Message from the USA Chair:

Time is fast slipping away as the summer is already upon us and many are thinking of vacations and family. The ADI USA Annual Meeting will be in San Francisco from October 20-21, 2012 at the Marriott Union Square. Use this opportunity to welcome new members of the academy and to meet with old friends by planning to attend.

The USA Board has continued to work hard on your behalf. There is a board meeting scheduled for Saturday on the twentieth of October. All members are welcome to attend as we look for your input and ideas. We are here to serve you, the membership, but can only be effective if you help us. If you are interested and are able to attend please contact your vice-regent or regent so arrangements can be made. We welcome your presence.

One of the activities that we are continuing to work on is the Jamaican Dental School Project. Thanks to the efforts of our board members, V.P. Ramon Baez, V. R. Van Haywood and ADI Fellow Irving McKenzie of Jamaica, we are making progress in creating bridges with the newly established dental school. Not only are supplies and equipment needed, but members that are willing to serve as adjunct faculty will go a long way. Part of the mission statement for ADI is the dissemination of education throughout the world community. What better opportunity than to serve in our own “backyard”? Interested individuals wishing for more information can contact either Drs. Baez or Van Haywood.

The Dental Student Recognition Award started last year has expanded due to the giving out of more scholarships this year. It is anticipated that the program will continue to grow in the coming years. As we recognize dental students that have shown a commitment to service and volunteerism, we continue to cultivate future members of ADI. Any individuals interested in finding out about the possibility of their dental school participating in the program can contact T. Bob Davis, our secretary of USA Section. You could be our liaison between ADI and your school with a minimal amount of time commitment.

Along the same vein, thanks to Past President Sue Bishop and Past Editor and Regent Dick Tatro, we have now expanded the University of Illinois Chicago Student Case Presentation Awards to include the international students. This is in conjunction with the AGD program that we already participate with. Please note that these awards come with a much-needed monetary stipend given to the students.

Finally, the continued growth of our wonderful organization depends upon you the membership. Always keep an eye out for individuals that, like you, deserve recognition for their accomplishments. We cannot rest but need to continue to work hard to help bring in individuals that will serve well with our goals of service and education in mind. Recognizing one for their professional accomplishments is one thing. Having them receive an honor in a unique organization such as ours … priceless.

Hoping to see you in San Francisco,

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

....from the President ....

The Executive Committee of ADI just completed its midyear meeting on June 8th in Chicago. This meeting served to prepare the officers for the upcoming annual Board of Regents meeting. The meeting will take place in Hong Kong on Wednesday August 29th. A convocation and new officer installation will take place on Saturday September 1st. Dr. Diampo Lim of the Philippines will, at that time, become the Academy’s next President.

Highlights of the Executive meeting included a progress report on the LiveMed continuing education program. The initial outline includes four courses with five sessions to be taught “live” on the internet. These courses will be taught by distinguished professors who are also members of the Mexican Dental Association. Updates were also presented involving current and future projects. These included our continuing assistance to the new dental school in Jamaica, the continuing health needs of Haiti, and possible endeavors in Peru and North Africa.

I have previously mentioned that ADI is overhauling the website. The committee was shown the site which is vastly improved but still under construction. The time devoted by the central office with the assistance of Mr. Fred Herbst has been considerable. The next stage will involve hiring a professional group or an individual with expertise in web design to complete the areas of the site that we are unable to accomplish on our own.

The ADI will again sponsor the Volunteer Symposium at the ADA annual session in San Francisco. This has been a highly successful and well received program that serves to train those individuals in the skills and logistics of embarking on mission work.

I hope that this brief report conveys to you, the USA members, the dedication of our officers from around the globe.
Fraternally,  Tom Brink

Message from the Editor

Are we in the dental profession doing enough for the un-served and the underserved? That is what Foundations like Kellogg and Pew are asking. Likewise, are foundations themselves doing enough? Admirably, foundations do seem very concerned about oral health in this country, and we are grateful for that. For example, the Kellogg Foundation is spending millions on projects such as developing “dental therapists.”

