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## SFDDA MEMBERS WIN WEEKEND GETAWAY VACATIONS

SFDDA member Rosie Angelakis, DMD, Pembroke Pines Orthodontist and new mother, was the winner of the Weekend Getaway Vacation at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort and Marina. Her comment, when informed of her good fortune, was "I just had a baby last summer - nobody can use it more than me!"

Dr. Angelakis was one of three SFDDA members who had paid their dues prior to January 1, 2003, whose names were drawn from a hat at the Executive Council meeting on January 15th. Dr. Ira Stone was the winner of the two-night stay for two at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Naples, and Dr. David Genet won the weekend getaway at the Orlando Airport Marriott.

Although the FDA allows members to pay dues until March 31st before becoming delinquent, the SFDDA

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## Dr. Jesus E. Carmona, 1919-2003 A Man For All Seasons

*by John D. Tabak, DDS, Newsletter Editor*

It is inevitable that every so often one of our colleagues leaves us. So it is that Dr. Jesus 'Chu' Carmona died on Wednesday, January 29, 2003.

When Chu Carmona died we all lost a colleague. Many of us lost a friend. He was a man I liked, whose company I enjoyed, a person I respected. There is no better way to celebrate his life than to share with you his story as he wrote it for his family to mark his eightieth birthday.

### Remembrances

Jesus E. Carmona, July 10, 1998

My earliest remembrance was being in the house on Division Street, now Truman between Whitehead and Duval streets. I remember listening to a phonograph for the first time. And the rainy days when you had to play on the front porch. Zelia and I would turn over a rocking chair, put a sheet over it to pretend it was a tent. We crawled inside

and listened to the raindrops play a tune on our bed sheet tent.

My father had a large birdcage in the yard filled with Cardinals (his favorite bird), Mocking Birds, Buntings, Bluebirds and others. I helped keep them fed with wild plant seeds that I picked and grasshoppers that I trapped.

Many days were spent at the old Key West Lighthouse playing with the son of the lighthouse keeper. At times, I would walk past Hemingway's house about a block away on Whitehead street and watch him exercise by punching a roly-poly dummy back and forth. At that time, Hemingway had two young boys. Their French governess would take them for a walk to South Beach and on many occasions would stop in my Dad's ice cream parlor for ice cream on the way back home. My high school homeroom teacher and her husband,



*Dr. Jesus Carmona  
1918-2003*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you ever had a problem and just weren't quite sure of where to get an answer? Most of us have no problem getting through the average day. It's when the oddball occurrence happens that we are often times thrown for a loop.



*Alan E. Friedel, DDS  
President*

Recently, some of our members (including yours truly), were sent self-audit forms by the state of Florida.

Our state was looking to collect sales and use taxes, primarily on items bought out of state. When I heard of the first case, I did what I always do in such a situation; I called the Florida Dental Association, as well as my accountant. After the first case, the dental association knew exactly what the audit entailed and was able to give our members meaningful help in no time at all.

As individuals new things happen to us all the time. As a group however, there is nothing new under the sun. Over the years I have heard many allegories for what we are as an association. One thing for sure, we are a **Special Interest Group**. Together, when we pool our knowledge and experience we are a tremendous force. This not only includes governmental problems, but product knowledge, clinical technique, and just plain practical life experience just to name a few. This is our greatest resource, as well as a member benefit; we have strength in numbers.

Have you ever sat at an Affiliate meeting and asked a colleague about a new product, or how to hire an associate, or who picks up the biohazardous waste, etc? Have you ever discussed your children, your vacation, your car problems, your health, or any other personal life issues at a dental meeting? It is this kind of simple exchange, usually undervalued by most of us, and often quickly forgotten, that can make our lives more pleasant. For example, I learned a valuable lesson about intraoral dental magnets at an affiliate meeting and spared at least one of my patients a lifetime's worth of aggravation.

Where else can you share stories about the joy of completing a difficult case, the frustrations of daily practice, or laugh about ourselves with those few who **truly** understands? Many of us, so we are told, feel alone and isolated in the pursuit of dentistry. Our Dental Society can be the remedy for that.

Many of my friends are people I have met because I am a Dentist. After all, we had a lot in common before the first word is spoken.

The next time someone asks you what the benefits of membership are, you could smile and say, "I am!"

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## EDITOR'S CHOICE

The SFDDA Newsletter usually reports the death of members in a modest boxed notice. You need to know why the rule was abandoned for this issue.

I believe that among the attributes that make a strong society are traditions and a history that is not just written down and filed away somewhere. It must be actively shared from time to time, especially for the benefit of the younger members.

