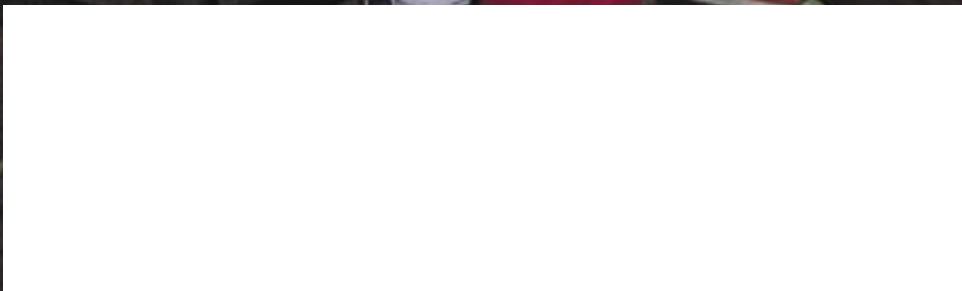
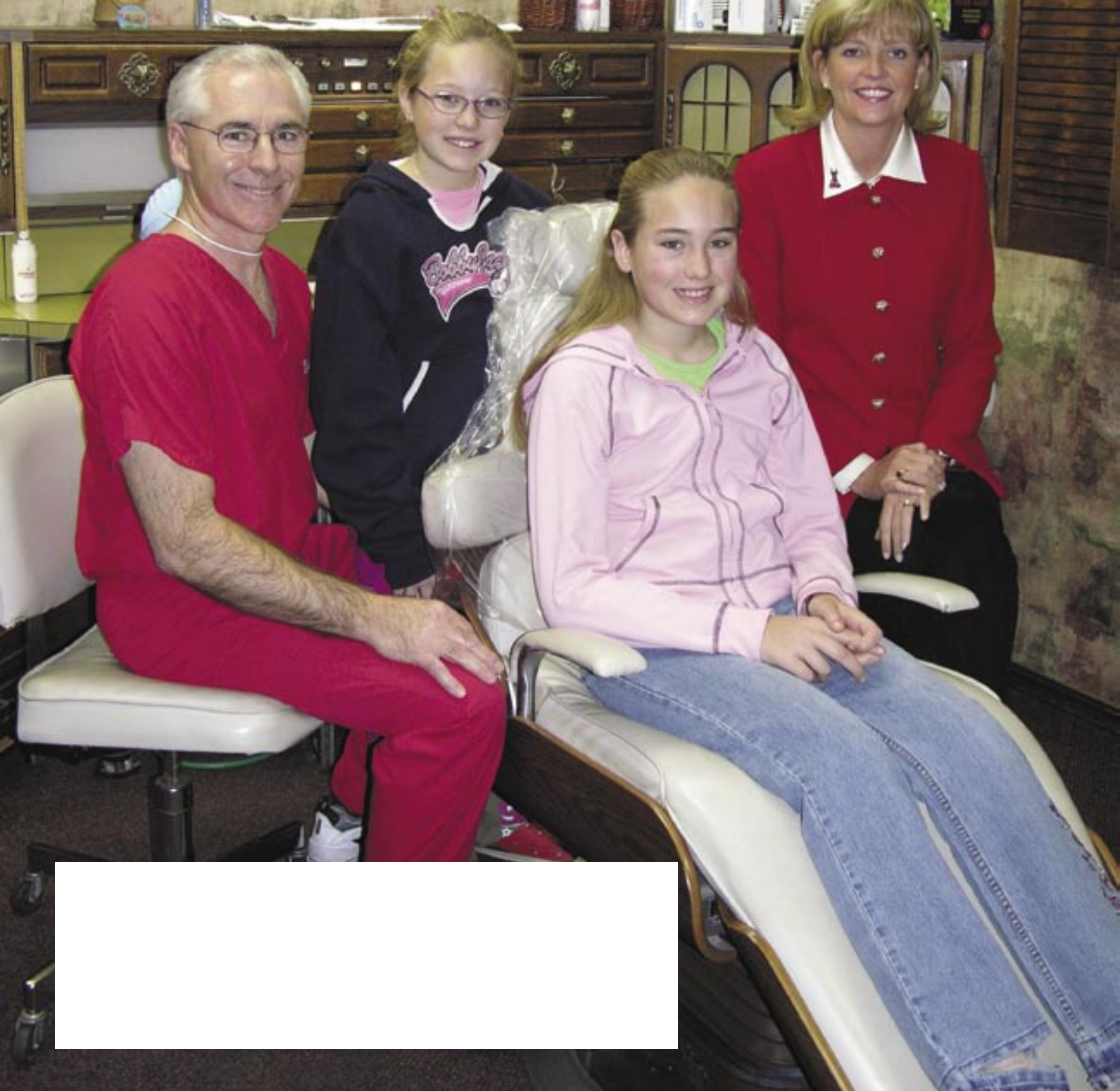


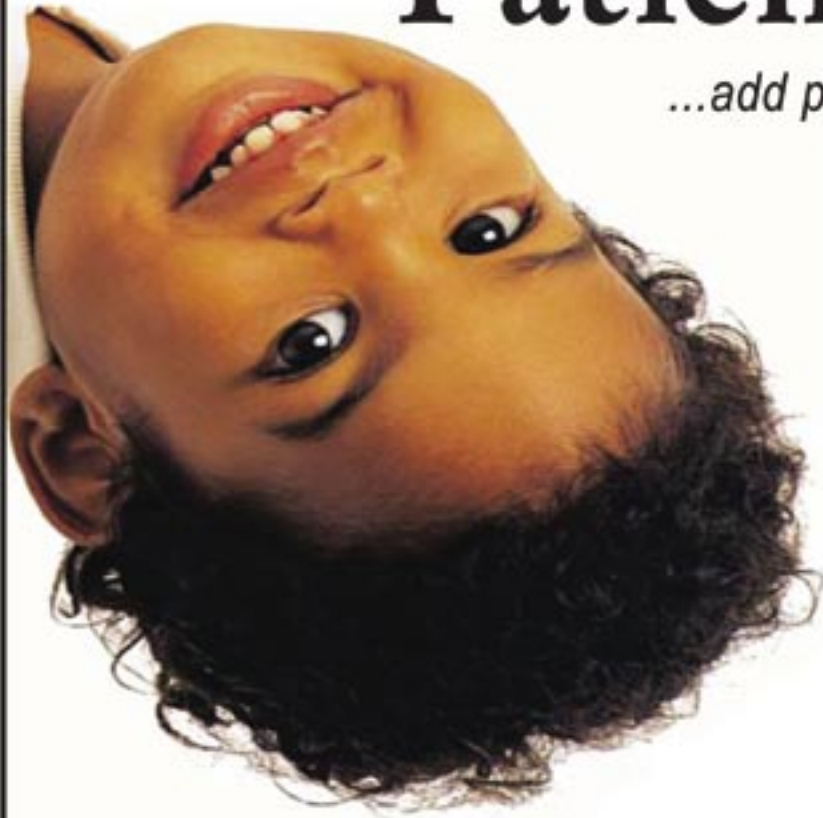
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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Weibel, DDS

### Low Tech, High Touch

She has been there every year since I can remember, usually back out of the way on the 700-800 aisle at the Greater Southwest Dental Conference or, to those of us who are showing their age, the Dallas Mid-Winter Meeting. A very amiable looking person, she is beginning to show signs of mileage like the rest of us, but her winning personality and banter are still intact. She is the convention rep of a small Texas company that sells antibacterial hand wash for the dental office, and she stands behind her booth counter with a basin of warm water in front and a towel on the side. You are automatically drawn to what is going on by the length of the line that forms to receive her ministrations, and when it is your turn she gently grasps your hands in hers, soaps them down with her money-back guaranteed product, and then washes your hands while looking you in the eye and telling you all about the benefits. After the towel-dry she nails you with a final pat and closes the sale. I bought two cases. I always do. And I walked away feeling like I had met an old friend who had just made my day.

