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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2323 – 2024 Sarasota County Dental Association year!

The past year was filled with many challenges for Sarasota County. The continuing effects of a global pandemic, work-force shortages, the devastation of Hurricane Ian, and a booming local population were among the many issues facing our community. The primary goal of the SCDA

continues to be to support our members as they navigate practicing in this beautiful paradise we call home.

This year we are continuing our efforts to grow our organization and advocate for our members within organized dentistry at higher levels. We are pleased to have our own Dr. Lance Karp serving as president of the West Coast District Dental Association. We urge our members to get involved in organized dentistry at all levels.

Thank you to Dr. Ruth Rojas for serving as our president last year. Her four years of service to our organization are greatly appreciated. We welcome Dr. Violet Laurey as our newest board member. She is joining Dr. Sam Leggitt and Dr. Scott Roemer. As a team, we hope to provide you with high quality education, networking, and camaraderie through our meetings and social events. Enclosed is the schedule for the 2023 – 2024 year.

I would like to thank you all for your commitment to our organization. Last year was a time of rebuilding after COVID-19, and I am excited for growth that is to come. Mark your calendar to join us in kicking off another great year on Thursday, September 14th!

Sincerely,

Melanie Holden, DMD