Bridging the years

The 149th Chicago Midwinter Meeting expands on your past education to help lead you into the future of dentistry

- One hundred and forty nine years ago, in 1865, CDS members gathered at the S.S. White Dental Depot for the first ever Midwinter Meeting. A lot has changed in the years since then, but this year’s Chicago Midwinter Meeting is here to remind us that the past influences the future in a myriad of ways.

With a theme of “The Bridge: Past, Present and Future,” the agenda for this year’s meeting is filled to the brim with more than 200 scientific ses-

Smile Drive to benefit thousands of at-risk children

- Designed to raise awareness and collect oral care products for at-risk children and teens, the America’s ToothFairy Smile Drive is being held this month, which is National Children’s Dental Health Month. Activities in communities nationwide include oral health presentations and Meet the ToothFairy screenings. Donated toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and rinse will benefit local America’s ToothFairy affiliates, Boys & Girls Clubs of America and other non-profit organizations serving vulnerable populations. Among those helping with the campaign are volunteer dental professionals; members of the America’s ToothFairy affiliate network of non-profit children’s oral health programs; and Students United with America’s ToothFairy national youth movement partners, which includes HOSA-Future Health Professionals.

America’s ToothFairy Smile Drive boxes can be found in 3,900 Walmart locations, where oral care products can be dropped off for local at-risk youth – and free Kid’s Activity Packs can be picked up.

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Here in Chicago

Attend the Celebration of Smiles event held by the National Children’s Oral Health Foundation, America’s ToothFairy on Thursday from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Regency Ballroom. The event will focus on the more than 750,000 children reached through the America’s ToothFairy affiliate network and community programs and the supporters who made it all possible. For more information, visit www.AmericasToothFairy.org or stop by booth No. 1845.

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The packs include ToothFairy 101 educational activities, America’s ToothFairy Kids Club membership cards — and coupons from Crest, Oral-B and Walmart.

Patrons donating to the America’s ToothFairy Smile Drive can share their experience by snapping a selfie and using the hashtag #SmileDrive2014 on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

“We are so grateful that Walmart, an America’s ToothFairy proud underwriter, is helping to ensure children across the nation benefit from our National Children’s Dental Health Month campaign,” said Fern Ingber, National Children’s Oral Health Foundation president and CEO. “Its participation in the America’s ToothFairy Smile Drive, combined with support from Kid’s Crest and Oral-B Stages products at Walmart, will help promote healthy smiles for all children while helping to give at-risk youth the tools they need to prevent the pain and embarrassment associated with tooth decay.”

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America (the primary beneficiary of the America’s ToothFairy Smile Drive and program partner of National Children’s Oral Health Foundation: America’s ToothFairy) are strong supporters of healthy lifestyles of the youth they serve.

Through the America’s ToothFairy Youth Mentoring Program, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America provide oral health mentoring activities.

The National Children’s Oral Health Foundation: America’s ToothFairy was formed in 2006 as an aggressive response to eliminate pediatric dental disease by providing community programs with comprehensive resources to deliver educational, preventive and treatment services to children most in need.

Supporting the delivery of oral health education and care beginning at the prenatal level, America’s ToothFairy (Canada’s ToothFairy in Canada) engages caring dental professionals and the public in programs that promote children’s oral health. Through underwriters such as Walmart and support from Kid’s Crest and Oral-B Stages products at Walmart, America’s ToothFairy has reached millions of children through its nonprofit clinical network, Kids Club and volunteer professional and student community service programs.
sions, demonstrations and hands-on workshops. In addition, live closed-circuit television returns to the meeting for patient-based lectures each day. This year, the televising has been expanded as attendees will be able to view the daily demonstrations in a theater constructed on the east side of the exhibit hall, near the Starbucks entrance to the hall.

The live patient demonstrations on Thursday are from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Each session is worth three C.E. hours, for a total of six.

The demonstrations, “Contemporary Implant and Periodontal Therapy,” are presented by Nolen Levine, DDS, and Carl Misch, DDS, MSD. Techniques covered include sinus grafting, Ramus Onlay Grafting, implant placement, root coverage and flip surgery for pocket elimination and crown lengthening.

On Friday, the live patient demonstration will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with “The Evolution of Digital Restorative Dentistry,” by Alex Touchstone, DDS, Angela Guanzini, CDD, RDH, and Lee Culp, CDT, considered three of the leading dental professionals in digital dentistry. A live restorative procedure with a metal-free restoration will be completed in a single session with chairside design and fabrication. In addition to showing the possibilities of in-office same-day restorations, the demonstration covers cooperative restoration design and fabrication options with laboratories. The session is worth three C.E. credits.

Saturday’s live patient demonstration, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is “Clinical Approaches for Extraction: Immediate Implantation, Provisionalization,” with Michael Miloro, DMD, MD, and Matthew Hallas, DMD.

The session is for dentists who have a surgical background and basic knowledge of implant dentistry. The course focuses on immediate implant techniques following tooth removal. The session is worth three C.E. credits.

In addition to the educational opportunities the meeting offers, the exhibit hall, with more than 600 exhibitors, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Visiting the exhibit hall will once again earn you one C.E. credit per day.

Social events for the next few days include the Roots of Rock & Roll Show, featuring cast members of “The Million Dollar Quartet: Killer, Cash and the King.” Taking place today at 5:30 p.m. in the Ballroom (375E) McCormick West, the show will showcase Lance Lipinsky as Jerry Lee Lewis, Derek Keeling as Johnny Cash and Cody Ray Slaughter as Elvis Presley, as well as two female vocalists with the Lance Lipinsky Band. Light food and refreshments will be presented at the conclusion of the event. Tickets are $15.

On Friday, the annual Midwinter Meeting Fashion Show and Luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m. at the Chicago Hilton & Towers, Grand Ballroom. A variety of clothing from a number of Chicago’s stores will be presented. Tickets are $65.

End the week with the President’s Dinner Dance on Saturday. The evening of dining and dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Chicago Hilton & Towers, Grand Ballroom. Tickets are $15.