Message from the USA Chair:

The summer is here and many of us are focused on how and when we are going to spend time with our families on vacation. Please make your plans for attending the ADI USA Convocation in Las Vegas this fall. Your board has been working on the meeting almost immediately after last year in Orlando. The dates are from October 8 - 10, 2011, and our home hotel is the Luxor. In order to learn more about the workings of our academy, members are welcome to sit in on the meetings. On the schedule will be the annual meeting of the ADI Board of Regents, ADI Foundation, and the ADI USA Section. Your input is important to the Board of Regents and it allows you to see our academy in action.

In order to make this event a success, we need participation from our membership. Continue to look around you, and see if there are any potential candidates that would serve well in our organization. Remember, the recognition and honor that has been bestowed upon each of us is due to the commitment that we have shown to education and volunteerism. It is most likely that if we look carefully, we should see colleagues that have the same fervor and enthusiasm that we carry. All you need to do is submit a candidate’s name to the central office, and we do the rest.

Quite often the comments or questions that we hear after one becomes a fellow is what are we about and what can I do? First, talk to your sponsor. Second, contact your regent or vice-regent who can give you more detailed information about the inner workings of our academy. You, the members, are the life blood of our organization. There are projects that we undertake both within our borders as well as outside that could use your help. Let us not forget our colleagues and friends that have suffered through the natural disasters all over the US and the world.

The web site for the USA Section is nearing completion thanks to Drs. Steve Akseizer and Howard Gamble. Once it is done, our members will have a resource to gain the most current information of our activities in the USA Section, and it will allow us to have better dissemination of information of the activities. This can serve as a vehicle to tell others about our story. There are numerous projects that our colleagues participate in that many of us are not aware of. As more people learn about these activities, so should the potential to increase participation in these programs.

Regent Dr. T. Bob Davis has helped organize a Student Award Program where ADI gives recognition to outstanding dental students in the area of volunteerism. Several schools have received these awards including the University of Texas and LSU. The USA Board is looking to expand this program for the next school year. Not only does the student receive recognition, but the award is accompanied by a monetary award which is greatly appreciated by the worthy student. This awards program should be added to all of our alma maters. Feel free to contact T. Bob or any member of our board for further information and specifics.

A new undertaking that we are actively pursuing is an effort to help Jamaica develop their first dental school. Due to a severe man-power shortage as well as severe economic constraints, dental access to care is extremely limited for Jamaicans. Vice President Ramon Baez has been working with our board to establish ADI-USA Section participation to help in achieving this lofty goal. This undertaking will certainly satisfy the mission of the ADI with the two goals of education and volunteering. It also allows us to go beyond our own borders thus reinforcing the “international aspect” or our organization. Further information will be forthcoming as the program develops.

I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas,

Robert T. Wong, DMD
USA Section Chair
Message from the President

....from the President

Recently, the Academy held its midyear Executive Committee meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. I was pleased that our discussions resulted in progress in several areas. First, a proposal from a continuing education company called “Live Med” was presented by the company’s managing director. ADI has the opportunity to collaborate with Live Med in developing a continuing educational program for dentists in Mexico, South America and Spain. Although, some details still need to be finalized, I am optimistic that this program will come to fruition. Live Med has a proven track record in the medical CE arena and it is exciting to envision ADI participating in the dental side.

Other important issues that were discussed were the use of communication applications such as Skype, the development, coordination and delegation of a project in assisting the new School of Oral Health Sciences in Jamaica and a very helpful progress report on the status of the new USA website.

These discussions, I believe, laid a good foundation for the upcoming Board of Regents meeting in Las Vegas. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,

Tom Brink

Message from the Editor

This is my second article as editor. As I mentioned last time, “The Informer” is the USA’s means to keep members informed about what is happening in each regency of the largest ADI section. Again, I want to thank the members who have contributed numerous articles and pictures. ADI is effective because of your input, and it needs to continue. Always contact your Regent or Officers with any questions, concerns, and ideas.

I want to personally congratulate the ADI (and the people responsible) for kicking off the ADI Awards in the dental schools! This is a wonderful success and a great way to show what the ADI stands for and what it is doing.

One of the great things that ADI can do is effectively communicate to people in the USA and around the world what we do, and we can use this media as a way to further our mission in educating dentists throughout the world. I encourage all of our members to send in ideas how to do this. One of our duties as dentists is not only to serve our patients, but to help other dentists in the world to better serve and treat their patients. You will hear more about this in the near future.

