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# president's message

## Where do we go from here?



By Dr. Lee Beasley

Where do I go from here? I bet this is one of the first thoughts of every ODA President. With only one year to accomplish everything I would like to accomplish, there is simply no time to

waste. That is why strategic planning is so important. Clear, long-term goals have to be identified so that an organization, its officers, members and staff don't forget where they are headed. I believe that you set a goal, structure a plan to reach that goal, and then take action. Strategic planning will give us our goals and help us formulate the plans to make sure all of our goals are achieved.

Right now the ODA is at a defining moment - a point in history where momentum is gaining, obstacles are being overcome, and massive change is beginning to take place. I have been both complimented and criticized for making changes too fast. Change is criticized because it can be disturbing and even painful, but without change progress cannot be accomplished, and without progress an Association fails to evolve and eventually becomes irrelevant because it no longer serves the needs of its members. In today's world, an association must evolve rapidly to continually be of value, and change is the cornerstone of our evolution.

So, change we must.

But where exactly do we go from here? We have achieved many of the goals that we set at the last strategic planning conference, and now it is time to have another conference to prepare us for the future. To begin the process of strategic planning we are preparing a membership survey to find out where you believe the ODA should go. I encourage you to respond if you receive the

membership survey. The only way that the ODA leadership can know what direction you want the ODA to take is if you tell us. The only way the ODA leadership will understand how you want the association to communicate with you is to let us know your preferences. I want to know what you think the ODA is doing well and what could be improved, but only you can tell me what you think!

This is why those randomly selected to participate in the membership survey must participate. Only by knowing what the membership wants can the ODA fulfill membership needs - it's just that simple. Once the member survey is complete, a strategic planning meeting will take place and define our new ODA goals.

In the meantime, I have goals that I want to accomplish as ODA President and I want to share those with you. My goals for the coming year are:

- \* Improve communication with the public and our members. This can be accomplished by continually improving and adding to our Web site, increasing the use of e-mail, fax, and conference calls as a means of communication, and reorganizing and improving the ODA's newsletter and journals.

- \* Conduct a strategic planning conference to determine the ODA's new long-term goals.

- \* Increase membership - every dentist in this state should be a member of the ODA.

- \* Streamline our governance so we can quickly respond to challenges.

- \* Legislatively I want to strengthen our grass-roots system, improve our lobbying and continue to increase the funds in our PAC.

- \* Improve access to care by restructuring Senior Dent, Care Dent and improving the Medicaid system.

- \* Address the State employee dental plan (HealthChoice).

- \* Complete the new ODA headquarters building and pay it off through funds raised in our Centennial Campaign.

- \* Improve and expand volunteerism within the association and develop new young leaders.

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# editor's message



By Dr. Raymond Cohlma

We call ourselves the “New” ODA - an organization that is moving into a strategic position to be a dominant part of Oklahoma dentistry both past and present, and it all begins with how we present our pro-

fession and our duty to the community.

From the daily newspapers to all the news networks, we all know that the media play a critical role in determining how the public perceives issues, ideas, and individuals. The flow of information and the way it is presented shapes public opinion. As we look at our current world situation, we realize that, good or bad, the major driving voice belongs to the media. This is truer now than ever before.

As dentists, our personal responsibility is to show concern for human welfare, put service above self, and advance the art and science of the dental profession for the benefit of all people. This responsibility was born to each of us as soon as we chose dentistry as our career. Many believe this to be “happenstance.” I say untrue. We need to continue to present ourselves as a profession whose primary concern is to care for the public.

From this stems what should be our clear focus - working with and being a part of the media in the future. Fortunately for us, our previous strong public stance, moral and ethical values, and scientific studies for validation, continues to serve as the backbone of our profession. As a result, most coverage of dentistry and the ADA has been positive, with consumers benefiting from useful scientific information to promote oral health. “Happenstance”? Possibly. Prepared?

Most definitely.