Rarely do we lose two eminent past presidents within a month. First naval reservist, Rear Admiral George "Pappy" Coleman (see page 7) and Dr. Jesus "Chu" Carmona.

Dr. Carmona represents the best of the SFDDA. The exodus of dentists from Cuba during the first decade of Castro's dictatorship created a problem and an opportunity for the Florida dental community.

Chu was instrumental in getting the refugee dentists reeducated and licensed here in Florida. Pappy Coleman did yeoman service in that effort along with Bob Kaplan and others. So, I exercised the editor's prerogative and broke the obituary rule to bring you a rich segment of our history.

JDT

*Dr. Carmona, Contined from page 1*

Charles Thompson, were close friends of the Hemingway's. Charles Thompson was a fishing buddy of Hemingway, and on one occasion, they accompanied Hemingway on an African trip. She sent me a postcard from Africa.

The main diversion in those days was playing baseball on a sandlot next to the gas plant on Catherine Street and swimming at the beach and - of course - fishing.

On very hot nights, a few friends and I would sleep on the pier at the foot of Duval Street. We slept with only our bathing suits on and upon awakening at daybreak would just dive off the pier and swim for a while.

During hurricane season, as the winds would begin to grow strong, I'd ride my bike to the end of Duval Street. I loved to watch the waves crash into the bulkhead of the Southernmost House.

I bought my first bike with the tips I received from car hopping at my father's ice cream parlor. I remember I felt like a millionaire when I was able to ride my new bike to high school.

Much of my youth was spent helping my Dad. Every afternoon after school, I would go to the ice cream parlor and help until closing time, which was about 11:00 PM. On holidays, dances would be held at the Cuban Club located next door to my Dad's place. I remember wanting badly to go to the dances, but having

to help my Pop - I couldn't. But on one or two occasions, I would shed my apron and go up to the ballroom and enjoy a dance or two.

The Cuban Club was a social club for the cigar makers and the center of their social activities.

The dance hall on the second floor was also used for plays and Cuban Independence Day celebrations.

The first floor contained a poolroom, a reading room and a game room for checkers and chess, as well as a gymnasium. I remember the older men, who gathered there every night to discuss politics, baseball, local happenings and, of course, the state of the world. A few of the younger ones would listen to these men and poke fun at their comments and criticisms. One of those young "critics" was Mario Sanchez, a well-known artist, still living and working in Key West. Mario's art reflects his memories of old Key West, it's many colorful characters and a way of life long gone. Others who joined in the fun were Lionel Cobo, Emilio and Jeff Reyes and, of course, me!

One very big reason I got an education was because of something my father said to me on many occasions. On many nights after car hopping and waiting on tables, I would wait for my father to finish closing up. I was very tired and would start to fall asleep. Watching my eyes fall shut, my father would say "Do you want to do this kind of work all your life?" I would answer, "No Pop," and he would say "Study and become something, and you won't be like me and have to do this for a living."

Coconut hunting! During summer days, a group of my friends and I would get into my Dad's truck to find good coconuts for his ice cream. We'd climb the trees and knock down the coconuts. After we cracked them open, the meat and water would be used for making ice cream.

My high school years were very satisfying. I was class president, as well as a cheerleader. I belonged to the Glee Club, Drama Club and was in the senior class play. One year, the Hi-Y Club made a trip to Tampa for the state meeting. We drove across the old Tamiami Trail in an old Ford. During the thirties, it was a lonely road and not well traveled. I remember Conch Day, the day when seniors were given a holiday. Everyone went to the Boca Chica beach for a day of fun.

Once I took the Flagler System train to Miami to purchase equipment for the ice cream parlor. I was glad, because that following September 5th 1935, the railroad was demolished during the great Labor Day hurricane that hit the Keys. I was 16 years old.

During my senior year, the Glee Club was invited to be part of the Policeman's Chorus in a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta staged at Old Fort Taylor. We were so good that we were asked to

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## JUST FOR MEMBERS

### FDA OFFERS UPDATED HIPAA DOCUMENTS

The deadline for Florida dentists who are Covered Entities to comply with HIPAA's privacy regulation is April 14, 2003. HIPAA is the minimum amount of privacy protection required under federal law. It does not replace or nullify Florida law that gives dental patients more privacy protection.

Being fully HIPAA-compliant does not guarantee compliance with Florida law. Under HIPAA, Florida law contrary to the federal privacy standards is preempted but Florida law that is more stringent remains in effect. Some areas where HIPAA and Florida privacy law are different include:

- ◆ Record formats and fees;
- ◆ Time frame to produce records;
- ◆ Records retention periods;
- ◆ Re-disclosure of PHI by Business Associates;
- ◆ Sale of patient records;
- ◆ Transfer of records when a dentist dies;
- ◆ Use and disclosure of HIV/AIDS and other super-confidential PHI;
- ◆ Reporting of communicable disease to public health agencies;
- ◆ Clinical research; and
- ◆ Marketing.

