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President's Message

I hope your new year is off to a great start and you are all busy and back to work. Thank you to all who attended our last meeting, January 4, when we were fortunate enough to have our own Dr. Jeff Scott speak on implant restorative techniques. We truly appreciate Jeff taking the time out of his schedule to share some of his knowledge and experience with us. It has come to our attention that at many of our last meetings numerous members of PCDA have RSVP'd that they are attending yet fail to show up for the actual meeting. Once you have responded that you will be attending, PCDA is paying for your dinner. Your board tries very hard to stay within our budget and keep our costs low. Unfortunately, this practice costs us significant money each month. Just as we all dislike having empty chairs in our offices due to no shows, the same effect is had on PCDA. Therefore, we do ask that if you are unable to attend a meeting, please let us now as soon as possible. The Club at TI will work with us up to the day before the event which should allow everyone ample time to manipulate your schedules. Thank you for your assistance and consideration regarding this important matter.



Dr. Sandy Worman

Please note that there is no meeting next month, due to our Legislative Reception set to take place February 16th. Many of your board members and legislative liaisons will be busy planning and working with our local leaders to make this evening successful. Dentists' Day on the Hill will reconvene on April 3-4, 2017 in Tallahassee. We are still looking for members interested in attending this event. Please contact Dr. Whitaker with any questions. PCDA also has funding available for first time attendees!

I am assuming that most of you did some amount of shopping online over the past holiday season and that everyone has used Amazon at some point. What you may be unaware of is that simply by shopping on Amazon you can have a direct impact on monies raised for the FDA Foundation. Simply visit smile.amazon.com and select the Florida Dental Association Foundation, Inc. as your preferred charitable organization. A portion of your spent amount will be donated to the foundation. This is a simple and fun way to donate money and make a difference in our organization. Make sure to check it out next time you are shopping.

Lastly, on behalf of the entire PCDA board and its members, we offer our deepest condolences to Dr. Alberto Bird on the passing of his wife, Frances, after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Dr. Bird and sons, Jose and Alberto, are in our thoughts and prayers. A donation will be made in her memory to the hospice foundation.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in March.

Regards,

Sandra A. Worman, DDS

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PCDA President

Mark Your Calendar 2017

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

A Lifetime of Success

Pete Dawson, DDS

The Club at Treasure Island

Staff is invited!

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Vendor Fair

Sponsored in part by Benco

The Club at Treasure Island

Staff is invited!

[View the online PCDA Master Calendar](#)

Small Bites

FDA Bans Most Powdered Gloves

The Food and Drug Administration issued a final rule Dec. 19, banning the use of most powdered medical gloves. The rule, which goes into effect Jan. 18, applies to patient examination gloves, powdered surgeon's gloves and absorbable powder for lubricating a surgeon's glove. [Continue reading...](#)

D4346 - New Scaling Procedure Code Effective Jan. 1

It's here - Dentists may use "D4346 Scaling in the generalized presence of moderate or severe gingival inflammation - full mouth, after oral evaluation" as of Jan. 1. This code reflects the procedure for patients with gingival disease and no attachment loss. Dentists who have delivered the procedure have not been able to document and report it with an appropriate CDT code until now. This CDT 2017 addition has been the subject of two ADA News articles, a guidelines document posted on ADA.org, and a webinar that has been accessed by thousands of dentists and practice staff. To learn more about this procedure and its new code, either for the first time or to refresh your memory, visit the CDT Code education page on ADA.org. Search for "Guidance on the D4346 Scaling Procedure" to watch the webinar and download the free publication "Guide to Reporting D4346. The guide, first published in May, has been updated and incorporates content and feedback from the webinar.

Questions?

Telephone: ADA Members, please use the toll-free number on the back of your membership card; call (312) 440-2500 or e-mail: dentalcode@ada.org

Check out the FDA's New Fluoridation Website

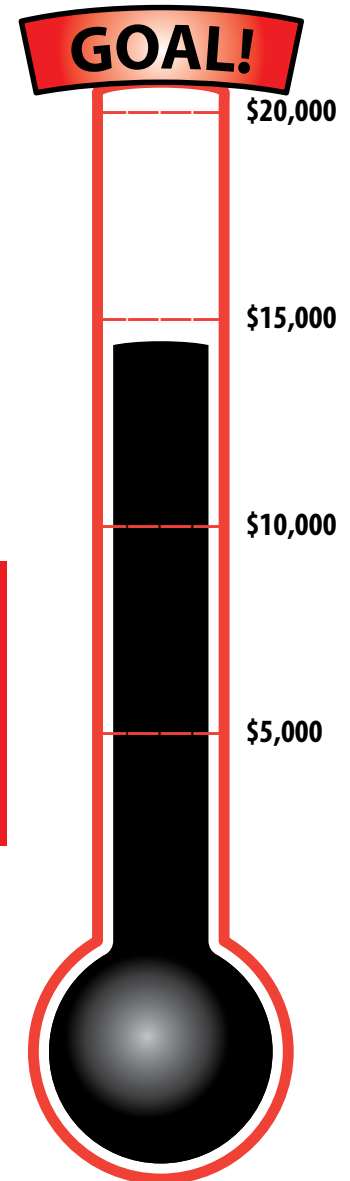
The Florida Dental Association (FDA) is working to make sure accurate information regarding community water fluoridation is disseminated and accessible to its members, policy makers and the public. To help with this effort, the FDA has a new fluoridation website that contains information on fluoridation efforts around the state, as well as around the country. To access the new fluoridation website, go to www.floridafluoridation.org.