However, it is clear that we still have some ways to go. As you recall, every year the Gallup organization polls the country to determine public opinion about business issues. Interestingly, in the last three decades the public had consistently ranked dentists one of the top five most respected professions. During this time, the public has not only trusted their dentists, but all dentists, period. In the last poll, however, we slipped several notches down, dropping out of the top ten.

Those dentists who preceded us established a great foundation of this trust leading to such high public confidence. Logic states that the higher the public places us on the ladder of respect, the more we must do to maintain that position and prevent ourselves from falling. We must do all we can to re-establish this great foundation and begin to move our profession back up in the eyes of the public.

Your ODA and its leadership are key players in such an endeavor. Recent legislation will facilitate restoring our help to individuals without easy access to our dental system, and the ODA has taken on the responsibility of implementing local and state-level programs to foster a positive image of dentistry and promote oral health in our communities. These programs reinforce the benefits of dentistry and the role that our profession plays in the day-to-day lives of our public.

These programs are only a starting rung on the ladder of respect. It is our responsibility as members of the noble profession of dentistry to “start climbing”.

# executive director's message



By Dana Davis

During the ODA House of Delegates meeting in April, I indicated that I was committed to improving the working relationship between the ODA and its Partners in Dentistry. As I began to contemplate this goal, I realized the first step in

improving these working relationships was making sure that all ODA members understand the role and mission of each of our Partners.

But before we can discuss the role of our Partners, we must know exactly what organizations we are talking about when we refer to a "Partner in Dentistry."

If you paused right now and tried to name each Partner do you think you could name them all? Why don't you pause for a moment and try.

The Partners in Dentistry are DENPAC, the Oklahoma Dental Foundation, ODASCO, and the Alliance to the ODA.

Did you get them all?

The ODA was instrumental in forming each of these separate organizations. Each organization has an important role to play for dentistry in the state of Oklahoma, and each is intimately involved with ODA programs. And because of the close relationship ODA has with each of these organizations, I believe it is necessary that we all understand the role, mission, and structure of each of our Partners in Dentistry.

So, over the course of the next few journals I will use my Executive Director Message to provide brief overviews of the goals, mission, and value of each of our Partner's in Dentistry. I know I will learn something I didn't know before during this process and I hope you will too.

Let's begin with the Oklahoma Dental Foundation.

## Oklahoma Dental Foundation

The Oklahoma Dental Foundation (ODF) was created by the ODA in 1959.

The mission of the Foundation is to promote charitable, educational, and scientific actions that are public in purpose. The specific objectives of the ODA mission are as follows:

- To educate and instruct the general public in methods of proper dental hygiene and the latest developments in dental health procedures.
- To educate and instruct dentists and staff by any useful medium in the latest scientific advancements, developments, techniques and theories in the science of dentistry.
- To promote educational objectives by encouraging, fostering and conducting scientific investigations individually or in cooperation with other dental related organizations.
- To make grants, loans or gifts of money or property to hospitals, foundations or other public or private institutions or individuals when the same would be consistent with the foundation's stated goals.

The ODF is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. It is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of dentists representing each ODA district component society as well as members at large. Currently the ODF offers educational programs for dental assistants to enable them to acquire certifications in various procedures. ODF also sponsors a Fall Seminar for dentists and office staff and maintains the Mighty Mouth Exhibit at the Omniplex in Oklahoma City. The Foundation also has a loan program for dental and dental hygiene students.

Additionally, the ODF owns and manages the building that houses the ODA offices, and this has enabled the ODF and ODA to share business expenses and staff expertise. In the spring of 2005, the ODA will move into its own building and has invited the ODF to relocate its office and staff to the new ODA headquarters and continue

this mutually beneficial relationship.

The primary sources of revenue for the Foundation are the net income from the dental assistant courses, rent from the ODA, and net income from the Fall Seminar. The organization's primary expenditures are the costs of offering the courses, the Fall Seminar, staff, and building maintenance.

For many years the Foundation had a for-profit subsidiary, ODOS, which provided a service to dentists and generated income for the ODF. The service ODOS provided was the sale of disposable supplies used by dentists in their practices. While ODOS was profitable for many years, large corporations have recently taken over the market eliminating the viability of smaller suppliers. The ODOS Board of Directors voted to dissolve the corporation as of June 30, 2004.

