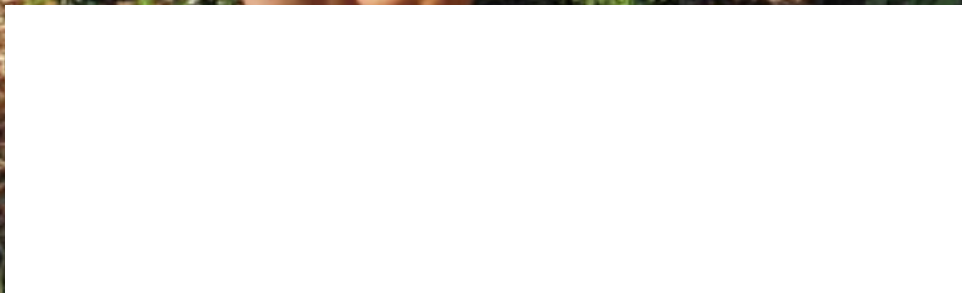


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If you missed our Centennial Annual Meeting in April, you missed a great time! Over 1,500 people came together for CE, networking, social events, exhibit hall, and to celebrate the 100th birthday of the ODA! Read more about the Centennial meeting and check out a sampling of the many photos taken starting on page 22. Mark your calendar now for the 2008 ODA meeting scheduled for May 15 – 17 in Oklahoma City.

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1932 - 2007
Fairland

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Broken Arrow

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1919 - 2007
Muskogee

Dr. Earl Edwards
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1947 -2007
Oklahoma city

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Introducing the 101st President of the Oklahoma Dental Association, Krista M. Jones, DDS, Edmond, seen here just outside the windows of her practice's operatories. The rooms look out over a tranquil garden with wildlife, trees, flowers and an art sculpture, "Shaman of the Benediction", by Bill Worrell. Read more about Dr. Jones starting on page 18.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dana A. Davis

Executive Director Report to the House of Delegates, April 2007

What a great year for the ODA! It is very exciting for me to be a part of our 100th Anniversary. Many great things have occurred since I last reported to you. Some highlights of the past year are:

- Launching the Dental Loan Repayment Program to bring dental care to underserved areas of the state.
- Asking the Governor to form a Task Force on Children and Oral Health to develop a state plan for oral health care for all in Oklahoma (Please keep your fingers crossed!).
- Being listed in the top ten non-profit political action committees in the state and having a 92% success rate with our DENPAC contributions.
- Installing a videoconferencing system so our members do not have to travel long distances to participate in ODA meetings and we hope this will encourage more participation.
- Having a net income of \$61,000 in the 2006 fiscal year to ensure that the ODA reserve account meets the House-mandated level and to protect the ODA from the unexpected.
- Installing Capwiz, thanks to DENPAC, so we have the ability to mobilize our members concerning legislative action quickly and easily.
- Providing 3,000 oral hygiene kits to children who are suddenly removed from their homes for a variety of reasons and placed in foster care.
- Partnering with the ODF Mobile Dental Care Program to provide free dental care throughout the state to children in need. I thank all of our members who have volunteered.
- Having members like Drs. Scott Waugh, Steve Glenn, Phil Abshere, Steve Hogg, Raymond Cohlmiia, and Jim Torchia (even myself) serving on ADA Committees and Councils.
- Conducting a study in conjunction with the ADA of Oklahoma's dentist workforce. These data have been used to identify underserved areas of Oklahoma and will assist the ODA in planning for the future.
- Implementing the Pierre Fauchard statue project. We owe a special thanks to Dr. Gary Gardner who donated his time and talent to sculpt the statue, and to Dr. Lee Beasley who

directed the entire project including the fundraising. This project will help pay down the mortgage through the sale of the limited edition miniatures.

- Creating the Digital Dental Office program which will be awesome this year and for years to come. This is a great benefit to our members as they transition into the dental office of the future.
- Participating in the Oklahoma City Housing Authority block parties by providing free dental care, oral hygiene kits, food, and beverages at five housing project sites. It was so successful we are duplicating it in Tulsa this summer.
- Revitalizing our rural components, thanks to the efforts of our rural members (especially Dr. Sid Nicholson) by forming the Coalition of Rural Districts, or CORD.

These are but a few of the worthwhile programs ODA councils and members conducted during our past governing year.

As I was preparing this report and reviewing accomplishments of the ODA during the past year, I realized how great and blessed the ODA and its members are. I remembered the very impressive interviews I had when deciding to come to Oklahoma. Then I reflected on the ODA and where it was five years ago and where it is now. I remembered the changes we made and the dreams we fulfilled (like the new office) and the people who touched me along the way. I became very proud.

I am proud to be part of an organization that looks to the future, one that has such visionary leaders and volunteers who rally behind important issues like access to dental care, and one that cares so much about each one of its members. I am proud that we are financially solvent; that we have a staff and infrastructure in place to accommodate the needs of our members; that we have a Strategic Plan that is actually operational and motivational; and that we have the respect of our legislators and the public. I am proud of the reputation of our Dental School and the wonderful relationship we have with the Dean, faculty, and students. I am proud of the unique relationship we have with our Board of Dentistry and ODA's charitable arm, the Oklahoma Dental Foundation. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with such outstanding leaders and staff members.

ODA is positioned as the leader for addressing the many issues confronting our members – from scope of practice, to small business management, to providing quality dental care, to all regardless of their ability to pay.

I am proud to be part of the team that is leading the ODA into its second century. I also want to thank the outstanding ODA leaders, staff and volunteers. Without you, the ODA would be nothing.

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- JUN 1** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - Tishomingo
- JUN 2** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - Sulphur
- JUN 5** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - Perkins
- JUN 7-8** – Northern and Eastern Districts Summer Meeting - Branson, Missouri
- JUN 8** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - McAlester Clinic
- JUN 9** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - Porter Clinic
- JUN 13** – Children's Oral Health Coalition - 10:00AM - ODA Building
- JUN 14** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - Holiday Inn North
- JUN 15** – TCDS Molar Classic Golf Tournament
- JUN 15** – Council on Membership & Membership Services - 10:00AM - ODA Building
- JUN 15** – Endorsements Committee Meeting - 3:00PM - ODA Building
- JUN 18** – Retired Dentist Lunch - 11:30AM - ODA Building
- JUN 22-23** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - Riverview Block Party, Tulsa
- JUN 29-30** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - Parview Terrace Block Party, Tulsa