The Florida Dental Association, Department of Legal Affairs, has completed the HIPAA preemption analysis for you. As membership service, the information will be posted free of charge on the FDA's website, [www.Floridadetal.org](http://www.Floridadetal.org). FDA members are encouraged to use the FDA sample Consent and Notice of Privacy Practices forms rather than the ADA forms. The FDA forms comply with federal and state law, the ADA forms focus only on federal law. The FDA information also contains many other forms that will help privacy officers comply with HIPAA and Florida law.

### George ("Pappy") Coleman 1914-2003

George J. ("Pappy") Coleman, orthodontist, WW II Veteran, RADM USNR Ret. and civic leader, passed away on January 1, 2003. He was born in Bookman, S.C., and was raised in Daytona Beach. He earned his DDS and MSD at Northwestern University. When he opened his dental practice in Miami, he was one of the first Orthodontists in the area. During WWII, he was stationed at NAS Miami, then aboard the USS Denver CL 58 in the Pacific theater. He participated in 10 major engagements in the Pacific and received the Navy Commendation for return to Corregidor.

Dr. Coleman and his wife, Ruth, resided in Coral Gables for 55 years until their move to Melbourne, Fl in 1995. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Coral Gables and Melbourne, past-president of the Coral Gables Kiwanis, a founding member and past president of Riviera County Club and Wildcat Cliffs Country Club, and was a member of Indian River Colony Club. He loved being with his family, golfing and hunting at his hunting camp. Most of all, he was loved and appreciated by his family and many friends for his generous, loving heart and mischievous sense of humor.

Dr. George ("Pappy") Coleman joined the American Dental Association in 1941, and served as President of the East Coast District Dental Society in 1961-62. He will be terribly missed by all his friends in dentistry.

### IN MEMORIAM

### HAROLD BOOK, DDS Ft. Lauderdale, FL 1922 - 2002



This handsome young "incipient dentist" is Christopher Tsaoussis, born to SFDDA member Carol Horkowitz, DDS and her husband, Dimitri Tsaoussis, on November 5, 2002. Christopher is Dr. Horkowitz' third son, joining Simon, 5, and Nikolas, 3.

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### Thank you, Dr. Bill Silver

As dentists, we spend our days attempting to improve the oral health and quality of life for our patients. While providing that care and making treatment notes in the patient's chart, we are seldom aware that those very notes and that ceramic crown on tooth number 3 might someday also help our patient in death. In fact, if our patient should become the victim of a mass disaster, his dental records could become the only way to identify his remains.

On January 27, 2003, I had the opportunity to attend the SFDDA-sponsored course "Monday Morning at the Morgue." This was an enlightening and instructive morning and well worth the time taken out of my usual office hours. Dr. William "Bill" Silver gave a comprehensive and enthusiastic overview of forensic odontology and the importance of the Dental Autopsy, especially in cases of mass disaster and bite mark identification for both victim or suspect.

Our Society membership owes a big "Thank you" to Bill who gave a very professional slide and power point presentation. Although the subject matter was obviously chilling, Dr. Silver warmed it up with his delightful wit and personal anecdotes. Because our group was small, we all had the opportunity to gown-up and assist Dr. Silver in a limited dental autopsy including postmortem charting and radiographs.

I left the course with a better understanding of the work of the Medical Examiner's office, the SFDDA's Dental Identification Response Team (under the leadership of Drs. Bruce Greenstein and Raul Molina), an introductory manual compiled by Dr. Silver (Consultant in Forensic Odontology to the Miami Dade Medical Examiner Department), and a tutorial on a CD.

This entire experience was offered to SFDDA members for a mere \$10. It's one of the best continuing education values around, and I recommend this course to every dentist in our Society.

Dr. Eric Lebowitz  
Pediatric Dentist, Tooth Fairy-Land

On behalf of the SFDDA, we extend a warm welcome to the following new members who were voted into membership on January 15, 2003:

**MAYLI A. ESPEJO, DMD**

**TARAS ROUD, DMD**

**SANDRA SILVA, DMD**

**NIKI J. POULAKIS, DMD**

**HECTOR C. PRIETO, DMD**

**ROSA MARIA MARTIN, DMD**



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*Contest Winners, Continued from page 1*

used this contest to encourage members to renew their memberships prior to the January 1st deadline. According to SFDDA Membership Director, Yolanda Marrero, "the contest was successful in that a significantly larger number of members paid by the deadline than last year. There were over 800 names in the hat. We are going to do the same thing next year, and hope to encourage more members to pay dues early, if only for a chance to win one of these fabulous prizes!"