In everything mankind does there is always room to improve, and more is possible with a united, coordinated front. Dental Societies and foundations need to get together, work together, and find common ground to solve the access to care problems that exist in this country. We need to do it now. One such way may be for foundations to sponsor groups like Missions of Mercy and the Cure Network. While the dental team manpower is gratis, the venues and supplies are not and are very costly. Foundation monies could also help support established and planned dental “homes” for the needy. It is time for foundations and dental societies to come together and effectively utilize the many talented dental volunteers who are readily, willing, and able to treat our country’s many un- and under-served. Let’s work together.

As always, this editorial is for your important consideration and is not necessarily the ADI’s position.

In closing, remember, it is never to early to start nominating our new fellows for next year’s convocation. There are so many worthy individuals that need to be nominated for fellowship and brought into our Academy. Please continue to send your articles to “The Informer.” Thank you in advance for your continued support.” Fraternally yours,  George Zehak.
This year the USA Section of ADI has awarded 8 Student Servant leadership Awards! Double from last year! Thanks to the USA Section Board of Regents for foresight in allowing the creation of and spread of this prestigious award. It has been readily accepted by the dental schools and is our great opportunity to introduce our young dental honor society to the schools and to each graduating class of new colleagues. In context of the award presentations we can describe the mission of ADI while highlighting the special young colleagues who are “practicing” what we as an organization are “preaching” (what we stand for).

Many school awards consist of just a certificate that is framable, some certificates come framed, others are a plaque, and still others have a gift or monetary stipend. Ours is a stipend of $500 per school. I have heard a few $1000 or $1500 stipends, a rare $2000 to $2500, but most are $500 in today’s economy. The awards have become so plenteous that many schools no longer give them out during graduation but rather have a separate awards event, ranging from a breakfast buffet in San Antonio, a late afternoon ceremony with a light refreshment reception afterwards for Baylor, to a full evening banquet at the brand new Cooley Center in Houston. Interestingly, UT Houston has just moved into a completely new campus a short distance from the old campus. So has Georgia and North Carolina. Other schools have plans for new school campuses. Events take place in school facilities, hotel banquet rooms, or special event venues. The awards event may take a couple of hours or more even with every effort to streamline the process. Most take photos by a professional photographer. Attendance seemingly is not mandatory and even may be limited to those actually getting awards. Spouses, family, and friends sometimes are invited but response is varied.

Casual dress seems the norm and a friendly, cordial atmosphere exists with lots of hugs passed around and applause for everyone! Anticipation and excitement culminate in some getting a single award while a few get multiple awards (five or more). Brief inspirational speeches or comments abound and the soon to be graduate is welcomed to the profession, rewarded for previous success, while challenged to hold to values of the myriad of award background statements and purposes. A chuckle spreads around the room when someone is awarded an articulator or subscription to a print journal on a specific subject, indications of changes in the wind of dental practice. Good humor pervades even the most stoic academician and making light of ones’ self, of the obvious fear of speaking, and the awkwardness of unfamiliar situations is a tension breaker after all the stress of requirements, finals, boards, and sheer overwhelming thoughts of present and future.

Commendations to all school staff and faculty are in order for the vast efforts they put into making the awards possible and producing the event!! It is truly a labor of love!!

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

PLEASE VIEW THE WINNERS OF THE AWARD ON PAGES 9 & 10

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 3812 Gordon Creek Drive Hicksville, OH 43526. Thank you!
Regency updates

Summer is in full swing and heating up in the North Central Region just like ADI. I hope you are planning for the annual session in San Francisco, as it will be great as always. Start looking at booking your hotel and airfare as it is never too early to do that. It will be fantastic to see all of our friends from ADI. Since San Francisco is one of the most popular places the ADA goes to, everything books very fast, so keep that in mind! And if you have never attended the annual ADA meeting in San Francisco, then you are missing out -- I guarantee it. Bring your significant other and bring your staff if you can. You will see that San Francisco is not a disappointment and has so many beautiful and interesting sites and fantastic restaurants. There is always something to do in your spare time if you have any. And by all means attend all of ADI’s fantastic events. Remember dentistry is your society and your extended family that is very important to you and the patients you serve.

So what is happening locally in the North Central? I am glad you asked. Let’s start with the 2012 D-4 case presentations on Monday, January 30, 2012 at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry. The pictures below are the winners and doctors present to judge the event.