ADI will excel in every area through your participation and help. Please continue to send your articles to “The Informer” on time, and email me at GRZENTERPRISES@comcast.com. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Fraternally yours, George Zehak
On a personal note, I was named the Dallas County Dental Society’s Dentist of the Year for 2011 in May!!!! Wow, I guess if you hang out long enough there is no one left to get it—Ha! They surprised me at the annual installation of officers and had my family and assistant hidden to surprise me at the announcement.

Four ADI USA Section Student Servant Leadership Awards were presented for 2011 to senior dental students, one in each school: The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston, Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Dentistry, Dental School, UT Health Science Center San Antonio, and Texas A & M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry. Dr. T. Bob Davis, initiator of the award, USA Section Board Secretary and South Central Regent, presented the awards to all three Texas dental schools. Dr. Don Brown, ADI Foundation President, presented the award to LSU.

These awards represent a first for ADI to reach out to senior dental students to recognize excellence in volunteerism and student leadership in dental services to others both at home and abroad. The plan is to increase the number of awards to other dental schools as funds permit. By comparison, The Terry Tanaka Award from ADI is a singular highly respected award for a 3rd year dental student given annually during the ADI Convocation Banquet in conjunction with the ADA Annual Session. It provides one student a complementary trip to ADI/ADA plus a stipend. The Student Servant Leadership Awards are given in conjunction with all other awards within each dental school. They serve to bring identity in the dental school for ADI internationally, ADI’s mission, ADI Student Membership, and ADI USA Section activities. The benefits of dental school administration, staff, and faculty awareness of our unique honorary function within organized dentistry worldwide will no doubt spread our mission and fellowship. The cash stipend is quite significant to the awardee and to the dental school as they join us in helping recognize their own most outstanding graduates. The dental school is responsible for designating the awardee based on the following award requirements/criteria:

Fourth year dental student.
Has demonstrated outstanding compassion for serving patients through patient care and patient education.
Has made a minimum of two mission trips internationally or volunteered in two charity/free clinics in the USA or a combination of one of each.
Exhibits leadership characteristics as a student.
Community service throughout dental school training shall be considered.

The awardees become eligible for associate membership and provide a recognizable source of future leadership for ADI and our profession. Early involvement in international relationships dentally can only serve to achieve our mission of education and improving the quality of life for people throughout the world. The USA Section Board is to be congratulated on it’s foresight and vision in creating this prestigious award.

Gratefully,
T. Bob Davis, DMD, MAGD, FICD, FACD, FADI

It is very important to add new individuals that will be an asset to our organization. Each of us know dentists who will be honored to belong and would work well in ADI. Please send their names and contact information to: ADI Membership 3813 Gordon Creek Drive Hicksville, OH 43526. Thank you!
As reported by Dr. Richard Tatro (past North Central Regent).

Our new ADI USA Section Servant Student Leadership award grew out of a desire by our members to reach out to our youngest budding colleagues early in their career with honors and recognition for their early-on interest and application of their newly formed skills in dentistry.

ADI donates money to winners of the dental student Fellowtrack program presentation competitions at North Central Regency Schools. ADI donates money to winners of the dental student Fellowtrack program presentation competitions at North Central Regency Schools Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine (SIU), University of Illinois Chicago Dental School (UIC), and University of Detroit/Mercy Dental School.

Just got back from a fantastic competition at UIC Dental School. Sure great to see the progress our dental education has been making. Each case presentation competition I’ve judged gets more involved and better presented through power point.

Six students of the cream of the competition presented their cases to six judges who judged them using a point system.

First place, an all expenses paid trip to the AGD convention in San Diego, presented by IAGD, went to Michael Rabinowicz.

Second place, a check for $200 and certificate of participation, presented by ADI went to Amrita Rakal-la. Third place which was to have been a $100 check and certificate of participation from ADI ran into a tie. This is the first time this has ever happened. The winners were Scott Schwartz and Greg Bobak. Each received a check and certificate.

The new web site is coming along fantastically. Please look for it in the very near future. I will see you at the Luxor in Las Vegas at the annual meeting. Dr. Howard Gamble
Easter Saturday, over a dozen dentists volunteered and provided free dental care to Seattle's Union Gospel Mission. Participating dentists took time off from their continuing education in the Washington Academy of General Dentistry to spend Saturday seeing 48 patients and performing over 98 extractions. Oral surgeon Dr. Emily Sabbagh, along with Dr. Linda Edgar and Dr. Gary Heyamoto, donated their time. These enthusiastic dentists put in a long day and treated every person in the clinic. Russell’s Restaurant in Bothell pitched in with donations of food to fuel the volunteers.