History Book Progress

Pinellas County History Book Fund

**January
2016
\$14,195**

**\$20,000
Goal**



Give Kids A Smile (GKAS)

Happy New Year! I am writing in regards to this years' Give Kids a Smile event. We are doing the event a bit differently than in years past, which will benefit the volunteers and the patients. Instead of the PCDA and UPCDA dentists screening, cleaning, charting and waiting around for radiographs for each patient, the Health Department will do all of that for us on Monday, February 20, 2017 (this is an in-service day for students). They will then generate a treatment plan for each patient and give them an appointment on Saturday February 25th. On that day, our dentists will get to carry out each treatment plan. You will actually be doing more hands on this year!

We will be working Saturday, February 25th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in two different Health Department locations: the Mid-County clinic and the St. Pete clinic. Please email me your name, email, cell phone number, which clinic location you would like to attend and if you need sovereign immunity. We would like to have approximately five dentists at each location, for a total of 10 volunteers. **We strongly encourage all dentists to bring their dental assistants to volunteer.** Christina will provide staff for the day of the event to chart and help us find instruments!

I look forward to hearing from you if you can help this year. Although every year is a success, I do feel we will be more productive this year than in recent years and you will be able to do what you love to do – dental procedures- and not just exams and charting! Please help us to make this a great event and a wonderful service for those who are under-served and under-insured.

Fondly,

Amy Fine Anderson, DMD
(smilesbyamy@msn.com, cell: 727-215-6653)

PCDA Membership



PCDA would like to welcome the following new members into the Pinellas County Dental Association! We look forward to your continued membership for years to come!

Drs. Carina Canizares and Wendy Terry.



Invite a Colleague!

Have you met a new dentist in the area? Invite them to our upcoming meeting on March 1, 2017 at the Club at TI. Potential members will have a great time and quickly learn the benefits of strong organized dentistry! It is important to keep our voices strong and loud so that our politicians have our best interests at heart.

Become a Member

Please contact Kelsey at smilepinellas@gmail.com or PCDA Membership Chairman, **Dr. Mike Insoft** at minsoft@tampabay.rr.com for more information about attending a meeting or becoming a member. Membership applications may also be located at www.smilepinellas.org.

Endo Post

Seeking Front Desk Receptionist

Needed- Front desk receptionist/insurance person for a temporary 32/hour/week maternity leave replacement. This would start about end of August or start of Sept depending on baby delivery date. The spot would last from about 8 to 12 weeks based on mom's clearance from her doctor. Current hours are M-Th 8-5, nice Seminole office. Please contact Michael Podlusky at 727-393-8912 for more info.

Seeking a Quality Hygienist

Our progressive general practice has a position available for a quality hygienist four days a week. Quality and team work are essential. Please call Dr. Marquez at 727-345-1774 office or 727-871-2454 cell or fax resume to 727-345-2461.

General Dentist Looking for an Associateship

I am a general dentist looking for a long term associateship in a solo private practice in the Seminole/St. Petersburg area. I completed an AEGD in St. Petersburg in 2005. I am trained and comfortable with CEREC rotary molar endo, surgical extractions and implant restoration. Looking for the "right fit" and not opposed to partnership or future ownership. Please contact me at wendmc78@yahoo.com. Wendy M. Terry, DDS, FAGD

New Dentist Seeking Employment

My name is Vanja Alagic, and I will be graduating from the LECOM SDM June 2017. I am currently on my rotations in an outreach clinic providing comprehensive oral care in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. I have lived in St. Petersburg, Florida since 1998 and it would be my honor to return to the bay area to serve my community. My goal is to find an associate position leading to an opportunity for partnership/ownership. I have a strong belief in life-long learning, and I am looking forward to working in a clinical environment with a dentist who is willing to share their expertise and experience in the world of dentistry. I am comfortable with procedures such as surgical extractions including third molars, molar endos, fixed prosthetics, and implant retained dentures. I earn a great amount of pleasure by completing complicated cases and changing a person's perspective of life. I also have a curriculum vitae and letters of recommendation upon request. My contact information is [727-259-4654](tel:727-259-4654) or Vanja.Alagic@gmail.com.

Direct all classified and ad inquiries to:

PCDA/Kelsey Bulnes, CMP:
smilepinellas@gmail.com or (727) 342-0374



Our sincere condolences are with Dr. Alberto Bird and his family through this difficult time with the passing of Dr. Bird's wife, Frances.



Other Important Dates

WCDDA's Annual Meeting February 3, 2017
CAMLs, Tampa

Legislative Reception February 16, 2017
Bellaire Country Club

GKAS February 25, 2017
Mid-County & Pinellas Park Health Dept. Locations

WCDDA's Breakfast Lecture Series. March 11, 2017
Renaissance, Tampa
**New Dentist Event*

FDA Mission of Mercy - FLAMOM March 24-25, 2017
Pensacola, Florida

FDA's Dentists' Day on the Hill April 3-4, 2017
Tallahassee, Florida

WCDDA's President's Trip April 28, 2017
Disney Cruise, Bahamas

WCDDA's Breakfast Lecture Series. May 20, 2017
Renaissance, Tampa
**New Dentist Event*

WCDDA's Summer Meeting August 4-6, 2017
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples



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ANNUAL MEETING February 3, 2017

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Dr. John Kalmar
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6 hours of CE will be provided.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Kelsey@wcdental.org or call (813) 654-2500**

Dentists' Day on the Hill 2017



MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

BRIEFING
Monday, April 3, 2017
Tallahassee

LEGISLATIVE VISITS
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Capitol in Tallahassee

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