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WDDS Committee Updates

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- **NOVEMBER 12, 2012.** 6:30PM
"OFFICE EMERGENCIES" -JOHN
GOBETTI DDS, MS
- **JANUARY 14, 2013.** 6:30PM.
WEBER'S INN. "TAKING THE
PULSE OF YOUR PRACTICE."
CURT G. NURENBERG
- **FEBRUARY 14, 2013.** "NIGHT
OUT" EVENT @ THE COMMON
GRILL & PURPLE ROSE
- **MARCH 11, 2013.** 6:30PM. TBA
- **MARCH 22, 2013.** 8-10AM. LEG-
ISLATIVE BREAKFAST
- **APRIL 17-20, 2013.** MDA ANNU-
AL SESSION, NOVI MI
- **GOLF OUTING.** TBD
- **SEPTEMBER 2013.** TBD. DENNIS
TARNOW, DDS. NOVI

Community Networking Committee (Bonita Neighbors):

Wayne Colquitt and I serve on the Washtenaw Health Initiative which is a voluntary, county-wide collaboration to improve access to care for the low-income, uninsured, and Medicaid populations. The effort includes representatives from the University of Michigan Health System, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, health plans, county government, community services, physicians, and safety net providers. In addition I am on the Washtenaw County Oral Health task force, which has representative from all discipline focusing on access to dental care.

Heath and Education Committee (Jean Lesch):

The Dental Health/Education Committee discussed Give Kids A Smile Day, which will be held at Uof M School of Dentistry on Saturday Feb. 2nd. The students organize and provide the dentistry, with financial and supervisory help from the WDDS and MDA. Please come to the January general WDDS meeting, to meet the two dental student co-chairs, and sign up to volunteer to serve as dental instructors for GKAS day. Proof of liability insurance, a copy of your dental license and current CPR card will be needed on the day of this event. Tom Kochheiser, MDA Director of Public Affairs, has offered his help with publicity and to promote our service to the community. It is a wonderful way to give back to the community, and to help serve as a mentor to these wonderful dental students.

Legislation Committee (Sam Malcheff):

We will be holding our annual Legislative Breakfast again in March 2013 at Weber's Inn. This is our chance as members to have face-to-face discussions with our state legislators about political and legal issues/concerns facing dentistry locally and nationally. In an attempt to provide members with additional opportunities to meet and speak with our legislators, with the boards approval we will be inviting a legislator to each of our 2012-2013 CE meetings.

Membership Committee (Norbert Fernandez):

The New Dentist/Members committee is excited about the future. The plan is to welcome new members and new dentists to the area and the society as well as to attempt to recruit non-members. The committee is willing to host CE events and social events at various offices. Another idea is to invite ASDA leaders to the November meeting. It would be around 7-8 students, Dan Edwards would help facilitate this and which students would be invited. The WDDS would have to pick the cost for this or we could see if a member would like to sponsor a student. We have also been in contact with ASDA, through Dan Edwards, regarding the Golf outing.

New Dentist Committee (Betsy Meade):

This is the first year for the New Dentist Committee. Our goals for the coming year are to encourage younger dentists to join the WDDS and to take advantage of what the society has to offer. Within the next year, we would like to begin hosting social events. We also plan to offer CE lectures focused on the business aspects of dentistry.

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WDDS Committee Updates (cont.)

Peer Review (Barbara Emerick & Mark Robinson):

The committee met with Grace DeShaw-Wilner from the MDA peer review office. We reviewed how the Peer Review system works, including the mediation stage and how to properly conduct a full peer review. This was especially useful for our two new members Wayne Walcott and Alexandra Jaquery.

Also, one case was sent from the MDA. It was a complaint from a patient against a dentist. Both parties were contacted and the dispute was settled by the peer review process.

Registration Committee (Tammy Trullard):

The Registration Desk will have a new sign in sheet for each meeting. That list will be transferred to an electronic file and sent after each course to the MDA who will add it to their CE member list. The hope is that the members will then go to the MDA web site to electronically get their CE credits. If members need a printout sooner in the year, it will be available. This should help WDDS save financially on mailing and printing. Any members requiring help can contact Barb Kolling and I can print and mail CE if necessary. We will also continue to request pre-registration for all at the January meeting, night out event, and encourage RSVP's for all general meetings. Pre-registration for guests are still a must. Costs for guests and life members will remain the same.

CHECK OUT OUR

WEBSITE FOR:

*CE COURSES

*MEMBER

DIRECTORY

*MDA SERVICES

AND CONTACT INFO

*NEWSLETTERS

WDDS Website: www.washtenawdentalsociety.org

The society has officially moved into the 21st Century with the creation of our website (for both members and the general public). Please check it out at www.washtenawdentalsociety.org

We are serving the public by providing a "find a dentist" search engine to direct them to our local members for dental treatment. As per our previous newsletters, please check to make sure the information provided (which we obtained from the MDA) is cor-

rect so that new patients may find you.

We are also serving our membership with our "Members" area that lists our CE calendar, officer and committee information, membership directory, as well as links to the MDA, other components, societies and study clubs. This area does require a login and password. The login is the first letter of your first name followed by your full last name in all lower case letters. The login is

case sensitive. The password is your ADA number without any leading zeros. For example login and password for John Doe with ADA number 0123 would be:

Login: jdoe Password: 123

NOTE: Please be aware that since the directory is now located on the website, we will no longer provide hard copies. This will save the society both printing and postage costs (approx \$1,400) in an effort to control dues.