Homeless individuals and families that have lost jobs and health insurance are some of the patients seen at the mission. One woman, doing her best to keep her home, struggled with intractable pain from two partially impacted wisdom teeth while juggling part-time jobs. Now out of pain, she can concentrate better at work and has a more hopeful outlook from her experience with the Mission's caring volunteers.

Ongoing oral pain is consistently linked to lost time from work and school. For individuals looking for steady employment and educational progress, the Seattle's Union Gospel Mission's Dental Clinic offers hope and help.

Thank you
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AAPHD OUTLINES DENTAL THERAPIST EDUCATION PLAN

The ADA released this article in the ADA NEWS volume 42, no 12.

On June 3rd, The American Association of Public Health Dentistry located in Springfield, IL. announced their publication of a series of papers that highlighted curriculum guidelines for the training of the dental therapist. A news release stated, “AAPHD believes that adding dental therapists as members of the dental team may help meet growing U.S. oral health needs, particularly among underserved populations.”

AAPHD stated that the model curriculum was based on a two-year, post-secondary training program, and went on to further illuminate that the curriculum was developed by an 11 person academic panel headed by Dr. Caswell Evans, Jr. who is associate dean for prevention and public health sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The work was funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation.

AAPHD went on to state that the papers cover principles upon which a dental therapy program should be based. It recommended the length of training, general curriculum, and required competency. It further state that they considered the course of study for dental therapists in programs already existing in the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium/University of Washington and in other countries.

The American Association of Dentistry states that they “…will continue to work with the AAPHD and all interested stakeholders toward the goal we all share -- a healthier more productive nation.” But the ADA goes on to state, “But, in doing so, the Association will not erode its unequivocal opposition to nondentists performing surgical/irreversible procedures, or to other proposals that we believe run contrary to the public good.”

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**USA Section - Academy of Dentistry International**

**New Member Nomination Requirements**

As a Fellow in the Academy of Dentistry International, we are encouraged to nominate colleagues that one feels embraces the philosophy of the Academy. These prospective members have distinguished themselves in their professional and personal endeavors. The qualifications for membership according to the Academy’s bylaws are the following:

1. The candidate must have five years of active practice as a dentist or in related areas of dentistry: such as clinical practice, research, education, public service, literature or journalism, and service to the profession.
2. The nominee must be a graduate of a dental school recognized by the appropriate professional accrediting body.
3. The nominee must be active in the dental profession and highly esteemed for integrity and character.
4. The nominee must be approved by the Regent of the region in which the nominee resides and by the membership committee.

Once the nominee meets the above requirements, it is our duty to nominate this candidate for the good of the organization. Please write or type (preferably) the candidate’s full name and address legibly and mail it to: The Academy Of Dentistry International Membership, 3813 Gordon Creek Drive, Hicksville, Ohio 43526

**Jamaica OH Sciences Project Needs Help**

Dear colleagues: those of you who attended the ADI Foundation meeting in Orlando had an opportunity to listen to ADI fellow Irvin McKenzie about the initiation of a new dental school in Jamaica that will address shortages of oral health profession in the Caribbean. As a new school, many areas of need have been identified, amongst these, strengthening of the library. Needless to say, an adequately stocked library is indispensable as part of the resources that dental students and faculty should have on hand for consulting state of the art information on oral health trends, disease, treatment and strategies on health promotion and disease prevention. Continuing education and service are not only the two main goals of ADI, and efforts should be made to collaborate on ways to achieve such endeavors. We have had previous successful projects for strengthening the library in dental schools in other countries, and I urge you to consider supporting this endeavor to assist the University of Technology Jamaica - School of Oral Health Sciences. You can either donate recent text books in hard copies, dental journals or preferable electronic material that students and faculty can utilize. If you prefer you can make a cash donation to ADI identifying that such proceedings will be for the Jamaica Oral Health Science Library Project. Books and journal can be sent directly to the ADI Central Office.

Respectfully submitted
Ramon J. Baez DDS, MPH, HFADI
Vice President for Administration and Finance

**ADI FOUNDATION**

**a message from your President**

The Academy of Dentistry International Foundation is the arm of the Academy that distributes and manages the Endowment funds used for the projects that are approved. This year the recipients were the CAP HAITIAN DENTAL INSTITUTE, UNION GOSPEL MISSION and FREE TO SMILE FOUNDATION. All of these groups provide services for people needing dentistry and they also train individuals in those countries to provide care or produce lab work.

