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The Executive Committee meets yearly a few months prior to the Board of Regents annual meeting in order to review and prepare for the Board’s meeting as well as recommend the slate of officers and approve individuals for the various awards that are occasionally presented.

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L-to-R: Dr. Cheryl Watson-Lowry (Chairman, Chicago Dental Society Government Affairs); Dr. David Miller (Chief, Div. of Oral Health, Office of Health Promotion, IL Dept. of Public Health); Dr. Petra von Heimburg (Director, Chicago Dental Society – Northwest Suburban Branch); Jennifer Woodard (President, Illinois Medical District Commission); Dr. Jerry Krishnan (Associate VP for Population Health, Office of the VP for Health Affairs, UIHHS); Henry Taylor (Executive Director, Mile Square Health Center); Dr. Bruce Graham (Dean, UIC College of Dentistry); Dr. Indru Punwani (UIC COD Interim Head, Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry); President Toni Preckwinkle (Cook County Board President); Caryn Bills (UI Associate Chancellor); Dr. Edward Segal (VP, Illinois State Dental Society); Dr. John Rutkauskas (CEO, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry); Dr. Rodney Ergottine (President, Illinois Society for Pediatric Dentists); Dr. George Zehak (VP, Chicago Dental Society); Dr. Barbara Bayldon (Executive Committee Member, Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics); Dr. William Fres (Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UIHHS Children’s Hospital). Photo by: Troy Heinzeroth
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At 5:30 in the morning and still dark, I entered this huge coliseum to the buzz of activity. I wasn’t to start in Oral Surgery until 9 AM, but I did not want to miss anything and had to see this with my own eyes. People everywhere were preparing instruments and equipment for a long day of patient care without charge, for the needy people of Arizona.

One of the co-organizers of this MOM (Mission of Mercy) event was Roger Briggs, DDS, FADI, (LLUSD ’73) who has been very active in many areas of serving as well as with Dental Societies, both state and local, in Central Arizona. He and his son, Brad Briggs, DDS, FADI (LLUSD ’04), practice together in Scottsdale, AZ.

All in all, it was a total success, one of the largest on record. The operational plan of MOM’s is spreading and more and more states are undertaking this project to assist in the access to care problem many holler about. That 1561 professionals, including over 300 dentists, would volunteer their weekend instead of doing what they’d rather do, is kind of mind boggling. It made me proud of my profession, knowing these guys and gals I worked alongside were the cream of the crop, the best our profession has to offer, people who really care and want to help. 1659 patients were treated and given an average of $770 each in dental services. Specific services rendered included: 2,443 extractions, 1,195 fillings, 1,769 hygiene procedures, and 81 root canals. On those two days of caring treatment free of charge, $1,280,000 worth of dental treatment was given to people we may never meet again on this earth.

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For everyone who couldn’t be there and who made financial contributions to support the Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy, every dollar contributed resulted in $8 of dental treatment. So for our anonymous man on the line, your $2 gave $16 of relief to another individual suffering from pain and infection. God bless you!

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Secretary of the Academy of General Dentistry

Mid-Year Education Report

Dear ADI Fellows,

I am T. Bob Davis, DMD, FADI, your current Vice President for Education. I want to use the email as our tool for communication on issues related to Education.

First, I am attaching a link to excerpts from a report that I am presenting to the ADI Executive Committee at the Mid-Year Meeting.

Second, I am attaching a link to CE courses you may gain access to online will be one way of providing CE to our members. Dr. Van Haywood, one of our Vice Regents and world renowned lecturer, has already recently provided a course for us. There will be more by others.

Third, I am going to ask your help in further enlarging our outreach with dental education throughout the world. After reflecting on my email, I will appreciate your return email on what you are doing in the area of education for other countries and volunteering dental services in other countries. I deeply appreciate your dedicated service to others as you exemplify the ideals of ADI!! When you respond to this email I will appreciate a photo of any special work you have done on behalf of ADI as a volunteer educator or charity dental project.

