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The stock market is down 36% over the last four months. New housing sales are at an all time low. Foreclosures are at an all time high. Unemployment is rising. The government is bailing out major corporations and others are in line. We are indeed in tough times. Most of us have felt the effects of this in fewer starts and patients postponing treatment. Practices that always grew are now at a plateau or are down. The media is full of doom and gloom and the pundits are quick to give their opinions. We are in uncharted territory and no one has the answers. The election has brought its own set of unknowns. All of us are wondering when things will get better.



Randy Rigsby, D.M.D.

Yet, despite all of the negativity, there are many things for which we should be grateful. Robert Schuller said it well, "Always look at what you have left. Never look at what you have lost." We are part of a wonderful profession and we are fortunate to be able to practice in a free country with an open economy. We are free to choose those with whom we work. When and how we work is a choice that we make. We create beautiful smiles every day and make profound and positive changes in the lives of our patients with what we do and how we do it. Orthodontics is an innovative profession with constant changes in technology and research that helps us treat our patients better and more efficiently. What a blessing it is to be able to do what we do! We get to show up for work every day and do something that we love to do.

Responsibility comes with the blessings we have been given. We must be good stewards of our profession. There are forces out there that would profoundly change the way we practice. Some changes may not be good for our patients or our practices. We must be vigilant. We must be informed and involved in organized orthodontics. We also need more orthodontists to be part of organized dentistry. I encourage you to get involved in your local dental association and become an officer or delegate to the FDA. This is a great way to be informed of what is going on at the state and national levels. Serving in the FAO, SAO and AAO on committees and councils is important to the health of our profession and it is also rewarding on a personal level.

I realize that not all of us can serve on committees or as officers, but there is one thing that all of us can do; make contributions to your AAOPAC! I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for us to increase our contributions. The issues that will

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Sixty-Ninth Annual Session

March 6-8, 2009

Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza

Speaker: Dr. James J. Hilgers

New & Younger Members Program: How Should Insurance Work In Your Office

See Page 3 for detailed information.

Old Problems, New Solutions

Dr. James Hilgers is one of the ultimate pragmatists in orthodontics. He believes in working tirelessly to make things “simple through system”. He will use any available resource to accomplish a given objective and his lectures focus on lots of great ideas that can be utilized in any orthodontic practice, regardless of size or therapeutic bias. In this lecture he is going to discuss a wide variety of new and extremely useful tools, including mini-screw anchorage (TADs), noncompliant therapy, passive self-ligation, orthodontic soft tissue lasers, orthodontic communications, computer-aided bracket placement and office design/marketing.

Attending participants should get a practical overview of new technology as it applies to clinical orthodontics. This primer on how and when to use this technology should give the clinician new insights on the future direction of control oriented orthodontics. This lecture is not intended to be an in-depth or scientific discussion of any of the topics but more a series of vignettes that describes the practical use of these exciting new tools in everyday practice.

Objectives:

Teach the clinician...

- How and where to effectively use TADs.
- How to easily correct most Class II malocclusions.
- How and when to decrease the influence of friction in orthodontics.
- How to use better communication skills to increase practice growth and vitality.
- How to use a diode soft tissue laser to improve esthetics and reduce treatment time.
- How to resolve some of the recurrent problems in case finishing.

Friday, March 6, 2009

Registration5:00 p.m.
How Should Insurance Work In Your Office5:30 p.m.
Drs. John Harrison and William Kochenour
Gallery Eclectic Bistro7:30 p.m.
Located at International Plaza (no transportation needed)
2223 North WestShore Blvd.

Saturday, March 7, 2009

Breakfast.....7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Expanded Duties Meeting7:30 a.m.
Old Problems, New Solutions.....8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Dr. James Hilgers
Lunch12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Dinner.....6:00 p.m.
Distinguished Service Award Presented to Dr. Lewis Walker
Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza

Sunday, March 8, 2009

Breakfast.....7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Orthodontic Bonding8:45 a.m. – Noon
Executive Committee Meeting12:30 p.m.

Hotel Information

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President's Message (cont'd)

be facing us in the next few years are daunting and can change how we practice overnight. HIPPA, OSHA, ergonomics and more regulations are looming with a new administration. Universal health care, federal mandates for small businesses, open bay vs. private and soundproof operatories are a few more issues we could be dealing with in the future. The money we give to the AAOPAC allows our lobbyists to "get the ear" of key legislators to let our concerns be heard. You might consider being a key legislative contact if you have a relationship with someone in Congress. Another good way to stay abreast of the issues is to attend our annual FAO meeting. Our upcoming meeting will include a presentation on these issues and more.