JULY

- JUL 4-6** – ODA Offices Closed
- JUL 11** – Children's Oral Health Coalition - 10:00AM - ODA Building
- JUL 13-14** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - East Central Block Party, Tulsa
- JUL 13** – ODA Staff Retreat - Offices Closed
- JUL 16** – Retired Dentist Lunch - 11:30AM - ODA Building
- JUL 20-21** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - Sandy Park Block Party, Tulsa
- JUL 20** – Council on Dental Education and Public Information Meeting - 8:30 AM - ODA Building
- JUL 20** – Council on Technology and Electronic Communications Meeting - 10:00 AM - ODA Building
- JUL 20** – Council on Governmental Affairs - 1:00 PM - ODA Building
- JUL 20** – Council on Dental Care- 3:00 PM - ODA Building
- JUL 26-28** – ODF Mobile Dental Unit - Panhandle, Guymon

calendar of events

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- Friday night, Wine & Cheese reception.
- Saturday wellness programs featuring Dr. Stephanie Houseman on "Reaching Your Peak Potential," Dr. Anita Murcko on nutrition for women, and break out sessions on a variety of wellness topics.
- Program for student dentists featuring Dr. Denise Kasselbaum, Dean, University of Colorado School of Dentistry.
 - AAWD's 86th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon - meet the recipients of the 2007 Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award, the 3rd Annual Procter & Gamble Scholarship Award and elect the 2008 AAWD Board of Directors.
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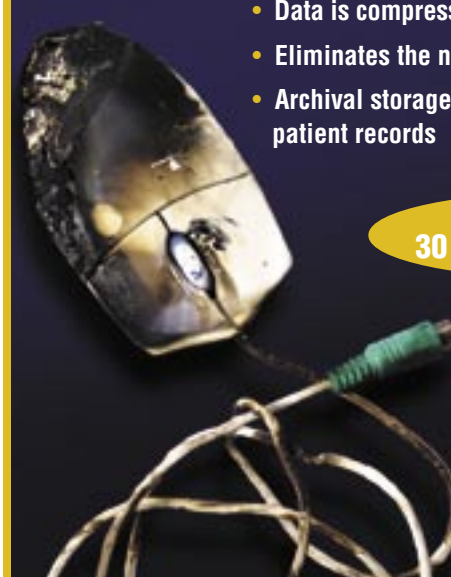
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BAD BREATH (HALITOSIS) AND YOUR ORAL HEALTH – what you should know...

CAUSES OF HALITOSIS:

There are just as many causes of bad breath as there are sources of bacteria in the mouth. Halitosis may be caused by the following:

• **SOME FOODS AND DRINKS**

The things you eat and drink contribute largely to your oral health care, including your breath. Foods and drinks are absorbed into the bloodstream and become transferred into the lungs. Then they are expelled in the air you breathe. Until that food or drink becomes eliminated by the body, the potential for it affecting your breath is present.

• **POOR ORAL HEALTH CARE**

Without proper and consistent brushing and flossing, and routine examinations by your dentist, food remains in the mouth. This creates a breeding ground for bacteria in your mouth and causes halitosis.

• **IMPROPER AND/OR IRREGULAR CLEANING OF DENTURES**

Dentures that are not cleaned properly or often enough will collect bacteria and will cause halitosis. Consult your dentist or hygienist for proper denture cleaning techniques.

• **PERIODONTAL DISEASE (A DISEASE OF THE GUMS)**

One of the primary symptoms of this gum disease is foul, malodorous breath, and an unpleasant taste in the mouth. This condition requires immediate care by your dentist and may result in your dentist referring your treatment to a specialist known as a periodontist.

• **XEROSTOMIA (DRY MOUTH)**

This condition is often a large contributor to halitosis. Characterized by a significant decrease in saliva production, the mouth is unable to cleanse itself and remove debris and particles left behind by food. Xerostomia may be caused by certain medications, a salivary gland disorder, or by continuously breathing through the mouth, instead of the nose.

• **TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

Not only do tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars, and smokeless tobacco stain the teeth and put the body at risk for a host of diseases, they also contribute to bad breath. Tobacco users also are at significant increased risk for the following:

- o periodontal disease
- o irritated gums
- o a loss of taste abilities

• **A MEDICAL CONDITION**

Halitosis may be an indicator or symptom of any of the following conditions. If your mouth is healthy, your dentist may refer you to your family doctor or medical specialist to determine the cause of your halitosis. Some medical conditions that can cause halitosis are:

- o a respiratory infection
- o chronic bronchitis
- o chronic sinusitis
- o a gastrointestinal disorder
- o infection of the nose, windpipe, or lungs
- o postnasal drip
- o diabetes
- o a liver or kidney disorder

TREATMENT FOR HALITOSIS:

Your dentist will determine the most appropriate treatment for you and specific treatment will be based on:

- the health of your mouth
- the cause or origin of the condition
- extent of the condition
- your tolerance for specific medications, procedures, or therapies

Halitosis is an oral health condition characterized by consistently malodorous breath. If you're concerned about bad breath, talk to your dentist. Often identifying the cause of bad breath is the first step toward treating this preventable condition and your dentist can help identify the cause, and, if it's due to an oral condition, develop a treatment plan to help eliminate it.

A major source of bad breath in healthy people is microbial deposits on the tongue, especially the back of the tongue. Some studies have shown that simply brushing the tongue reduced bad breath by up to 70%.

ODA News You Can Use!

This month's spotlight on your ODA's endorsed company

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The Washington DC Leadership Conference



From left to right: Dr. Jim Lowe, Dr. Jim Torchia, Dr. Krista Jones, Congresswoman Mary Fallin, Dr. Lee Beasley, Dr. Kurt Gibson, Dana Davis, Senator Tom Coburn, Dr. Pamela Low

The Washington DC Leadership Conference was held April 30 – May 2, 2007 with over 600 dental leaders in attendance. The Oklahoma delegation included Dr. Krista Jones, Dr. Pam Low, Dr. Lee Beasley, Sherry Beasley, Dr. Kurt

Gibson, Dr. Jim Torchia, Bootsey Torchia, Dr. Jim Lowe, Linda Lowe and Dana Davis. The conference provided education, political training, and discussion of legislative issues of importance to our profession.

Dentistry lost a great colleague on the Hill with the death of Dr. Charlie Norwood, Congressman from Georgia, earlier this year. We still have two dentists in Congress- Rep. John Linder from Georgia, and Rep. Mike Simpson from Idaho. Dr. Simpson addressed the conference Tuesday morning and discussed the importance of our involvement in the political process. Dr. Lee Beasley had the privilege of introducing our own Senator Tom Coburn to address the congregation. Senator Coburn told the group that Congress must worry about the next generation and create a future

for those following after us. Politically and medically we must treat the disease, not just symptoms of the disease. Members of our delegation met with our Representatives Tom Cole, Frank Lucas, Dan Boren, and John Sullivan. Congresswoman Mary Fallin arranged for us to be in the House Gallery while she addressed the House of Representatives Wednesday morning. We then met with her in the Rayburn Room in the Capitol. While waiting in Senator Coburn's office, we had the opportunity to watch him address the Senate on their monitor.

The main issues the dental leaders were asked to discuss with their Representatives and Senators were:

1. Support funding to fill the 130 vacant Indian Health Services dental positions.
2. Support funding for education on the dangers of methamphetamine use, awareness of meth mouth, and research.
3. Support funding for dental loan repayment programs, dental residencies, modular dental units, and information technology for the IHS.
4. Support improving access to dental services for low-income children and individuals living in medically underserved areas.

ADA News Infective Endocarditis

New guidelines for prevention of infective endocarditis were released by the American Heart Association April 19. The AHA and ADA now recommend that fewer dental patients with heart disease receive antibiotic prophylaxis before dental procedures to prevent the heart infection called infective endocarditis (IE). The guidelines were developed by a group appointed by the AHA that included experts in infectious disease and cardiology and members representing the ADA. The guidelines were endorsed by the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society.

After reviewing relevant scientific literature from 1950–2006, the group concluded that bacteremia resulting from daily activities is much more likely to cause IE than bacteremia associated with a dental procedure. In addition, only an extremely small number of IE cases might be prevented by antibiotic prophylaxis, even if prophylaxis is 100% effective. Based on these conclusions, antibiotic prophylaxis is now recommended before dental procedures only for patients with underlying cardiac conditions associated with the highest risk of adverse outcome from IE, such as patients with artificial heart valves, a history of endocarditis, certain serious congenital heart conditions and heart transplant patients who develop a problem with a heart valve.