It is now "crunch time" on the Tripartite Dues. Don't risk becoming delinquent and having to rejoin to maintain your membership in organized dentistry. Pay your dues now, and next year, consider paying by January 1 for the contest.

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# HEY HOWARD!

By Howard Duchon, DDS



Wow! 2002 is gone and 2003 is here. Like most people at this time of year, I reflect on the immediate year and try to imagine the next year.

This time I went crazy and thought about dentistry in the next ten years - all the *technological advances*, *consumerism* and *dental insurance trends* that may occur.

*Technology* is revolutionizing the practice of dentistry. How long will it be before we will be taking digitized optical impressions? These impressions, as well as digital shades, may be forwarded electronically to a highly skilled technician - whose technology will also have advanced, leading to fewer human errors.

Imagine entering a pressurized treatment room that has a controlled environment, which allows the doctor and assistant to perform any restorative procedure without noise pollution. The ergonomics will

allow for our backs to never develop arthritis and the instruments will be controlled by mental transference to robotic devices that ensure results that are consistent and practically perfect.

The dental chair has evolved into a cocoon-like device that has the ability, under the doctor's direction, to painlessly lower the pulse and blood pressure, and induce a level of analgesia that permits all procedures to be accomplished without discomfort as well as stimulates tissue release of hormones that would eliminate postoperative discomfort.

*Consumerism* will spike demand for our services. However, these services will be somewhat different. The public will become more receptive to the dentist being in charge of many disciplines or restoring and rejuvenating the fact.

Boomers and New Agers will want to look good and feel good longer. To this end, our offices will become centers for nutrition including hematological testing by a doctor. (That's us folks!)

*Insurance* will also change. Demand for services and the marketplace will create new insurance parameters. The government and/or managed care will still be present, but less invasive and mostly for basic and preventive procedures as well as for care of children.

What we know as conventional insurance will become a hybrid of patient co-pays based on utilization. In other words, basic services will be paid at usual and customary rates (UCR) and all other services will be divided into either life enhancing or longevity categories. In my humble opinion, the dental services demand will be sufficient for insurance companies to profit under these conditions. Profit is still the motivator and the greater demand will create a profit center for insurance companies. Now, it is a loss leader.

So, enjoy every day and enlighten yourself and your patients and the future will bring success and fulfillment for your efforts.

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## SFDDA OFFERS FDA PEER REVIEW & ETHICS WORKSHOP

The South Florida District Dental Association is sponsoring a peer review workshop to be held on Friday, April 4, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

All peer review, ethics review chairs and interested persons are welcome and encouraged to attend. The new peer review manuals will be distributed at the workshop and it is important that our volunteers follow the new procedures.

Starting April 14, 2003, HIPAA requires new forms and procedures to protect the privacy of medical records used in the peer review process. The workshop will focus on these new procedures. As a way of thanking our peer review volunteers, the workshop will provide continuing

education credit. Also, it will give our volunteers an opportunity to ask questions about peer review, HIPAA and Florida records owner law in general.

Please try to attend this important meeting. Bring your toughest peer review problems and HIPAA questions. This will be an informal, "hands-on" workshop, with plenty of opportunity for questions and interaction with a board-certified health law attorney, a licensed healthcare risk manager and a HIPAA privacy officer. It will be the last opportunity for our peer review volunteers to get our peer review program, as well as their private dental practices, in compliance with federal HIPAA privacy regulations and Florida's records confidentiality laws.

Many Florida laws have **not** been preempted by HIPAA and therefore continue to apply after April 14, 2003. The challenge is in knowing when HIPAA

preempts Florida law, when it does not, and what standard to apply when they are contrary.

Space is limited and our peer review chairs will be given first priority as a thank you for their volunteer service. If you are involved in peer review, or would like to be, please reserve your seat at the table today by contacting the SFDDA office at (305) 667-3647.

perform in Miami over radio station WIOD, and also at the Biltmore Hotel Pools. What a thrill to have slept in a bedroom at the Biltmore Hotel in the spring of 1936! As a cheerleader, I also accompanied the basketball team to play Homestead and Lake Worth High Schools. Lake Worth was the farthest north I had ever been at that time.

During the depression years in the early and middle thirties, the economic conditions in Key West were so poor that the government considered abandoning the island. Federal money was obtained and the decision was made to help Key West. The new programs promoted Key West as a tourist destination- a distinction that is even more popular today. I remember those days as a time when many of my friends went hungry. No work, no prospects. I was lucky because of my father's business - we ate. But, I went barefoot all summer to save my one pair of shoes for school in September. My mother made my shirts from white sugar sacks.

