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Happy New Year!
(gong xi fa cai)



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**IN CELEBRATION OF THE LUNAR
NEW YEAR, HSCA PRESIDENT
DR. DEAN SHIVVERS AND HSCA
BOARD & DIRECTORS WISH ALL A
HAPPY & PROSPORUS 2020!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

By: Dr. Dean J. Shivvers, DC

Aloha,

I would like to formally introduce myself to everyone as the new president of HSCA.

A little background about myself. I graduated from Southern California University of Health Sciences, Los Angeles, back in 2013. We moved to Hawaii where I bought my first practice in Haleiwa.

My wife and I started our company together. She works on all of our billing and helping me manage our employees. I get the fun job of working with the patients!

I have been serving on the HSCA Board for several years as the Oahu Island Director, and in 2019 was elected as Vice President.

I do believe that HSCA is the formal face of Chiropractic in Hawaii, and I look forward to helping to grow the profession in the years to come.

One great way to help our profession would be for everyone to attend our General Membership Meetings.

Attend not only to get insight on the challenges our profession is faced with, but come to also let your voice be heard on challenges you may be facing as well.

The HSCA was created as a vehicle to help our local profession.

The first meeting of 2020 will be held on Friday **February 21st** at 7:30pm and you can join remotely via Zoom. An email with the link will go out prior to the meeting for you to attend. You may also attend in person at my office in Ewa Beach.

The address is:

Turning Point Chiropractic
91-902 Fort Weaver Rd #105
Ewa Beach, HI 96706 (phone: (808) 517-4826)

I look forward to a productive 2020!

Aloha,

Dr. Dean Shivvers

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE:

By: Dr. Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., DC., FICC, Secretary & Past Pres., HSCA

We are already well into the new year of a new decade. This can be an auspicious time for many.

Our Chinese friends tell us that the "Year of the Rat" may be very good for those of us who work under our own direction and those of us who work with our hands.

Considering what we do as professionals, I am hoping this will turn out to be a very positive prophecy.

Change is here....Seeing the President's Message above, you may have noticed that the message is from our **new** HSCA President, Dr. Dean J. Shivvers.

Recently, for personal reasons, Dr. Gary Saito stepped down as HSCA president. This action brings Dr. Shivvers into the presidency, as he was the seated Vice President.

Dr. Shivvers has been on the HSCA Board for several years and was elected V.P. in the last elections held in June 2019.

According to our bylaws, Dr. Shivvers serves as President through to the next election, June 2020.

HSCA holds its elections for the Executive Board and Island Directors annually.

Recently, Dr. Shivvers held his first Board of Directors meeting, updating the Board, and asking for input and guidance. We are all looking forward to his leadership and fresh approach.

Additionally, Dr. Shivvers has formally appointed Dr. Morelli (me) into the vacant HSCA Secretary position.

I thank Dr. Shivvers for this action, and I will pledge to him and the Board my continued efforts to assist in keeping the association moving forward.

There is an additional change in the HSCA Board/Directors. Recently, Dr. Alice Ogawa resigned as Kauai Island Director. In her place, Dr. Ogawa had nominated Dr. Kyle S. Ueunten of Lihue, Kauai.

Dr. Shivvers has made this formal appointment, and so Dr. Ueunten joins the HSCA Board as Kauai Island Director. He is to complete the balance of Dr. Ogawa's term until the next election.

I would like to take this time to welcome Kyle to the Board, and personally thank Gary and Alice for all their hard work for the HSCA and our profession.

Shifting gears.....on January 29th I will be traveling to Washington, DC as the Hawaii Delegate, to attend the American Chiropractic Association House of Delegates meeting at "Engage 2020". The House of Delegates meeting is part of the larger event formally known as the National Chiropractic Leadership Conference, now "Engage 2020".

Delegate representatives from all 50 states attend these several days of deliberation and national politicking. We make one on one visits to Senators & Congressman and talk about Chiropractic in healthcare nationally and related to any of our own state initiatives.

This is a very interesting time to be going up to Capitol Hill. As I write this, the president's impeachment trial is going on in the Senate.

I expect that when I arrive, the proceeding will have been completed.

Regardless of your political position and viewpoint regarding the impeachment, it will be a memorable time to be in DC knowing that the focus of the world is on this town!

We are hopeful that Congress will now get back to its regular routine. We have much on our agenda that we want to discuss.