For more details see ADA.org.

Dr. Young Receives Award

Dr. Steve Young was awarded the UMKC Alumnus of the Year award during the Midwest Dental Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, March 17, 2007. The award was presented by Dr. Al Keenan, President of the UMKC Alumni Board of Trustees.





DENTAL ORGANIZATION NEWS

ODA ALLIANCE

By: Ruth Blythe

Alliance Members: Where Are You??

Oklahoma membership numbers for 2007 are down significantly. Are you one of the missing?

1. You did not receive an invitation to the April luncheon?!?
2. Your spring edition of the KEY magazine did not arrive!?!?
3. You have a funny feeling about this!!!

If this is you, please check with Ruth Blythe, AODA Vice President, to verify your 2007 paid status. Contact her at (918) 461-8751 or email her at feblythe2@aol.com. It is not too late for 2007 — act now.

Your dentist-spouse will receive a dues statement for 2008 in the mail during July. Please read it carefully and mark the Alliance box—it is easily overlooked. This is separate from your 2007 membership.

We need your home address, home/cell phone number, and an email address to directly contact our Alliance members. Please do not rely upon your dentist-spouse to bring this information home from the office or you may miss an important opportunity. We miss you!

Watch for the new look of your Oklahoma Alliance, meeting the needs of our membership and our communities.

Oklahoma Association of Women Dentists

By: Dr. Tamara Berg

The Oklahoma Association of Women Dentists has been busy this spring with a continuing education event at the Oxford Spa and Salon. Dentists, staff, and students in attendance enjoyed the History of Women in Dentistry presentation provided by Dr. Mary E. Martin, AAWD Director of Archives. Each attendee was treated to a pedicure and chair massage during the event.

Monday, April 16th, the OAWD honored the graduating female seniors. At this annual event, held at Vito's Restaurant in Oklahoma City, engraved card cases were presented to each graduate. Monika Nguyen was named the 2007 Eleanor J. Bushee Senior Student for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Leadership.

The event was co-sponsored by Alexander and Strunk Insurance, represented by Sheila Morford. This allowed many DS I, II, and III's to attend the annual senior event. The second awardee of the Mary E. Martin Scholarship was Randi Hobbs, DS III.

Installation of the 2007-2008 officers was conducted by Dr. Kay Beavers.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES RESOLUTIONS

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The Manual of the House of Delegates was amended: "This manual shall be distributed to all delegates with the call to convention prior to the meeting of the House of Delegates".

Dr. Thomas L. Coury, Oklahoma City, Dr. Gary A. Cutler, Ada, Dr. Darrel R. Dedrick, Enid, Dr. Donald L. Mitchell, Edmond, and Dr. Kenton E. Nesbit, Tonkawa, were elected by the House of Delegates into State Life Membership of the Oklahoma Dental Association.

It is the policy of the ODA to provide a \$10 rebate to the ODA Alliance for every spouse registered for the Annual Meeting and to the Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association for every ODAA member registered for the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Session Policy was amended to include "The Oklahoma Twister Series is not designed to be an 'honorarium' arrangement. All participating clinicians volunteer their preparation and presentation time and effort."

The Annual Session Policy was amended by striking "Any sponsorship must be approved by the Board and notified by the staff. The Board may refuse to allow a particular entity or individual to sponsor any meeting for any reason and shall not be required to provide a reason to such entity or individual" under Sponsorship Policy.

Article VIII, Section 1 A of the Bylaws was amended by striking item A under Section 1, Composition, and inserting this sentence as item A. in Section 3. Term of Office. Section 1 was amended by inserting as A "The composition and the number of the Delegation shall be determined as described in Chapter V items C and D of the ADA Bylaws". The existing sentence under Section 3, Terms of Office became item B.

It is the policy of the ODA that the Relief Fund and its programs shall remain a separate charitable organization, managed by the Oklahoma Dental Association without remuneration.

It is the policy of the ODA to follow the American Dental Association Foundation criteria for granting relief.

ODA RELIEF GRANTS SUMMARY:

The following criteria for granting relief is a summary of the American Dental Association Foundation policy.

The complete policy can be found at http://ada.org/ada/prod/adaf/grant_rules.pdf.

A. Eligibility: Dentists, their dependents and former dependents of deceased dentists who reside in Oklahoma are eligible for financial aid from the ODA Relief Fund if an accidental injury, advanced age, physically debilitating illness or medically related condition prevents them from gainful employment and results in an inability to be wholly self-sustaining. These funds are provided to meet emergency needs and daily living expense rather than for pensions or annuities or to conserve resources or assets.

B. Amount of Grant: A committee made up of representatives from the ODA and the component

society will investigate the application to ascertain the eligibility of the applicant, the amount of assistance required, and to verify accuracy and validity of the application. The applicant shall also apply to the ADA Foundation for a grant, as the ADA fund will cover one half of the amount of the award. The committee shall determine the amount and duration of the grant. The duration may not exceed six months. Subsequent extensions may be granted for periods not to exceed twelve months.

C. Application: All requests for grants must be made on a form approved by the ODA. All information received will be regarded as confidential. The completed application is sent to the component society and copied to the ODA. If the application is approved, it will be forwarded to the ADA Foundation Relief Fund and be subject to all policy and rules developed by the ADA.

The following appointments were approved by the House:

Editor: Dr. Raymond Cohlma,
Oklahoma County

Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Robert Phillips,
Oklahoma County

Council Chairs:

Budget and Finance
Dr. C. Todd Bridges

Bylaws and Rules
Dr. E. Vann Greer

Dental Care
Dr. Lisa R. Grimes

Standing Committee on OHCA and DHS
Dr. James Murtaugh

Dental Education and Public Information
Dr. Thai-An Doan

Governmental Affairs
Dr. W. Lee Beasley

Membership and Membership Services
Dr. Tamara Berg

Standing Committee on Insurance
Drs. Brent Burchard and Steven Hogg

Technology and Electronic Communications
Dr. Raymond Cohlma

The "Editorial Standing Committee" was stricken from the Manual on Councils and Committees.

Article IX Section 1F of the Bylaws was amended by striking "Editorial Standing Committee".

*Note: Upon recommendation of the Council on Bylaws and Rules, the Board of Trustees formed an Editorial Standing Committee.

The 2007 ODA Annual Operating Budget was ratified by the House of Delegates. The budget includes a \$10 dues increase.

Article III, Section 5 of the Bylaws was amended by striking "and Reinstatement" in line 173 and "E. Members may be reinstated upon payment of a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and the payment of the dues for the year, provided that the payment is received before October one (1) of that year. Members who

have not reinstated by October one (1) must make application to their component dental society and will not be recorded as a continuous member" in lines 189-193.

Article III, Section 5 of the Bylaws was amended by striking "March one (1)" and inserting "July ten (10)" in line 185 to coincide with the ADA member drop date.

The House directed the Council on Bylaws and Rules to review the current Elections and Voting policy, specifically, *Guidelines for Campaigning for ODA Office*, and report back to the House at its next meeting.

The Elections and Voting policy was amended: Voting During the Annual Meeting

4. Voting shall be from ~~8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on the Saturday~~ 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on the first full day of scientific sessions of the annual meeting.

7. A majority of votes cast for any office shall constitute election. If a majority does not exist, a run-off election must be held, ~~not later than 4:00 p.m. on the same day, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on the next day following the election,~~ between the two candidates (for each office not having a majority) receiving the largest number of votes in the first ballot.

