



## 2011 CE Courses!

Registration for 2011 Continuing Education Courses is happening now. If you haven't received your flyer in the mail, contact Dr. Charles Potter at 319 Center Street, Dupont, PA, 18641-1403.

### Wednesday, 1/12/11

"Geriatrics"

Dr. Greg Folsy

### Wednesday, 2/16/11

"Composite Bonding and Porcelain Review "

Dr. Howard Strassler

### Wednesday, 3/16/11

"Implants: The Restoration of and Mini-Implants"

Dr. Steve Kukunas

### Wednesday, 4/6/11

"Nutrition"

Dr. Ken Etzel

FREE COURSE IF YOU TAKE ALL FOUR: May 2011

Bowser Memorial Lecture To Be Determined Pittsburgh, PA

## National Children's Dental Health Month

Plans are underway for National Children's Dental Health Month. Co-Chairs Dr. Stephanie Hanyon and Dr. Jessica Falk are in the beginning stages of preparing the giveaway bags and organizing the events. If you know you will need giveaway bags for any talks you may be hosting, please let Stephanie

know by emailing her at shanyondmd@hotmail.com.

NCDHM is a huge undertaking that requires many volunteers. Please plan on helping in any way you can... whether it's speaking at a local school or attending the events. We look forward to your participation.



Left: Ronald McDonald makes an appearance every year during NCDHM.



Right: Dr. Brian Kerr, the Magic Orthodontist, does a trick during February 2010's NCDHM.

## 2011 Proposed Slate of Officers

Below is the proposed slate of officers for 2011. We will be voting on them at the October meeting.

**President:** Todd M. Angelo

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**Vice President:** Stephanie Hanyon

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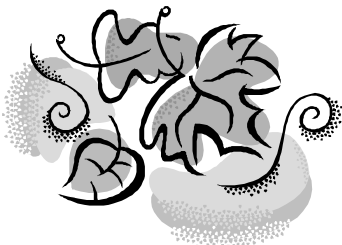
## Plan for the October Meeting

Don't miss the meeting at the Radisson on Tuesday, October 19th. Dr. D. Scott Aldinger from the PDA will give an update on the latest legislative happenings.

The evening will also feature the tribute video Jewish Family Services created to honor the SDDS during their June meeting. We will be voting on the proposed slate of officers for 2011 as well.

If you plan on attending, please contact Dr. Todd M. Angelo by calling 342-3556 or emailing tma1843@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you!



## NEWS FROM THE ADA

### The Dental Emergency Responder Act

Do you know what H.R. 903 - the Dental Emergency Responder Act is? The American Dental Association has long championed this bill, which would help optimize the nation's medical surge capacity by incorporating dentistry by name into the federal disaster response framework. It calls for no new federal money and poses no new restrictions on monies now being spent. One of the side benefits of the bill is that it reinforces to the public that dentists receive extensive education and training.

Specifically, the Dental Emergency Responder Act would—clarify that den-

tists may be considered disaster response public health workers and that states, at their option, can incorporate dentists and dental facilities into their planning; affirm that dental assets may be included in the National Health Security Strategy and the operational plan for the National Incident Management System; specify that dental schools are eligible to receive public health and medical response training funds under the federal Centers for Public Health Preparedness program; and encourage voluntary collaborations between the dental community and Department of Homeland Security.

### Michigan Dentist Becomes Dental Association President

Raymond F. Gist, D.D.S., a Flint, Mich., general dentist is the 2010-2011 president of the American Dental Association (ADA). Dr. Gist's induction took place during the ADA's 151st Annual Session in Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Gist is the first African-American president of the 157,000 dentist member organization, the nation's oldest and largest dental association in the United States.

"Becoming the first African-American president of the ADA is very rewarding for me, because it has allowed me to demonstrate that the opportunity is here for every dentist that aspires to make a significant contribution to this fine profession," Dr. Gist said.

"It also highlights the accomplishments of the African-American dentists that preceded me and created this pathway for me to follow. While too many of my fellow professionals endured the hardships of being denied membership for far too many years, I represent the welcoming change in both attitude and spirit."

During his one-year term, Dr. Gist plans to focus on membership outreach and advocacy efforts that will have special appeal to young dentists. "Programs oriented to students and new graduates are a priority for me," Dr. Gist said.

*Excerpt taken from the ada.org.*

### NEWS FROM THE PDA: PDA Makes Final Push to Pass Important Insurance Reform Bill

The legislature returned to session and time is ticking away to pass SB 1222, legislation prohibiting insurers from capping non-covered services. We ask that you contact both your representative and senator immediately to educate them about the financial impact this insurance practice has on your patients and your practice, and the need to pass SB 1222 before the end of the year. Your grassroots activism at the local level is the only way to secure enough votes to pass SB 1222 through both the Senate and the House. Just think what an impact this will have on your practice if you were to take just a few minutes to contact your legislators.

If the bill doesn't pass this year, it will "die" and need to start over in the

legislative process next year. Don't let that happen. SB 1222 is still in the Senate, but because of the limited number of session days, we are encouraging you to contact your representative, as well as your senator. It is never too soon to educate them on the issue and request their "yes" vote on SB 1222.

The August issue of "Transitions" featured a call to action on this bill and included everything you need, such as background information, a sample letter and information on how to contact your legislators. You can also contact PDA's government relations staff at (800) 223-0016, or e-mail Marisa Swarney for further assistance on contacting your members of the General Assembly.

### Experiencing Problems with Third Party Insurance?

Let PDA know with an easy to use Third-Party Complaint form. This form gives dentist and dental staff the opportunity to provide PDA and ADA with basic information regarding payer concerns. The information received will be used to keep a close watch on carrier trends and problems. PDA's Dental Benefits Committee (DBC) meets regu-

larly with third-party insurance representatives to discuss issues raised by members. This ongoing dialogue has resulted in greater cooperation in billing procedures, faster reimbursement timelines and network referrals. Dentists throughout Pennsylvania need to report the problems they are having with third-party payers so PDA may

advocate effectively during these meetings.

Questions may be addressed to our new government relations coordinator Ivan Orlovic, at [iio@padental.org](mailto:iio@padental.org) or by phone at (800) 223-0016, ext. 105.

*Excerpt from September/October 2010 Pennsylvania Dental Journal*

# Upcoming Events

<b>General Meeting</b> <i>PDA's D. Scott Aldinger</i>	<b>Radisson</b>	<b>October 19, 2010</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Jilly's</b>	<b>October 25, 2010</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>3rd District Meeting</b>	<b>Woodlands</b>	<b>November 12, 2010</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Jilly's</b>	<b>December 6, 2010</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>CE Course</b> <i>"Geriatrics"</i>	<b>Inn at Nichols Village</b>	<b>January 12, 2010</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>CE Course</b> <i>"Composite Bonding and Porcelain Review"</i>	<b>Inn at Nichols Village</b>	<b>February 16, 2010</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>CE Course</b> <i>"Implants: The Restoration of and Mini-Implants"</i>	<b>Inn at Nichols Village</b>	<b>March 16, 2010</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>CE Course</b> <i>"Nutrition"</i>	<b>Inn at Nichols Village</b>	<b>April 6, 2010</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>



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