We will be lobbying hard to finally fix the Medicare regs to fully recognize the profession and fully compensate us for what we do.

We also will be discussing Chiropractic care in the Veterans Administration. The current VA program is not set in stone and could go away at the whim of Congress.

Finally, there is strong positive movement on our efforts to add Chiropractic coverage for active duty military and their dependents in their medical insurance program, TriCare for Life.

I am pulling out my winter gear and getting ready to make the trek to the Nation's Capital. Although I am not looking forward to the frigid weather, I am looking forward to meeting with my Chiropractic colleagues from the 49 other states.

I will make a full report in the next newsletter on what I learn is going on around the country and what progress was made in our Congressional adventure.

Aloha,

Dr. JOE Morelli



A NOTABLE PASSING
Dr. Andrew Janssen, DC, a longtime Kula, Maui resident and owner of Pukalani Chiropractic was killed in a bicycle/automobile accident on December 24, 2019.

At 11:16 a.m. December 24, “Drew” was wearing a helmet as he rode in a bike lane down Kekaulike Avenue and was hit by a pickup truck turning left

onto Hapapa Road in Kula.

He was thrown from his bicycle and died at the scene, police said. The pickup driver, a 56-year-old Kula man, was not paying attention and failed to see Dr. Janssen who was traveling north in the opposite direction.

Drew was born Dec. 2, 1955, in Iowa City, Iowa, and grew up in Seal Beach, Calif. He first visited Hawaii in the 1970s, then moved to Maui in 1993.

Andrew had worked in construction and at restaurants before taking a job on a ship. After he hurt himself on the job, he was treated by a Chiropractor. This was such a positive experience he then found his life’s calling. Drew moved back to California and attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in San Jose.

After graduating, he moved to Maui in 1993 with his soon to be second wife, Nikki. In 1994 they were married. Later they had triplet girls together. His initial practice was in central Maui, and later started Pukalani Chiropractic.

Dr. Janssen was an avid exercise enthusiast, outdoorsman, and bicycled daily. He worked his Pukalani clinic until the time of his tragic passing. He will be missed by his family, community and colleagues.

**MEDICARE’S FEE SCHEDULE
 INADEQUATE FOR DOCTORS IN HAWAII**

Storm clouds loom on the horizon. Hawaii suffers a shocking 41% physician shortage on the Big Island, 39% on Maui, 30% on Kauai, and 25% statewide. With a stunning 25% of Hawaii physicians over age 65 approaching retirement, the storm builds.

U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz, D-HI nails it. “We have a doctor shortage crisis in Hawaii, and it is having a real impact on families living in hard-to-reach areas across the state. We need to bring more doctors to communities that need them most.”

Why the shortage? According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Hawaii has the country’s highest cost of living. Meanwhile, the 2018 Medscape Physician Compensation Report ranks Hawaii doctor income third-worst in the nation.

Hawaii’s Medicare physician payments lie near lowest in the country and spending per beneficiary is lowest in the nation. Everyone pays federal taxes. Hawaii’s fair share of Medicare funding is being spent in other states. The combination of high cost of living, high cost to provide medical services, and poor reimbursement cause many physician practices to struggle. This perfect storm has nearly destroyed our ability to recruit and retain doctors.

In an October press release, U.S. Rep. Ed Case, D-HI nails it, too. Medicare policy “has long failed to account for the unique costs of providing medical services in Hawaii” and “will likely lead directly to an accelerating shortage of health care providers across our state, especially in rural areas like the Neighbor Islands and more vulnerable communities.”

Hawaii residents deserve excellent health care. Excellence is driven by attention to quality, low cost and access.

Hawaii’s record with respect to quality and cost is outstanding. In 2019, the United Health Foundation ranked Hawaii the healthiest state in the nation. In 2018, The Commonwealth Fund ranked Hawaii the healthiest state and best in the nation at controlling health care costs for middle-class families.

This attention to quality care at low cost must be rebalanced with access. As the physician shortage grows, access shrinks. As Dr. Kelley Withy, head of the Hawaii/Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center, observed: “In an island state, access is essential. It is very difficult to transfer patients. Without access, even simple cases can result in unnecessary death or complications.”

