

**Summer 2008** - Message from our President:

Let me begin my message recognizing Pete Claussen, our immediate Past President, for a job well done. Not only did he rise to the occasion and meet each issue head on; he actually is a really funny person. Following his act, my work is cut out for me. Secondly, persons do not get to the top in leadership without help and support. There are many of our members who support me, and with their expertise and advice helped me get to the top of the mountain. I thank you and will give you my best. I want this year to be known as the “fun” year. We need to rebuild the entire structure of our small but boisterous organization for the next decade. It is time for the young practitioner to not just be on the membership rolls; it is time for them to be an active part of decision making in the FAPD. I hope to use the “buddy system”, meaning the “mature and the young”, to team up on all committees and work together to teach the young practitioner the workings of the organization.

On November 8 of this year, we are planning a CE course in Orlando featuring “Pearls of Wisdom” presented by younger members and non members (they do not know it yet, but—soon to be members) of our organization. John Bazos is chairing the program with Jim McIlwain our moderator. Please plan to attend and encourage any / all members and non- members to join us. Visit our web site, [www.FAPD4kids.org/](http://www.FAPD4kids.org/). Jim McIlwain has made it current and it will compete with any web site on the Internet. It has many useable features, including links to members' websites, and a Membership application to present to a new/old practitioner for membership in FAPD.

And then there is John Grant. It is nice to wake up every morning and know he is there working on our behalf. Our newsletter includes current information to the membership on activities of interest in government. Our headquarters under the direction of our own Robert Primosch is safe. He is up to the minute keeping us posted on issues which come to him.

On October 1-2, we will be well represented at the University of Florida for a two-day oral health program developed by Frank Catalanotto on Oral Health Advocacy Day. Members of your executive committee, John Grant, Dave Russell, and your president will be attending this conference.

Please call me any time 904-571-6955 or [HSSH@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:HSSH@BELLSOUTH.NET) regarding anything pertaining to FAPD. I hope to hear from you.

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