Reflecting back on these annual experiences it seems obvious what has been going on. Her hand wash clinically isn't any better than the 200 other products available for purchase, so why spend the extra funds to buy hers? And why the long line of otherwise sophisticated dental professionals waiting to get their hands washed by someone else? Deep down in the coal mines of our psyches is that hard-wired place that craves contact with others, and not just social or verbal interaction, but actual hands-on touching that seems to bridge the chasms between us in an instant. Granted, it must be the variety of touching that is always appropriate to the situation, but it is amazing what gets communicated with the simple shoulder pat or double handshake.

I think we as dental professionals overlook a lot of opportunities to express our ingrained care and concern for our patients by a reluctance to make physical contact with them. Surely the clinical aspects of sublingual lymph node exploration or temporalis muscle palpation are part of our everyday practice. But how about a brief masseter muscle massage after a drawn out posterior endo procedure, or that extra arm-squeeze as you help the hip replacement patient out of the chair? Simple things that we so often overlook or are just outright reluctant to do can mean more than we'll ever know to someone who needs our sincere touch.

My dark room is stacked to the ceiling with cases of hand wash. Come by sometime and I'll make you a deal on some of it. We'll seal it with a handshake! ●

# WHY

## should you join the Alliance?

By Mella Glenn, ODA Alliance President

As the president of the Alliance to the Oklahoma Dental Association I am involved in many dental events and projects. This affords me the pleasure of meeting dentists from all over Oklahoma. My question to each dentist is always the same. Is your spouse a member of the Alliance to the Oklahoma Dental Association? Usually I get a look indicating they wished I would just go away, and then their response, "No, she doesn't have time", or "No, she wouldn't want to get involved". I always smile and tell them I will send an AODA application to their office and maybe their spouse will reconsider.

This has happened so many times that those of you who know me, and know I am rarely at a loss for words, will understand why I feel compelled to tell you why your Alliance is an important part of the Oklahoma dental community. Why it is important for every ODA spouse to belong and to get involved.

The Alliance to the Oklahoma Dental Association was founded over 50 years ago. It was founded by wives of ODA dentists to offer support not just for their husbands, but for each other. It was never just about having lunch or hosting a tea. Our organization was started during a time when being involved in your community and supporting your profession was highly valued. Just as the efforts of the ODA framed the secure environment for practicing dentistry in Oklahoma, so the Alliance worked to add to that structure. From the beginning the AODA was a strong advocate for dentistry both in providing dental health education and support for ODA legislative activities. We started delivering dental hygiene kits to Oklahoma legislators both for their better health and to remind them to recognize ODA interests. We took turns being the Tooth Fairy and going to schools to teach children proper brushing techniques and to give each child his/her own toothbrush. We had dental educational puppet shows. We started programs that have continued for many years. The framework that exists for our wonderful organization took years to build. This existing framework needs only one thing: involved members to continue the legacy.

What are we doing now? While our spouses provide patient dental care we reach out to our communities taking donated dental supplies to poor underserved children needing basic dental care items. The Tulsa County Alliance spends about an hour and a half assembling packets of care to take to abused families living in DVIS shelters.



## MARCH

- MAR 3** – TCDS CE with Dr. Gerald Chiche, Recipes for Predictable Anterior Esthetics
- MAR 14** – TCDS Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers, 6:00 PM, Renaissance Hotel
- MAR 17** – ODASCO Stockholder Meeting, ODA, 12:30 PM
- MAR 17** – ODA Board of Trustees Meeting, ODA, 1:30 PM
- MAR 20** – Retired Dentists Lunch, ODA Headquarters, 11:30 AM
- MAR 20** – Local Arrangements Committee Meeting, Double Tree Hotel, Tulsa, 6:00 PM
- MAR 30** – OCDS General Assembly Meeting, 8:00 AM
- MAR 31** – OCDS CE - Dr. Scott Parker, All Day



## APRIL

- APR 3** – TCDS CE with Dr. Gerald Chiche, Recipes for Predictable Anterior Esthetics
- APR 3** – ADA DC Leadership Conference, Washington DC
- APR 4** – ADA DC Leadership Conference, Washington DC
- APR 5** – ADA DC Leadership Conference, Washington DC
- APR 11** – OCDS CE - Dr. Roger Levin
- APR 11** – OCDS Board Meeting, ODA Building, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- APR 17** – Retired Dentists Lunch, ODA Building, 11:30 - 1:30
- APR 17** – Local Arrangements Meeting, Tulsa DoubleTree, 6:00 - 7:00
- APR 27** – ODA Annual Meeting, Tulsa
- APR 27** – ODA Board of Trustees Meeting, Tulsa, 10:00 - 11:30
- APR 27** – ODA House of Delegates Meeting, Tulsa, 1:00 - 4:00
- APR 28** – ODA Annual Meeting - Tulsa
- APR 29** – ODA Annual Meeting - Tulsa
- APR 29** – ODA Executive Committee Meeting, Tulsa DoubleTree, 9:00 AM
- APR 30** – ODA Annual Meeting - Tulsa

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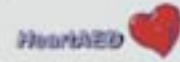
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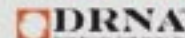
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# DENTIST DAY AT THE CAPITOL

On February 8, 2006, ODA held its annual Dentist Day at the Capitol. Many activities were planned throughout the day including the ODA Alliance passing out legislative gift kits in the morning to every Senator and Representative. The ODA hosted an educational lunch regarding current dental issues faced by the Association. After the luncheon dentists were shuttled to the Capitol to visit their Senators and Representatives with the purpose of creating stronger relationships. Legislators who were visited by an ODA dentist now know someone in their Districts that they can contact when they have a question about oral and public health.

During the evening of Dentist Day at the Capitol, a Legislator-Dentist reception was held at the ODA Building. Over sixty Legislators attended this reception with numerous ODA members also in attendance. The opportunity to fellowship in a social setting continued to solidify the relationships between ODA members and those individuals responsible for crafting public policy that often impacts the practice of dentistry. ●



*Mella Glenn (R), Alliance President, handing a legislative gift kit to Senator Bernest Cain (L).*



*Scott Adkins (L) and Dana Davis (R) educate dentists about current issues at the luncheon.*



*(L-R) Dr. Stephen Young, OUCOD Dean; Dr. Joseph Feretti, Provost, OUHSC; Senator Cal Hobson, Author Dental Loan Repayment SB 1737; Drs. Philip Abshere, James Torchia, W. Lee Beasley*



*Dentists and legislators enjoy the reception.*



*(L-R) Dr. Kurt Gibson, Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin, Dr. Lee Beasley, Dr. Sid Nicholson*



*Students from the OU College of Dentistry and Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin stop for a picture at the reception.*

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Members laugh and reconnect with each other as they drop toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, lotion, and whatever else they can find in donations, into individual packets. Last year over 500 packets were assembled.