Upon graduation, my wish to go directly to the University of Florida was not fulfilled. The reason - lack of funds. So I became an insurance salesman for the Gulf Life Insurance Company. I also found work at the Lighthouse Department, chipping and painting buoys and the navigational aids along the Florida reef.

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### A Thank You Remembered

One of the refugee dentists who fled from Castro was Dr. Manuel E. Santin. When Dr. Carmona died, he recalled a thank you had written to Chu years ago. On November 1, 1978, he wrote:

"Dear Chu: I want to express to you in simple words how deep and strong are my feelings towards you, a very true friend.

Chu, seeing you in Tampa last Saturday, gave me the support, a new value in the human race. To me you represent the true example of what a human being with those wonderful values is not very often encountered in a lifetime.

When my son grows up, I will tell him how much your friendship meant to me. Like I have said in public, I hope that when he grows up he'll have the same values as you have. Your family should know what kind of man you are.

To you, my deepest appreciation. I feel is a privilege and fortune to have a friend like you.

Sincerely, Manuel E. Santin, DMD"

Dr. Santin became the first Cuban refugee dentist to serve on the Florida Board of Dentistry.

## MOVIE TICKET ORDER FORM SFDDA MEMBER BENEFIT

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After two years, I was able to save enough to attend my first two years at the University. So I began my freshman year in September 1938. As the war in Europe threatened the U.S., the naval base was reopened in Key West and a better business climate enabled my father's business to grow. He was then able to help with my education expenses.

My dream of attending the university was fulfilled at last when I went to Gainesville for my freshman year. I cherish fond memories of my years there, as well as my years at Georgetown. One of my closest friends in Key West was Tony Davila. Tony was a bartender at the most popular nightspot in Key West- The Garden of Roses. Ernest Hemingway was a frequent visitor and often entertained his editor there. When Tony heard that I was leaving for Gainesville, he bought a suit for me. He insisted that I accept the suit so that I would have something nice to wear when the occasion arose. We remained close friends through our lifetime. Tony recently died in Key West.

My decision to study dentistry was made the summer before my sophomore year at Florida. While waiting to have a tooth

filled at the office of Dr. Fred Carbonell, I began to think about dentistry and if I could be a successful dentist. I asked Dr. Fred for his advice. He encouraged me and invited me to visit his office during that summer to see how I would like being a dentist. He became my role model in my new profession.

Following my years at the University of Florida, I was accepted at Georgetown University's dental school. What a thrill for me to be going to the nation's capitol to study. My ability to attend the University of Florida and Georgetown would not have been possible if I did not have the support of my family. My mother, father and sisters did all that they could to help me with my education. Luckily, during my third year at Georgetown I was accepted in the Navy's V-12 Program, which paid for my tuition, books and gave me a monthly check for room and board. In the same year, I married Lorraine and this union produced five children, Don, Kathleen, Rita, Deedie and Therese, whom I love and cherish.

The war ended and I had to make one of the most difficult decisions of my life to set up my practice in Miami, not Key

West. Multiple reasons contributed to my decision. My only regret is that living in Miami instead of Key West didn't allow me to spend more time with my mother and father, as well as my sisters and their families. I visited Key West often and have many memories of driving there with Lorraine and the five children to visit my parents. In my later years, I considered moving to Key West or the Keys, but somehow never did.

My heart and soul are in Key West. Kathi knows how much this island means to me. Her interest and energy are responsible for coming to Key West to celebrate two important milestones in my life my 75th birthday and now my 80th birthday.

I am returning to my island, where I will be surrounded by my family and friends, to mark my 80th birthday, a celebration I will never forget!

Past-president Jesus E. Carmona, D.D.S. was laid to rest in his beloved Key West on Monday, February 3, 2003.

## **Dr. Jesús E. Carmona, 1919-2003. Un hombre para todos los tiempos**

Es inevitable que de vez en cuando uno de nuestros colegas se nos vaya. Así sucedió que el Dr. Jesús 'Chu' Carmona murió el miércoles 29 de enero de este año.

Cuando falleció Chu Carmona todos perdimos un colega. Muchos perdimos un amigo. Era un hombre que me caía bien, cuya compañía disfrutaba, alguien a quien yo respetaba. No hay mejor manera de celebrar su vida que compartir con ustedes su historia tal como él se la escribiera a su familia para señalar su octogésimo cumpleaños.

