

May 2009 Newsletter



Clark County Dental Society Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Members,

As my presidency ends, I want to thank Dr. Connie Brown, Dr. Steve Hokett, and Dr. Mark Johnson of the executive committee for their efforts. Dr. Connie Brown will be stepping down from the position of treasurer this year. She has faithfully served our society in this position for many years and deserves our sincere thanks for her contributions to our society.

As a lame-duck president, I want to propose a somewhat radical social change. At the April meeting, I spoke about the Free Clinic of SW Washington being our main vehicle to treating low income, uninsured individuals in our community. The children's portion of our program is being met through the Children's Dental Health Day and the Free Clinic Dental Express. The adult needs are not being met. There is a 6 to 8 month waiting list of more than 300 patients. These are people with acute dental pain and/or active dental infections. Conventional restorative work is not being offered at this time.

I propose a change to our dues. Each member will be asked to choose one of three options:

1. You may volunteer at the free clinic for 4 hours once a year. You will be paired with an existing volunteering dentist to make your time fluid and enjoyable.
2. You may agree to see one patient in your office each quarter. You will be asked to dictate what treatments you are comfortable performing and an appropriate patient will be assigned.

President's Letter cont'd

3. If the first two options do not appeal to you, you will be asked (required) to donate \$300 to the Free Clinic of SW Washington which is tax deductible. This will fund the part-time employment of a dentist

As a dental society, we must put forth an effort to meet the needs of our community or we will soon be legislated to do so by our elected officials in Olympia. We will have a short business meeting after our speaker to further discuss this idea.

Pharmacologist Dr. John Smith will be addressing our society this month and the Dr. Lynn Ryan Clark County Dental Society Hygiene Scholarship will be awarded as well.

Sincerely,

Peter Lubisich IV, DMD

P.S.

On October 1, 2009, NORDIC will be speaking at the Dental Society meeting. Those who attend will receive a 5% discount on malpractice insurance through NORDIC.

Please RSVP to reserve your spot.

(360)256-1755 or editorpete@yahoo.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

My name is Ryan Allred and I am looking for an associateship in Clark County. I am currently attending a general practice residency at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. My program will be completed on June 30th, 2009. I would be available to work at that time, and would be licensed in Washington and could perform IV sedation. I would be very interested in talking about any possible opportunities. My cell phone is 503-939-0683(Eastern Standard Time) my email is allreds2go@gmail.com

**"Leadership can be the saving trait for any group faced with the choice
of success or the routine"**

Dr. Mark Murphy of the Pankey Institute will be the featured speaker. He is now with the Mercer Practice Management Group.

May 1st, 2009
8:30am - 4:30pm

205 Mill Plain Conference Building

Call Dr. Eugene Sakai for Reservations - (360)696-0041

\$250 – lunch included

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