

President's Message Fall '09

Greetings to all KAO members,

It's time to get ready for our annual meeting on **Friday, September 18, 2009, at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort & Spa in Lexington** (I-75 exit 115, 1800 Newtown Pike). It will be a great opportunity to catch up with our friends and colleagues plus learn some of the latest concepts in clinical orthodontics and earn a few scientific C. E. credits. We will also have our annual business meeting and election of officers during the noon lunch break.

American Orthodontics has graciously agreed to provide for us **Dr. Jay Bowman**, a nationally and internationally known speaker who maintains an orthodontic practice in Portage (Kalamazoo), Michigan. He is an innovator and an inventor who holds several patents for orthodontic devices, has written numerous scientific articles, authored sections of several textbooks and has co-authored the book, *Mini-Implants in Orthodontics: Innovative Anchorage Concepts*.

Please check out our association's web presence at kaortho.org, which was created and supported by Televox. Check with **Dr. Jeri Stull**, who updates the website and whose contact information is listed thereon, if you'd like to have your practice's website added to the "Member's Links" section.

It has been my privilege to serve with a great group of folks who represent you on the KAO Board of Directors and who give so graciously of their time on your behalf. I can assure you that our organization is in good hands as **Dr. Chris Howell** moves into the role as our President for the coming year, **Dr. Will Engilman** will be President-Elect, **Dr. Janet Struckhoff** becomes Secretary-Treasurer and **Dr. Jay Lawless** moves into the Sr. Director's chair. Our special thanks also need to be expressed to those who serve and who have served as our representatives and delegates both regionally and nationally. Kentucky has been and continues to be well represented at all levels.

Again, I hope to see all of you in Lexington on **Friday, September 18th**. Registration will begin at **8:00 a.m.** and Dr. Bowman's presentation will start at 8:30. A block of rooms has been reserved on our behalf at the Marriott (ask for the special KAO rate) and you may want to go ahead and call them at **(859)231-5100**, especially if you want to stay over on Friday night. Lexington hotels may be full as thousands of rabid football fans will undoubtedly be in town to see the Cards learn another lesson in humility from the Cats. At the time of this writing, kickoff is scheduled for 12:00 noon on Saturday the 19th with a high temperature expected to be 76 degrees under beautiful, partly cloudy central Kentucky skies.

See you there,

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