The Foundation Board approved Morgan Stanley Smith Barney to manage the Endowment account. During the financial crisis of the past three years there has been no loss of Endowment fund money. All money held in stocks was transferred to fixed income instruments prior to the financial collapse. The Board now feels these funds should be actively managed and a new investment protocol has been adopted.

In keeping with our mission to spread the knowledge of dentistry throughout the world, the Board is working closely with the start-up School of Dentistry in Jamaica headed by our new Fellow DR. Irving McKenzie.

You are encouraged to give as you see fit to the ADI Foundation, knowing that one hundred per cent of every dollar goes to our projects. Keep the Foundation in mind when you do your estate planning. It is relatively simple with the help of your financial professionals and/or attorney. Your contribution helps us to continue to support the important projects worldwide and in the United States. Contact the ADI central office if you have any question.

ADI Foundation Board meeting will be held Monday, October 10, 2011

Sincerely, Don Brown, D.D.S., M.S.
**ADL Convocation~Saturday, October 8, 2011**

**Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon___Sunday, October 9, 2011**

**Gala Reception & Banquet DINNER SELECTION ( S ) :**

**Criss Angel Believe Show**

Criss Angel Believe, an illusion spectacular!! Recently awarded Magician of the Century, Criss Angel brings his arsenal of magic feats that truly delve deep into the minds of audience members and leave guests in a state of bewilderment, awe and fascination. The 90-minute production includes some of the most amazing illusions ever-presented on stage from feats that Harry Houdini dared decades ago, to the newest of illusions straight from the creation of Criss Angel - the most spectacular illusions from the Magician of the Century!

Preferred reserved seating to the 7 p.m. Believe Show. Please be at the Believe Theater entrance inside the Luxor Hotel between 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. ADI will have the show tickets for distribution upon your arrival. You may begin taking your seats at 6 p.m. The Believe Show requires our group must be seated in our seats 15 minutes before the show begins or they may relocate us to a less desirable seating area. Casual attire is the appropriate dress for everyone. **Limited Attendance Event.**
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
October 8, 2011 - October 10, 2011

LUXOR HOTEL
3900 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

Sunday, October 9
LUXOR HOTEL
7:30 a.m. Registration Opens
8:00 a.m. Continuing Education Symposium
12:00 p.m. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Orientation
4:00 p.m. Convocation
7:00 p.m. Reception
8:00 p.m. Gala Banquet

Continuing Education Symposium (3 CEU)

James C. Schneider, D.D.S. of Olmsted Falls, Ohio is a private practitioner and Forensic Odontologist for the Cuyahoga County Coroner’s office. Dr. Schneider will provide an overview of the medical examiner’s office and his duties as a forensic odontologist. He will demonstrate how dental films are used by the Coroner’s office and how the dentist provides aid to the Coroner’s office.

Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon
ADI Fellow, Dr. Chau Lam, traditionally hosted a luncheon for his friends and Fellows. After his passing, a scholarship fund was established in his memory. This scholarship is presented annually to an international dental student who demonstrates need and exemplifies the character and spirit that Dr. Lam instilled in his students. Proceeds benefit the Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Scholarship Fund.

“Gala Reception & Banquet”
Black Tie Preferred, but not mandatory Gala Banquet with your choice of main menu selection; Beef, Fish or Vegetarian. Fellows-Elect are the guests of honor.

The ADI Foundation Silent Auction will close at the end of the Reception. Be sure to keep an eye on items you want to win!

The Terry Tanaka Student Humanitarian Award will also presented at this time.

Monday, October 10
Golf Outing

Anyone interested in golfing should contact Dr. Brown personally.
Office (985)893-9425 or DrDonBrown@bellsouth.net
### DEADLINE FOR EVENT REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 30, 2011

| Name ___________________________________________ | Phone _____________________________ |
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### CRISS ANGEL SHOW

**Satuday, October 8, 2011**

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No children under the age of 5 are allowed entry to the Theater.
There are no refunds or cancellations for the Criss Angel Show.

### CHAU LAM MEMORIAL LUNCHEON

**Sunday, October 9, 2011**

| Dr Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon | Tickets at $65.00 per person = $________ |

### “Gala Reception & Banquet” Dinner Selection(s):

| Meat | Fish | VEG | = Guests at $125.00 per person = $________ |

Total Amount Enclosed $________

Check #________

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