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ME KA HAU’OLI MAKAHIKI HOU”!



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2019 HSCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 11TH @ 7:30PM.
MEETING OPEN TO ALL, MEMBERS & NON.
PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR LOCATION IN HONOLULU & NBR. ISLS.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Joseph G Morelli Jr DC FICC, HSCA President & ACA Hawaii Delegate

Aloha All:

I can’t believe it’s already the end of the year with “turkey day” just passing! I had a wonderful Thanksgiving with my family, and I hope yours was just as good.

Now that the Christmas holidays are almost upon us and the end of the year holiday rush is just beginning, we all look forward to a little break over the Christmas/New Year holiday.

Please let me be the first to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday and a prosperous and bountiful New Year!

Wrapping up of the year for the HSCA.....

Regarding the State of Hawaii legislature and bills and regulations that directly affect us, thankfully, there was minimal activity in this area.

The HSCA works hard to pay attention to all branches of the state government, whose activities may have a direct or indirect effect on our day-to-day practice.

Generally, this was a quiet year for any significant such changes. This being the case, we can’t get complacent regarding the new legislative session which opens in January. You just never know what might be thrown at you from some innocuous legislative committee or hearing or through some third-party’s vested interest activity pushing forward their agenda.

In the past, other group or state agency going forward with a plan to update or correct a problem, may inadvertently cause issues with our profession. And of course, there may be some direct attack on us and our practice which may directly benefit another group, at our expense.

This is one of the primary functions of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, and it is most important for not only our members, but for all practicing Chiropractors in the State of Hawaii and the public that we serve.

Unfortunately, only about one third of all the practicing Doctors of Chiropractic in our state are members of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association.

The HSCA was founded by the profession to work for the profession. This is your entrée to make your voice heard amongst your colleagues and the government entities that can directly affect our day-to-day lives.

Some of the newer practitioners in our state may not realize the years of struggle and strife that were faced head on by your profession’s forefathers.

You may be settling into your practice not really knowing all the battles that have been fought to allow you to practice as you see fit.

The HSCA was founded to be a “big tent” with the idea of greasing the wheels of opportunity for all of us.

With that said, we need your help, and participation! Please take an hour or two out of your Friday night on January 11th to come and hear what we see as future promise for our profession here in Hawaii.

Additionally, please consider taking a few minutes to go on to the HSCA website and make a commitment for yourself and the profession to join as a member. We need all of you, with your experience and ideas.

Our membership dues are quite reasonable and can go a long way to continue to secure your practice. **PLEASE JOIN!**

The Smorgas-Board

From time to time, your HSCA Board members will be asked to answer a questions or comment on a particular topic. The question for this newsletter is:

What are the ages of the Youngest & Oldest patients you have treated?

Doctor	Youngest	Oldest
Dr. Joseph Morelli	7 hours	101
Dr. Jesse Broderson	1 day	95
Dr. Cara Poppas	3 months	94
Dr. Debra Glenn	Few hours after birth	100
Dr. Alice Ogawa	1 day	97
Dr. Armando Garza	Newborn	97 still treating
Dr. Dean Shivers	Several hours	101
Dr. James Pleiss	Newborn	95
Dr. Robert Klein	2 days	97
Dr. Al Valenzuela	3 months	96
Dr. Gary Saito	2 weeks	101

HSCA Activity

As you may know, the HSCA embarked on a project to meet on the neighbor islands to hold some face-to-face meetings. Overall, the meetings were very successful seeing some old acquaintances and meeting some new ones.

Dr. Gary Saito and I laid out some obvious problems that we are now experiencing in the profession locally and nationally. Additionally, we cited some fixes that we believe can make all our practice lives easier in the future. We were hoping to hold several meetings on Oahu before the end of the year to complete the face-to-face project. Unfortunately, due to conditions beyond our control, the Oahu meetings did not get scheduled.

As you may have noticed on the front page of this newsletter, we have scheduled a **General Membership Meeting** here on Oahu, to be teleconference with the neighbor islands, on **Friday evening, January 11, 2019, at 7:30 pm.**

This will be our first formal meeting of the general membership (which is also open to DC nonmembers) for the New Year. We are very excited about this meeting because we may have some great news to relay to our colleagues here in Hawaii.

The HSCA Executive Board and Island Directors will be having a face-to-face meeting the weekend before the General Membership Meeting here on Oahu. We will be reviewing the current state of Chiropractic in Hawaii. If all goes well, we will be working on a grand strategy that will hopefully move us forward with new and fresh energy toward a better future for the profession in Hawaii.

Please watch for a direct email notification of the location of the January General Membership Meeting here on Oahu.

Unless otherwise notified, the neighbor island meetings will be held at the offices of your HSCA Island Director by teleconference that evening.

Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau’oli Makahiki Hou!

Aloha,
Dr. JOE Morelli



CHIROPRACTIC ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

Joseph G Morelli Jr DC FICC, HSCA President & ACA Hawaii Delegate

As you may know, I served on the Board of Governors of the American Chiropractic Association for 8 years, and I am currently the Delegate to the ACA House of Delegates from Hawaii.

Having had this close working relationship with the ACA since 1990, I have been afforded an inside look to how our profession works the levers of government in Washington DC.

I have seen many initiatives move forward with the ultimate goal of advancing practice opportunities for the profession and the patients we serve.

As I mentioned in my previous article, there were thankfully no huge legislative challenges to the profession here in Hawaii in the 2018 legislative year. In contrast, I'd like to update you on the 2018 year on Capitol Hill and the direct effect on the profession.

