

PDS Minutes for February 26th, 2008

During our meeting yesterday, **Dr. Ruth Goldblatt** from the UConn Health Center (and Dental School) came to speak to us about the Connecticut Mission of Mercy (MOM) that is coming up in April. Here is the information about the program:

SIGN-UP to volunteer **ONLINE** at csda.com by **SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST!!!!** That is **THIS SATURDAY**...3 days from now! The program needs volunteers starting on **Friday, April 11th running through Sunday the 13th**. There are many jobs for the volunteers including: Pharmacy, Translators, Runners, Equipment Setup, Break Down (and cleanup). **Anyone** who wants to help out would be a great help - **NOT JUST PDS members!**

The Mission of Mercy Program has been run in several other states, and in just one weekend, the group served well over 1,000 people with free dental care! The dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, etc. all work together to provide cleanings, fillings, and extractions to those in need.

This year is the first year for the program here in Connecticut. It will be held in the Old Tolland High School. Volunteer hours are on:

Friday, April 11th from **7:30AM-5PM**

Saturday, April 12th from **5AM-5PM** (orientation is at 4:30AM)

Sunday, April 13th from **5AM-12noon** (orientation is at 4:30AM) and from **noon to 5PM** for breaking down all the equipment

There is more information at: [http://csda.com/](http://csda.com) and additional questions can be sent to Josephine Bicknell (see website).

So, **REGISTER ONLINE BY SATURDAY TO VOLUNTEER**. This is a great opportunity for community service, but not a shadowing opportunity.

Also if you need information about any events coming up within PDS, the **CALENDAR** on our new webpage is always up-to-date! Go to predental.uconn.edu to see the calendar!

See you at the next meeting on **March 18th!**

Hannah
PDS Secretary