I helped in that effort and I still feel good knowing someone who needed dental hygiene supplies received it. In just an hour and a half of fun with my Alliance friends we positively impacted the lives of over 500 persons in need. Time well spent. Much more rewarding than a rerun of "LA Law." Still protest you don't have time? Read on.

Are you aware that the state of Oklahoma has a staff of women whose only job is to go to at-risk and rural schools and provide dental care information? The problem is these state workers have no real supplies to distribute, just information. Alliance members in rural areas, you can help!

For very little time involvement you can gather toothpaste samples (ask your spouse), call the ODA and ask for free toothbrushes, then drop them off at your area school. Your donation effort together with state information sheets will improve dental health in your home area. Eureka, you have become involved!

Today's Alliance to the Oklahoma Dental Association is aware of the limited amount of time our members can volunteer. We organize our important projects in ways that allow even our most time-restricted members to participate. Still we stay focused on our goal to improve dental health education and work to support legislative efforts.

So back to the original questions. Why aren't you an Alliance member? Why aren't you participating? Did your spouse remember to pay your Alliance dues?

Call me (918)809-0227 or e-mail me, [armellaglenn@aol.com](mailto:armellaglenn@aol.com). I will be glad to inform you of activities you can participate in and help you find your place in our wonderful organization. ●

# Redistricting the Component Dental Societies

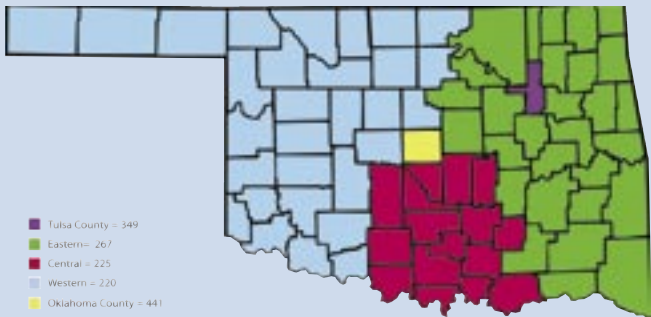
By: Sid Nicholson, ODA President

The Fall 2005 House of Delegates passed a resolution that directed the Board of Trustees to produce a redistricting proposal for the ODA. At the December Board of Trustees meeting, several proposals were presented along with discussion on the pros and cons of each.

Board members endorsed a proposal that basically combined Northern and Eastern, Central and South Central, and Northwest and Southwest to form three larger districts (with some minor shifting of five counties to other than their original districts – to satisfy geographic or numeric balance).

Each of the new districts will have more than 200 members (Tulsa and Oklahoma Counties, incidentally, remain unchanged). The general consensus of the Board was that the proposed new districts could more easily fulfill the need to fill district offices and state council positions. The times (and demographics) they are a changing! Hopefully these changes, if adopted, will be a positive move for our rural district numbers.

Please feel free to contact your district House members and your Trustee to discuss this very important issue. A list of House members is included on this page. You should also make it a topic for any district get-togethers that might occur. ●



ODA Re-District Map  
Proposal Four

Tulsa County	349 members
Eastern District	267 members
Central District	225 members
Western District	220 members
Oklahoma County	441 members

**The House of Delegates will vote on the redistricting proposal on April 27, 2006. Please contact your component delegates with your comments.**

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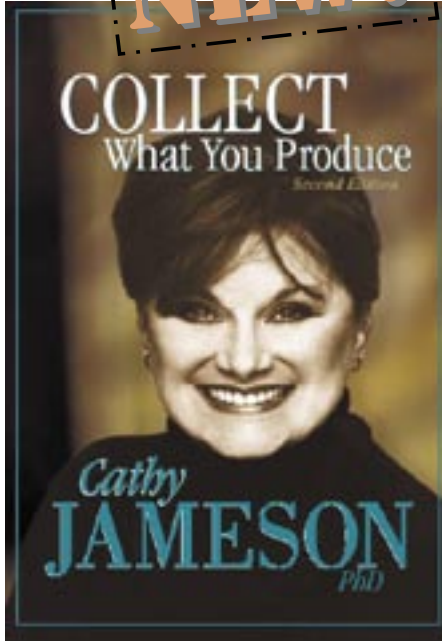
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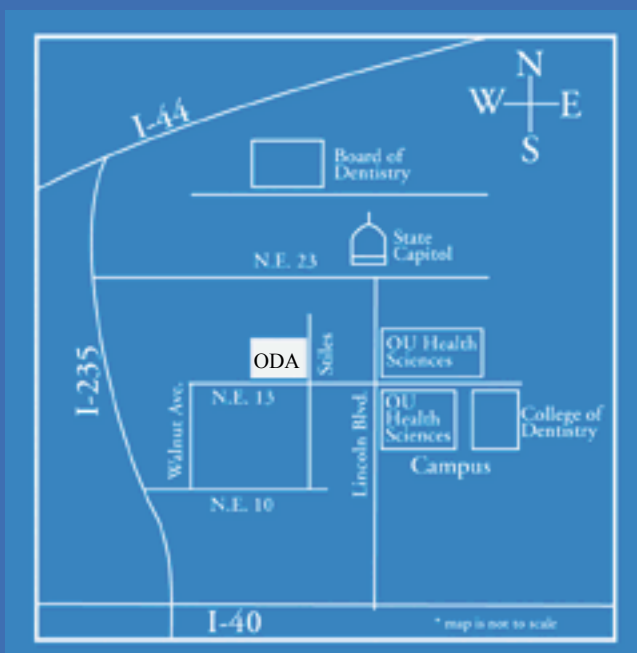
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**John Molinari, PhD**

John A. Molinari, PhD, is currently Professor and Chairman of the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. Dr. Molinari has published over 300 scientific articles, test chapters, and abstracts in the areas of Microbiology and Immunology, is a co-author of the text, *Practical Infection Control in Dentistry*, and has lectured nationally and internationally on topics dealing with infectious diseases and asepsis. He also serves as a consultant for hospitals in the Detroit area. Other activities include an appointment by the ADA as a consultant to the Council on Scientific Affairs, Project Coordinator for the governmental Health Resources and Services Administrative Task Force on AIDS and Dental Education, and Chairman of the American Dental Education Association Curriculum Advisory Committee on Bloodborne Infectious Diseases. Dr. Molinari is also a consultant to the CDC in the areas of infectious disease and infection control. He is Past Chairman of OSAP and a present board member of the OSAP Foundation. Currently, he is the Infection Control Section editor for the *Compendium of Continuing Education in Dentistry*, and also a reviewer for *The Journal of the American Dental Association*. ●

*The 2006 ODA Annual Meeting is right around the corner! The meeting will be held April 27-30 at the Tulsa Convention Center. One of the highlights of the ODA Annual Meeting is the renowned Scientific Sessions that take place throughout the meeting. Between now and April, the ODA Journal will be running previews of the 2006 ODA scientific speakers, giving you an insight into the biographies of each speaker and what you can expect from their presentations at the meeting.*

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In the spirit of celebrating our 100th birthday the *ODA Journal* will be featuring articles, trivia and advertisements from past Journals over the course of the next two years. Join us now as we rewind to the October, 1961, Oklahoma Dental Association's *The Journal*, later known as the *ODA Journal*.