Another blessing that we cannot forget are the friendships that we make in our profession. Members who attend the FAO meeting experience camaraderie and encouragement that is like no other. These relationships are strengthened as we visit, learn and dine together. Walt Disney said, "There is great comfort and inspiration in the feeling of close human relationships and its bearing on our mutual fortunes - a powerful force, to overcome the 'tough breaks' which are certain to come to most of us from time to time."

With these thoughts in mind, I personally invite each and every one of you to attend our FAO annual meeting on March 6-8 in Tampa. I look forward to seeing you then!

Sincerely,
Randy

Annual Session Registration Form is located on the back of the Insert!

How Should Insurance Work In Your Office – Presented by Drs. John Harrison and William Kochenour

Description – Should you accept insurance? New members are encouraged to attend this one hour informative seminar formulated to help you understand orthodontic insurance coverage and insurance benefits. Question and answer session includes Happy Hour and camaraderie while collecting important information for your practice.

Orthodontic graduates from 1998 or later are welcome!

Old Problems, New Solutions – Presented by James J. Hilgers, DDS, MS



Dr. James Hilgers graduated in 1969 from Loyola University Dental School, Chicago, with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and entered Northwestern University Orthodontic Department on a National Institutes of Health research grant. He obtained his Master's degree and specialty certificate in orthodontics in March of 1971.

Dr. Hilgers has written and published over eighty articles for scientific and clinical journals. He developed the Bios System and its approach to modern orthodontics. He presently serves as a contributing editor to the Journal of Clinical Orthodontics and Orthodontic Products. He is a Visiting Clinical Professor of Orthodontics and Orthodontic Products. He is a Visiting Clinical Professor of Orthodontics at the University of California, San Francisco, and Associate Professor, Department of Orthodontics, Loma Linda University.

Dr. Hilgers holds numerous U.S. patents covering a wide array of orthodontic appliances focusing on clinical simplicity, some of which are on display at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. In 1994 Dr. Hilgers was awarded a gold medal at the prestigious New York Film Festival for Outstanding New CD-Rom in the educational arena.

Dr. Hilgers has been in the private clinical practice of orthodontics in Mission Viejo, California for over thirty years.

STATE ORTHODONTIC PROGRAMS UPDATE

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Class of 2008 Graduates and

Current Practice Locations:

Dr. James Jones

Practicing with Dr. Robert Goldie in Orlando, FL

Dr. Shreena Patel

Practicing with Dr. Lori Aiosa in Orange Park, FL

Dr. Melanie Wexel –

Practicing with Dr. A. Wright Pond in Colonial Heights, VA

Dr. Noelle Williams – *Practicing with Dr. Stephen Paige in Ocala and opening her own solo practice in Orlando*

Faculty Update:

The board of the American Association of Orthodontics Foundation recently awarded the Michael Matlof Memorial Teaching Fellowship Award to **Leandra Dopazo, D.D.S., M.S.**, clinical assistant professor of orthodontics. This is the third year that Dr. Dopazo has received this fellowship from the AAO Foundation.

Department News:

Dr. Melanie Wexel of the University of Florida received a Joseph E. Johnson Clinical Award for her table clinic presentation, “The Effect of Centrally Administered RTX on Pain Behavior in Rats.”

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY

Class of 2008 Graduates and Current Practice Locations:

Dr. Daniella Browning – Practicing in New Jersey

Dr. Herbert Murillo – Practicing in Florida

Dr. Oleg Eisenstein - Practicing in Georgia

Dr. Marco Pinto - Practicing in Arizona

Dr. Blane Jacobson - Practicing in California

Dr. Jason Rice - Practicing in Florida

Dr. Louis Kubala - Practicing in California

Dr. Thomas Rollins - Practicing in Florida

Dr. Richard Lee - Practicing in Maryland

Dr. Timothy Stuhlmiller - Practicing in Ohio

Dr. Lauren Lockhart - Practicing in Ohio

Dr. Greg Trapnell - Practicing in Utah

Dr. Dennis Mauro - Practicing in Arkansas

Dr. Jeffrey Trapnell - Practicing in Utah



Department News:

In its 6th year of operation, JU has formally ceased any and all affiliations with Orthodontic Education Company. JU was also recently honored by Florida's Children First, Inc. for JU's 1000 Small Smiles Across Jacksonville campaign which provides pro bono orthodontics for foster children in need. JU was selected as the “Child Advocate” award winner in the organizational category.