The Foundation is currently reviewing its existing programs and structure, and is planning for the future. The ODF Board is discussing the Foundation's role in issues such as access to care, dental education, public information, fund raising, and grant preparation. It is an exciting time for the ODF. There are many challenges in dentistry that the ODA cannot address alone and the Foundation can be a vital partner in these causes.

I hope you now have a more complete idea of what the ODF is and how this organization supports and assists practitioners of dentistry in the state of Oklahoma while also aiming to improve public health. Remember, each of you is a member of the ODF, so if you are aware of projects or programs that meet the ODF's objectives, please contact me or a member of the ODF Board of Trustees so that the ODF's leadership can discuss your ideas.

Join me next time and we will discuss DEN-PAC, the political action committee serving dentistry in the state of Oklahoma. ●

## In Memoriam

### **Dr. Jack Thomas Elliott**

Birth: March 8, 1922

Death: May 19, 2004

Turley

Dr. Elliott opened his Private Dental Practice in Turley, OK, after graduating in 1950 from dental school at K.C. Western. Dr. Elliott also served his country by fighting in WWII. He was a B-24 Bomber Pilot with the 15th Army Air Corps stationed in Italy.

### **Dr. William L. Bonham, II**

Birth: April 12, 1936

Death: May 8, 2004

Oklahoma City

Dr. Bonham, II was a graduated from the University of Missouri School of Dentistry as well as the Culver Military Academy.

### **Dr. Gary Osborne**

Birth: December 13, 1933

Death: March 14, 2004

Ardmore

Dr. Osborne graduated from the University of Iowa Dental School in 1962. He also served his country for four years in the Air Force during the Korean War.

## **PRESIDENT...** *continued from page 4*

\* Keep the ODA financially solid by developing budgets and good financial systems to project current and future needs

\* Address Hygienist issues – they are a part of the dental team and we need to improve our relationship with them.

\* Have a great state meeting with outstanding continuing education.

This is a long list, but with your help and the help of an excellent ODA staff, we can accomplish these goals!!

It is an honor to serve as your new president. I am excited about the upcoming year and the future of the ODA. Now let's get to work! ●

## ODA Members Participate in ADA Washington Leadership Conference

Several ODA members attended the ADA Washington Leadership Conference held March 22-24. During the conference attendees discussed topics such as PAC fundraising, fundamentals of grassroots advocacy, Medicaid, private contracting with community health centers, bio-terrorism, and the appropriations process. Additionally, Rep. Tom Reynolds, Chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee, and Rep. Rahm Emanuel, Democratic Congressional



*Left to right: Senator Don Nickles, Sherry Beasley, and ODA President Lee Beasley*

Campaign Committee, discussed the 2004 elections with attendees.

Oklahoma Representatives and Senators received visits

from the ODA delegation to discuss issues of interest to dentistry. ODA members also participated in hosting a reception at the Cannon House Office



*Dr. Jim Lowe, Linda Lowe, Rep. Ernest Istook, Sherry Beasley and ODA President Lee Beasley*

Building for House and Senate members. ODA members in attendance were Drs. James Torchia, Lee Beasley, Kurt Gibson, James Lowe, and Robert Bartheld and ODA Executive Director Dana Davis. Additionally, Dr. and Mrs. Lee Beasley and Dr. and Mrs. Jim Lowe hosted a private lunch with Representative Tom Cole, Senator Jim Inhofe, Senator Don Nickles, and Representative Frank Lucas. The Lowes and Beasleys then had a separate meeting with Representative Ernest Istook.