In other news, the North Central region had many doctors volunteering their time and efforts to work at another Mission of Mercy in Grayslake, Illinois on June 8th and 9th treating the unserved and underserved patients.

until next time,
Fraternally yours, George R. Zehak, D.D.S.
Regency updates

Winners of the 10th Annual William Howard Student Case Presentations at the University of Washington School of Dentistry

The Washington Academy of General Dentistry in conjunction with the Academy Of Dentistry International recently hosted the tenth William Howard Student Case Presentations at the University of Washington School of Dentistry on Friday, May 5, 2012.

The Winners are:
First Place: Emily Chu, Second Place: Josh Walker; Third place: Brady Bates; Fourth Place: Igor Tikhonov.

The Awards are $1,000.00 for first place, $500.00 for second place, $300.00 for third place and $200.00 for fourth place.

From Left to Right:
First Row: First Place Winner Emily Chu, NW Regent Dat Giap, WAGD Executive Director Valerie Bartoli, Presenter Ashley Choi. Second Row: Presenter Aaron Shearman, Third Place Winner Brady Bates, WAGD President James Cunnington, Fourth Place Winner Igor Tikhonov and Second Place Winner Josh Walker.

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Send fellowship nominees names to:
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This newsletter is the result of the input and work of many individuals. Please send to me any information you wish to be shared through our newsletter at the following email:
GRZENTERPRISES@comcast.net
Thank you
South West - Dr. Ronald E. Fritz

Regency updates

Last year this week, I was helping a group in their 11th year to Nicaragua. It is organized by colleague friends. The best part of dental school was the outreach activities. I enjoyed health fairs, elementary school visits, and weekend community clinics. I can’t really explain it but the joy of serving and helping others is the best feeling about my job. In Feb 2011 I received an email from a past mission trip acquaintance. She asked if I can meet with a Sister Gertrude from Uganda. I drove up to Lancaster and met with the former Idi Amin secretary. She told me about her incredible story and how she started a school in her native village. She was concerned about the children with “wolf teeth”. The school has approximately 400 students. These village schools are extremely important because they are the main “homes” for the children. Many children are orphans because of parents or relatives dying of AIDS or malaria. Many live with extended family or in the care of villagers. Sister Gertrude Kabatalemwa said that some might have AIDS but it is unknown how many. I agreed to help.

I work in community clinics and save up for 2-3 international trips yearly. Throughout the year I collect used clothes, any “give away’s” and such. On my local and international trips, I do dentistry sometimes (mostly extractions), AIDS education other times, serve food sometimes, do whatever is needed and sometimes just visit and talk with people. However, these were kids and I didn’t just want to do extractions. I personally don’t know any big companies, associations, or company reps. So, it was a god-sent when Dr. Fritz agreed to walk around the ADA with me, in Vegas. He did his talking and I was able to get supplies from Paradise Dental and Septodont. I also got a discount on a portable unit from Aseptico. I usually organize and buy items for the dental part solely on my own and to receive so much kindness was overwhelming. I wasn’t snubbed as just a community clinic staff dentist but was genuinely attended to.

On Nov 17 seven volunteers including myself flew to Entebbe Uganda. Accompanying me was Dr. Ronald Fritz (ADI regent). I invited him due to his many years of international work experience. So I had my new portable dental unit to do general dentistry and a skilled dentist with an oral surgery background. The other volunteers included two nurses, a retired school teacher, and two missionaries. We did a little briefing about oral health and nutrition. Discussed retained primary teeth the so called “wolf teeth.” Armed with disclosing solution, a model, and smiling children, Linda, the teacher educated the whole school on brushing and flossing.

The exact number of extractions, fillings, and cleanings are not known. I do remember several children coming every day for 2-3 fills/day. Dr. Fritz had a young girl return multiple times saying she was in pain. We couldn’t find any obvious problems but after a little TLC and a prophylactic she was smiling. Sister Gertrude said “at least they know what dentistry is and how to care about their teeth, something they didn’t have before. The joy of touching these children’s lives just a little was worth the trip. After all, it was all about the children.

Koren Borland, DDS, FADI
Vice Regent, SW US, USA Section

ADI Foundation updates

Dr. Don Brown is very busy as always helping the Academy of Dentistry International, and we thank him greatly. He has done so much for the Academy’s Foundation.