### **Remembranzas**

#### **Jesús E. Carmona, 10 de julio del 1998**

Mi más temprano recuerdo era estar en la casa de Division Street, que ahora se llama Truman, entre Whitehead y Duval. Me acuerdo oír tocar un fonógrafo por primera vez. Y los días lluviosos cuando había que jugar en el portal. Zelia y yo virábamos al revés un sillón, le poníamos una sábana por encima para hacer creer que era una tienda de campaña. Entrábamos en ella de gatas y escuchábamos las gotas de lluvia tocar una melodía sobre nuestra sábana convertida en tienda.

Mi padre tenía en el patio una jaula grande llena de cardenales (su ave favorita), sinsontes, pinzones, azulejos y otras avecillas. Yo ayudaba a darles de comer semillas de matas silvestres que les recogía y saltamontes que les atrapaba.

Pasé muchos días en el antiguo Faro de Cayo Hueso jugando con el hijo del guarda del faro. A veces pasaba por la casa de Hemingway, que estaba como a una cuadra por Whitehead Street, y lo veía haciendo ejercicios pegándole una y otra vez a un maniquí de boxeo. Por aquel tiempo, Hemingway tenía dos varones. La gobernadora francesa los sacaba a caminar a South Beach y muchas veces paraban de regreso en la heladería de mi papá. Mi maestra de bachillerato y su esposo, Charles Thompson, eran amigos allegados de los Hemingway. Charles Thompson era compañero de pesca de él y en una ocasión lo acompañaron a un viaje al África, de donde mi maestra me envió una tarjeta postal.

La principal recreación aquellos días era jugar pelota en un solar a lado de la planta de gas por Catherine Street, nadar en la playa y - por supuesto - pescar.

Cuando hacía mucho calor por la noche, unos cuantos amigos y yo nos quedábamos a dormir en el muelle al pie de Duval Street. Dormíamos con sólo las trusas puestas y al despertar con la alborada nos tirábamos del muelle y nadábamos un rato.

Durante la temporada de huracanes, cuando los vientos empezaban a recrudecerse, yo iba en bicicleta hasta el final de Duval Street. Me encantaba ver las olas romper contra el muro de Southernmost House... la casa más al sur del país.

Me compré mi primera bicicleta con las propinas que me daban por llevar los helados a los carros de los clientes en la heladería de mi padre. Me acuerdo que me sentí como un millonario cuando por fin fui en mi bicicleta nueva al colegio.

Gran parte de mi juventud me la pasé ayudando a papá. Cada tarde después de clases, iba a la heladería y ayudaba allí hasta la hora de cerrar, que era alrededor de la 11:00 P.M. Los días feriados se celebraban bailes en el Club Cubano, que estaba al lado de la tienda de mi padre. Me acuerdo de desear ansiosamente ir a los bailes pero había que ayudar a mi papá... y no podía ir. Pero en una o dos ocasiones sí me llegué a quitar el delantal, fui ir al salón y disfruté bailar una pieza o dos.

El Club Cubano era un club social para los tabacaleros y era el centro de sus actividades sociales. El salón de bailes del segundo piso también se usaba para obras teatrales y celebraciones del Día de la Independencia de Cuba.

En la planta baja había un salón de billar, una sala de lectura y otra para jugar damas y ajedrez, así como un gimnasio. Me acuerdo de los hombres mayores que se reunían todas las noches para hablar de política, de pelota, de los acontecimientos locales y, por supuesto, de la situación mundial. Algunos de los más jóvenes escuchaban a estos hombres y se mofaban de sus comentarios y críticas. Uno de estos "críticos" era Mario Sánchez, un conocido artista que todavía vivía y trabajaba en Cayo Hueso. El arte de Mario reflejaba sus memorias del antiguo

Cayo Hueso, con sus numerosos y coloridos personajes y su ya desaparecido estilo de vida. Otros que participaban en el alegre choteo eran Lionel Cobo, Emilio y Jeff Reyes y, por supuesto... ¡un servidor!

Una importantísima razón por la cual procuré seguir con mis estudios fue por algo que muchas veces me dijo mi padre. Muchas noches, después de llevar helado hasta los carros y servir en las mesas, yo me quedaba esperando a que mi papá cerrara. Ya yo estaba cansadísimo y me empezaba a quedar dormido. Viendo que se me cerraban los ojos, mi padre me decía: "¿Quieres hacer este tipo de trabajo toda tu vida?" Y yo le respondía: "No, papi"; a lo que él replicaba: "Estudia y hazte algo para que no tengas que ser como yo y hacer esto para ganarte la vida".

¡A búsqueda de cocos! En los días de verano, un grupo de mis amigos y yo nos íbamos en el camión de mi padre para buscar buenos cocos para sus helados, subiéndonos en los cocoteros y tumbándolos. Después de abrirlos, se utilizaba la masa y el agua para hacer helado.

