

## February CE: Time is short!

February 13, 2007

"Embezzlement—Don't Let It Happen to You!"

Gail Beresch (Summit Management)

Holiday Inn South

Cocktails/Social Hour: 6:00 PM

Dinner and Program: 6:30 PM

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Program not appropriate for staff)*

Send your check for \$25.00 to Dr. Faber—your check will be returned to you on the night of the event.

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## CDDS Golf Outing 2007

The annual golf outing will be held on June 15, 2007 at "The Emerald" in St. Johns. The format will be similar to previous years. The day's activities will start at 9:00 AM with a shotgun start. A steak dinner will follow the day's golf with awards and prizes to be presented for worthy hackers.

CDDS Past-President and Minister of Golf for Life, Dr. Vince Benivegna, is once again organizing this event. The sign up and registration form will be provided in the next issue of *The Articulator*.

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## Central District Dental Assisting Society to Meet

Wednesday April 18, 2007

"Diabetes and Nutrition"

Leslie Weller, RD, CDE

Leslie Weller is a clinical dietitian and nutrition counselor through the Sparrow Regional Diabetes Center. She will present information on diabetes, nutrition and their impact on oral health.

6:00 – 6:30 pm registration and business meeting

6:30 – 8:00 pm, lecture

5238 W. St. Joseph, Lansing

**1.5 credit hours free for ADA members**

**\$15 for non-members**

**\*Pre-register by April 13, 2007**

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## Lansing Community College to Offer Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Training for Dental Hygienists

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### Local Anesthesia Administration for the Dental Hygienist

*April 26-28, 2007, Full Day Sessions*

#### Course Information

The course prepares the licensed dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia under the direct supervision of the dentist. Participants must have a current Michigan Dental Hygiene license and CPR certification. The course provides online self study, classroom lecture and skills assessment in the DH program clinic. Students will be evaluated on activities in both settings. Students must register for this course by 4/5/2007 to allow time for completion of online study. Cost: \$525.00. For further information call 517-483-1457.

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### Administration of Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen Sedation for the Dental Hygienist

*March 17, 2007, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.*

#### Course Information

The course is for the licensed RDH to prepare for safe and effective administration of Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen Sedation under the direct supervision of the Dentist. The course is a full day session, with 4 hours of lecture and 4 hours of clinical practice. Early registration is recommended. Cost: \$200.00. For further information call 517-483-1457.

## Dr. Sherill Behnke: Candidate for MDA Vice President

At the MDA House of Delegates in 2006, Dr. Sherill Behnke announced that she would be running for the office of Vice President of the Michigan Dental Association. The election will be held at the 2007 MDA Annual Session at the second session of the House of Delegates on May 5, 2007. Delegates to the MDA Annual Session vote for the MDA Vice President. Currently, Sherill serves as MDA Secretary. She is opposed in this election by Dr. Bill Wright, who serves as the MDA Treasurer at this time.

The MDA vice president serves for one year and then becomes the president-elect, serving again for one year. The president-elect becomes MDA President. If Sherill is elected as vice-president, she would be president of the MDA in 2009-2010.

Sherill has been active in organized dentistry since dental school and has been continuously active at both the local and state level since coming to Lansing in 1988. On the local level, she has chaired the Membership, Public Relations and Peer-Review Committees and was elected treasurer in 1996. She served as President of the CDDS in 1999-2000.

On the state level, she has served as our trustee for the last six years and currently serves on the MDA Executive Committee and MDA Board of Trustees as Secretary of the Board. She has been a key influence in the effort to allow dental assistants to perform expanded duties. Sherill has also chaired the MDA building committee that has made the decision to move MDA headquarters to a highly visible location in the Capitol View Building. The new building will cost approximately 6.5 million dollars

and will provide an updated and more member-friendly environment for our association. Sherill has been a decision-maker on this issue that is important not only for the MDA membership but for the greater Lansing community.

Because of her vast experience at the local and state level and because of the important role she has played in the new building, Sherill is the right person for MDA Vice President this year. Her leadership will be critical to getting the new building on line, on budget, on time. If you know dentists who serve as delegates to the MDA, ask them to support our highly qualified candidate for MDA Vice President, Dr. Sherill Behnke.

### Upcoming CDDS Events

February 6, 2007: CDDS Board of Directors

February 13, 2007: CE Meeting  
(See Back Page for Details)

March 6, 2007: CDDS Board of Directors

April 10, 2007: CDDS Board of Directors

April 12, 2007: President's Night  
(See Page 2)

May 2-5, 2007: MDA Annual Session  
(See Page 3)

June 15, 2007: CDDS Golf Outing

## CDDS President's Night 2007

Mark your calendar now for CDDS president's night, 2007, honoring Dr. Greg Komyathy. The event is scheduled for 4/12/2007 and will be held at the University Club of MSU in the Main Ballroom. Start time is 6:30, cocktails with dinner to follow. Invitations will be sent out in mid-March.