Absentee Voting

Add as Item 5. "Absentee ballots will be of a different color than ballots used at the meeting. In the event of a run-off, the absentee ballots will be recounted as originally marked."

The Annual Session Policy was amended by striking "Sessions will commence on Friday and end on Sunday" under Meeting Dates.

The Annual Session Policy was amended: "A budget for the total annual session shall be presented to the Board of Trustees ~~sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting~~ as part of the annual operating budget."

The Manual on Councils and Committees was amended so that a quorum shall be thirty-five percent (rounded up) of the number of Council members.

The Manual on Councils and Committees be amended by adding the following to the duties of the Council on Dental Care:

f. Conduct a biannual survey of ODA members to determine the dollar amount of charitable dental treatment provided by members.

g. Maintain data regarding the barriers to dental care in Oklahoma and the programs that exist in the state to eliminate these barriers.

The House voted to make the ODA an official Facilitating Partner of the "Dental Education: Our Legacy Our Future" national campaign.

In an effort to better meet ADA CERP standards, the House adopted a revised Continuing Education Policy. The revised policy clearly addresses the mission, objectives and evaluation, commercial and promotional conflict of interest, education methods and instructors, facilities, administration and record keeping, fiscal responsibility, and publicity. For a

complete copy of the policy, contact the ODA office.

The name of the ODA Well Being Program was changed to the ODA Dentist Health and Wellness Program.

The House elected the following members into leadership:

- Dr. C. Rieger Wood, Tulsa County, Vice President.
- Dr. James S. Torchia, Tulsa County, ADA Delegate.
- Dr. D. Keith Keeter, Southwest District, ADA Alternate Delegate.
- Dr. Stephen O. Glenn, Tulsa County, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Budget and Finance

Larry Sims (TC-2-10)

Bylaws and Rules

Kyle Shannon (TC-1-10)

Dental Care

- Robert Bryan (OC-1-10)
- Kathy Henry (TC-UET 09)
- Charlie Keithline (TC-1-10)
- Janna McIntosh (E-2-10)

Standing Committee on OHCA and DHS

- Richard Gilman (C-1-10)
- James Murtaugh (OC-2-10)

Dental Education and Public Information

- Mark Revels (C-1-10)
- Chris Bugg (N-1-10)
- Jeannie Bath (OC-1-10)

Kim Firey (TC-UET-08)

Government Affairs

- Kurt Gibson (NW-2-10)
- Mark Hanstein (OC-2-10)

Membership and Membership Services

- Tyson Christy (E-UET-08)
- Lindsay Smith (TC-UET-09)
- Tamara Berg (OC-2-10)
- Matt Heim (OC-1-10)
- Carrie Sessom (TC-1-10)

Standing Committee on Insurance

Larson Keso (OC-1-10)

Technology and Electronic Communications

- Jackson Sullivan (OC-1-10)
- Steve Hogg (TC-2-10)

An electronic communications policy for volunteers and staff was adopted. The policy addresses confidentiality notices, content, prohibited use, files, copyrighted information, material downloads and incorporation, liability, email assignment of okda.org addresses, ODA computer needs, software, and disciplinary issues. For a complete copy of the policy, contact the ODA office.

It is the policy of the ODA that councils and committees schedule their business meetings on the third Friday of the month (as necessary), and

that such meetings be scheduled (and a list be available on the website or by request in written form) yearly. Exceptions for necessary additional meetings that would fall outside the "third Friday rule" could be made when three-fourths of the council or committee members agree to the meeting date.

For all programs that have a financial impact on component dental societies, the "per member" cost for each component shall be calculated and presented with the relevant resolution or rule.

The Oklahoma Dental Association, through the Board of Trustees and upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, may select the name of any deceased member of the Association whose name may be proposed to be added to the Shobe Memorial Tablet on display in the ODA building and that the Board's recommendation be presented to the House of Delegates for approval.

Dr. James A. Saddoris will be added to the Shobe Tablet.

The House directed the Council on Budget and Finance to develop methods to eliminate billing component societies for resolutions arising from the House of Delegates and Board of Trustees and report back to the next meeting of the House of Delegates.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTIONS

APRIL 26, 2007

The Board approved the following appointments for liaisons to councils:

- Robert Phillips, Budget and Finance
- Stephen Glenn, Bylaws and Rules
- Krista Jones, Dental Care
- Steven Powell, Dental Education and Public Information
- Lee Beasley, Governmental Affairs
- Raymond Cohlma, Membership and Membership Services
- Jandra Mayer-Ward, Nominations and Elections
- Pamela Low, Technology and Electronic Communications

All nametags and nameplates for the Board of Trustees shall include the prefix "Dr." before the Trustee's name.

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The Board approved the following additional expenditures to the 2007 operating budget:

- New telephone and internet provider to support the video conferencing system, web hosting, off site data storage, disaster recovery, telephone and internet service \$6,168
- Upgrade staff position to support advances in technology, the addition of the endorsement program, and increased council program activity due to strategic plan \$7,500 – 10,000

The Board voted to purchase 10 additional video conferencing licensing agreements and 10 additional webcams in the amount of \$2,580 for use by the Oklahoma Dental Foundation, the eight component dental societies, and the president of the ODA. The ODA will make additional licenses and webcams available for purchase by members.

The Board discontinued endorsement agreements with DenTrek CE and TNT Dental.

The Board voted to endorse CoreVault for online data backup and recovery services.

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*The University of Oklahoma
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Department of Removable Prosthodontics*

May 20, 2007

TO: The Dentists of the Great State of Oklahoma
FROM: Dr. Daniel F. Tylka
RE: RPD Part-Time Faculty Position

***** College of Dentistry – Part-time Faculty Position Opening *****

A great opportunity will soon be opening up here at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center for a select individual interested in part-time teaching. This is a unique opportunity to join the faculty as a professor at the College of Dentistry. The present position is in the Department of Removable Prosthodontics. Its curriculum involves the teaching of complete and partial removable dentures to the undergraduate dental students.

Applicants must possess a DDS/DMD from a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association, an Oklahoma dental license and be in good standing with the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry. Preference will be given to applicants with GPR, AEGD and/or prosthodontic training, as well as, past teaching experience. A minimum of one half day a week is required, however, preference is given to applicants who have two half days, or more, to devote to teaching. These can be on the same day or two different days.

Benefits of teaching include waived registration fees on CDE courses sponsored by the College of Dentistry, free CDE credit for teaching, free parking and a certificate of Faculty Position suitable for framing. Salary and title is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Dr. Dan Tylka at their earliest convenience. Qualified candidates will be invited to interview and the position closed once the position has been filled. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Tylka at 405-271-4160. The University of Oklahoma is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Qualified women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply.

ODA Surprises Robertson with Prestigious Sadoris Award

Dr. J. Dean Robertson, Past President of the ODA, was honored during the ODA's Centennial Annual Meeting Opening Session with the prestigious ODA James A. Sadoris Lifetime of Leadership Award. Dr. Robertson graduated with honors from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1941 and then went on to do his pediatric dentistry training at Texas Children's Medical Center. He is a Major in the US Army Air Force and was in private practice 1946-76. He then enjoyed a dental education career at the OU College of Dentistry where he taught full-time for 11 years and received two outstanding clinical teaching awards from the



Dr. Robertson accepts the prestigious award from Dr. Pam Low, ODA President.

graduates. He is also the namesake of the J. Dean Robertson Society, the College's major fundraising organization. He returned to private practice again in 1987 and continues today. The Sadoris award, not given every year, was created to honor an ODA member who, through a lifetime of service, has exemplified the spirit, the devotion and the commitment of the award's namesake. It has only been presented four other times in ODA's history. Dr. Robertson is the oldest practicing member of the ODA and holds the very first license for Pediatric Dentistry in the State of Oklahoma.