Our new website has the potential for us to disseminate educational materials among each other. I have put some items up and will continue using the website for future courses. Identifying courses you may gain access to online will be one way of providing CE to our members. Dr. Van Haywood, one of our Vice Regents and world renowned lecturer, has already recently provided a course for us. There will be more by others.

In conclusion, our new Board is excited over the potential for growth in every area of ADI. We look forward to your input, especially your nominations of new fellows!

Gratefully,

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When Christopher Columbus came ashore in 1492, he wrote in his diary, “This is the most beautiful land that human eyes have seen.” He would leave members of his family behind to colonize the island and would return to it after venturing throughout the Caribbean. In his will, he asked to be buried in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. It was to this island a group of 22, mostly graduate nursing students and faculty from University of San Diego (www.sandiego.edu), along with one dentist, would travel as a mission endeavor, to improve the health of school children of a rural school.

Excitement ran high as the emails & gmails flashed back and forth, final arranges were gelling into a final plan. Were we actually going to the Caribbean? Over six months in the planning, and after 8 prior visits to La Republica Dominicana (Dominican Republic in English, indigenous Taino Indians called it Quisqueya), the trip was finally coming to fruition. It was decided that now was the time to include dental care in the overall plan to help the needy families far into the mountainous area near the international border with Haiti. Destination, El Cercado, to work at the school, Fe y Alegria ("Faith and Gladness"); the goal, examine students and their families in health screening as well as undertake a couple of research projects, one having to do with new techniques for diagnosing diabetes compared to traditional methods. But after having seen the severe need in oral disease, this was the year to begin inclusion of emergency dental care.

After being referred by the San Diego County Dental Society, I met with Dr. Susan Bonnell of the University of San Diego’s Hahn School of Nursing and Health Sciences. She expressed a need in an investigative trip for emergency dental care and assessing the need for restorative dental care in future visits. The Caribbean? I used to live there, and when I left, part of my heart stayed there! Mission trip? That’s what I do now for “a living” (a life). La Republica Dominicana? Wow, one of my favorite island cultures! I told her I’d think about it for a while, and after about 30 seconds (or less), I told her I’d be happy to help. And plans began, and the association of working together has been wonderful.

The USD Hahn School of Nursing and Health Sciences was a “dark horse” to me in the San Diego area. I was blown away to find that many students already with bachelor’s degrees can enter into nursing and obtain a master’s degree/RN as they shift their career into caring for others in the nursing field. Susan Bonnell, PhD, RN, is in charge of this program, and the outreach trip to the Carib-
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Loreto’s setting on the Sea of Cortez is spectacular with the gold and green hills in various shades, of the Sierra de la Giganta seem to tumble into the deep blue water of the gulf. Interesting that here the sunrise is over the water, though pictures appear to be sunsets instead. Some claim the skies are clear 360 days of the year, certainly true of our weekend with clear, blue sky and warm 80º sun.

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Academy of Dentistry International
Annual Convocation
October 21, 2012
Sunday, November 3, 2013 ~
ADI New Orleans CE, Convocation & Banquet
10/30/2013

When: 10/30/2013
Where: JW Marriott
614 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
United States
Contact: Stephanie Wilhelm (rramus@bright.net)
(Arnaud’s Tuesday Night 10/29/13)
The USA Section will hold their convocation at the JW Marriott. All events for October 30 will be held at the JW Marriott.

Housing for the ADA Annual Meeting is now open.

The ADA has assigned us the JW Marriott, you may make reservations: http://registration3.experientevent.com/showDEN13

Academy of Dentistry International Group Code: ADINOLA

Tuesday, October 29, 2013
Arnould’s Restaurant ~ 813 Rue Bienville New Orleans 70112
7:00 p.m. -- Arnaud’s Classic Louisiana dinner fare followed with comedic entertainment by Kent Gonsoulin, Cajun Comedian.

~Belgian Endive Salad with roasted walnuts, blue cheese and lemon vinaigrette dressing.
~Demi Gulf Fish Pontchartrain sautéed fillet topped with fresh Louisiana Crabmeat with baby green beans.
~Filet Charlemond Grilled petit filet in a rich mushroom sauce, topped with béarnaise sauce with Brabant potatoes.
~Flamed Strawberries Arnaud sautéed fresh strawberries with puree and orange curacao flamed with brandy and served over French vanilla ice cream topped with whipped cream and sliced almonds.

