Christian Dental Society News-Brief

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The Christian Dental Society desires to send regular **news-briefs** to all CDS members to briefly summarize current CDS news, mission trip reports, trip opportunities, and other pertinent information. Please send short articles and announcements to Executive Director, Dr. Bob Meyer: bdmeyer@comcast.net

Come to the **Texas Dental Association meeting in San Antonio, Texas on May 5-6th** and meet CDS members, **Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer,** at the CDS Booth (number 1323.) **Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood** will exhibit at the **Anaheim, California Dental Convention on May 12-14th. On June 16-18th, Dr. Katy Barlow and Dr. Robert Liebler will exhibit at the Florida Dental Convention in Kissimmee, Florida.**

We are currently **working on revising and updating our website member lists** to make them even better. We are finding that many of our members have not updated their biographical data—such as their private and public address, phone numbers, e-mails, and website. To easily do this, please go to our website: www.christiandental.org and go to the "Members' Area" or the "Directory" and select the section that says: "Members. . . update your information today! Click Here." If you do not remember our password, it is "Jesus."

The CDS maintains two separate member data lists to maintain confidentiality. The *"Members' Directory"* under the "Members' Area" can only be accessed with the password "Jesus," and the data is designated (private). The *"Directory"* is for public access and the data is designated (public). Generally, your office information goes in the "Directory" and your home information goes on the "Members' Directory." If you do not have office information, you can leave the public data blank or put whatever information you feel comfortable sharing with others. Listing office information, to include your website, often generates new patients looking on the Internet for Christian Dentists.

Trip opportunities: If you have a trip planned and want to get the word out to others, go to the CDS website www.christiandental.org under "Members," click on the "Mission Trip Opportunity," fill out the simple trip information data, and submit so that your trip can be advertised. This is facilitated by **Dr. Jim Wolf**.

Save the date! Don't miss the **CDS Annual Board Meeting and Mission Banquet** to be held at the American Dental Association Convention in Denver, Colorado on Friday, October 21, 2016. All Board members and Advisory Council members are strongly encouraged to attend. Everyone is invited to all CDS events: the CDS Booth # 2062 (ongoing at the ADA Exhibit Hall), the CDS Board Meeting (1-5 p.m.) and the CDS Mission Banquet (5:30-8:30 p.m.), both to be held at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. The catered dinner will include dentist and hygienist mission speakers and interaction time between CDS members. If anyone would like to help at the CDS booth at the ADA Convention or any other convention—thereby receiving a free exhibit hall badge—please contact bdmeyer@comcast.net.

Sales of the CDS ***Dental Mission Manual for Portable Short-term Dental Trips*** are already in the hundreds, with proceeds going to the CDS. This valuable resource is available on Amazon and on Kindle versions.

If you have recommendations for this year's **"Ron Lamb Mission Award"** to be given at the annual CDS Banquet, please submit a nomination by going to the CDS website under the "Member" section, fill out the form, and submit on-line.

The **CDS Facebook** page—"Christian Dental Society"—is being noticed! Please add "likes" and posts to it. Mission trip reports attract attention.

Thanks to CDS Members who have helped CDS in the following areas recently:

****Dr. Randy Sanders** for manning the CDS Booth at the Hinman Dental Convention in Atlanta, Georgia on March 17-19th.

****Dr. John Ley, Dr. Dick and Judy Martin, and Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer** for working the CDS exhibit booth at the Phoenix Dental Convention on April 8-9th.

****Drs. Jim and Sue Carney and Dr. William Griffin** are excelling in Jamaica by setting up clinics, mentoring students, establishing new programs with the American Association of Endodontists and the University of Illinois Dental School, and more. See the information update CDS sent out on April 22nd for more about Jamaica.

****Paul Shada from Bell Dental is reconfiguring our Aseptico Dental Operating units** into a hard Pelican case with wheels, so it can withstand the rigors of the overseas mission rental handling. It weighs in at 37 pounds with room for additional items and is small enough to be carried onto the plane. As you probably know, the

Aseptico Task Force unit, which we have been renting out works well, but the case often does not hold up. The first prototype Aseptico Task Force reconfigured unit functioned well on a trip to Guatemala and is now in Uganda. If you have a Task Force unit with a broken case, consider sending it to Paul at Bell Dental and he can place it in a hard case to protect it.

Dr. Gayle Cheatwood is designing a 12-volt dental operating unit system which is almost ready and was recently tested on mission trips to Mexico and Romania.

We are **testing out a portable field ultrasonic unit** to go with our hygiene kits that will soon be available for rental. The portable unit functioned well in Guatemala and is now being tested by **Dr. Denis Scharine** on a mission trip. The CDS desires to rent out only field-tested, dependable, portable equipment for dental mission trips.

Our members continue to be heavily involved with dental missions here and overseas. Thank you and blessings to all CDS members who continue to support our unique mission of encouraging, assisting, training, and equipping dental personnel to provide dental care to the underserved and to open doors in support of God's kingdom.