



Children's Dental Health Month Preparations Have Begun



As is our custom, the SDDS and The Alliance are presenting National Children's Dental Health Month during the month of February.

Dr. Charles Dennis and the committee met on November 28th to discuss the details. This is Dr. Dennis' first time chairing our signature event.

The annual observance of children's dental health began as a one-day event in Cleveland, Ohio on

February 3, 1941. During that year, February 3-7 was designated as Children's Dental Health Week in Akron, Ohio.

The American Dental Association held the first national observance of Children's Dental Health Day on February 8, 1949. This single day observance became a week-long event in 1955. In 1981, the program was extended to a month-long celebration known today as National Children's Dental Health Month.

Since 1941, the observance has grown from a two-city event into a nationwide program.

NCDHM messages reach millions of people in communities across the country and at numerous armed service bases abroad.

Local observances often include poster, coloring, and essay contests, health fairs, classroom presentations and dental office tours. This year's slogan is "Be Part of the GrIN Crowd."

Please contact Dr. Dennis at his Clarks Summit office (587-4031) if you are interested in visiting a school or for more information.

We are excited about Children's Dental Health Month and hope to see much participation!



Support National Children's Dental Health Month and "Be Part of the GrIN Crowd"!

Interim Guidance on Reconstituted Infant Formula

Have any of your patients ever asked what type of water should be used when mixing powdered or liquid concentrate infant formula?

Information about fluoride intake for infants and young children, which includes interim guidance on reconstituted formula is posted on www.ADA.org.

The appropriate amount of fluoride is essential to prevent tooth decay, but

fluoride intake above the recommended level for a child's age creates a risk for enamel fluorosis in teeth during their development before eruption through the gums.

According to fluoride intake guidelines set by the Institute of Medicine, the amount of fluoride recommended for babies under a year old is less than that for older children and adults.

Infants less than one year old may be getting more than the optimal amount of fluoride (which may increase their risk of enamel fluorosis) if their primary source of nutrition is powdered or liquid concentrate infant formula mixed with water containing fluoride.

(Reprinted from an ADA Update, November 1, 2006)

Scranton District Dental Society General Meeting Minutes

The General membership meeting took place on 11/21/06 at the Scranton Hilton. The meeting was called to order by Dr. O'Malley.

The featured speaker was Renee Magnotta who is an agent in the Diversion Investigation Unit of the PA Attorney General's Office. Det. Magnotta discussed prescription drug abuse and tactics used by people to illegally obtain prescription drugs.

A short business meeting followed the featured speaker. Dr. Kelly gave the treasurer's report and discussed the upcoming Christmas Formal.

Dr Kerr read the list of nominees for officers for 2007 and the list was accepted by the members in attendance.



Interested attendees discuss the issue.

Scranton District Dental Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The executive board met on Monday, November 27, 2006 at La Trattoria at 6:30 PM. In attendance were: Doctors O'Malley, Kelly, Zale, Kotchick, Zenker, and Perrotti. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Miriam O'Malley.

Dr. Kelly recommended doing a press release on a PDA alert cautioning parents to be careful when adding fluoridated water to infant formula.

Dr. O'Malley reviewed the upcoming calendar, noting that February's general meeting was to be combined

with a CE course during the day. It will be held at the Inn at Nichols Village on February 14, 2007. She also briefly discussed National Children's Dental Health Month in February 2007 and suggested securing sponsors. There will be a meeting of the NCDHM committee on November 28, 2006.

Dr. Perotti announced that the golf outing will be held on June 20, 2007.

Details of the Presidential dinner on Saturday, December 9, 2006 were discussed.

Dr. Zale reported on speaking to staff members of Allied Services regarding the oral care and maintenance of seniors. He will hold training sessions every two weeks at Allied and will visit the Jewish Home in the near future.

The Ben Shair award was discussed. The possibility of raising it from a \$2,800 award to a \$5,000 award was entertained. That discussion was tabled until the January 2007 meeting.

Did You Know???

Over the past 10 years, average dental school resident tuition and fees (total for all four years of school) among US dental increased 71.9%, from \$65,067 in 1995-96 to \$111,807 in 2004-05?

These are among the findings of the 2004-05 Survey of Dental Education, Volume 2, Tuition, Admission and Attrition. Aren't you glad you graduated already?



Parking is free!

Remember, parking at the Hilton is FREE when you attend our monthly meeting.

Meetings are always the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Best Wishes

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Nicholas D. Saccone. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The 2007 Continuing Education Seminars

Classes for the 2007 series on Continuing Dental Education are still open for registration. A total of 24 credits may be earned by the University of Pittsburgh's Off-Campus Program.

The courses are available at a discount if you register before December 31, 2006! To register, and for more information, call Dr. Charles Potter at 570-654-6745.

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

"Nutrition and Nutraceuticals"

Dr. Nasir Bashirelahi

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

"Oral Surgery for the General Practice"

Dr. William James Hall

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

"Conservative Anterior Esthetic Dentistry"

Dr. Howard E. Strassler

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

"Restoration of the Dental Implant"

Dr. Steve J. Kukunas



Periodontal Therapy Helps Patients With Type 2 Diabetes

Patients with Type 2 diabetes and periodontal disease who receive periodontal therapy see levels of oxidative stress, a condition in which antioxidant levels are lower than normal, reduced to the same levels as nondiabetic patients.

These findings are the result of a new study that appeared in the November issue of the Journal of Periodontology (JOP).

For more information visit the American Academy of Periodontology at www.perio.org.

From the President

Hello everyone! I hope this message finds you in good health and good spirits.

I can't believe another year has gone by. The holidays are just around the corner! I also can't believe my year as president passed by so quickly.

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the SDDS. The Board and Officers, of course, governed the SDDS with competence and efficiency. The Alliance did a fantastic job, especially with National Children's Dental Health Month.

The SDDS appreciates all of Dr. Kerr's hard work as president during 2006! Thank you, Dr. Kerr, for serving!

A Tribute to William Donovan

Many of you know the familiar face of William "Bill" Donovan, having seen him at general meetings, special events, and PR functions. As an Advertising/PR Professional, Bill has handled the marketing and public relations of the SDDS for the past 25 years.

Bill began working with us in the late 1970's after a full career spanning teaching, marketing, and entrepreneurship.

He was on the faculty of Penn State and the University of Scranton, leaving his mark in higher education most of his life. Bill also formerly headed up the advertising department at ICS where he oversaw all facets of advertising.

Bill is now enjoying spending more time with his wife Miriam and seeing his three children.

We are honored to have had Bill working with us for so long and wish him the best!

I would like to thank the members for their attendance at our general meetings, CE courses, and events such as the golf outing and Red Barons baseball night.

I am excited about our presidential dinner. I hope to see you there! We will be honoring Mr. Bill Donovan for all of his efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian C. Kerr DMD



President,
Dr. Brian Kerr

Upcoming Events

Continuing Ed Seminar "Nutrition & Nutraceuticals"	Hilton	January 10, 2007
General Meeting	Hilton	January 16, 2007
Board Meeting	La Trattoria	January 29, 2007
<i>General Meeting* and C.E. Credit, "Oral Surgery for the General Practice"</i>	<i>Inn at Nichols Village</i>	<i>February 14, 2007</i>
Board meeting	La Trattoria	February 26, 2007
General meeting	Radisson	March 20, 2007
Board meeting	Radisson	March 26, 2007
Ben Shair Award/ General Meeting	Radisson	April 17, 2007
Board meeting	Radisson	April 30, 2007

**Tuesday evening meeting will not be held.*

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