Challenges experienced in Hawaii have been addressed in Alaska. Benchmarked to a national average of 100, Alaska’s cost of living index is 129. Hawaii’s index is 192.9! For Alaska, the 2008 Congress amended the Social Security Act, creating a 150% adjustment to the physician component of Medicare reimbursement. Hawaii deserves the same treatment: Medicare funding on par with Alaska.

This potential fix is gaining momentum. In June 2019, as part of the appropriations process, Rep. Case requested a General Accountability Office study reviewing Medicare funding for the noncontiguous states of Hawaii and Alaska.

In October, Hawaii’s congressional delegates submitted joint comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, expressing its common concern over the fee schedule’s negative impact on Hawaii.

In November, citing a state surgeon shortage of 42%, Sen. Schatz introduced the Ensuring Access to General Surgery Act. The Act would direct the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of the shortage with respect to access to surgeons by underserved populations and provide the authority to designate general surgery shortage areas.

**CELEBRATE THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY
 OF CHIROPRACTIC**



It started with a movement of hands that changed spinal health and well-being forever. In 1895, D.D. Palmer adjusted Harvey Lillard in downtown Davenport, Iowa, and the Chiropractic profession was born.

In 2020, Chiropractors worldwide will mark the 125th anniversary of the founding of our profession. This milestone offers everyone in the profession the opportunity to join in celebrating and promoting what chiropractic offers: a world of unlimited health and potential.

Palmer College of Chiropractic invites you to join in the celebration in Davenport, Iowa from Sept. 17-19, 2020 where they'll host a chiropractic-wide weekend of special events to learn from each other, celebrate our shared past, and embrace the future of our profession. Contact Palmer directly for details.

>>>>MAUI SEMINAR<<<<

TRIAD SEMINARS PRESENTS:

SPEAKER: DR. MARK CYMERINT

DATES: Thursday, March 12th, 2020

Place: Healing Hands Chiropractic
3600 L. Honoapiilani Rd., B2, Lahaina, Maui 96761

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Contact: (949) 707-5785

Web: www.Triadseminars.com

HSCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Please pay attention to future eMail notices from the HSCA on our next General Membership meeting.

Dr. Shivvers will be hosting the meeting from his Ewa Beach office, and all are welcome to attend in-person.

Continuing one of the initiatives put in place by Dr. Saito, we will also be holding the meeting via the ZOOM video conferencing platform.

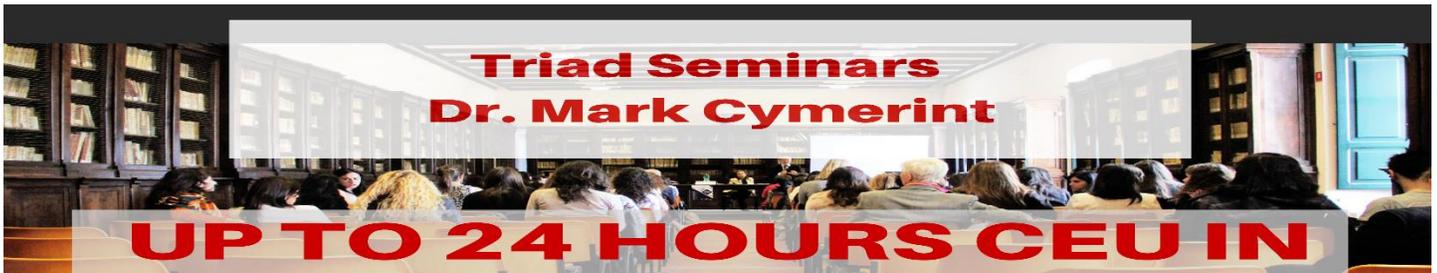
This will allow all Hawaii DC's to participate in the meeting both with a live video and audio link.

If you do not want to join via video, you can also participate utilizing the ZOOM app with your smart phone or internet connected computer. You may also dial in via land line as well.

Please look for the eMail announcement in the near future with the electronic link information and/or the dial in number.

The meeting is scheduled for **Friday Night, February 21st at 7:30pm.**

If you would like to attend the Oahu meeting site, it is at the Ewa Office of Dr. Dean Shivvers.



**Triad Seminars
Dr. Mark Cymerint**

**UP TO 24 HOURS CEU IN
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THURSDAY MARCH 12TH, 2020

Healing Hands Chiropractic of Maui
3600 L. Honoapiilani Rd., B2
Lahaina, HI 96761

Seminar topics Include:

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