In January 2018, with the hard work lobbying of the ACA, "Jobs for Our Heroes Act" was passed into law with the signing by Pres. Trump. The ACA was successful in adding language to the bill that allows veterans needing a medical certificate to operate commercial vehicles to have physicals performed by Chiropractors through the Department of Veterans Affairs. In the past, the VA Chiropractors could not perform and certify these examinations. Now, Doctors of Chiropractic have the same medical specialist status as medical doctors in the VA when performing examinations and certifying physical ability and disability.

In February 2018 the ACA was successful in having introduced to the US House of Representatives "The Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act". Just last week, the Senate version of this bill was also introduced with meetings and hearings to be scheduled in the new Congress of 2019.

The language of this bill expands access to Chiropractic for military retirees and dependents and survivors through the US Department of Defense health insurance program called TRICARE. (This is separate from the veteran's program known as TriWest "Choice Plan".)

The language of this bill, if passed intact, will pay for TRICARE beneficiaries to have Chiropractic care covered just as e.g., HMSA pays for Chiropractic care for its subscribers-beneficiaries.

In March 2018, Pres. Donald Trump signed into law language that significantly improves the status of Chiropractors in the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN).

Currently, Chiropractic services are only available at 70 VA treatment facilities in the United States. This new law requires that the over 100 other VA sites offer Chiropractic services no later than December 31, 2021.

Additionally, this new law for the first time codifies services in the VA to include services by Chiropractors not only under "Rehabilitative Services" but also under the "Preventative Health Services" and "Medical" categories which were previously close to Chiropractic.

In effect, this law has fully leveled the playing field for Doctors of Chiropractic in the VA clinics across the country. DC's, are no longer seen as a physical medicine modality, but are now fully equal to medical doctors as Chiropractic Physician specialists.

As you all may know, Medicare has been a big problem regarding Chiropractic since its inception. We are limited in scope and in reimbursement. In June 2018, the ACA hired a high-powered Capitol Hill consulting group to assist in the lobbying working towards the ACA Medicare equality program.

Just last week, a new Medicare bill with the ACA language was introduced in the US House of Representatives. There is a lot of excitement about this, as there will be a companion bill introduced in the Senate at the next legislative session.

There seems to be building momentum in support of this legislative activity in Congress. If all goes as hoped, Doctors of Chiropractic will finally be paid for all the services they provide for Medicare beneficiaries with no discrimination by profession. Additionally, if full parity is achieved with the physician provider status, then Chiropractors may also be given the ability to "opt out" of Medicare if they so desire.

In July 2018 the ACA rallied other national Chiropractic Associations and state associations to formally oppose a new policy by UnitedHealthcare (UHC) that denied reimbursement for spinal manipulative therapy for treatment of headache.

I am proud to say that the HSCA, by my signature, was one of the first state associations to formally protest this obvious slight to the profession.

Eventually, 41 state associations signed on to this activity opposing UnitedHealthcare. With such broad opposition and in the face of significant clinical positive support for the Chiropractic treatment of headache; within two weeks UnitedHealthcare changed their policy. They dropped their opposition to Chiropractic treatment of headache, as it is now reimbursable.

In October 2018, Pres. Trump signed into law as part of a larger piece of legislation, a regulation that was being put forth to clarify sports medicine licensure across the country.

Because of the 50 states plus territory professional licensing varies greatly, medical professionals are often not covered by their malpractice insurance and other regulation protecting their practice when they traveled as the team medical professional with sports teams across the country. This bill initially did not include Chiropractic physicians as part of this new protection.

The ACA lobbied hard to include Doctors of Chiropractic in this new legislative effort. The final version of the bill signed by the president has specific language now protecting Doctors of Chiropractic when they travel and treat sports teams giving them the equal classification of "Sports Medicine Professionals".

As this is my 40th year in practice, I find it quite remarkable that we are finally chipping away at the deeply rooted and embedded prejudices against our laudable profession.

Little by little, program by program, regulation by regulation, we are finally being recognized as the professionals we are.

Unfortunately, there is a lot more work to do and a lot more barriers to be taken down that will allow us to practice as we are trained to, and as the healthcare public demands.

With the broad recognition of the "opioid crisis" our value as a nondrug healing profession, is helping to elevate the profession that we work in every day for the benefit and health of the public we serve.

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eMail: Doctorspa@gmail.com

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Info: Continental X-Ray (videoflouoscopic component disabled)
Fixed 40" FFD (vintage 1986)
ECOMAX Processor (Only Light Use: Bought 10/2106)

Price: X-ray: Best Offer Processor: \$3,500 obo
eMail: Koolaufamilychiro@earthlink.net

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Take over Lease

Location: 1104B Pensacola St.
Info: Store Front on Ground Floor (2 floors)
Downstairs: 285 sq. ft. Upstairs: 300 sq. ft.
Rent: \$1,402.00 monthly
Call: Dr. S. Andy Shanti
Mobile: (808) 391-2862
eMail: DocShanti@aol.com

>>>>CHIROPRACTOR WANTED<<<<<

We are looking for a fantastic Chiropractor to help us meet the needs of our beautiful island!

Requirements: Good Adjustor (primarily Diversified), energetic, and willing to help others. Must be comfortable adjusting infants, babies and entire families.

Opportunity: Competitive PAY in a growth minded work environment.

Potential for Future Ownership

Applicants: Provide Resume, interests & Chiropractic Strengths.

Contact: ckasprick@yahoo.com