Mi años de bachillerato me dieron mucha satisfacción. Fui presidente de mi clase así como "cheerleader". Pertenecí al Club de Canto, al Club Teatral y estuve en la obra de último año. Un año, el Club Hi-Y hizo un viaje a Tampa para la convención estatal. Fuimos manejando en un viejo Ford por la antigua carretera de Tamiami Trail, que en los años treinta era una solitaria carretera no muy transitada. Me acuerdo del "Conch Day", el día de los cayohuesanos dedicado a las personas mayores. Todos se iban a la playa de Boca Chica para un día de diversiones.

Una vez tomé el tren del Sistema Flagler para venir a Miami a comprar maquinaria para la heladería. Yo me alegré, porque el próximo 5 de septiembre de 1935 el ferrocarril quedó destruido durante el gran huracán de Labor Day que asoló a los Cayos. Yo tenía entonces 16 años.

En mi último año de bachillerato, al Club de Canto lo invitaron a participar con el Coro de la Policía en una opereta de Gilbert y Sullivan que se puso en escena en Old Fort Taylor. Nos salió tan bien que nos pidieron

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## YOUR CREDIT RATING ONE OF YOUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS

by "Hy" Smith, President, Professional Transitions

**"I'm sorry, but we are not comfortable making the loan due to poor credit history!"**

Unfortunately, this is a comment I hear all too often from lending institutions when attempting to secure a loan for a practice transition.

For the past 30 years I have been preparing financing packages for dentists wanting to purchase a practice. Never in that period has money been more available at reasonable terms and interest rates than it has been in the past few years. Yet, it is nearly impossible to get a loan for a person who has bad credit.



"Hy" Smith

### What constitutes bad credit?

Obviously, bankruptcy or the default on a loan is not a good sign to a lender, but other issues are just as damaging to credit.

▶ "Slow Pay" is the most common term I hear from a lender. Slow pay is just what it says; payments made after the due date of the payment - usually 30 days or more. Often a payment coupon will have a "late after" or "late charge after" on the statement. This is not the due date! If late charges or reminder notices are sent on a

regular basis, a report to the credit bureau will most likely show delinquency in payment. This is "Slow Pay".

▶ "Maxed out Credit" is another problem that lenders do not like to see. If a borrower has five credit cards, each with a \$5,000 line of credit and four of them are at the maximum and the fifth has \$4,500 charged against it, a lender presumes that the borrower is living off of the credit cards or certainly spending beyond their means. Often a simple explanation is enough if the reasons are legitimate. I had a client who actually lived off of credit cards after re-locating to Florida while looking for a job. The explanation was enough for the lender, who when reviewing the pre-move history noted that there was not abuse of credit prior to the move.

▶ "Loan Shopping" is the process of applying to different institutions for the same loan. Every time a person applies for a loan, the first thing the lending institution does is a credit check. Every time a credit check is done, it shows up on the credit report and will remain for up to two years, therefore each and every

additional inquiry sees the previous inquiries. This should not be so bad, however most lenders use a rating system that scores points against the borrower for each application made.

Establishing and maintaining good credit is not difficult, it just takes a conscious effort and the knowledge of how your credit rating is determined.

In 2002, American Dental Sales placed over \$150,000,000 in loans to lending institutions for practice transitions. Most of those loans were relatively easy to secure because the borrower had good credit. Those who did not paid dearly with much higher interest rates, required co-signers, guarantors or denial of the loan request.

Every big-ticket item you purchase; house, car, practice, appliances, furniture or if you need to borrow for an emergency, education or even a vacation, your credit will be checked!

Set your goal today to establish and maintain an impeccable credit rating.

*H. M. (Hy) Smith is president of Professional Transitions, Inc., located in Naples, Florida. He is a member of American Dental Sales, Inc. Professional Transitions, Inc. assists dentists in selling, buying, appraising or financing practices. He can be contacted at (800) 262-4119*

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que cantáramos en Miami por la emisora WIOD y también en las piscinas del Hotel Biltmore. ¡Qué emocionante fue dormir en un cuarto de ese hotel en la primavera de 1936! Como "cheerleader" también acompañé al equipo de baloncesto a jugar contra las escuelas de Homestead y Lake Worth. Lake Worth, por aquel entonces, fue lo más al norte que pude llegar.