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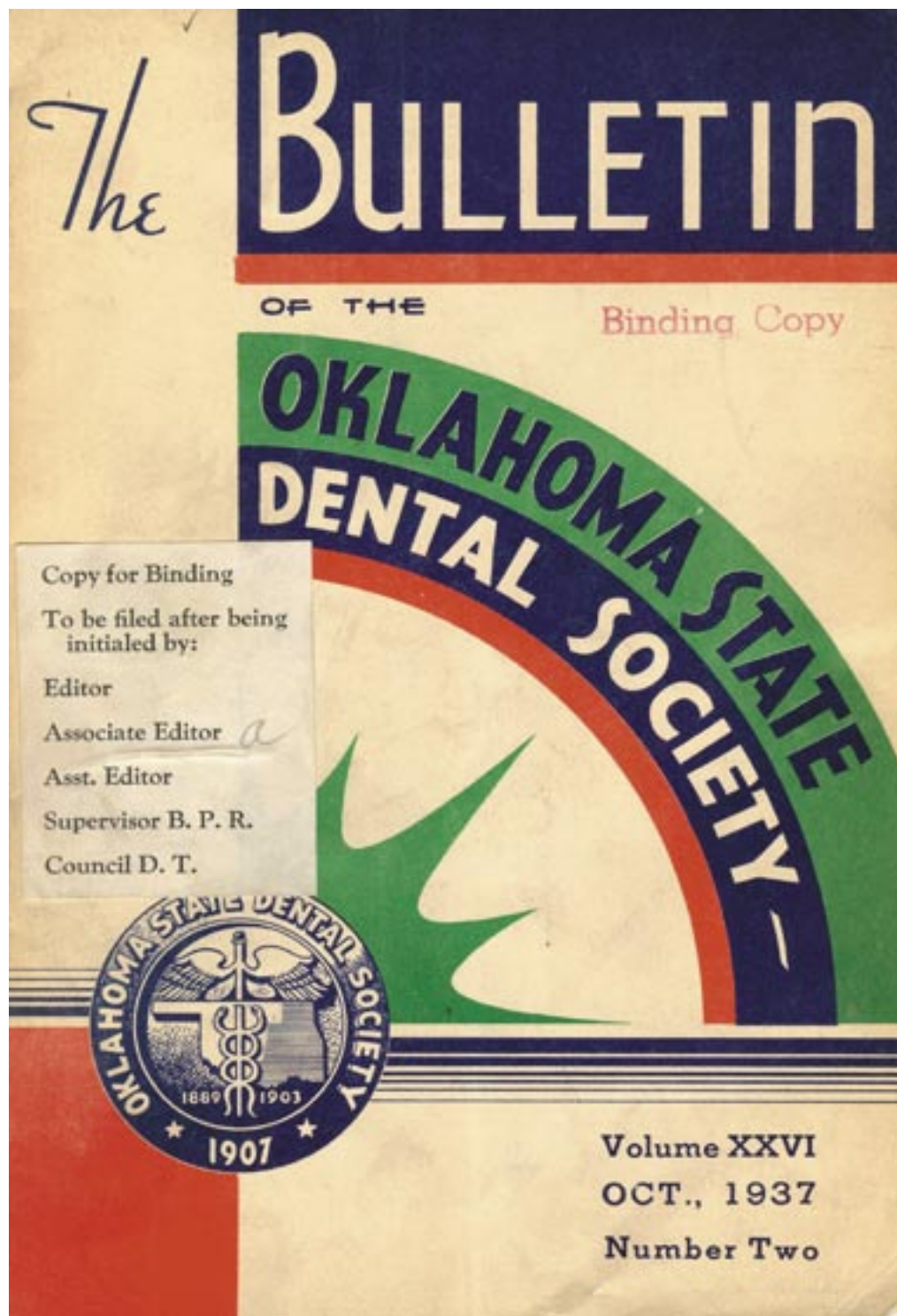
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FEATURES



In the spirit of celebrating our 100th birthday, the *ODA Journal* has been featuring articles, trivia and advertisements from past dental publications. Join us now as we take a look at a copy of the October 1937 *Bulletin of the Oklahoma State Dental Society*.



Features

Membership, Dues And Thumbing Hitch-Hiker

The Oklahoma State Dental Society, at this writing, has a total paid membership for 1937 of 434. It should be fifty percent more. Our membership committee is doing the best they can with the finance they have to operate. Are we helping them as we COULD?

Many of our members have been suggesting that as a progressive organization our dues are quite too low. Frankly, we shall have to admit it. We invite you to study the chart of dues paid by the various organizations as published on this page. We believe that if we could finance the right personnel to contact each ethical dentist, results would surely come. You may but we feel the license granted one to practice dentistry should carry the provision that the holder thereof must contribute his share of the expense of organized dentistry or forfeit the license. We are riding along as a thumbing hitch-hiker. Our dues are \$15 per year while Oklahoma

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Bar Association		16.00
Osteopaths		27.00
Opticians		18.00
Chiropractors		13.00
Printers		2% Salary
Garage Attendants		15.00
Carpenters	\$40.00	21.00
Oil Station Attendants	10.00	30.00
Twin City Rapid Transit	50.00	18.00
Boilermakers	15.00	24.00
Plasterers	75.00	24.00
Electricians	27.00	54.00
Painters	50.00	24.00
Dental Society	None	11.00

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disagree but may we call your attention to the insurance companies who have representatives in the field; they consider it good business and they prosper. Our representative should first be well schooled as are the other salesmen who have something to sell. Our committee has achieved results but nothing compared to what could be done.

Quoting, in part, from an editorial in the Texas Dental Journal: "It may be a bit too strong

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Features

Building Bridges

with the new ODA President, Dr. Krista Jones



Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Charles and Marty Jones, Krista Jones was considered to be the one who would continue her family legacy and become an attorney. After all, her dad and grandfather were both attorneys turned judges. Krista had other plans. She originally wanted to be an astronaut then, after getting her feet back down on earth, decided on health care, and dentistry in particular, due to her desire to help others and work with her hands.

Jones graduated from Del City High School where she lettered in basketball, was a varsity cheerleader, Student Council Officer and the Oklahoma State Jim Thorpe Queen. She went on to the University of Oklahoma where she was one of the Top Ten

Freshman Women, Mortar Board, Tassels, President's

Leadership Class and an O.U. cheerleader (where she cheered for two National Championship teams in 1974 & 1975 then on to the Fiesta Bowl in 1976). Jones broke her left foot at the first home basketball game in Lloyd Noble Center and was in a cast for the Orange Bowl game against Michigan.

She met the love of her life, her now-husband, Craig Stinson, on a medical mission trip to Bolivia in 1987 where they worked at Konani the Altiplano at 14,000 feet. Craig, a United Methodist Pastor, and Krista were married in 1991. Mission trips have been their passion, as well as providing medical care and dentistry to people in countries that have no access to dentistry. They have been to Bolivia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, Peru, West Bank Palestinian refugee camps and Kenya. All have been incredible adventures and unique blessings that have deeply touched their hearts.

When Craig's job responsibilities changed and he was not at the local church, Krista continued dentistry with the OUHSC Christian Medical Dental Society on mission trips with the students.