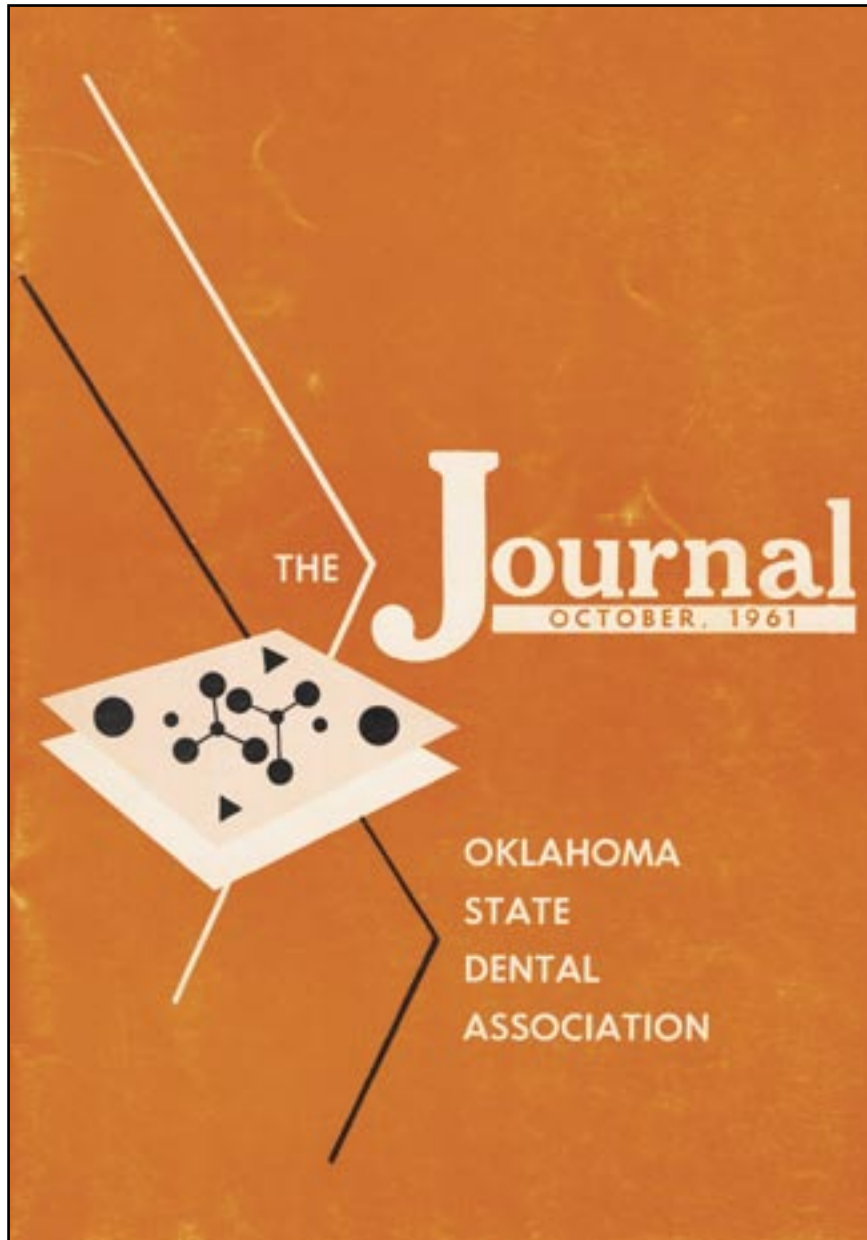
## On A Remarkable Dental Cement Formulated By American Indians Fifteen Hundred Years Ago

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As in other disciplines, the history of dentistry may be studied with both pleasure and profit. The development of the dental profession, particularly its scientific aspects, has a long and rich heritage, with a tradition rooted in antiquity. An understanding and appreciation of the past is of cultural value because it enriches one's life and enlarges one's world. A knowledge of history is also often important from a practical point of view for, as Santayana has so aptly pointed out: "He who is disposed to ignore history must be prepared to repeat it."

Many so-called recent discoveries are actually re-discoveries. One may cite, as an example, the "modern" era of antibiotics. In connection with this, "Dentistry can legitimately claim an early and important, but almost completely overlooked, contribution to the understanding of microbial antagonisms and antibiotics." We refer here to Pickerill's consideration, in 1912, of antibiosis in the mouth, and the implications of such phenomena for oral pathology.

Even earlier than this, however, Ernest Duchesne, a French army physician, reported in his doctoral dissertation of 1897 that cultures of the mold *Penicillium glaucum* produced an antibacterial substance which even in vivo inhibited highly virulent bacteria. Unfortunately, Duchesne died at the age



of 38 of tuberculosis. Thirty-one years after the publication of Duchesne's theses, Alexander Fleming discovered that *Penicillium notatum* produced penicillin, the first of the widely but erroneously acclaimed "miracle drugs."

Just as some discoveries are really re-discoveries, so many recent developments had their origins much earlier than one is often aware of. This is illustrated by certain relatively recent findings concerning dental decorations in vogue 1500 years ago with Central and South American Indians.

A fascinating report by S. Linne in the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, July-Dec., 1957, describes jadeite inlays in canine teeth of the upper jaws of American Indians. The dark, green, jadeite plugs fitted perfectly in superbly bored cylindrical cavities. This in itself bespeaks a remarkable technical facility.

But there is more to the story than this. The bottom of each cavity was filled with a minute quantity of a cement, the chemical composition of which agrees surprisingly well with the ingredients of our present-day Portland cement. It is therefore unlikely that the 1500-year-old formula was merely some accidental mixture. Rather, the Indians seem to have artfully devised a cement of unusual durability. This accomplishment is all the more remarkable because of the isolation of the American Indians from the mainstream of Western Civilization.

The following brief section is quoted verbatim from Linne's above-mentioned paper because his original report conveys far more eloquently than any digest the romance, fascination and cultural value of his research, as well as its importance to dental history.

#### DENTAL DECORATIONS

"The Indians practised three kinds of dental decoration: 'filling,' 'filing,' and 'staining.' In 1882 E. T. Hamy announced the discovery of incrustated dentition. The material has continually expanded, but the distribution does not change. People with front teeth filed in different fashion appeared in both South and Central America, those with incrustated teeth in Mesoamerica as well as one spot on the coast of Ecuador. From my excavations in Teotihuacan, an ancient metropolis in Mexico Valley, I brought home some jaw fragments with inlays in the canine tooth of the upper jaw. Teotihuacan was the focal centre of one of those 'classic' cultures which suddenly burst forth just after the beginning of our own era. Among the contemporary Zapotecs in Oaxaca, too, and above all among the Maya of northern Guatemala and eastern Mexico, incrustation of the teeth was practised.