Durante la Depresión al principio y mediados de los treinta las condiciones económicas en Cayo Hueso eran tan paupérrimas que el gobierno consideró abandonar la isla. Se obtuvo por fin el dinero federal y se tomó la

decisión de ayudar a Cayo Hueso. Los nuevos programas lo promovieron como un destino turístico... una distinción que es incluso más popular actualmente. Me acuerdo de esos tiempos como una época en la que muchos de mis amigos pasaban hambre. No había trabajo ni posibilidades. Yo tenía suerte a causa del negocio de mi padre... nosotros sí podíamos comer. Sin embargo, me las pasé descalzo todo el verano para conservar mi único par de zapatos para cuando comenzaran las clases en septiembre. Mi mamá me hacía las camisas de sacos blancos de azúcar.

Al graduarme no se pudo cumplir mi deseo de ir directamente a la Universidad de la

Florida. La razón... falta de dinero. Así que me hice vendedor de seguros con la Gulf Life Insurance Company. También encontré trabajo en el Departamento del Faro, raspando y pintando las boyas y los dispositivos de guía de navegación a lo largo del Arrecife de la Florida. Después de dos años pude ahorrar lo suficiente como para asistir a mis primeros dos años en la Universidad. Así que empecé el primer año en septiembre de 1938. Como la guerra en Europa amenazaba a los Estados Unidos, se volvió a abrir la Base Naval de Cayo Hueso y el mejor ambiente económico hizo posible

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Laws, Rules & Ethics	\$55.00 per person
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que cundiera el negocio de mi padre, que entonces pudo ayudarme con mis estudios.

Mi ilusión de asistir a la universidad se cumplió por fin cuando llegué a Gainesville para empezar mi primer año. Guardo gratas memorias de mis años allí, así como de los que pasé en Georgetown. Uno de mis mejores amigos en Cayo Hueso era Tony Dávila. Tony era cantinero en el sitio nocturno más popular del Cayo... The Garden of Roses. Hemingway lo visitaba frecuentemente y a menudo agasajaba a su editor allí. Cuando Tony se enteró que me iba para Gainesville, me compró un traje e insistió que lo aceptara para que tuviera algo bueno que ponerme cuando surgiera la ocasión. Seguimos siendo muy buenos amigos por el resto de nuestras vidas. Tony falleció recientemente en Cayo Hueso.

Tomé la decisión de estudiar odontología el verano antes de mi segundo año en la Universidad de la Florida. Mientras esperaba a que me hicieran un empaste en la consulta del Dr. Fred Carbonell, empecé a pensar acerca de la odontología y que si yo podría tener éxito como dentista. Le pedí consejo al Dr. Fred. Él me alentó y me invitó a venir a su consulta ese verano para ver si me gustaría hacerme dentista, y se convirtió en la persona a quien yo quería emular en mi nueva profesión.

Después de mis años en la Universidad de la Florida, me aceptaron en la Facultad de Odontología de Georgetown University. ¡Qué emocionante fue para mí ir a la capital de la nación a estudiar! El yo poder asistir a la Universidad de la Florida y a Georgetown no hubiera sido posible sin el apoyo de mi familia. Mi mamá, mi papá y mis hermanas hicieron todo lo que les fue posible por ayudarme con mis estudios. Por suerte, en mi último año en Georgetown me aceptaron en el Programa V-12 de la Armada, que me pagó la matrícula, los libros y me daba un estipendio mensual para albergue y comida. Ese mismo año me casé con Lorraine y de esa unión nacieron cinco hijos: Don, Kathleen, Rita, Deedie y Therese, a quienes amo y atesoro.

Terminó la guerra y tuve que tomar una de las decisiones más difíciles de vida, la de establecer mi consulta en Miami y no en Cayo Hueso. Múltiples razones contribuyeron a mi decisión. Mi único pesar fue que al vivir en Miami y no en Cayo Hueso no podía pasar más tiempo con mi madre y mi padre, así como con mis hermanas y sus familias. Visitaba a Cayo Hueso a menudo y tengo muchos recuerdos de ir manejando allá con Lorraine y los cinco niños para visitar a mis padres. En mis últimos años, consideré mudarme a Cayo Hueso o a los Cayos, pero por algún motivo nunca lo llegué a hacer.

Mi alma y mi corazón están en Cayo Hueso. Kathi sabe cuánto esa isla significa para mí. Su interés y energía son responsables de que yo viniera a Cayo Hueso a celebrar dos señaladas fechas en mi vida: mi 75o y mi 80o cumpleaños.

¡Estoy regresando a mi isla, donde estaré rodeado de familia y amistades, para la celebración de mi 80o cumpleaños, algo que nunca olvidaré!

Al ex-presidente Jesús E. Carmona, D.D.S., se le dio sepultura en su amado Cayo Hueso el lunes 3 de febrero del año 2003.