Another shared passion is chasing total solar eclipses! "To watch the shadow of the moon block out the brilliance of the sun is an incomparable experience!", exclaims Dr. Jones. They have seen eclipses in Mexico, Peru, Zimbabwe, the Southern Caribbean, Turkey, and Egypt.

Art has always held a prominent place in Krista's heart since she was a junior docent at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. She was chair of the City of Edmond's Visual Arts Commission and its very successful Public Art Program. This is a program where businesses or individuals can partner with the city to purchase a piece of art which the city owns, but which is on the business' property. This program set a precedent for the State of Oklahoma and other communities have used it as an example for their programs.



Dr. Krista Jones intends to “Build Bridges” during her term as ODA President. The ODA Journal sat down with Dr. Jones to talk about dentistry and her plans for the future. Here is what she said:

ODA: Describe your first involvement with the ODA.

KJ: I participated in National Children’s Dental Health Month 1982 for Oklahoma County and helped man the ODA booth at the State Fair. I’ve always felt the importance to participate in organized dentistry as a way to give back to our profession, but also a great way to meet, know and interact with colleagues in an effort to foster camaraderie in our profession.

ODA: Who has been the most influential in your participation in organized dentistry?

KJ: I’ve had many mentors: Vann Greer, Scott Waugh, and Frank Miranda were instrumental in getting and keeping me active in Oklahoma County. They made me feel very comfortable and always went out of their way when I was a new member to talk to me. It is important as an active member to make our new members feel a part.

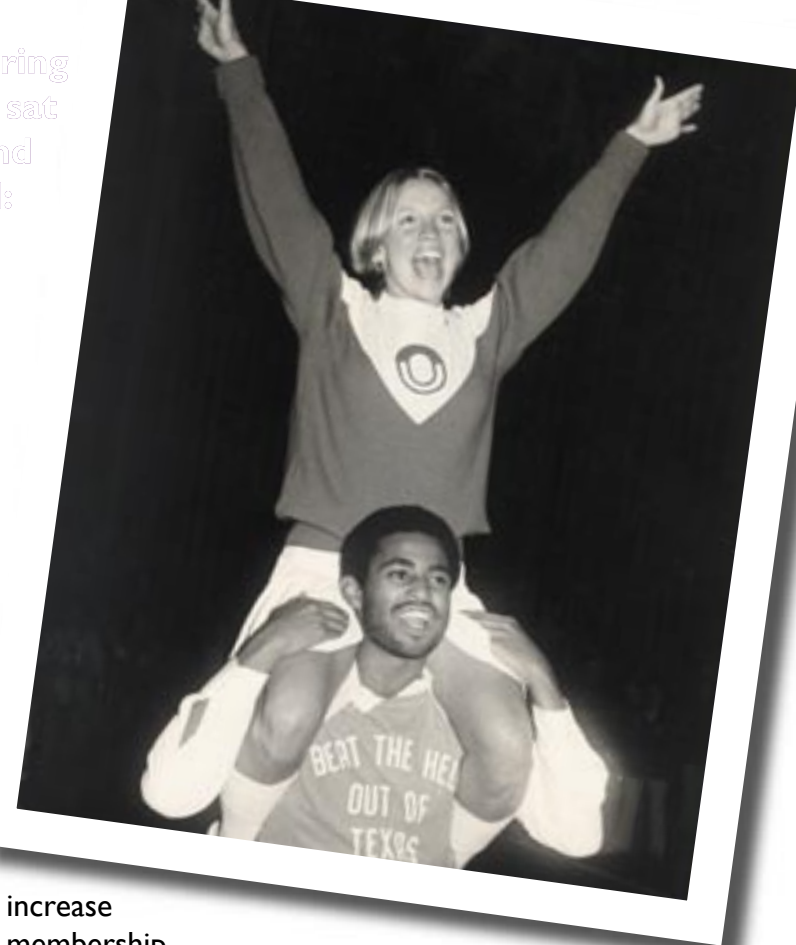
ODA: What are the greatest strengths of the ODA?

KJ: Our active membership, our great staff, and fabulous facility. Our Strategic Plan, developed during Sid Nicholson’s year as president focusing on Access to Care, Membership Participation, and Technology & Electronic Communications, has given a roadmap of action plans, timeline, and resources to guide the leadership.

ODA: What goals have you set to be accomplished during your presidency?

KJ: These are in no particular order:
1. Continue in the second year of our three-year Strategic Plan, emphasizing partnering with the ODF as their

manpower support in the Mobile Dental Care Unit, addressing Access to Care issues around the state.
2. Implementing our new video-conferencing system, that every component society participated in purchasing, to



increase membership

participation at the Council level.

3. Developing a “Best Practices” manual for the membership, about what has worked well at the practice, component and constituent levels to promote dentistry and improve the public’s oral health.

4. Two new areas that we are addressing this year would be the “Big Issues Leadership Summit,” hoping to involve the leadership of the ODA and specialty organizations to determine priorities for dentistry in Oklahoma today. We are also planning a meeting with third-party carriers and the Councils on Dental Care and Membership Services to discuss assignment of benefits and e-claims.

ODA: What are the major challenges facing the ODA?

KJ: The challenges addressed in our Strategic Plan:
1) Access to Care – going to areas that are underserved and providing dentistry to those who can’t afford it or don’t have access to it.
2) Membership Participation – finding each member’s niche or passion in our organization and utilizing their strengths.
3) Technology and Electronic Communications – producing a DVD CE on pediatric dentistry, by Dr. Kevin Haney and it will be included in our *ODA Journal* to allow our membership to become more knowledgeable and comfortable in treating our pediatric patients in the ODF Mobile Dental Units.



ODA: What are three major changes to dental practice that have occurred since you started practice and what has stayed the same?

KJ: The changes are Digital Radiography, Esthetic Dentistry and OSHA Compliance (gloves, masks, protective clothing, etc.). The same – dedication of our profession to providing our patients excellence in oral health, comfort, function and esthetics.

ODA: Final Comments?

KJ: I look forward to working with our membership in developing the goals of the ODA, but also looking to the future in bringing up new leadership and building bridges among our sister organizations. My door is always open and my phone is available to anyone with comments or suggestions.





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Happy Birthday ODA!

The 2007 Centennial ODA Annual Meeting took place April 26 – 29, 2007, at the Cox Convention Center and Renaissance Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City. The following are just a few of the highlights from this milestone meeting in ODA's history:

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OPENING SESSION

The 2007 Opening Session featured many special guests including Oklahoma's own Miss America, Lauren Nelson, who sang the National Anthem and led the crowd in a rendition of "Oklahoma!". Dr. Kathy Roth, ADA President, welcomed everyone and shared an official "Congratulations" from the ADA on ODA's 100th birthday. Dr. William Winspear, President of the International Pierre Fauchard Academy, and Cathy Roberts, President of the American Dental Assistants Association, also addressed the crowd and brought official greetings on behalf of their members. In honor of the ODA's Centennial, we recognized the oldest living member dentist, Dr. Thomas Richardson, oldest living dental hygienist, Gertrude Sousa, and the oldest living dental assistant, Bea Valentine. The ODA surprised Dr. J. Dean Robertson by honoring him with the prestigious James A. Sadoris Lifetime of Leadership Award [see page 15 for more]. The following is a list of other ODA Award winners honored during this year's Opening Session:

