

October-December 2012

Department News

Welcome to the friends and alumni of the LSUSD Department of Pediatric Dentistry!

As the weather cools down in New Orleans, the department has been busy with a number of events!

This fall members of the Student Chapter of the AAPD paired with dental residents and the LSU service organization Making Impressions to reach out to the community at Praise Fest Community Health Fair. This event provided screening and oral health information for children and adults and was a fun day on Bayou St. John.



D4 Student **Mimi Lacour** examines a young patient at Praise Fest community health fair.

In addition to outreach, the Student Chapter of the AAPD has enjoyed a number of great speakers over the last three months. **Dr. Robert Delarosa** visited the chapter in October to speak about practice management and to discuss the clinical practice of

pediatric dentistry. Also in October members of the Children's Hospital Craniofacial Team visited the students to discuss the multidisciplinary treatment of patients with craniofacial anomalies. Clinic coordinator **Ms. Mary Ellen Alexander** and plastic surgeon **Dr. Michael Moses** discussed their roles within the team. In November chapter members had the opportunity to join **Dr. Pamela Shaw** at her Metairie office to talk about how to manage controversial cases in pediatric dentistry. The students and dental residents had a fun evening touring the office and discussing patient care!



Dr. Pamela Shaw speaking with the AAPD Student Chapter members and residents at her office.

As LSU football season came to a close, the residents took some time out of their busy schedule to cheer on the Tigers and enjoy tailgating in Baton Rouge.



First-year residents, **Christine Tran, Amrit Bala, Katie McClendon** and **Bijal Naik** tailgating in Baton Rouge.

On Halloween, the residents turned the dental clinic into a corral and dressed in their finest cowboy attire while treating patients. Two bananas were also seen roaming around clinic.



The residents dressed up for Halloween and Dr. Stuckey even shared some of her musical talents before MTM clinic.



Drs. Claudia Cavallino, Kellie Axelrad, and Susan Chidlow at the Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry meeting.

In December, the Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry held its annual meeting in Dallas, Texas. At this meeting, **Dr. Marvin Cavallino** ended his term as president. Congratulations Dr. Cavallino on this achievement!

The annual Practice Management Seminar, organized by **Dr. Richard Olinde**, was held at LSU School of Dentistry in December. The residents and private practice pediatric dentists in attendance participated in discussions on retirement planning and insurance with **Mr. Keith Duet** and public relations and new media management with **Ms. Ashley Dwyer**. In the afternoon, the residents participated in a question and answer session with **Drs. Steven Marcello, Eric Sanders, Johnnie Hunt, and John Hendry**. Thanks to everyone who made this day a success!



The Department of Pediatric Dentistry held its annual holiday party at the home of Dr. Marvin Cavallino. A good time was had by all the residents, staff, and faculty that attended, especially during the Christmas gift exchange!



Residents **Ashla Martin**, **Susan Fallahi**, **Bijal Naik** and **Erin Maturin** get in the Christmas spirit.



Residents **Ashla Martin** and **Bijal Naik** taking a break from dancing at Susan's wedding for a photo.

Alumni News:

We would like to congratulate second-year resident **Susan Fallahi** on her recent marriage to Adam Dennis.

Congratulations to all of our LSU alumni who recently achieved diplomat status with the ABPD. Thanks to **Drs. Joe Yale, Claudia Cavallino, Liz Thorson, Sarah Khani, and Andrew Heaton** for sharing the good news with the department!

Save the date for the next big party! The resident recognition dinner is **Friday, June 21!** Be sure to watch the mail for your invitation and join us in New Orleans to celebrate our residents!



First- and second-year residents pose with newlyweds **Susan Fallahi** and **Adam Dennis**.



Dr. Pamela Shaw added camel riding to her list of accomplishments as she and her husband, **Hank Smith**, visited Egypt this fall!