He told me to relay this important message, “Please remember the Foundation in your dues payment and estate planning”.

If you have any Foundation news for the ADI, please forward it to Don. He greatly appreciates it.

Thank you, Fraternally yours,

Dr. Donald Brown, ADI Foundation Chair
On Saturday June 23, 2012 in Philadelphia, PA, the Academy of General Dentistry and the Academy of General Dentistry Foundation partnered with University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine to host the AGD/AGDF’s “Nation of Smiles, One Smile at a Time” Outreach Project. I have been fortunate to chair these projects for the last three years. These and similar projects could be considered a dental mission trip in our own backyards.

This year’s project treated nearly 400 underserved adult patients in West Philadelphia with over 225 dental and lay volunteers, including 100 Pennsylvania licensed dentists and hygienists. Services performed were fillings, extractions and cleanings. University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine donated their clinics for the day to make the project happen. Legislators in the community helped to identify citizens that might be in need of care. Relationships were forged that may provide more care and more events for Pennsylvania patients in the future. Both patients and volunteers expressed gratitude and were wearing smiles upon exit!

The outreach projects are an effort to give back to the community and highlight dental access solutions in the location of the AGD annual meeting every year by identifying and treating local residents who might not ordinarily have dental care. It was originally the brainchild of AGD/ADI members Dr. Henry Gremillion and myself. Both AGD and ADI members have been involved in planning, executing and volunteering for these projects. Previous projects were held in New Orleans, LA at LSU Dental School (Dr. Henry Gremillion, ADI member and Vice-Regent was instrumental in planning and execution) and in San Diego, CA at the convention center (Dr Ron Fritz, ADI member and Regent helped plan and treated patients).

I am happy to join the Academy of Dentistry International Board as the Southeast Regency Regent. I live and practice just outside of Atlanta, Georgia.

You can reach Dr. Wooden at cawooden@mindspring.com to send her articles for the Informer.
We are so pleased and honored to have Dr. Wooden join us!
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.
   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

Jamaican Project Follow-up

Help start a dental school in Jamaica? That is what the ADI members in the US section have adopted as their current international project. ADI member Dr. Irving McKinzie is the interim dean of the new school, which is in its second year of a five-year program enrolling 30 students each year. His vision is to train Jamaicans in Jamaica so they will stay to serve the population. Jamaica has 1 dentist per 53,000 people, with a total of 162 dentists for the island. This Jamaican project focuses on the goals of ADI for continuing dental education and humanitarian service.

How can you help?
1. Their dental library needs books, as the main library is 10 minutes from the dental school. You can send books to ADI headquarters, where Dr. Ramus will compile and send to Jamaica (shipping there directly is very cost prohibitive). Any DVDs of dental procedures can be very helpful.
2. You can become an adjunct faculty at the College of Oral Health Sciences, located at the University of Technology in Kingston, Jamaica. You would visit there for a week to lecture and teach students, or help supply lectures and curriculum content in CDs or electronically.
3. You can donate equipment, especially prosthodontics laboratory equipment, to help the school provide pre-clinical teaching experiences in Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics. Shipping there is a challenge; so going through ADI headquarters is the most dependable cost-effective method for larger items. The school has dental chairs, but need other types of equipment for pre-clinical and clinical patient care.
4. You can visit there for a week of humanitarian service on the island.

Another group working with Dr. McKinzie is “Great Shapes“, recently featured in the March 2012 ADA News as “1000 Smiles”. You would stay at the Sandals resort and provide dental care for the underserved population while the school is being developed. www.gsjamaica.org

Dr. McKinzie is also the chief dental officer for Jamaica, so he provides approval for licensure for volunteers. Requests for consideration as adjunct faculty status or information should include a current curriculum vitae, and be sent to him directly:

Dr. Irving McKinzie
Interim Dean
College of Oral Health Science
University of Technology
Arthur Wint Drive
Kingston, 5 Jamaica, West Indies

For persons wishing to provide humanitarian service, go to website for “Great Shapes”. Go to their website www.gsjamaica.org and locate the information for “1000 Smiles” Volunteer information. This group also works with Dr. McKinzie.

