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Vendor Fair
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The Club at TI
April 9, 2014

End of Year Celebration
May 2014

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Master Calendar here](#)

Other Important Dates

FLA-MOM • FDA Mission of Mercy
State Fairgrounds, Tampa
March 28-29, 2014
www.flamom.floridadental.org

Dentists' Day on the Hill
Tallahassee, FL
April 2, 2014
[Register Here](#)

Florida National Dental Convention
(FNDC)
Gaylord Palms, Orland
June 12-14, 2014

WCDDA's Summer Meeting
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples
August 8-10, 2014

Important Websites

www.smilepinellas.com
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Vendor Fair

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The Club at TI
Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Social begins at 6:00 pm / Business begins at 7:00 pm

Attendees are required to RSVP with Kelsey Tidler at
smilepinellas@gmail.com
or (727) 342-0374 by Monday, April 7, 2014.

Meeting is sponsored in part by

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From The Desk of the President



As our academic year rapidly approaches its end, your board and I are ramping up efforts to keep our association strong! We're more committed than ever to do what it takes to make the Pinellas County Dental Association a formidable force in our community.

Our members will be busy in the next few days donating their time, talents and resources to **Florida's Mission of Mercy** and **Dentists' Day on the Hill**. It's not too late to become part of these two worthy events. I can't stress enough the importance of both of these events and how our members need to be involved. If you need more information on how to become involved for either event, call Kelsey or myself. Make sure Kelsey knows you're part of TEAM PINELLAS for the FLAMOM event. I'm really excited about both of these events and look forward to seeing a strong turnout from our association.

We have a huge Vendor Fair planned for our next meeting! We're expecting vendors to showcase the latest technological advances in their products. Make sure to RSVP with Kelsey by April 7th for the Wednesday, April 9th meeting. As usual, the location is The Club at Treasure Island and social hour starts at 6 pm. Remember, it's as easy as hitting the "reply" to this newsletter to RSVP.

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PCDA Membership

Do you have a colleague or a friend who is not a member of PCDA? Invite them to our next meeting on April 9th at the Club at TI. Have them contact Kelsey at smilepinellas@gmail.com or **Dr. Susan Hudak Boss** at hudakboss@juno.com for more information about attending meetings or becoming a member.

New Member

Welcome new PCDA Member, **Dr. Brian Vestal** of St. Petersburg! We are glad to have you as part of our team. Growing our membership makes our association event stronger.

National Oral Health Conference (NOHC)

Each year at the NOHC, in conjunction with the American Dental Association and the US Centers for Disease Control, the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) Fluoride Committee presents awards for accomplishments related to the promotion of community water fluoridation. This is a national non-profit organization representing the directors and staff of state public health agency programs for oral health. The “Fluoridation Merit Award” recognizes outstanding contribution toward the progress of fluoridation. This year, the Committee would like to give the merit award for the reestablishment of community water fluoridation in Pinellas County by recognizing the Upper Pinellas County and Pinellas County Dental Associations and the Pinellas County Oral Health Coalition.

This year’s National Oral Health Conference will take place in Fort Worth, Texas, from April 28-30, 2014. The awards will be presented on the morning of Tuesday, April 29th, during a very brief awards ceremony. Upper Pinellas County Dental Association member, **Dr. Johnny Johnson** will be accepting the award on behalf of the associations. The Tampa Bay Times will also be receiving an award for the editorials they published.

St. Petersburg College School of Dental Hygiene

Open House Event and PCDHA Spring Seminar

The SPC School of Dental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Pinellas County Dental Hygienists’ Association, is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the School of Dental Hygiene with an Open House and Spring Seminar. Open House Celebration is Saturday, April 12th at 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., located at the Caruth Health Education Center, 7200 66th St. N., Pinellas Park. Light refreshments will be served. The Spring seminar runs from 8:30-11:30 a.m. *Public Health Updates for the Oral Health Provider* and the afternoon seminar runs from 1:30-4:30 p.m. *Repaving Tobacco Road: Emerging Tobacco Trends and Their Implications for Oral Health*. Lunch will be provided to seminar registrants. Please see the seminar registration form which is attached to the Pinellas County Dental Association March Newsletter email. If any questions please email: Info@pcdha.org.

2014 PCDA Smile Scavenger Hunt The results are in!

Dr. Rita Hurst, Ryan Stanley, **Dr. Bill Pantazes** and Becky Chesler took the checkered flag! Congratulations to the *My Tooth Hurst Team*!

Since each team thought they had won the race, here is how *My Tooth Hurst Team* outlasted them all...

Because of new and potential PCDA Members on their team The *Gator Dentist* team had a commanding lead with 350 points prior to starting the hunt. Then, the *Gator Dentists* piled on more points with many cans of food to donate to HEP. However, the *My Tooth Hurst Team* outwit and outplayed all the teams when they completed all the scavenger hunt objectives, returned to Bert Smith Porsche with canned food for HEP and extended their lead significantly with hundreds of toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste and other dental items for the PCDA Mission. Congratulations to *My Tooth Hurst Team* who drove away with four brand new Kindle Fire HDX 7 32GB tablets with Wi-Fi and their four brand new Porsche vehicles. JOB WELL DONE to ALL the new PCDA members and teams!



