A.M. and conclude at 3:30 P.M. Lunch will be provided to all participants.

Local volunteers will also provide a full day of childcare at the facility. Families are encouraged to bring their children. In many cases, it is the first opportunity for children to meet others who are similarly affected by the ED syndromes. Supervised activities will include craft projects, electronic games, and a fun class on oral hygiene.

For more information concerning the conference or other services provided by the NFED, contact Betsy Howe, Outreach Coordinator, P.O. Box 2069, Auburn, WA 98071-2069, 253-735-5195, NFED3@aol.com.

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The Dane County Dental Society
All Day Meeting
that was scheduled for
Friday, November 8, 2002
has been **changed.**

The new date is
Friday, November 15, 2002.

Please mark your calendars.
SPEAKER: DR. DEBRA STEWART, DDS
Any questions please call
Dr. Patrick Tepe at 608-848-4000

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