Dr. Dipak Chudasama oversaw two clinical trials; one study using the Biomers translucent archwire and the other study using the translucent Astic™ retainer wire. JU also is increasing their focus on clinical research by offering a 1 year Fellowship in Orthodontic Clinical Research headed by **Dr. Marc Ackerman**.

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY



Class of 2008 Graduates and Current Practice Locations:

Dr. Paul Feldon – Practicing in South Florida

Dr. Joshua Goldknoph – Practicing in Jacksonville, FL

Dr. Kory McHenry - Practicing in Southern California

Dr. Casi Stubbs - Practicing in Niceville, FL

Dr. Minelle Tendler - Practicing in South Florida

Dr. Kathleen Valencia - Practicing in South Florida

Dr. Cody Wilson - Practicing in Nevada

Department and Research News:

The postgraduate program received approval from the Commission on Dental Accreditation to move to a 30-month Master of Science degree program effective July 2009. The students matriculating in July of next year will be enrolled in the Master of Science program. The entering class size will remain at seven.

The College of Dental Medicine was recently reorganized from nine departments into three divisions of three sections each. Orthodontics is now one section in the Division of Developmental Sciences that includes orthodontics, pediatric dentistry and community dentistry. Dr. Kronmiller was appointed as the Chief of the Division of Developmental Sciences and also continues to serve as Professor and Chair of Orthodontics.

Two new full-time faculty and two new adjunct faculty have joined the section of orthodontics:

Dr. Abraham Lifshitz and **Dr. Richard Singer** joined the section this summer as full-time faculty members. Dr. Lifshitz practiced orthodontics and served as Professor, Co-Chairman and Graduate Program Director in the Department of Orthodontics at the Intercontinental University. Dr. Singer has also previously served as a full-time faculty member and director in orthodontics at Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Randy Shults and **Dr. James Morrish** joined the adjunct faculty in the section this year. Dr. Shults has previously held a full-time faculty position in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of North Carolina and has practiced in Wellington for more than 15 years. Dr. Morrish has practiced in Bradenton, Florida for twenty five years.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration fee is all-inclusive \$395.00 • On-site registration fee \$445.00

Payment Information:

Credit Card - *Visa or MasterCard*

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Check

Make check payable to FAO (*and mail to address below*)

Please Check Accordingly

Friday	New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	I will Attend	<input type="checkbox"/>	I will not attend
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Saturday	Dinner:	<input type="checkbox"/>	I will Attend	<input type="checkbox"/>	I will not attend
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	Lunch:	<input type="checkbox"/>	I will Attend	<input type="checkbox"/>	I will not attend
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Annual Session Information Enclosed!

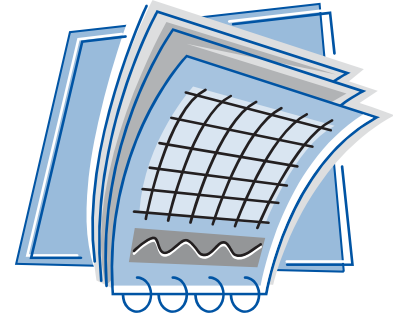
Bylaw Changes

There are several proposed FAO Bylaws changes that will be voted on at the Annual Session on March 7, 2009 at the Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza.

Please logon to the members only section of the association's site to review the proposed changes. www.faoortho.com

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First Name: your first name (not your nick name)
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Mark your Calendars - Upcoming Meetings & Events



- March 6-8, 2009**
Florida Association of Orthodontists (FAO) Annual Session
Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza
Tampa, FL
- May 1-5, 2009**
American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) Annual Session
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
Boston, MA
- June 18-20, 2009**
Florida National Dental Convention (FNDC) Gaylord Palms Hotel and Convention Center
Orlando, FL
- Sept 23-27, 2009**
Southern Association of Orthodontists (SAO) Annual Session
The Homestead Hot Springs
Hot Springs, VA