"The reason for submitting to painful operations like these could scarcely have been merely aesthetic. That his operation was carried out before death is beyond all doubt. The most common inlay was jadeite, which was regarded by the ancient Mexicans as a bearer of potent magic forces. By

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means of jadeite 'plombs' the wearer insured himself – an all-risk insurance – against the chances of malignant spirits sneaking into his body via the mouth.

"The dentists at the University of Odontology in Stockholm, who twenty years ago examined the "plumbed" teeth from Teotihuacan, established that it would scarcely prove possible for a dentist equipped with the most up-to-date instruments to surpass this Stone Age colleague of theirs. X-ray pictures show the superbly bored cylindrical cavity and the perfect fit of the inlay, four millimeters in diameter, notwithstanding the extreme degree of hardness possessed by both jadeite and tooth enamel. The cement by means of which the filling was fastened must have been of extraordinary quality. The composition of this particular cement is a problem that cannot be solved by an anthropologist, an archaeologist, and ethnologist, or a dentist. The fact that this cement has fulfilled its task even after 1500 years is astonishing indeed – that used by our dentists of today can scarcely be depended on to outlast a patient's lifetime. In 1948, I managed to get Professor Arne Engstrom to interest himself in this problem. At the bottom of the drilled cavities in those teeth in which the jadeite discs were fastened he found a minute quantity of cement. The result of his preliminary analysis is that this cement consists of at least two components. One of them proved to be cinnabar. To the people of Teotihuacan cinnabar was a highly valued material used for decoration of pottery for sacral purposes, for murals and other ornamentation of non-utility objects. Professor Engstrom had located the magic component of the cement use for fastening the inlays, these in themselves magical. The physical part of it was left to be discovered.

"Professor Engstrom was unfortunately not in a position to follow up his examinations. However, he was kind enough to forward the material to Bert L. Vallee, MD, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for spectrographic analysis. Dr. Vallee was the most outstanding authority whom Professor Engstrom could have consulted for such an analysis. The result of his spectrogram is as follows: The following elements were present (+ = relative concentration):

Calcium 3+	Silicon 1+
Magnesium 2+	Aluminum 1+
Iron 2+	Copper 1+
Sodium 1+	Manganese 1+
Barium 1+	Silver - trace
Strontium 1+	Vanadium - trace

"Dr. Vallee's analysis showed the absence of mercury. This proves that the purple cinnabar had never been worked into the cement. Dr. Vallee's figures indicate only the relative concentration of the elements. Obviously we cannot entirely exclude the possibility of some elements emanating to some extent, however slight, from the tooth itself or from the stone drill or the pulverized hard rock used in drilling. At the time,

metals were not yet in use. The essential elements in Portland cement agree surprisingly well with Dr. Vallee's analysis. What the Teotihuacan product lacks in order to be designated a kind of Portland cement is potassium oxide and sulphur trioxide. These are found in Portland cement in minimal quantities only. Dr. Vallee, however, established the occurrence of substances not present in this cement. The relative concentration speaks against it being a case of impurities. A chemist with patience, imagination, and a thorough knowledge of the chemical composition of cements should be able to deduce the formula for the cement use by his Mexican colleagues 1500 years ago."

#### EPILOGUE

In these days when things happen more and more quickly, and where rugged individualism and materialistic values dominate so much of science, as well as other areas of society, this modest report of Linne's findings seems to convey a more important message than at first meets the eye. This may perhaps be summed up as: 1) an appreciation for accomplishments of the past, 2) a respect for the dignity of other cultures, 3) the zest, excitement, and gratification of intellectual endeavor, and 4) the cultural value of scholarly pursuit and academic contribution. It is also instructive to realize that Linne's publication of 1957 culminates some 17 years patiently devoted to the problem. Finally, one should appreciate that the solution resulted from the cooperation of men who worked in different disciplines and lived on different continents. ●

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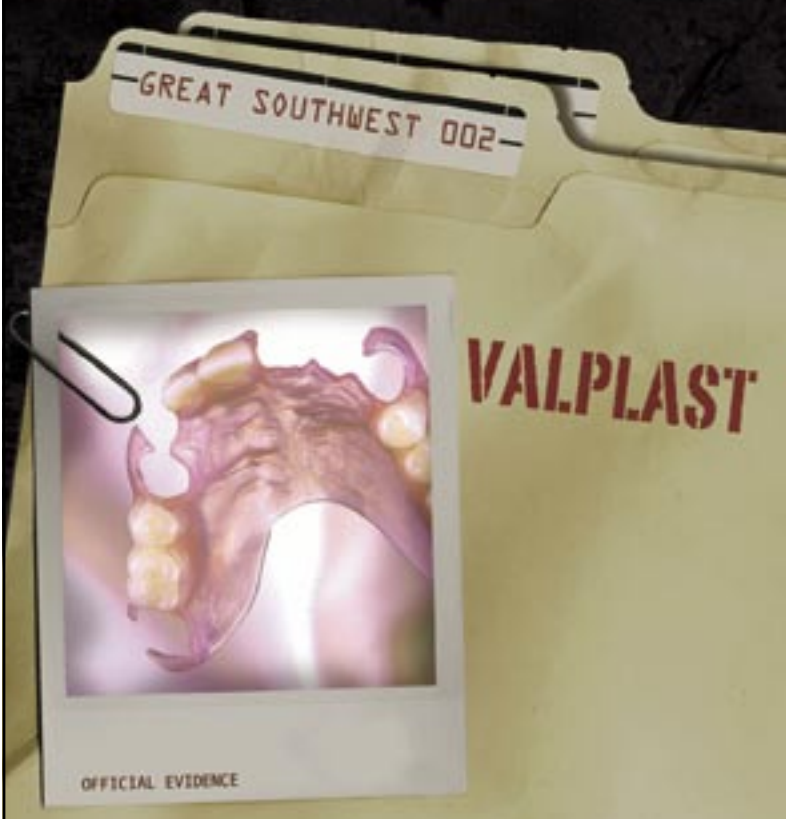
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# Give Kids a Smile!

**T**he 2006 Give Kids a Smile! (GKAS) Day was a huge success! This year, many new GKAS efforts began, while the projects that were repeats of previous years' efforts grew bigger and more effective. Overall, almost 100 ODA dentists worked on Give Kids a Smile! Day to provide dental treatment and care to over 350 underserved children. Care ranged from fluoride treatments to root canals, with the approximate value of dental care provided totaling over \$60,000!

And Give Kids a Smile! Day wasn't just what

occurred on February 3rd. Many dentists agreed to see children after GKAS Day, thus providing long-term care or addressing problems that just could not be handled in a single day. Additionally, thousands of screenings were conducted during the entire month of February as part of National Children's Dental Health Month.

What follows is a brief photo montage of the GKAS efforts that spanned the state of Oklahoma. And start planning now – GKAS 2007 is now less than one year away!



*Dr. Tamara Berg (Yukon), Oklahoma First Lady Kim Henry and Blake Roys (13)*

## YUKON

The oldest Give Kids a Smile! program in Oklahoma occurs every year in Yukon. Dr. David Deason is the pioneer of Yukon's efforts to improve the state of children's oral health in Yukon, and he has sustained a program that predates the ADA's GKAS Day by almost

thirty years. This year, the Yukon dentists joined together to screen every single first grader in the community (950 children).

