

# GSAHDA NEWS

“La voz de los que advierten mejorar la Salud Oral”

“The voice for improving Oral Health”

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## San Fernando Health and Safety Fair

October 7, 2006



The San Fernando Health & Safety Fair (SFHSF) at San Fernando Cathedral grounds had several GSAHDA members providing free dental services.

A “Special Thanks” and “Mil Gracias” to those that offered their time and service to this event. For



the past 16 years the San Fernando Health & Safety Committee has provided medical and dental services to individuals who may not have the means to afford such services. In 1990, the founders had a vision—to provide health care to the poor, but to also offer follow-up sessions and encourage individuals with

serious health issues to seek additional and needed health care.

The volunteers that participated included: Dr. Vidal Balderas, Dr. Judy Cabaza, Dr. Roger Campos, Dr. Suman Challa, Dr. Javier Garcia, Dr. Angelica Lozano, Dr. Juanita Lozano-Pineda, Dr. Alex Salinas, Dr. Tom Uribe and Dra. Elsa Treviño. Dental Hygienists included

Mary Lou Alvarez, RDH, and Josefina Wolf, RDH. UT Health Science Center students: Dental—Evy Guerrero, Andrea Patterson, Christina Ramirez and Dental Hygiene—Melissa Lombard and volunteer Mariana Treviño.

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## GSA-HDA 2006 Year in Review

This year up-to-date has been a productive one for GSAHDA. As most of you are aware the Cinco de Mayo Banquet was a great success to commemorate our first year and celebrate the upcoming year. As promised, we have delivered continuing education (CE) sessions in the general meetings.

The meeting in June was short and sweet, but a very informative agenda was provided — Dr. Roger Campos announced GSAHDA’s Five-Year Plan. In the July meeting, Dr. Ernest Valdez presented “Bisphosphonates & their Impact in Dentistry” and during the

September meeting, Dr. Arturo Lopez along with Dr. Alfonso Monarres presented “Applications of CAD/CAM Technology in Contemporary Dentistry”. The next general meeting scheduled for November 9, 2006 will also offer a CE session.

In the month of August, GSAHDA sponsored a pizza luncheon for the Hispanic Student Dental Association (HSDA) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA). This initial meeting was to kick off the semester, solicit student members and to review the past student programs their organization

## GSA-HDA 2006 Year in Review *(cont.)*

has offered and will continue to offer for the current year.

In September, Dr. Roger Campos announced our 1st Annual Fundraising event — Super Bowl TV Giveaway, drawing will be held during the January general meeting. The following month, GSA-HDA was proud to see members and students volunteer their time to offer free dental screenings and oral health education to the participants of the San Fernando Health & Safety Fair. Thanks to the UTHSCSA Department of Community Dentistry, Dr. Vidal Balderas, Clinical Assistant Professor and Mr. Eric Taylor, mobile van operator, the UTHSCSA Mobile Dental Clinic van has been an indispensable fixture during this annual event for the past 10 years. Colgate's mobile dental clinic has also been present, but this



year they provided tent areas for dental screening and also provided educational materials and dental products.

In November, several GSAHDA members will be attending the National HDA Annual Meeting in California. We are sponsoring dental students to attend the meeting. In July, Dr. Vidal Balderas was elected as a Board of Trustees for national HDA and one of our Scientific Co-Chairs, Ms. Magda A. de la Torre, was invited to be a presenter — the topic is “Providing Culturally Effective Oral Health Care”. This topic was one of three selected for California and national media coverage.



## Fundraising Events

The GSAHDA is continuously working to increase membership. The 2006-2007 annual membership fee is specifically earmarked to increase our scholarship fund. Thanks to a generous and anonymous donor who is willing to match it dollar for dollar up to \$5000. Your commitment to join or renew is critical in helping us build a scholarship fund that can serve to promote our objective in increasing minority repre-

sentation in the oral health care profession.

In September we announced our 1st Annual Fundraising event — Super Bowl TV Giveaway. On January 18, 2007 we will announce a lucky winner. Our members and officers have great visions and ideas for the success of the Association. One of Dr. Roger Campos' vision is GSA-HDA's Five-Year Plan to build a

network of member dentists and hygienists providing oral health care services on a volunteer basis to the underprivileged and underserved Latino community.

Our fundraising goal is \$10,000 and we hope to meet and exceed this goal with the help of individuals dedicated and committed in improving the oral health of the greater San Antonio community.