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## The New Dentists



## Meet Drs. Matthew Yun and Nikole Pecora

Nikki Pecora and Matt Yun are a married dental couple. Matt is a general dentist, practicing with Dr. Steve Powell in Okemos. Nikki is an orthodontist, who will soon be opening a new practice in Grand Ledge, practicing with her partner, Dr. Don Burkhardt. Nikki grew up in Gregory, Michigan, and told me that she has wanted to be a dentist since she was in the fourth grade. A key influence in her choice of career was her favorite uncle, who was a dentist in Ohio. After graduating from Stockbridge High School, Nikki completed her undergraduate studies at Michigan State University, majoring in physiology. As part of her undergraduate experience, Nikki studied abroad in Lucca, Italy and traveled in Europe in 1997.

Dr. Pecora was introduced to dental practice in Dr. John Mashni's practice, where she observed during her undergraduate years at MSU. After graduation, *Winter Edition 2007 (www.cdds.org)*

before her matriculation to the University of Michigan School of Dentistry (UMDS), Nikki worked in Dr. Bob Watt's practice. Following graduation from UMDS, Nikki completed orthodontic specialty training at this same institution in 2006. She met Matt during her externship experience in Dr. Mashni's practice; Matt was an associate in Dr. Mashni's practice at that time. Matt and Nikki were married in 2003 and currently reside in Holt.

Matt Yun credits a family friend, Sharon Pemberton, with helping to shape his decision to become a dentist. Matt grew up in Charlotte and Ms. Pemberton helped Matt's family assimilate into the community following emigration from Korea. Sharon worked in a dental practice and arranged Matt's first experiences observing in a dental practice.

Dr. Yun is a 1993 graduate of Michigan State with a degree in biology and graduated from The University of Detroit Mercy Dental School (UDM) in 1997. Following graduation from UDM, Matt practiced with Dr. Mashni as an associate for four years and then in Flint in another practice as an associate. Matt returned to our area in 2005, joining Dr. Steve Powell as a partner in his practice in Okemos. Matt credits both Dr. Mashni and Dr. Powell as mentors in his development as a dentist. Matt has been in the community for just a short time, but is already active in the Central District, serving as the dental education liaison to the Dental Hygiene Program at Lansing Community College and serving on the CDDS Board of Directors.

Matt is an avid fly fisherman and likes to spend time on the river, wading and enjoying the solitude and challenge of this quiet pastime. He finds that flyfishing is a relaxing contrast to the intensity of dental practice. Matt and Nikki are great additions to our dental community and we wish them every success as they practice in our town and participate in Central District Activities.

*"The New Dentists" will be a regular feature in The Articulator. If you know a new dentist that you would like to see featured, please e-mail me at tbradster@aol.com. -ed.*

## Care Free Dental Clinic: Volunteers Needed

Plans for the Care Free Dental Clinic are moving forward. The CDDS Board of Directors has drafted a letter of support to the MDA endorsing the clinic's activities. The success of this clinic depends upon volunteer efforts by local dentists. If you are interested in volunteering to work in the Care Free Dental Clinic, contact Dr. Barry Saltman at 887-5922 or e-mail [carefreebarry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carefreebarry@sbcglobal.net).

## Keep In Touch

### David N. Austin, DDS

Something happened the other day that I feel I need to talk about. I was driving along Interstate 20, headed to Dallas for a meeting and minding my own business. I usually get really sleepy when driving alone, so I take along plenty of coffee. Now I learned years ago in biology class that no matter how much you drink, you will eventually, uh, have to pull over. So I was getting a little desperate when I got to the Texas border and found to my delight a rest area complete with large restrooms. As I was racing on foot from my truck to the restroom, I noticed it was quite crowded. Upon entering the restroom, I found it was filled to capacity but was pleased to find one vacant stall. I ran in and quickly closed and latched the door. I was getting comfortable with my surroundings, when all of a sudden, the guy next to me says: "Well hello there, how are you?"

I thought, surely this guy is not talking to me. I mean, my Mama told me when I was little not to talk to people in restrooms and of course, to always wash your hands. I knew that this was not proper

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bathroom etiquette, but I thought maybe this fella just wants to chat. So I answered: "I'm doing quite well, thank you."

He then asks: "So what have you been doing today?" Geez, I thought, this fella won't let up. OK, so I will try to just be nice. So I answered: "Well, like you probably are, I'm driving west on I-20, headed to Dallas for a meeting that starts in the morning."

Then something happened that I shall never forget. He became extremely irritated and irate and said in a loud voice: "Listen Bobby, I will have to call you back later, the jerk in the next stall thinks I'm talking to him!" I was scared I would probably run into him when I left, so I stayed in there for about two hours.

I love cell phones, but I hate them too. These days, almost all of my patients have them when they are in my chair. It seems I'm always in the middle of a procedure when their phone rings.

Just yesterday, while performing a root canal, my patient's phone rang. He handed it to me because he couldn't talk. It was his attorney and apparently this man was going through a divorce. The counselor explains to me that the ex wants the house, the car, the dog, and his mother's heirloom silver Mickey Mouse spoon collection. This attorney wants to know what to do, so I said: "Let her have it all." Sometimes life is good, real good.

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