Kent Gonsoulin is one of the funniest Cajun Comedians performing today. His unique brand of clean Cajun humor keeps audiences laughing across the south.

Coming from a large Catholic family, Kent was always making people laugh at the dinner table and family gatherings with his stories and impersonations. Growing up, he was a huge fan of Bud Fletcher, Redd Foxx and Johnny Carson. Kent’s love for the stage runs in his family. He is a third generation entertainer. His love for making people laugh is evident. His success as a Cajun Comedian over the past 16 years can be contributed to his love for laughter and his heritage as a true south Louisiana Cajun.

Wednesday, October 30, 2013
JW Marriott New Orleans Hotel ~ 614 Canal Street
New Orleans 70130
8:00 a.m. Registration Opens
9:00 a.m. Continuing Education “The Plaque Monologues” – Dr. Brian B. Nový
12:30 p.m. Chau Lam Scholarship Luncheon*
2:00 p.m. Orientation
4:00 p.m. Convocation Ceremony
7:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception
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The USA Section will hold their convocation at the JW Marriott. All events for October 30 will be held at the JW Marriott.

Housing for the ADA Annual Meeting is now open.

The ADA has assigned us the JW Marriott, you may make reservations:
http://registration3.experientevent.com/showDEN13

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**Tuesday, October 29, 2013**

_Arnaud’s Restaurant_ ~ 813 Rue Bienville New Orleans 70112

7:00 p.m. -- Arnaud’s Classic Louisiana dinner fare followed with comedic entertainment by Kent Gonsoulin, Cajun Comedian.

- Belgian Endive Salad with roasted walnuts, blue cheese and lemon vinaigrette dressing.
- Demi Gulf Fish Pontchartrain sautéed fillet topped with fresh Louisiana Crabmeat with baby green beans
- Filet Charlemond Grilled petit filet in a rich mushroom sauce, topped with béarnaise sauce with Brabant potatoes
- Flamed Strawberries Arnaud sautéed fresh strawberries with puree and orange curacao flamed with brandy and served over French vanilla ice cream topped with whipped cream and sliced almonds.

**Kent Gonsoulin** is one of the funniest Cajun Comedians performing today. His unique brand of clean Cajun humor keeps audiences laughing across the south.

Coming from a large Catholic family, Kent was always making people laugh at the dinner table and family gatherings with his stories and impersonations. Growing up, he was a huge fan of Bud Fletcher, Redd Foxx and Johnny Carson. Kent’s love for the stage runs in his family. He is a third generation entertainer. His love for making people laugh is evident. His success as a Cajun Comedian over the past 16 years can be contributed to his love for laughter and his heritage as a true south Louisiana Cajun.

**Wednesday, October 30, 2013**

JW Marriott New Orleans Hotel ~ 614 Canal Street

New Orleans 70130

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens
9:00 a.m. Continuing Education “The Plaque Monologues” – Dr. Brian B. Nový
12:30 p.m. Chau Lam Scholarship Luncheon*
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DINNER AT ARNAUD’S

**Arnaud’s Classic Fare and Cajun Comedian**

_____ tickets at $120.00 per person = $____________

DR CHAU LAM MEMORIAL LUNCHEON

**Dr. Chau Memorial Luncheon**

_____ tickets at $70.00 per person = $____________

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

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 a University of Alabama international dental student who demonstrates need and exemplifies the character and spirit that Dr. Lam instilled in his students.

Seafood Gumbo and Rice, Chicken Stuffed with Boudin Sausage over Smothered Green Beans, Sweet Potato With Andouille Sausage

**“Gala Reception & Banquet”**

Black tie preferred, but not mandatory Gala Banquet with your choice of main menu selection: Filet of Beef; Pan Seared Grouper; or Vegetarian.

Dinner Selection (s):

Meat _______  Fish_______ Veg_________

=_________Guests at $125.00 per person = $__________

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