

Upcoming Events

PDA 141st Annual Session	Hotel Hershey	April 10-13	8:00 AM
CE Course: Sleep Apnea	Inn at Nichols Village	April 16	8:00 AM
Board/General Meeting Dr. Robert Braun - Review of common oral lesions II	Perugino's	April 28	6:00 PM (7:00PM general)
PDA Council & Committee Mtg	State College	May 30	TBA
PDA Leadership Conference	State College	May 31	TBA
Board Meeting	TBA	August	6:30 PM
Board/General Meeting Slate of Officers Presented	Perugino's	September	6:30 PM
Board/General Meeting CPR Training	Perugino's	October	6:30 PM
ADA Annual Session	San Antonio, TX	October 16-21	8:00 AM
Third District Meeting	Woodlands	November 14	8:00 AM

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April 2008

Dr. Andrews Prepares for Missions Trip

Below is a letter from Dr. John P. Andrews regarding his upcoming mission's trip.

My name is John P. Andrews and I am a local Prosthodontist. This year, I wanted to get involved in serving my community. I didn't know where to begin so I contacted Dr. Collini in Dallas, PA who is a local Plastic Surgeon. Dr. Collini and a team of Plastic Surgeons are involved in an organization called Community Cares for Kids. Once a year in June, this team travels to Ecuador to operate on children desperately in need of facial corrective surgery. They work around the clock for a week every summer and bring with them not only a cadre of doctors and nurses, but also all medical and surgical supplies. They are individuals donating their time and expertise and working pro bono.

After several discussions with Dr. Collini, I felt that with my expertise and knowledge in the dental field, I would be an asset to this medical team and to the children in need. My goal is to provide the best dental and health care possible in one week's time (June 21-28, 2008). Dr. Collini informed me

that there are limited funds and if I decided to participate in the Ecuador mission, I would be responsible for all expenses, which would entail supplies, traveling, and putting together my own dental team.

I am writing in hopes that you will help me make this a possible and successful mission my first year. I am looking for sponsors to help subsidize my team in any way possible through donations: both monetarily and through dental supplies. Due to the lack of dental care, the majority of the work I will be doing will not be restorative. It will be more surgical extractions. The reason for this is limited time and no routine dental care in the area. Donations in any amount would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, I could be reached at 570-823-6080 or you could contact me by email at Andre87@epix.net. My office address is 87 East Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18706. If you'd like more information on Community Cares for Kids, go to www.CommunityCaresforKids.com. Thank you!



April's Meeting

Don't miss part two of our CE series entitled, "Review of Common Oral Lesions," featuring Dr. Robert Braun, oral pathologist. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28th at Perugino's at 7:00 PM. It is our last meeting until September. We look forward to seeing you there!

NPI Reminder

Make sure you are ready to use your National Provider Identifier (NPI) by the May 23, 2008, compliance deadline. The NPI is a 10-digit healthcare provider identification number required under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. You may want to contact your system vendors and clearinghouses to ensure they are ready, and test with them before sending your NPI on their electronic claim forms. Some dental plans may also require your NPI on paper claims. The web site is <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>

EFDA Regulation

In a letter dated November 16, 2007, the State Board of Dentistry (SBOD) notified all temporarily certified EFDAs of its requirement that they pass a permanent certification examination between February 14, 2008 and May 13, 2008. EFDAs who fail the examination must immediately stop performing expanded duties until they pass the examination. EFDAs must first apply to the SBOD for approval to take the test. PDA strongly recommends that EFDAs begin the application process immediately because it requires a criminal background check before approval from the SBOD. For more information, go to the PDA's website: padental.org.



March 14th CE Course

March's Continuing Education Course, "Evolving Restorative Dentistry," featuring Dr. Peter Hunt, was a success. Special thanks to the Luzerne County Dental Society, Luzerne County Community College and GC America for sponsoring this event.

Dr. Hunt (featured speaker) talks with Dr. Bonacci.



Doctors Montante, Mazzacco, Shire, Shemo, and Conway take a well-deserved break.



Doctors Konicki, John Miller, and Steve Miller enjoy the day.



Doctors Padner and Sahasi smile for the camera

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President's Letter

It seems as though spring has finally arrived and as we head into April, I would like to remind everyone that our April meeting is the last one until September. As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end, that is, except my term as President of our Dental Society. As some of you are aware, we changed our calendar year to reflect that of the PDA and other local societies. In an effort to keep us on track, all of the officers will courageously be serving an extra six month term. Why break up a good thing, right?

Currently, we are working hard to have the new website up and running as soon as possible. In addition, the new logo is now in print (thanks to the artistry of Dr. Fred Bonacci) and our newsletter has taken on a new and improved look.

I sincerely urge everyone to come out for this next meeting, as Dr. Braun will be giving the second part of his oral pathology lecture. Where else can you get the most up to date information on osteoradionecrosis of the



Dr. Brian Miller, President

mandible, and the most recent protocol for dealing with high risk patients? In addition, who knew that excessive Chapstick use actually causes cracked lips (what was I thinking all these years??) and cyanoacrylate is good for apthous ulcers. Dr. Braun was a very informative speaker and we hope to have a great attendance on the 28th of April.

Brian

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RESERVATION FORM

Date: **Monday, April 28, 2008**

Time: **6 PM Board Meeting, 7 PM Dinner/Program**

Topic: **Dr. Robert Braun - Review of common oral lesions II**

Place: **Perugino's, Luzerne**

Name _____

Address _____

LCDS Member _____ (no fee)

Number of guests _____ @ \$20 each: \$ _____

Dinner and meeting are complimentary for current members of LCDS. The cost is \$20 per person for others wishing to attend. Please send this form, along with any required payment (in the form of a check) to:

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