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President's Message Gregory E. Oxford, DDS, MS, PhD

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President's Address to the FAP Membership, February 12, 2011

First let me say, as Lee turns over the reigns of President of this fine organization, what a pleasure it has been to work with him, as with all the others of the Executive Council. Lee's leadership, drive and commitment to organized dentistry and in particular to our specialty is greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to this year and the opportunity to serve each of you, this organization and our specialty in this capacity. I am honored to stand before you today as your fifty-first FAP President. When I think about the past presidents who have served this organization, I am honored to join their ranks. Our first president in 1962 was Dr. Richard Chace and the previous presidents of this organization reads like a "Who's Who of Periodontics."

As we begin the new year, I am excited to be here. Last year for many of us in dentistry it was a very poor year; we were not as busy as we have been previously. All across the board, in dentistry, things have been down. We are fortunate though that we are in a profession that provides a service that is necessary for many people. When we survey the population I notice that many are still unemployed, losing jobs, and experiencing cutbacks.

It has also been a time for us to reflect upon the road we have traveled. For me personally, I am glad to possess skills that I can use to assist fellow individuals to help them restore, regain or retain health.

It has been a time for me to reflect upon why we entered this profession to begin with. I doubt that many of us chose dentistry initially to do porcelain veneers or sinus elevations for implants, but rather I suspect that many of you are like I am and chose dentistry because it is a profession where we can help people. It is a profession that we can interact with individuals on a one-on-one basis. It is a profession that we can use our hands and it is a profession that we can be involved in health care without being required to look into the face of death on a daily basis.

Dentistry overall has been very good to us, but as these tough times are upon us we need to remember why we are started in this profession. We like people, we like helping others and we like helping each other. The rewards will come if we live by the simple rules that we started with:

- Treat everyone with the dignity and respect and compassion that we would like to be treated with.
- Do no harm, do the best job you can for each and every individual following the tenants that we were taught.
- Provide the highest quality care you possibly can, and acknowledge your shortcomings and personal limitations.

I am saying these things as much to myself as I am to anyone in this room.

I have had the opportunity to learn so much from so many in this room: Dr. Ferris, Dr. Kluff, Dr. Feldman, Dr. Baldock, Dr. Dozier, Dr. Arthur and Dr. Low to name a few. I believe that we, as Americans, as husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, sons or daughters and yes, as periodontists, we owe a lot of our success in our lives to many others. I would like to see each of you this year pledge to give something back to others in some capacity this year. Our country is hurting, our towns are hurting, and our friends and neighbors are hurting. Give something back this year. Give something of yourself to our country this year. Get involved locally, at your local school, place of worship, or soup kitchen. Give something of yourself to your family this year. Take time to spend with your kids.

And give something of yourself to your profession this year. Get involved with our Florida dental schools, volunteer as a courtesy faculty member or get involved with organized dentistry at the local, state or national level or with a volunteer dental clinic, but give something of yourself to your profession this year.

We are a talented group of highly motivated, successful individuals and I am proud to be called your colleague and to many, friend. I hope we can foster stronger bonds this year between each other and I hope that we can grow stronger as an organization. I will be looking for ways our organization can help in an organized fashion in each of these directions. I look forward to serving you, our profession, our chosen specialty, and our organization this year and hope that you will feel free to contact me if I can help you in any way. Thank you.



2011 SUMMER MEETING

Saturday, August 13

Dr. James T. Mellonig

Presenting:

*"Evidenced Based
Periodontal Regeneration"*

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

6 CEUs



FAP Luncheon and General Business Meeting
Exhibitors All Day!

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FAP 2011 Summer Meeting - Registration Form
August 13, 2011 InterContinental Hotel—Tampa, Florida

Periodontist Information:

Name _____ Email _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

REGISTER EARLY FOR REDUCED FEES!!

EARLY Registration Fees on or before August 6, 2011:

____ I am a member of the FAP (no fee for Course and Luncheon)

____ I am a retired FAP member: \$50.00 (this includes Course and Luncheon)

____ Periodontist, but not a member of the FAP: \$300.00 (Registration fee of \$300.00 includes Course and Luncheon) **SAVE \$55-JOIN THE FAP TODAY! \$245.00 to join, contact the FAP.**

Registration Fees from August 7 - 13, 2011:

____ I am a member of the FAP: \$50.00 (this includes Course and Luncheon)

____ I am a retired FAP member: \$100.00 (this includes Course and Luncheon)

____ Periodontist, but not a member of the FAP: \$350.00 (Registration fee of \$350.00 includes Course and Luncheon) **SAVE \$55.00! JOIN THE FAP TODAY! Contact the FAP.**

The luncheon on Saturday is for registered attendees only. Special dietary requests:

Please Note:

- ★ Parking is free at the InterContinental Hotel. You may enter the parking garage from Westshore Boulevard or Occident Street. Valet parking is \$12 a day, \$18 for overnight guests.
- ★ Register early, registration received after February 6, 2011 and on-site registration will be assessed a \$50.00 late registration fee.
- ★ The FAP reserves the right to charge a late cancellation fee of \$50.00 for cancellations after August 8, 2011.
- ★ The Saturday Course begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m.