Notify Dr. Craig Moss-Salomon in advance when sending items of food for the poor. He will watch for them and compile into POD containers to ship to Jamaica.
craigm@foodforthepoor.com
6401 Lyons Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33073
954.427.2222 ext 6509

Ship books and small items to ADI headquarters:
Dr. Robert Ramus
Academy of Dentistry International
3813 Gordon Creek Drive
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rramus@bright.net
ADI Membership: USA Section

We are offering, as a benefit, an opportunity for our membership to publicize their humanitarian/service projects on our developing web site. The information that you provide will be viewed by others and help continue to develop or fulfill the mission of our academy. If interested in utilizing this service when available, please fill out the following form:

Member Name: ________________________________
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E-mail: ________________________________
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Description (25 words or less): ________________________________

Please forward completed form to:
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ADI AWARDS

There were 8 awards given this year: University of Texas Houston, University of Texas San Antonio, Baylor University, LSU, University of Florida, University of South Carolina, Georgia, and the University of Detroit.

Dr. Van Haywood presents ADI SSL award to Claire Worthy from Georgia
Dr. Fares Elias presents ADI SSL award to Maykel Emad Shalaby from University of Detroit
ADI AWARDS continued

LSU Award presented to Stuart Yeilding Huntsman by Dr. Henry Gremillion

Assoc. Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Tariq Javed presenting this year’s recipient Christopher Carter.

James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine
University of South Carolina

ADI SSL award presented to Andrew Naley from U. of T. Houston by Dr. T.Bob Davis

ADI SSL award presented to Megan Miller from Baylor College of Dentistry by Dr. T.Bob Davis

ADI SSL award presented to Wilmer Paul Orjuel from U. of Texas SanAntonio by Dr. T.Bob Davis
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Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon _ Sunday, October 21, 2012

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7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Board Strategic Planning Breakfast**
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Board Set Schedule for Actual Strategic Plan Meetings**
9:30 AM - Noon Continuing Education with Van Haywood on Bleaching**
12:30 PM - 1:45 PM Chau Lam Luncheon**
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Orientation for the Convocation**
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Convocation**
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reception**
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Gala Banquet**

Continuing Education (2.5 CEU) 9:30 AM - 12 PM

with Dr. Van Haywood

TOOTH BLEACHING ESSENTIALS, CHALLENGES, AGES AND STAGES:

Prior to initiating any form of tooth bleaching, a proper examination should be performed to render a proper diagnosis of the cause of discoloration. Then the dentist can advise the patient whether or not they are a good candidate for bleaching, which type of bleaching may work well, and what to expect from bleaching. Challenges include sensitivity and single dark teeth, whether vital or non-vital teeth that require a variation from the traditional bleaching approach, as well as ages and techniques for children’s teeth.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: VAN B. HAYWOOD, D.M.D., is Professor in the Department of Oral Rehabilitation, College of Dental Medicine, Georgia Health Sciences University. In 1989, he co-authored the first publication in the world on Nightguard vital bleaching (at-home bleaching) with Dr. Harald Heymann, and in 1997 co-authored the first article on extended treatment (six-months) of tetracycline-stained teeth using this technique. He has completed further research and over 135 publications on the NGVB technique and the topic of bleaching and esthetics, including first papers on treating bleaching sensitivity with potassium nitrate, direct thermoplastic tray fabrication, bleaching primary teeth, and caries control with bleaching materials. His book titled “Tooth Whitening: Indications and Outcomes of Nightguard Vital Bleaching”, was published by Quintessence International in 2007 and is available at www.quintpub.com online

Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

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.

** Please note that this is a tentative schedule, “Confirm on site the exact times of events and locations”
DEADLINE FOR EVENT REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 31, 2012

Name ___________________________________________ Phone _____________________________
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Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Luncheon  
Sunday, October 21, 2012

San Francisco seafood chowder with clams, scallops and Dungeness crab; Roast chicken breast stuffed with Spinach and papaya with macadamia nut and rice pilaf; Baked apple tart.

Proceeds benefit the Dr. Chau Lam Memorial Scholarship to the University of Alabama

“Gala Reception & Banquet”
Black Tie Preferred, but not mandatory Gala Banquet with your choice of main menu selection; Grilled Neiman Ranch Ribeye or Roasted Pacific King Salmon; or Vegetarian.

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