Following the massive screening effort, numerous Yukon dentists helped treat children that were identified as in need of oral care by the Yukon Helping Hand's coordinator.

The reason Dr. Deason's program is so successful is because every dentist in the Yukon community participates in the program. Because of this 100% participation, Yukon's state legislators and local leaders get behind the effort – even going so far as to issue a city proclamation recognizing the efforts of Yukon dentists and the importance of children's dental health.

This year, Oklahoma First Lady Kim Henry visited several dental offices in Yukon as part of Give Kids a Smile! Day.



*Dr. Chris Recknagel screens children at Mustang schools*

## MUSTANG

This year Dr. Chris Recknagel screened all Mustang first graders.

This was Mustang's second year conducting such a program, and thanks to Dr. Recknagel's organization and excitement about the program

from the Mustang School Board this successful event will continue to grow in the coming years.



*Dr. Karen Rattan treats a young patient*

## OKLAHOMA INDIAN CLINIC

Dr. Ott Holleman organized the second GKAS effort at the Oklahoma Indian Clinic in Oklahoma City. Several Oklahoma City area dentists volunteered in

morning and afternoon shifts to treat children identified by the clinic as in need of dental treatment.

The waiting room was full of patients and eventually all children were seen, with a range of treatments. This second-year effort was a huge success!



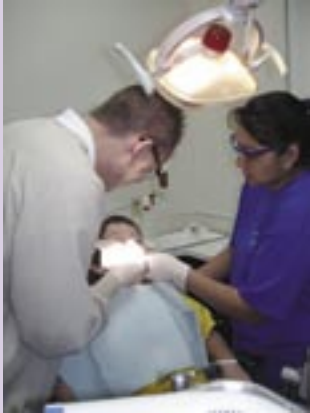
*A child receives treatment at the Danners' office.*

## OKLA. CITY

Drs. Russell and Jeffrey Danner offered free, desperately needed dental services at their office, in NW Oklahoma City, to local, low-income children. The children were selected from local elementary schools and Head Start programs, and

were previously screened by a school nurse. This year they saw a need to enlist the help of Spanish honor students from Putnam City North High School to help interpret for the families and patients.

The Danners' have been involved with Give Kids a Smile! since its inception in 2003.



Giving Shawnee kids a smile

## SHAWNEE

Dr. Brian Drew headed up the treatment efforts in Shawnee. The waiting room was filled with smiling children, all of whom were given free treatment of some kind. The efforts in Shawnee lasted all day and approximately 40 local children were treated.



Excited staff members in Moore prepare to give kids a smile.

## MOORE

In Moore, for the second year, Dr. Richard Freeman opened his office to children from across the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. Dr. Freeman, in conjunction with other local dentists, treated several children that day. The staff

members played a big role in promoting the event by making "Free Dentistry" signs and standing out by the street! Way to go!

## THAT'S NOT ALL

Several ODA dentists opened their own offices for care during GKAS, treating children in need of oral care from their immediate communities while others visited schools for screenings or educational purposes.

These types of efforts just go to show that GKAS does not always have to be a massive event with several dentists. You can make a difference at any level; it's often as easy as simply devoting one morning in your office to the treatment of kids from your local school that you know need help. Giving Kids a Smile comes in all shapes, forms, and sizes! ●

# NATIONAL GIVE KIDS A SMILE! BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Give Kids A Smile!® name was first used by the Greater St. Louis Dental Society and a group of dentists who set up a temporary full-service clinic that treated nearly 400 children over two days in February 2002.

Since then the program has grown enormously, and in 2006 resulted in treatment of over 500,000 children. Events took place at approximately 2,000 locations across the nation, with over 27,000 dental team volunteers and 12,000 dentists, providing free services to underserved children.

The ADA's role in the national Give Kids A Smile project is to function as an umbrella for the numerous charitable education, screening, prevention and comprehensive treatment programs already in existence by having as many of them as possible occur on the same day under the same brand. At the same time, the campaign provides a framework for identifying, cataloging and recognizing the many access activities – large and small – that take place throughout the year.

Give Kids a Smile! welcomes any activity that addresses the needs of underserved children, from tooth-brushing demonstrations in schools to individual dentists who provide comprehensive care in their offices to large-scale temporary clinics that provide comprehensive dental care.

Joining the ADA in its Give Kids A Smile! efforts is Crest Healthy Smiles, the exclusive consumer product sponsor. Crest Healthy Smiles, a national oral health outreach program, provides oral hygiene products, educational materials and the resources of its partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America to GKAS events across the country.

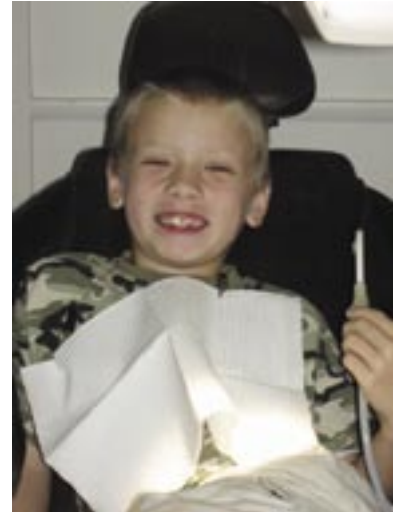
# GKAS PHOTO ALBUM



*Dr. Recknagel screens a child at a local elementary school in Mustang.*



*Staff members in front of Dr. Freeman's office in Moore advertising free dental care.*



*Stephen Wilcox is ready for his close-up on GKAS Day in Edmond.*



*Drs. March Arledge, Colin Eliot, Mike Wallace and Jeroy Yeager participated in GKAS in Edmond.*



*Spanish Honor Students help the translation efforts at Drs. Russell and Jeffrey Danner's office.*



*Dr. Recknagel teaches Mustang elementary students about the 'cavity bug.'*



*Children, in the waiting room at the Oklahoma Indian Clinic, excited about Give Kids a Smile! Day.*

# 2006 ODA NOMINATIONS

**THE COUNCIL ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OFFERS THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS 2006 ODA NOMINEES. THESE POSITIONS WILL BE VOTED ON DURING THE ODA ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 29, 2006.**

## **ELECTIONS**

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Elections shall be held at the annual session by printed ballots deposited in a sealed ballot box, unless the Board orders a vote by mail. 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 the following day, between the two candidates (for each office not having a majority) receiving the largest number of votes in the first ballot. The Council on Nominations and Elections shall cause the votes to be counted to determine if a majority exists.

## **GUIDELINES FOR VOTING FOR ODA OFFICE**

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### Voting During the Annual Meeting

Voting shall be in a convenient, central location.\* The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for administering the balloting with the assistance of the Council on Nominations and Elections. Members voting during the Annual Meeting shall present their current ADA card.

\* The 2006 designated voting area will be near the registration desk at the Tulsa Convention Center. Voting shall be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2006.

### Absentee Voting

A member who does not intend to vote during the Annual Meeting must request an absentee ballot from the Executive Office on his/her office letterhead stationery with the member's signature at least twenty (20) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The marked absentee ballot must be received in the Executive Office at least seven (7) days prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting or be deposited in the absentee ballot box during regular voting hours. If application for absentee ballot is made, it will be the member's only vote. When it is received in the Executive Office, the member's name shall be removed from the voting rolls. Therefore, the member must mail the ballot in, or deposit it in the ballot box during the meeting. He/she will not be allowed to vote at the annual meeting. The absentee ballots will be opened and counted with the votes cast during the Annual Meeting.