Return registration form to:

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**2011 Winter Meeting
A Great Success!**



The FAP Welcome Reception on Friday always provides a great time to relax and catch-up with friends.



Dr. Gregory Oxford, 2011-2012 President, presents the FAP Past President Pin to **Dr. Lee R. Cohen**.



Dr. William Parker, NSU Chair, gives an update on the program.



Thank you to **Exactech**, sponsor of the luncheon for NSU/UF Residents and Faculty. (L-R) **Dr. Michael Fetner**, UF Resident and **Mr. Chris Davy**, Exactech representative.



Dr. Stephen Wallace's course was well-received and many stayed late to ask questions.



Members enjoy lunch during the FAP General Business Meeting.

By the numbers...
29 Exhibitors
6 Residents' Presentations
126 Attendees
6 New Members

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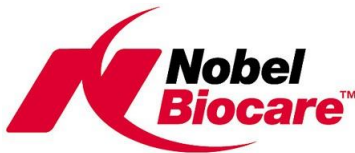
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Something to Flap About...

- ⇒ The FAP website will soon be getting a new look—consider sharing your practice website link with visitors to the site. Send your link to the FAP office, fap@tampabay.rr.com.
- ⇒ **Think green!** Not only on St. Patrick's Day, but all year long for the FAP. The FAP Newsletter is printed three times a year. One FAP member going **green** saves the FAP \$8.40 in postage and printing per year. Contact the FAP office to have your June FAP Newsletter emailed to you.
- ⇒ Congratulations to FAP Secretary-Treasurer, **Dr. Gary Altschuler**, for completing the Florida Dental Association's Leadership Program. To be considered for this program you must be an ADA member in good standing, have demonstrated significant interest in serving or have served in some leadership capacity of organized dentistry, and have been recommended for enrollment by a member or alternate member of a recognized FDA agency, such as FDA House of Delegates, Board of Trustees, Standing Committee, Council or Sub-Council as provided for in FDA Bylaws, the Florida Delegation to the ADA, FDA Services (FDAS), Florida Dental Health Foundation (FDHF) or Political Action Committees. Dr. Altschuler is a graduate of the inaugural class for this program.
- ⇒ Did you know you can get CEUs for attending a Florida Board of Dentistry (BOD) Meeting? Up to four hours of credit per renewal cycle may be earned by attending a Florida Board of Dentistry meeting wherein disciplinary cases are considered. The BOD meets in May and again on August 12th, at the Tampa Airport Marriott. This is the day before the FAP Summer Meeting (August 13th), which is being held at the InterContinental Hotel, close to the airport. Perfect timing! Go to the Board meeting on Friday, reserve a room at the InterContinental for Friday evening and attend the FAP meeting on Saturday. **Register early—see page 3.**
- ⇒ **Dr. Lee R. Cohen**, FAP Immediate Past President, was appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Dentistry to serve on the Board's Subcommittee on Anesthesia representing periodontists and moderate sedation. Dr. Cohen also serves as the FAP's liaison to the BOD.

Welcome New Members!



The FAP membership grew by six this past February. Pictured above is **Dr. José Mellado**, Coral Gables and **Dr. Lauren Shack**, Royal Palms Beach.

Not pictured:

Dr. Bradley Ross, Fort Lauderdale
 Dr. Darren Pike, Plantation
 Dr. Richard Salzman, Cooper City
 Dr. Ramiro del Amo, Hialeah

New FAP Leadership Takes the Helm



Dr. James Wilson, FAP Past President, gives the FAP Officer Investiture Oath to the 2011-2012 FAP Executive Council. (L-R) **Dr. Gregory Oxford**, President, **Dr. Lee R. Cohen**, Immediate Past President, **Dr. Jorge Ramirez**, President Elect, **Dr. Beatriz Terry**, 2nd Member at Large and **Dr. Mark Abdoney**, First Member at Large.



Dr. Gregory Oxford, 2011-2012 FAP President, addresses the membership for the first time as President. Read his speech in its entirety on the front cover.

2011- 2012 Important Dates

May 20, 2011	Board of Dentistry, Omni Hotel, Jacksonville, FL
June 9-11, 2011	Florida National Dental Convention, Gaylord Palms, Orlando, FL
June 23-26, 2011	Southern Academy of Periodontology Annual Meeting Hammock Beach Resort, Palm Coast, FL
August 12, 2011	Board of Dentistry, Tampa Airport Marriott
AUGUST 13, 2011	FAP SUMMER MEETING - TAMPA DR. JAMES MELLONIG
Nov. 12-15, 2011	AAP Annual Meeting, Miami Beach, FL
January 27-28, 2012	Southern Academy of Periodontology Winter Meeting Atlanta, GA
Feb. 17-18, 2012	FAP WINTER MEETING - TBD DR. DAVID GARBER UF/NSU Senior Residents' Presentations

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