## Hispanic Student Dental Association

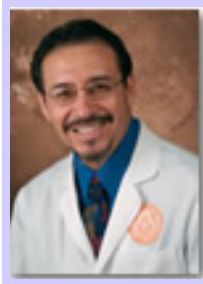
The Hispanic Student Dental Association (HSDA) has approximately 60 dental student members. Their events for the school year not only include their Lunch & Learn meetings, but several community outreach programs and social gatherings. In September they attended the SAS Health Fair. In the month of October the dental students that participated in the San



Fernando Health Fair placed preventive sealants on children. A main event is “Toys for Niños”. HSDA partners up with the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) to provide a toy

drive during September and October at the UTHSCSA. The students collect new or in good condition toys and monetary donations. This partnership is a CMDA mission trip to Piedras Negras, Coahuila, México during the month of October. They distribute toys to the children along with toothbrushes and toothpaste, and provide oral hygiene education. Students also attend HDA annual meetings and participate in a Texas Mission of Mercy multi-day dental mission.

# Member Profile



**Vidal G. Balderas, D.D.S., M.P.H.**

Dr. Balderas grew up in San Antonio, Texas. He was born into a migrant farm worker family and picked crops growing up as a teenager. He earned his dental degree from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School and a Masters in Public Health from

The University of Houston School of Public Health in May 2006. In the past, and for 23 years approximately, Dr. Balderas maintained private practices in San Antonio and Boerne, Texas. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of Mobile Dental Clinic in the Department of Community Dentistry at the UTHSCSA. He is one of the core founders of GSAHDA and was recently elected as a Board of Trustee for the Hispanic Dental Association. He has received the HDA National President's Award for community service — Dr. Balderas, currently and since 1987, works with dental students providing dental care to migrant children and individuals in the South Texas-Mexico border area and inner city San Antonio schools. He is an instrumental mentor and role model for future oral health professionals. One of his passions, besides providing oral health care services and education, is to recruit students willing to enter the profession and provide oral health care to the underrepresented minorities. The drive and success behind his passionate work is the connection to his roots.

## National HISPANIC DENTAL ASSOCIATION

HDA 2006 Annual Meeting

November 2 - 4, 2006

Universal City, California

Please visit their website: [www.hdassoc.org](http://www.hdassoc.org)

## Membership

### How to become a GSAHDA Member!

If your vision is to help improve oral health among the San Antonio Hispanic and underserved community, please consider joining the association by becoming a member. *Apply online under "Member Services" link.*

ANNUAL MEMBER DUES                      \$50.00

STUDENT MEMBER DUES                      No Charge

***Your support will help build the 2006-2007 Scholarship Fund!***

# Continuing Education

**November 9, 2006**

Topic: *Smile Design & the Esthetic Implant-Supported Restoration*

Presenter: Eduardo Lorenzana, D.D.S., M.S.

### Objectives

- The Restorative-Driven philosophy of implant dentistry
- Smile analysis and its effect on ideal implant position, restoration
- Peri-implant soft tissue sculpting to achieve ideal emergence profile
- Application of oral plastic surgery concepts and techniques to implant esthetics
- Case presentations documenting the steps and interactions of the surgical and restorative team



**Eduardo R. Lorenzana, D.D.S., M.S.**

Dr. Lorenzana earned his certificate in Periodontics and a Masters in Oral Biology from Baylor College of Dentistry—Texas A&M University System Health Science Center in Dallas, Texas. He holds academic appointments at Baylor College of Dentistry as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Graduate

Periodontics Department and at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and maintains a private practice limited to Periodontics and Dental Implants based in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Lorenzana is the author of several scientific papers and lectures internationally.

### Previous CE Sessions Offered

July 27—Bisphosphonates & their Impact on Dentistry

Sept 21—Applications of CAD/CAM Technology in Contemporary Dentistry

## Upcoming GSAHDA Meeting

### Mark your Calendars!

Meetings will usually be on Thursdays of every other month. We will notify you of any changes. We have a CE session for the month of NOVEMBER.

DATE: November 9, 2006

TIME: 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

PLACE: Cha-Cha's Mexican Restaurant  
2026 Babcock Rd.

## GSAHDA 2006 OFFICERS

President: Roger S. Campos, DDS

President-Elect: Vidal G. Balderas, DDS, MPH

Secretary: Dra. Elsa Gabriela Treviño, DA

Treasurer: Eduardo Perez, DDS

Scientific Chairs: Lina Cardenas, DDS, MS, PhD  
Suman Challa, DDS

Magda A. de la Torre, RDH, MPH

Alfonso Monarres, DDS, MS

### NEXT OFFICERS MEETING

DATE: November 6, 2006

TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Cha-Cha's Mexican Restaurant  
2026 Babcock Rd.



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