**Fred R. Lucas, Jr. DDS**  
**Vice President Candidate**

Dr. Fred Lucas attended Phillips University 1958-59, the University of Oklahoma 1959-61 and graduated from Baylor University College of Dentistry in 1965. He opened a general practice in 1965 and is currently located in Watonga, Oklahoma where he resides with his wife of 42 years, Joyce. Dr. Lucas has been a member of the Oklahoma Dental Association and its components since 1965. He is a past secretary/treasurer of Northwest District and was president twice. He chaired the ODA Sub-council on Insurance in 1984-85 and served as a member from 1981-85.

Dr. Lucas previously served on the Board of Governors of Registered Dentists, the OU Dental School Board of Trustees, and the Oklahoma Dental Foundation Board of Trustees. He is a past member of the Academy of General Dentistry, Academy of Dental Practice Administration, and the American Orthodontic Society. Dr. Lucas is a member of the Pankey Institute Alumni attending CI-CV, the International College of Dentists since 1995, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dr. Lucas' professional contributions include part-time instructor at the OU Dental Endodontic Department from 1975-1985, presenter of programs on practice administration at the ODA annual meeting and the OU College of Dentistry from 1975-1993, member of the Admissions Committee at the OU College of Dentistry from 1998-2005, and coordinator of the

Cimarron Study Club from 1981-2003.

Dr. Lucas is a past Board Chairman and past Deacon of the Watonga Christian Church and has served as an Elder since 1990. He is a member of the Watonga Chamber of Commerce and served as President three times. He is Director for the First State Bank and has served on the loan committee since 1996.

He enjoys quail hunting and restoring historical buildings such as the Ferguson Chapel/Presbyterian Church, Noble House Bed and Breakfast/Restaurant and four other buildings on Main Street in Watonga. He is a Main Street Organization member earning awards from State Main Street on building renovations.



**Jandra Mayer-Ward, DDS**  
**Vice President Candidate**

Dr. Jandra Mayer-Ward graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 2000 from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry.

While attending the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Ward was President of the OUHSC Student Association, appointed President of OUCOD DSI Class, President of the Graduating Class of 2000, and President of the OUCOD Student Council.

Dr. Ward is a member and has been President of the Northern District Dental Society of the ODA since 2000. She's been a member of the ODA House of Delegates, ODA Board of Trustees, Oklahoma Dental Foundation Board of Trustees and DENPAC since 2000.

She has served on the ODA Sub-council on Mediation Review since 2003. She currently serves on the Council on Dental Care and the Council on Nominations and Elections. Dr. Ward is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry since 2000.

She is an active member of the Vinita Area Chamber of Commerce Board since 2001 and served as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in 2003-2004. Dr. Ward has served on the Board of the Vinita Rotary Club since 2001. She was Program Director in 2003-04, Centennial President in 2004-05, and currently serves as the Program Director and Bulletin Editor.

Dr. Ward was Oklahoma's Young Dentist of the Year in 2005. She currently practices in Vinita, Oklahoma where she resides with her husband Grady and their three sons Parker, 6; Payton, 4 ½; and Price, 3.



**Stephen O. Glenn, DDS**  
**Speaker of the House**

Dr. Steve Glenn received a Bachelor of Science, Pre-Dental Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1972 and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in March of 1974 graduating with honors. He engaged in the General Practice of Dentistry in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1974 where he has been practicing since.

Dr. Glenn served as Alternate Delegate to the ADA in 2002, Delegate in 2003 and member of the House of Delegates Committee on Credentials, Rules & Order in 2003. He is a past president of the Oklahoma Dental Association and served as chairman of the Council on Constitution, Bylaws, & Policy, Council on Membership & Membership Services, Council on Dental Care, and Annual Sessions Host Committee. He also served as a member of the Council on Budget and Planning and the Local Arrangements Committee. He is a member of the Tulsa County Dental Society serving as President (1983-84), Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. He was on the TCDS Executive Committee from 1979-2000 and served on the Mediation Review Committee.

Dr. Glenn is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the International College of Dentists. He is Secretary of the Oklahoma Section of the International College of Dentists and a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Dentistry. Dr. Glenn previously served on the Oklahoma Dental Foundation Board of Trustees as Vice President and as Secretary/Treasurer. He was Chairman of the DENPAC Board of Directors in 2003-2004.

He received the A. L. Walters Award (Outstanding Dentist in Tulsa 1985-86) and the James A. Sadoris Award for Outstanding Service to Dentistry (1992-93) from the Tulsa County Dental Society. He was awarded the Seids Cup for Outstanding Table Clinic in 1991 and the Thomas Jefferson Citizenship Award in 1988 by the Oklahoma Dental Association.

Dr. Glenn is married to Mella and has three daughters, Amy ('74), Tricia ('75) and Mary ('77); twin sons, Christopher and Michael ('77) and three grandchildren.



**Raymond A. Cohlmiya, DDS  
ADA Delegate**

Dr. Raymond Cohlmiya is a member of the Oklahoma County Dental Society, Oklahoma Dental Association, American Dental Association, International College of Dentists, American College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He chairs the ADA District XII Council on Membership and has been a member since 2002. In the 1990s he served on various ADA councils and boards including the Council on Annual Sessions and International Programs, Council on Dental Benefits Programs, the Strategic Planning Council and the ADPAC Board. He was a Seminar Presenter at the 1998 ADA Annual Session and in 2000-02 he was an ADA Future of Dentistry Panel Author.

Dr. Cohlmiya was President of the Oklahoma Dental Association in 2001-2002, Secretary/Treasurer in 1998, and currently serves on the Editorial Board and was Chief Editor in 2005. He is past chairman of DENPAC and currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer. He was Chairman of the annual meeting planning committee in 1990, 1992, 1994, and 1995.

Dr. Cohlmiya is past president of the Oklahoma County Dental Society (1997-1998) and served as Secretary/Treasurer in 1994-1995 and 2002-2003. He was the Continuing Education Programs Chairman in 1994-1995 and has served on the Board of Directors since 1990.

Dr. Cohlmiya has served on the OU College of Dentistry Admissions Committee since 1987 and the OU J. Dean Robertson Board of Trustees since 2003. He was the OU College of Dentistry Alumni Association President 1991-1996, served on the Editorial Board for

received the Oklahoma "Young Dentist of the Year" Award in 1992, the Oklahoma "Dentist of the Year" Award in 2004 and the Oklahoma "Benjamin Franklin Scroll" Award in 2005.

Dr. Cohlmiya's civic involvement includes: member of the St. Elijah Orthodox Church Board of Trustees 1994-present, Treasurer, St. Elijah Orthodox Church 1999-present, Chairman of St. Elijah "Food Festival and Bake Sale" 1990-2002 and Scoutmaster, BSA Troop 114 1998-2004.



**Philip M. Abshere, DDS  
ADA Alternate Delegate**

Dr. Philip Abshere graduated with honors from OU College of Dentistry in 1981. He completed a general practice residency at Oklahoma Children's Memorial Hospital. He opened a full time private practice of general dentistry in 1982 in Oklahoma City where he currently practices.

