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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESIGNS

Kent Cravens, unpaid Executive Director for the Foundation since its inception, resigned his position in February. The Foundation Board of Directors met on April 20, 2007 and asked Linda Paul to become Acting Executive Director. A final decision on Foundation leadership will be made at the fall Board meeting in September.

NOVEL DONATION IDEAS....

Dr. Ron Johnson and Dr. C. Patrick Montoya of Farmington donated a half day guided fly-fishing trip for two on the San Juan River to the Dental Foundation. A drawing of those who contributed to the Dental Foundation at the NMDA Annual Session was held for the fishing trip and the winner was Dr. Robert Manzanares! Congratulations, Dr. Manzanares, and thank you to all who donated to the Foundation.

Dr. Glen Eisenhuth also has made numerous monetary donations to the NMDF in a novel way. He has begun the "Friday and Saturday Endodontics" practice in Albuquerque and is donating \$25 per referral to the referring dentist's charity of choice. Many have already chosen NMDF. Dr. Eisenhuth can be reached at (505) 918-3933. Of course you are encouraged to continue specifying NMDF as your charity of choice!!

MENTOR DINNERS HELD IN LAS CRUCES & ALBUQUERQUE

Two dinners to encourage mentorship between pre-dental students across New Mexico and practicing dentists were held this winter, both with great success. The NMSU Pre-Dental Mentor Dinner was

sponsored by the Southwest Dental District and held on March 7th at the Picacho Hills Country Club. Fifteen dentists joined approximately thirty students for the evening and all of the students were matched with mentors. Mark Moores, Dr. Sullivan from the WICHE program, and Evelyn Hobbs, the new Program Director of the Dona Ana Community College Dental Hygiene Program, spoke. Dr. Kathleen Cordova emceed the evening. The dinner was a great success.

A similar dinner was held in Albuquerque at the Embassy Suites Hotel in January with equal success. The dinner was entirely underwritten by dentist and other company sponsorship. The New Mexico Dental Foundation and the New Mexico Pre-Dent Society, which serves pre-dental students from throughout the state, both benefited from the proceeds that were above and beyond the cost of the event. Mentorships were established at the dinner, Dr. Urbane presented a program on leadership and the President of the Pre-Dent Society reviewed the year's activities of the group. Dr. Strohschein emceed the event.

If you would like to participate in the Mentorship Program anywhere in the state please contact Dr. Mark Urbane at (505) 884-6408.

**Please join us at the next
New Mexico Dental Foundation
Board Meeting
Friday September 7, 2007
10:00am—4:00pm**

**NMDA Conference Room
Albuquerque NM**

All are welcome to attend.

Mission Statement

The mission of the New Mexico Foundation for Dental Health, Research and Education, A Public Charity, is to provide opportunities for the advancement of benevolent dental outreach and treatment programs by creating alternative funding resources. The Foundation is also committed to the advancement of dental health in New Mexico by creating research and educational opportunities for the achievement of clinical excellence resulting in an increased access to dental health care for the population of New Mexico.

Foundation Purpose #2:

To develop and manage volunteer dental care programs on behalf of the New Mexico Dental Association.

DDS Patient Expressions Of Gratitude....

"My DDS dentist gave me a lifetime dream of a beautiful, happy smile as well as getting rid of years of pain in my mouth and infection. Your program is awesome for the person who feels hopeless to make these dental needs a reality. It's pretty amazing that your life can be so touched and changed by faces of those you have never met or seen before."

Donated Dental Services Extends Gratitude to Dental Laboratories

A special thank you to the following dental, x-ray and pathology laboratories, as well as implant companies, who have graciously donated services to Donated Dental Service clients over the past 2 years:

Desert Ceramics - Dentaworks - High Desert Dental - Straumann - Unique Dental - The Tooth Factory - Keystone Dental - Trujillo Dental - Hoffman Dental - Wilson Radiographic - Esthetic Dental - Paradise Dental - Artistic Dental - Ideal Dental - Rocky Mountain Dental - Desert Country Prosthetic - Dentcraft Dental - Southwestern Dental - Custom Removables - Canyon Dental - Chavez Dental - J.F. Smith Dental - Renaissance Dental - Dental Solutions - Alpha Omega Dental - Ace Dental - IMTEC - Perry and Young Dental - Embres Dental - Aim Dental - Durango Dental - Bassett Dental - Dental Arts - David Porter - Southwest Dental Works - The Best Lab - Manini Dental - Figueroa Dental - Sterling Dental - Alpine Dental - Consolidated Dental - Trippe Porcelain - Technicare Dental - Special Services - Bauer Dental - Edgewood Dental - Glidewell - New West Dental - Bosque Dental - Fugi Dental - Nelson Dental - Ceratek - Gonzales Dental - Superior Dental - Leo's Dental - Jaws Dental - Warnack Dental - Valley Dental - Winthrop Dental - Kaylor Dental - Cosmetic Dental - Denta 2000 - SED - Westside Dental

Last fiscal year over \$17,000 in laboratory services was donated by these amazing companies. The DDS Program is successful because of the partnership of these companies and the 145 New Mexico dentists who also give so generously! Thank you to all!!

SECOND ANNUAL "DENTISTRY FROM THE HEART" A HUGE SUCCESS

In 2006 Dr. Jean Claude Wilcox began "Dentistry from the Heart" where he and two other dentists, along with many of their staff members, donated a full day to treating the acute dental needs of Albuquerque metro adults who could not afford dentistry elsewhere. Dr. Wilcox continued the event this year on February 9th, serving 103 patients, totaling

\$30,000 in donated services. Drs. Dunn, Candelaria, Mitchell and Gilbert joined him in the effort at Dr. Wilcox's office and it was hugely successful.

On February 22nd, Dr. Wilcox then went down to Las Cruces to serve the residents there in Dr. Gilbert's office! They helped 176 people in that area, donating \$34,000 in dental treatment. This outreach has doubled in just one year thanks to Dr. Wilcox's amazing vision! Drs. Candelaria, Mitchell and Wilcox are also volunteers in the Donated Dental Services Program.

From Acting Executive Director, Linda Paul

When I was hired in 2001 to coordinate the DDS Program for the NMDA, the concept of a separate Foundation to handle all the charitable efforts of the Association such as DDS was just a dream. In 2005 that dream became a reality. Through much hard work, countless hours, and the amazing vision of a number of people, the NMDF is operating well and beginning to move forward in a very tangible way. Donated Dental Services is still the primary program operating under the auspices of the Foundation. Other activities to further the Foundation's mission are now coming to fruition though too. The Pre-Dent Mentor Dinner held in Albuquerque has become a fundraiser for the Foundation and fits well with the education mission of NMDF. The Foundation will now assist NMDA with the Give Kids a Smile outreach event that occurs each February. Sixty Sonicare electric toothbrushes were recently secured by the Foundation through a partnership with Philips and the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped and given to a low income, primarily Hispanic community in desperate need of better oral health care in Albuquerque. Through efforts spearheaded by Dr. Joe Matthews, the Los Alamos community and their service agencies have come together with Foundation assistance to provide dental care to previously underserved, low income Los Alamos residents in a unique way. It is a privilege to see more of the Foundation's missions being fulfilled and the possibilities are endless! The future of this Foundation is bright and I am thrilled to be a part of it.