

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families the very best for a happy, successful and healthy New Year.

The New Year always signals new beginnings and that is true for our profession in which there always seems to be something new around the corner, whether it be a new technique or another third party intrusion! Your CFDDA leadership is always standing vigilant to protect our profession and to render the best of care to our patients. The Jan. House of Delegates will soon take place so we are all busy preparing to take on the tasks that await us.

Speaking of new beginnings...although not really new, we are making a renewed effort to utilize our website more as we head towards more complete electronic communication. I urge you to visit your CFDDA website at www.cfdda.org today and frequently. It is the perfect time to check your personal data and send any corrections if needed. If your name is not listed you can request a copy of our survey so you can be added. Also new on our website is a page listing our meeting sponsors and other supporters of the CFDDA. They are listed with direct links to their websites. If you are going to order any supplies or equipment, please consider our sponsors and be sure to thank them for being supporters of our CFDDA!!

In my first message I stated that the Central District has always excelled in producing great leadership for our profession. This trend is most certainly continuing. I neglected to mention earlier our congratulations to **Dr. James Antoon** for being chosen as Dentist of the Year for 2011 for his outstanding service to the FDA in chairing the Committee to Study the Florida Licensure Process. This is actually the second time Jim has been honored as Dentist of the Year! And, also to **Dr. Gerald Bird** for receiving a Leadership Award and to **Dr. Donald Erbes** for receiving an FDA Service Award. Also **Dr. J. Thaddeus Morgan** received an FDA Leadership Award for his years of service and most recently was chairman of the Florida Board of Dentistry. As Dr. Morgan stepped down, still another CFDDA member, **Dr. Wade Winker** was elected as the next chair of the Board of Dentistry. We congratulate him and wish him much success with his new position.

As we think of dental professional leaders from the Central District we mourn the recent loss of Dr. Richard Chace. Moving to Orlando in 1945, Dr. Chace started the first dental practice limited to the treatment of periodontal disease in Florida. In 1963, he was the third generation of his family elected as president of the Florida Dental Association, after his grandfather James Chace, who in 1884 served as its first president, and his father, who served in 1904. His full obituary can be found at on the Baldwin Fairchild website www.baldwinfairchild.com/. We send our sincere condolences to his family in this time of their loss.

This summer we had more regulation thrust upon us. I hope you have all become familiar with the new ruling about the use of **Mandatory Counterfeit-Proof Prescriptions** which became **effective August 30**. This also includes the regulations concerning the **Florida Prescription Drug Database**. A complete discussion of the rules can be found on our website at www.cfdda.org as a membership benefit. If not already, I urge you to read this over and become familiar with all the ramifications of this ruling. (Included with President's Message on the site)

The biggest event for our organization is only a few months away. The complete meeting content is listed in this newsletter, as well as, a registration form and instruction to make hotel reservations. Plan to attend our Annual Meeting with your family and staff at the Daytona Beach Resort beginning on the evening of **Thurs. April 26, 2012 with a Welcoming Reception** for all attendees and sponsors in the exhibit hall. Fri April 27th and Sat. April 28th are planned with great Continuing Education courses scheduled for doctors and staff, including a hands on laser course on Fri. afternoon. Fri. evening will be a Magical Evening for the entire family...not to be missed. So do not hesitate...make those reservations now! Check out the resort at www.DaytonaBeachResort.com.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Meeting and at your affiliate meeting through the year. In closing, again, I wish you all and your families the very best for a happy, successful and healthy New Year.

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