Dr. Abshere is past president of the Oklahoma County Dental Society, Oklahoma Dental Association, OUCOD Alumni Association, and the Academy of Air National Guard Dentists.

He is a past Delegate to the American Dental Association, past member of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation Board of Trustees, past member of the Oklahoma Dental Association Board of Trustees and past Chairman of DENPAC. He currently serves as an Alternate Delegate to the ADA and as a member of the ODASCO Board of Trustees. He also serves on the ODA House of Delegates.

He is a Fellow of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy, and American Academy of Forensic Examiners. He is an advisor to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and lead forensic dentist United Nations/International War Crimes Tribunal Investigation; Vukovar, Croatia mass grave site.

He was awarded the University of Oklahoma Regent's Alumni Award, the National Guard Association of the United States Meritorious Service Award, and was the Air National Guard Outstanding Dental Corps Officer of the Year.

Dr. Abshere is a Distinguished Graduate of the US Air Force Officer Training School and served eight years on active duty as a T-38 Instructor Pilot and B-52 Command Pilot.

**COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

In addition to the previous nominations, the Council on Nominations and Elections offers the following candidates for ODA Council service. These nominations will be voted on by the House of Delegates on April 27, 2006.

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The 2006 ODA Annual Meeting is right around the corner! You should have already received a Registration Packet in the mail. The Annual Meeting will be held April 27 – 30, 2006 at the Tulsa Convention Center and downtown Doubletree Hotel.

One of the highlights of the ODA Annual Meeting is the renowned Scientific Sessions that take place throughout the meeting. This year is no different. Each of the speakers and topics are featured in your Registration Packet and will be highlighted again in the April Journal. Please take advantage of the “Oklahoma Twister” program – something new this year – where we have asked a few of your Oklahoma colleagues to share their expertise in their areas of specialty for CE credit. It should be a lot of fun – as well as educational!

And the meeting always ends with a “bang” at the President’s Dinner on Saturday night. The 2006

President’s Dinner is dedicated to all ODA members! Come prepared to dance away the evening to the fabulous sounds of Souled Out. Dancing will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the dinner has been planned in a unique, dining-around-the-world style at which we’ll have “stations” set-up to tempt you with cuisine from Mexico to Italy! The evening’s attire is black tie VERY optional, so come comfortable and be prepared to share great food, enjoy fantastic music, and have a grand time with your friends!

You will find information about these events – and all things ODA Annual Meeting – in your Registration Packet. If you did not receive a Registration Packet, please forgive the oversight, and visit us online at [www.okda.org](http://www.okda.org) to find the information.

We look forward to seeing you in Tulsa in April!

## SID'S ALL AMERICAN DINNER HONORING ALL ODA MEMBERS

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## 2006 Coming & Going Luncheon

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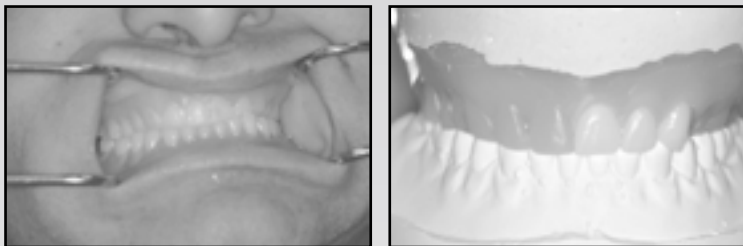
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## SEPARATE TICKET EVENTS

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ODA Alliance/Spouse Luncheon - Saturday \$35.00

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## Buccal Pit Study Club #5

Sometimes it's hard to get there from here. At least that is what ran through Dr. Ed's mind as he and K-Flex made their way from Gator Crossing to Oklahoma City to see the folks at the State Board. The county had been promising for years to oil and chip the old logging road that ran west out of town across Gator Crossing Lake dam, but past commissioner scandals saw most of the old guard doing 10 to 20 over at McAlester for unusual equipment purchases. Anyway, the going was slow and they were both getting restless. A quick stop in Antlers before the turnpike for gas and encouragement helped somewhat, and getting the truck up to speed seemed to lift everyone's mood. In his younger days, K-Flex had been known to hang his head out of the truck window past the side mirrors so his ears could flap, but the years and a few bouts of insects going up various orifices had convinced him that napping on the front seat held no shame. Dr. Ed's office manager had gone online and made reservations for them in the City somewhere along I-40, but the late start and bad road would get them there way past midnight. Not having cruise control on the old restored truck made keeping it at 75 a chore, and before long rolling red flashers showed up in the rear view mirror. It was going to be a long night.

The state trooper had that unmistakable scowl on as he ambled up to the driver's side window. He was just about to ask for license and registration when recognition occurred. Dr. Ed instantly caught a glimpse of the specialized denture he had made for the officer several years ago as a favor to Wanda down at the Long Branch. She had finally convinced the patrolman, her brother-in-law and regular customer, to see Dr. Ed about some new teeth for everyone's benefit. Creativity took over with red and blue LED lites being placed on the facial of eight and nine to resemble the flashing lights on the front of his cruiser. The effect was usually disarming when switched on and both patient and Dr. Ed had been pleased with the results. The doctor-patient relationship can have benefits in such situations and Dr. Ed got off with a warning and a promise to come in for a much-needed reline. The trooper also warned him about the speed trap between Earlsboro and Shawnee and then sped off in search of other prey. It was almost 10 PM, they weren't even halfway, and

K-Flex had to pee.

Back on the interstate, traffic began to back up just outside of the first Tinker exit and the slowing pace brought both Dr. Ed and K-Flex out of their sleep-deprived haze. The printout from Travelocity that had the address of their motel had been somewhere in the truck cab, but with the windows down it was now nowhere to be found. Several years had passed since he had made the trip back to the City, but he had read about a lot of new construction downtown and figured there would surely be someplace for them to stay close to the Board office. Construction detours around the old Crosstown

Expressway got them quickly lost, and after running the third unfamiliar stoplight on Reno, stopping to ask directions no longer seemed an unacceptable option. A defunct Fina station had a lone bulb burning in one of the old service bays, so Dr. Ed pulled the truck in and cut the headlights. K-Flex registered disapproval with a low growl as the two of them exited the truck and knocked on the front door. Much to their surprise and relief, a work-shirt clad young woman met them with a smile and invitation to step inside. It was obvious that the old filling station was in the early stages of significant renovation, with plumbing, wiring, new sheet rock and painting all going on at the same time. Dr. Ed introduced himself and K-Flex, who had

immediately sensed the improvement in their situation and was already enjoying a good ear-scratch from their host. As fate usually has it, the young woman was a newly-minted graduate of OUCOD and was feverishly trying to get her new dental office ready for equipment installation next week. Upon learning of their quest to find the Dental Board Office in the morning, she made the offer of short-term shelter back in what would soon be the sterilization area. Dr. Ed quickly accepted and went out to get his sleeping bag from the truck. K-Flex circled twice and flopped down on a pile of insulation and was soon snoring away. Although grateful for the unscheduled shelter, Dr. Ed hoped that they could find the Board Office tomorrow, and that the Dentsply rep with the biolaser hadn't found a new customer!



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