Dentist of the Year

Frank Miranda, DDS, Oklahoma City

Young Dentist of the Year

Mitch Kramer, DDS, Edmond
Dan Wilguess, DDS, Edmond

Dan Brannin Professionalism Award

Ronald Graves, DDS, Ardmore

Robert Wynne Public Information Award

Lisa Grimes, DDS, Enid

President's Leadership Award

Stephen Mayer, DDS, Vinita

Richard T. Oliver Legislative Award

James Lowe, DDS, Oklahoma City

Thomas Jefferson Citizenship Award

Bryan Chrz, DDS, Perry

Presidential Citation

Jerome Miller, DDS, Oklahoma City

*Congratulations to the
2007 ODA Award Winners!*

PIERRE FAUCHARD STATUE DEDICATION

On Friday, April 27th the ODA, in conjunction with our Annual Related Organizations Reception, held the Pierre Fauchard Statue Dedication and Reception at the ODA Building. To commemorate ODA's Centennial, Dr. Gary Gardner, ODA Past President (1976-1977), created an original, life-size sculpture, "Father of Dentistry", of Pierre Fauchard. The statue was placed at the entrance of the ODA Building and was dedicated during a special ceremony. Joining us for this milestone in ODA's history was the OU College of Dentistry, the Baylor College of Dentistry, Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services (EODDS), and Dentists for the Disabled and Elderly (D-DENT), ODA's "related organizations", and co-sponsors of the event. The ODA was delighted to welcome Dr. William J. Winspear, President of the International Pierre Fauchard Academy, and Dr. Kathy Roth, ADA President, who participated in the dedication ceremony.



Drs. Gary Gardner, Pamela Low, William Winspear, Kathleen Roth and Lee Beasley at the unveiling of the Pierre Fauchard statue.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER / CENTENNIAL GALA

On Saturday evening, the Annual Meeting culminated in the traditional ODA President's Dinner. Friends and family joined Drs. Pam and Karey Low in celebrating another great year for the ODA. The black-tie affair was also an opportunity for us to celebrate the ODA's Centennial. The evening began with an hour of non-stop entertainment presented by the Oklahoma Centennial Rodeo Opry, a group that showcases Oklahoma's promising performers and promotes appreciation for Oklahoma's proud musical heritage. A champagne toast was given by three recent ODA Past Presidents: Dr. Steven Glenn, Dr. Lee Beasley and Dr. Sid Nicholson. The 2007-2008 officers were installed by another ODA Past President, Dr. Jerry Miller [see page 14 for a listing of new ODA officers], and Dr. Sid Nicholson presented the ODA Past President's plaque and pin to Dr. Pam Low. After the presentations, everyone danced the night away to the fabulous sounds of the band Souled Out.

DIGITAL DENTAL OFFICE

Back by popular demand, and bigger and better than 2006, was the ODA Digital Dental Office, located in the Exhibit Hall. It is a project born of necessity to effect a transition from the traditional way of doing things to expediting those same processes electronically. ODA members were present, helping less tech-savvy attendees set up email and use the Internet. MacPractice, Dynamic Dental Solutions, Patterson Dental and Sullivan-Schein were also on hand to show attendees how to transition from paper to paperless offices. Look for the ODA Digital Dental Office again in 2008!

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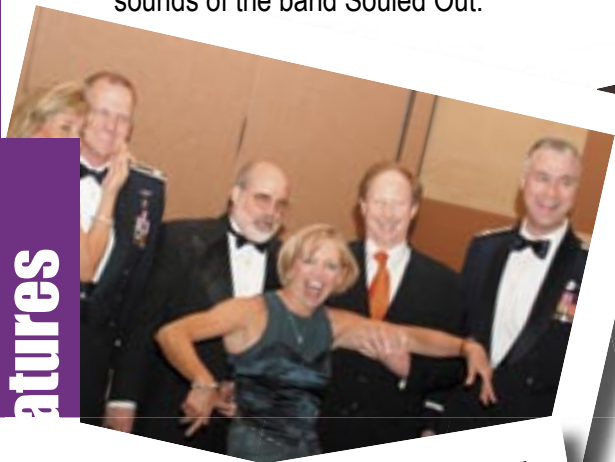


EXHIBIT HALL

The Exhibit Hall featured 140 booths of various vendors exhibiting the latest goods and services related to the practice of dentistry and the business of running a dental practice. Attendees in the Exhibit Hall participated in a Treasure Hunt, had an opportunity to tour the ODF Mobile Dental Unit and the ODA Digital Dental Office, and participated in the DENPAC Silent Auction, always one of the most popular events at the Annual Meeting. This year's Silent Auction raised over \$12,000 for DENPAC, the Oklahoma Dental Association's Political Action Committee. A very special feature of this year's Exhibit Hall was the ODA Centennial Exhibit, an exhibit of a "dental office of the past". Attendees had the opportunity to view old photographs, dental equipment of days-gone-by, and videos of each of ODA's living Past Presidents as they shared their favorite memories and anecdotes that illustrated from where dentistry in Oklahoma has come and where they thought we're headed!

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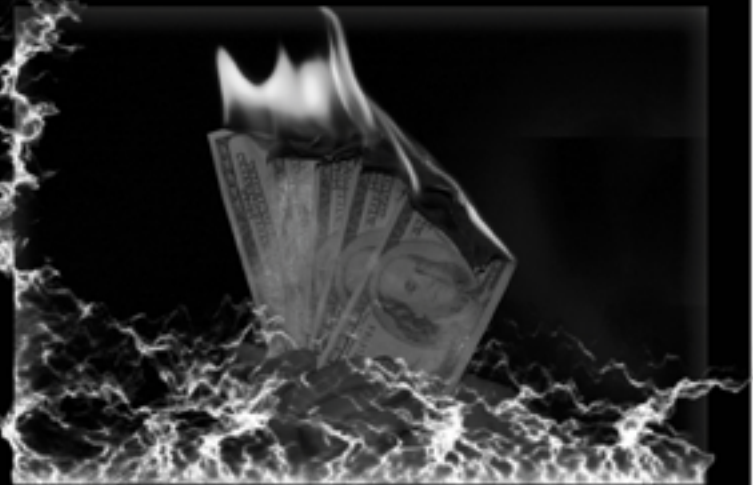
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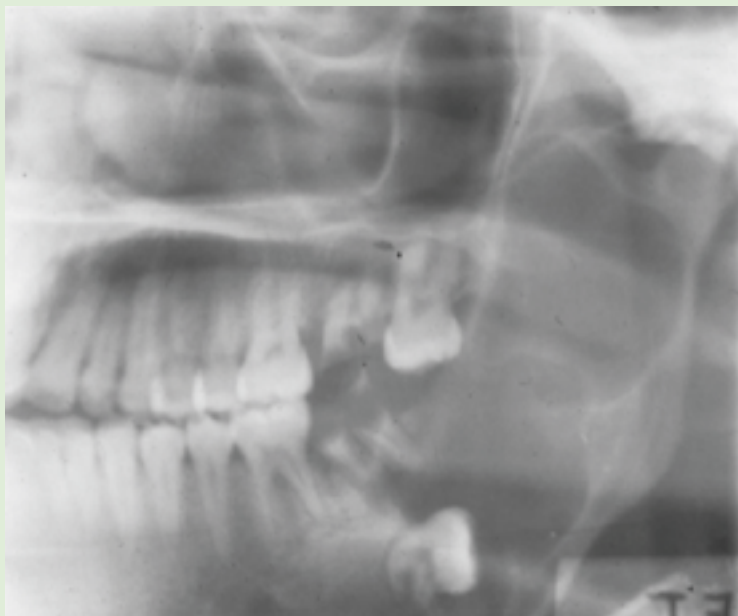
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CASE HISTORY: A 24 year old female was referred with a chief complaint of “facial swelling”. Following the clinical history review and accomplishment of a radiographic survey, a slow-growing, expansile lesion involving the posterior mandible was observed. According to the patient, the area was asymptomatic and the duration was approximately three years.