(L:R) Ryan Stanley, **Dr. Rita Hurst**, Becky Chesler and **Dr. Bill Pantazes**

Dr. Susan Hudak Boss
PCDA President-Elect

Online Reporting – CE Broker

Due to the license renewal changes made by the Department of Health, all licensed providers are now required to track continuing education in www.CEBroker.com. Pinellas County Dental Association and West Coast District Dental Association will now upload your course attendance for you after each PCDA meeting. From this point forward, be sure to always check-in with Kelsey Tidler at the registration desk, verify your license number and mark yourself down as being in attendance.

Legislative Update



The Florida Dental Association (FDA) supports legislation that will keep dental funds separate from medical funds as the state transitions all Medicaid services into managed care. **CS/SB 340** by Sen. Anitere Flores (R-Miami) passed unanimously in the Senate Community Affairs Committee on Wednesday, March 19th.

The full Senate recently passed **CS/SB 86** by Sen. Latvala unanimously off of the Senate floor. **CS/SB 86** will remove the insurance companies' ability to dictate what dentists can charge for non-covered services. The bill now heads over to the full House for consideration. The House companion bill, **CS/HB 31** by Rep. Ron Renuart (R-Ponte Vedra Beach), is waiting to be heard in the House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee.

HB 1381 by Rep. Daniel Davis (R-Jacksonville) passed the House Health Quality Subcommittee on Wednesday, March 19th. During the discussion on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) in committee, it was clear that there needs to be changes to the bill to alleviate concerns expressed by several stakeholder groups. A major objection came from law enforcement and prosecutors concerned over the new proposed requirement for a court order prior to the release of information contained in the controlled substance database to law enforcement.

The Senate Rules Committee unanimously passed SB 520 by Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples) out of committee on Thursday, March 20th. This bill will provide dentists and dental hygienists a public records exemption when they complete the dental workforce survey during licensure renewal. The bill will now head to the Senate floor. The House bill, HB 457 by Rep. Gayle Harrell (R-Port St. Lucie), is waiting to be considered by the House Governmental Operations Subcommittee.

On Monday, March 17th, the House Judiciary Committee work shopped legislation that would try to revamp the medical malpractice/tort reform system for medical injuries and wrongful death. **HB 739** by Rep. Jason Brodeur (R-Sanford) would create a new system, the "Patient Compensation System," to eliminate the current tort system and create an administrative system that would attempt to resolve medical harm within six to nine months.

HB 379 by Rep. Dave Hood (R-Daytona Beach) passed the House Civil Justice Subcommittee with a 9-4 vote. This bill, which is known as "Truth in Damages," is tort reform legislation supported by the big business industry groups such as Publix and Disney and is opposed by the trial lawyers. The committee adopted a strike-all amendment that included changes to address concerns made by health care provider groups. The bill addresses three main areas for how damages in negligence actions

are awarded: actual billed charges versus actual amounts paid; letters of protection amounts versus usual and customary charges; and not having to pay for medically unnecessary procedures.

Under **CS/SB 1150** by Sen. Bean, the state would spend \$5 million to encourage people to come to Florida to treat their medical issues. The bill passed unanimously in the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee on Monday, March 17th. The bill would require Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida to promote the state as a destination for medical treatment.

CS/HB 1131 by Rep. Hudson passed unanimously out of the House Health Quality Subcommittee on Wednesday, March 19th. This bill authorizes a health care practitioner, which includes a dentist authorized by the state to prescribe drugs, to prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors to an authorized entity, which is permitted to acquire and maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors for use in emergency situations.

On Wednesday, March 19, **CS/CS/SB 1208** by Sen. Latvala passed the Senate Health Policy Committee and **CS/HB 517**, by Rep. Ed Hooper (R-Clearwater) passed the House Justice Appropriations Committee. Currently, it is a first degree misdemeanor for a person to possess a prescription form that has not been completed and signed by the practitioner whose name appears on the form. Both bills change first violations of the offense to a third degree felony.

Review the FDA's Full Capital Report [here](#).

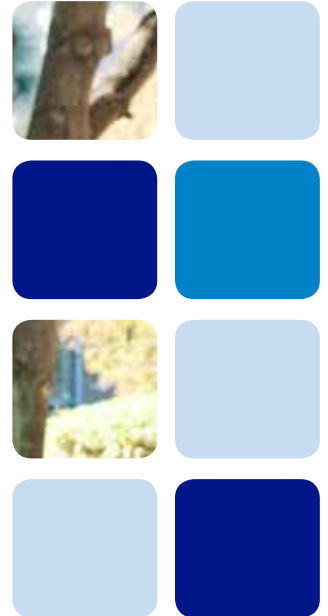
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