Ancient Dental History

An ancient cracked tooth repaired with a filling made of beeswax may be the earliest known example of therapeutic dentistry, researchers say.

The tooth is 65 centuries old and was part of a man's jaw found more than 100 years ago in Slovenia.

Definite evidence of ancient dentistry is rare. The oldest examples are 7,500- to 9,500-year-old molars found in Pakistan that had regularly shaped cavities with concentric ridges drilled into them. Other, more questionable finds include a 5,500-year-old artificial tooth from Egypt.

Scientists reported online in the journal PLoS ONE that they found the filling as they analyzed a 6,500-year-old lower jaw recovered from a cave near Trieste, Italy. The jaw, which once belonged to a 24- to 30-year-old man, included a left canine tooth possessing a vertical crack in its hard enamel and softer dentin layers. The severe wear and tear seen on the tooth was probably due to activities besides eating, the researchers said — for instance, men of the time might have used their teeth to soften leather or help make tools, and the women bit down on threads to hold them while weaving.

The researchers found beeswax had been applied to the left canine at about the time of the man's death.

"It was extremely difficult for somebody to identify the dentistry work by naked eye or simple tools," researcher Claudio Tuniz, a nuclear paleoanthropologist at the Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics in Italy, told LiveScience. The lower jaw had remained at the international center "for 101 years without somebody noticing anything strange on the canine," Tuniz said.

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WEBER'S INN

3050 JACKSON RD

ANN ARBOR, MI 48103

“Office Emergencies”

PRESENTED BY: John P Gobetti, DDS, MS

6:15PM REGISTRATION/SOCIAL HOUR

7:00PM DINNER/PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF VEGETARIAN MEALS AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. PLEASE PICK UP A MEAL CARD AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE.

WDDS ACTIVE MEMBERS FREELIFE, RETIRED & LIMITED PRACTICE MEMBERS \$30.00; GUESTS \$35.00

CE CREDITS: 1

DOCTORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING STAFF

Speaker Bio:

John P. Gobetti, DDS, MS was a professor and director of undergraduate Oral Medicine/Oral Diagnosis at the University Of Michigan School Of Dentistry. He graduated from the UM in 1968 with a DDS degree and obtained a MS degree in Oral Diagnosis and Radiology in 1971. Dr. Gobetti has been board certified in Oral Medicine since 1986. His 40 year academic career has been dedicated to teaching, research and patient care. Dr. Gobetti considers teaching "a privilege and an honor". He has taught and mentored over 3,800 Dental students 1,200 hygienists, and numerous residents. Dr. Jack Gobetti retired on January 1, 2007 and is an active Professor Emeritus as he continues CE lectures throughout the state and country, dental consulting and forensic dentistry.

Lecture summary:

Emergencies can occur at any time in the dental office. These different types of emergencies will be discussed as well as how to manage the incident.

RSVP for WDDS members strongly encouraged and a "must" for guests. To RSVP and for further questions regarding this lecture, please call the WDDS office line at 734-761-2445 or email at bkolling@washtenawdentalsociety.org

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REGISTRAR SERVICE

The WDDHS offers a free registrar service as a benefit to its members and those of the WDDS. The purpose of this service is to provide a mechanism of exchanging employment opportunities between member dentists and WDDHS members. If you are in need of a hygienist now or anytime in the future, please contact Liz Maxbauer at 734-668-8288 or liz@mcnamaraortho.com with your contact information –WDDHS

**2013 LEGISLATIVE
BREAKFAST**

Friday, March 22, 2013

8 AM- 10AM Weber's Inn

Please RSVP by March 11, 2013 to Dr. Sam Malcheff at 734-971-2310 or smalcheff@gmail.com

Ancient Dental History (cont.)

The researchers managed to figure out the age of the beeswax using a large ion accelerator, which let them see what carbon isotopes were in the wax. All isotopes of carbon have six protons but differ in the number of neutrons they possess. The carbon-14 isotope is unstable and decays over time, so analyzing the ratio of carbon-14 to other carbon isotopes can shed light on how much time has passed. The researchers also used X-rays from another powerful particle accelerator to get a 3-D picture of the tooth with a resolution of about one-thousandth of a millimeter.

They could not confirm whether this filling was made shortly before or after the person's death. If it was when the person was still alive, "this finding is perhaps the most ancient evidence of prehistoric dentistry in Europe," said researcher Federico Bernardini, an archaeologist at the international center, in a statement. It may be the oldest known direct example of a therapeutic dental filling uncovered to date, Bernardini added.

Assuming this filling was a case of dentistry, it was likely meant to reduce pain and sensitivity. The researchers would like to conduct den-

tal experiments with people to see how effective a remedy beeswax is.

"At the moment we do not have any idea if this is an isolated case or if similar interventions were quite spread in Neolithic Europe," Bernardini told LiveScience. "In collaboration with our interdisciplinary team, we are planning to analyze other Neolithic teeth in order to understand how widespread these types of interventions were."