QUESTION 1:

The radiographic appearance of this lesion is most accurately described as:

- a. A well-defined, expansile, multilocular radiolucency
- b. A diffuse, invasive lesion
- c. A unilocular, radiolucent lesion
- d. A multilocular, diffuse, radiopaque lesion

ANSWER:

The radiographic appearance of this lesion is most accurately described as a well-defined, expansile, multilocular radiolucency (a). Because of these observed features the other possibilities under consideration (b,c,d) are excluded in this radiographic assessment.

QUESTION 2:

Your differential diagnosis for this case based on the clinical history and radiographic appearance might include (multiple answers):

- a. Dentigerous cyst
- b. Ameloblastoma
- c. Odontogenic keratocyst

- d. Central (intraosseous) arteriovenous malformation
- e. Cherubism
- f. Aneurysmal bone cyst

ANSWER:

Your differential diagnosis based upon the clinical history and radiographic appearance should include all of the conditions listed.

The dentigerous cyst (a) may involve any unerupted tooth. However, it is most often associated with the impacted mandibular third molar. Additionally, it is most frequently observed in young patients between the ages of 10 and 30 years of age. Extensive lesions may produce facial asymmetry and radiographically present as unilocular radiolucent areas with occasional multilocular lesions.

The ameloblastoma (b) is an odontogenic neoplasm that is rarely observed in children. This lesion is usually asymptomatic and typically presents as an expansile, multilocular, radiolucent (“soap bubble”) lesion involving the posterior mandible. In many cases, an unerupted tooth is associated with this radiolucent lesion.

The odontogenic keratocyst (c) is a distinctive developmental odontogenic cyst found in patients between 10 and 40 years of age. The mandible is involved in 60-80% of the cases, especially the posterior region. This lesion presents as a well-defined, expansile, radiolucent area that may be unilocular or multilocular and is associated with an unerupted tooth in 25-40% of the cases.

A central (intraosseous) arteriovenous malformation (d) is a vascular malformation produced by the abnormal communication between the arterial and venous circulation, bypassing the capillary bed. A thrill or bruit over the area may be detected and the overlying mucosa or skin is significantly warmer. This lesion usually presents as a unilocular or multilocular radiolucent area.

Cherubism (e) is a rare developmental jaw condition that occurs in children. It typically is asymptomatic and presents as bilateral, expansile, multilocular radiolucent areas of the mandible with occasional involvement of the maxilla. These lesions may be associated with unerupted teeth and simulate the appearance of a dentigerous cyst. There are rare reports of unilateral cherubism.

The aneurysmal bone cyst (f) is typically observed in the long bones or vertebral column in patients under the age of 30. Those that occur in the jaws usually are seen involving the posterior mandible. They may be painful and present radiographically as an expansile, multilocular, radiolucent area.

There is a female predilection observed with this lesion.

QUESTION 3:

The appropriate procedure(s) to arrive at a definitive diagnosis include:

- a. Aspiration of the area in question
- b. Biopsy
- c. Advise the patient that this is probably a dentigerous cyst and, unless the area becomes symptomatic, no treatment is indicated
- d. Tell the patient she has cherubism and a biopsy is not necessary in order to make the diagnosis

ANSWER:

The following procedures are indicated in this case:

- (a) Aspiration of the area in question
- (b) Biopsy

Aspiration of the lesion (a) is indicated in order to rule out a central vascular lesion (i.e. arteriovenous malformation). A biopsy (b) is necessary in order to establish a diagnosis.

To advise the patient that this is probably a dentigerous cyst and, unless the area becomes symptomatic, no treatment is indicated (c) does not apply in this case. Additionally, there is little to be gained by telling the patient she has cherubism and a biopsy is not necessary in order to make the diagnosis (d).

QUESTION 4:

Microscopically, the following features are noted: There is a prominent cystic structure in which numerous, small, discrete islands and strands of odontogenic epithelium are observed arising from the epithelial lining of this cyst. Each of these islands and strands contains a peripheral layer of cells with polarized nuclei and encloses a central mass composed of stellate-shaped epithelial cells. The correct diagnosis is:

- a. Odontogenic keratocyst
- b. Dentigerous cyst
- c. Ameloblastoma arising in a dentigerous cyst
- d. Adenomatoid odontogenic tumor

ANSWER:

The lesion is correctly diagnosed as ameloblastoma arising in a dentigerous cyst (c)--see "Discussion" section.

The other possibilities are not considered here because the odontogenic keratocyst (a) is composed of a thin wall of fibrous connective tissue which exhibits a thin, uniform layer of luminal epithelium that exhibits a basal layer composed of cells with palisaded, hyperchromatic nuclei and a corrugated layer of parakeratin along the luminal surface. The dentigerous cyst (b) is also composed of a thin fibrous connective tissue capsule in association with a layer of luminal epithelium composed of two to four layers of cuboidal epithelial cells. Inflammatory cells are usually present within the fibrous capsule. Finally, the adenomatoid odontogenic tumor (d) also exhibits a thick, fibrous connective tissue capsule. This neoplasm is composed of spindle-shaped epithelial cells that form sheets, strands, or whorled masses of cells. Tubular or duct-like epithelial structures and foci of calcification are also observed.

DISCUSSION:

The ameloblastoma is a benign neoplasm of enamel organ tissue which does not undergo differentiation to the point of enamel formation. This tumor has been described by Robinson as "usually unicentric, nonfunctional, intermittent in growth, anatomically benign, and clinically persistent". The first thorough description of the ameloblastoma in the literature was by Falkson in 1879.

The ameloblastoma may arise from any source of odontogenic epithelium. Approximately 17-30% are associated with the crown of an impacted tooth, usually a mandibular third molar. While the ameloblastoma usually affects the middle-aged adult, those that arise from the dentigerous cyst are typically observed during the second or third decades. The occurrence of the phenomenon is evenly divided between the sexes.

Whereas the pericoronal radiolucency may be small, most cases of ameloblastoma arising in a dentigerous cyst exhibit a classic radiographic pattern characterized by a large, unilocular radiolucency involving the entire ramus and extending to the coronoid notch and process. They are most frequently associated with an impacted, displaced third molar tooth demonstrating incomplete root formation. Occasionally, these tumors are multilocular and exhibit scalloped margins. When expansion occurs, clinically observable deformity or facial symmetry may be apparent. Pain and/or paresthesia are generally not evident. An ameloblastoma arising in a dentigerous cyst is radiographically indistinguishable from the odontogenic keratocyst, typical dentigerous cyst, and various other odontogenic and non-odontogenic lesions mentioned in Question 2. A biopsy is required for a definitive diagnosis.

The ameloblastoma is composed of islands of odontogenic epithelium demonstrating a peripheral layer of cells with polarized nuclei that resemble ameloblasts. The central portion of these islands is composed of loosely arranged, stellate-shaped cells resembling stellate reticulum.

The initial therapy should be curettage when the lesion arises in the mandible. Maxillary tumors are difficult to control with curettage; therefore, a partial maxillectomy is recommended in these instances.

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