## Children's Dental Health Month Poster Contest Winners Named

ODA selected the winners of the Children's Dental Health Month 4th Grade Poster Contest. The three state winners of the poster contest were selected from a record 1,600 entries. The ODA poster contest state winners are:

1st Place - Evan Pendleton, Washington Elementary School (Washington, OK)



*left to right: 1st Place Winner Evan Pendleton with his dentist, Dr. Tom Todd*

2nd Place - Weston Sloan, Vanoss School (Ada, OK)

3rd Place - Tran Luong, Southern Hills Elementary

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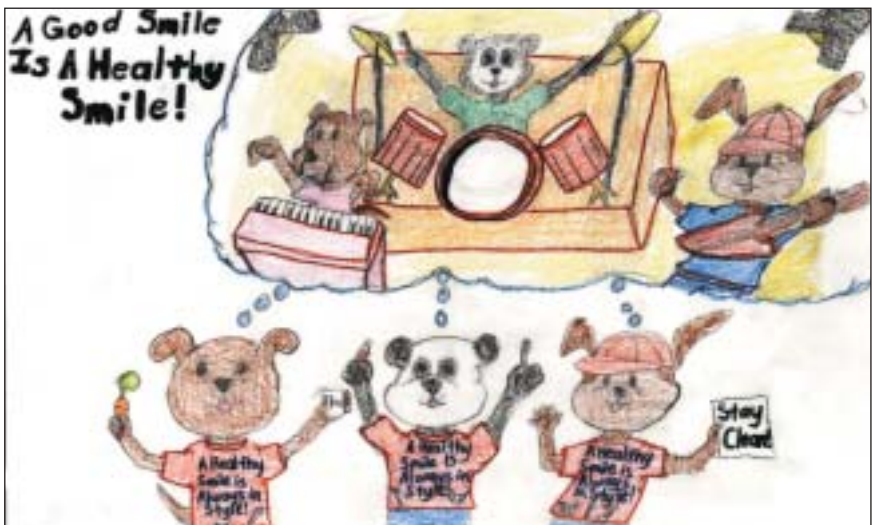
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2nd Place – *Weston Sloan of Vanoss Elementary*



3rd Place – *Tran Luong of Southern Hills*

School (Oklahoma City, OK)

ODA state poster contest winners received cash prizes in the amounts of \$500 for 1st place, \$300 for 2nd place, and \$200 for 3rd place. In addition to these cash prizes, Braum's, the corporate sponsor of Children's Dental Health Month, awarded the 1st place winner one free 1/2 gallon of Braum's ice cream every week for a year, the 2nd place winner was awarded one free banana split a month for a year, and the 3rd place winner receives one free ice cream cone a month for a year. Additionally,

all state poster winners and their families will be given a personal tour of the Braum Family Farm and Processing

Plant by Drew Braum, President. The group will also be treated to lunch and ice cream at Braum's.

## New Employees

### Karin Patton



Karin Patton joined the ODA in June 2004. She is responsible for answering phones, greeting visitors and is the staff liaison for the Senior and Care Dent programs.

Karin, an Oklahoma native and Moore resident, served in the military for five years and has been married for ten. She has two children, four-year-old Juliann and two-year-old Annalise. She loves to shop and savor new restaurants in her free time.

Karin is currently pursuing an associates degree at Oklahoma City Community College with an emphasis on pre-med.

### Stephanie Trougakos



Stephanie Trougakos joined the ODA in June 2004 as the Publications/Advertising Manager and is excited about the opportunities her new job offers.

She graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2000 with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations and comes to the ODA after serving as a graphic artist for a local credit union. Stephanie is also the co-owner of T2 Photography and Design, a local business specializing in wedding photography.

As a new member of the ODA, Stephanie is responsible for all ODA publications, advertising, annual meeting exhibits, government relations and more.

Stephanie, originally from Broken Bow, resides in Edmond with her husband, Nick and their two dogs, Baylee and Buster the Beagle. In her spare

time she enjoys photography, reading, decorating and cheering for the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

Stephanie is excited to be a part of the ODA and its future success.

## ODA Members Visit State Capitol

Dr. Tamara Berg, Dr. Karen Rattan, Dr. Lee Beasley, and ODA Executive Director Dana Davis recently paid a visit to legislators at the Oklahoma State Capitol. The purpose of the visit was to thank those Senators and Representatives who have been supporters of good oral and public health legislation during the past legislative session. During the visit, ODA representatives also distributed checks from DENPAC.

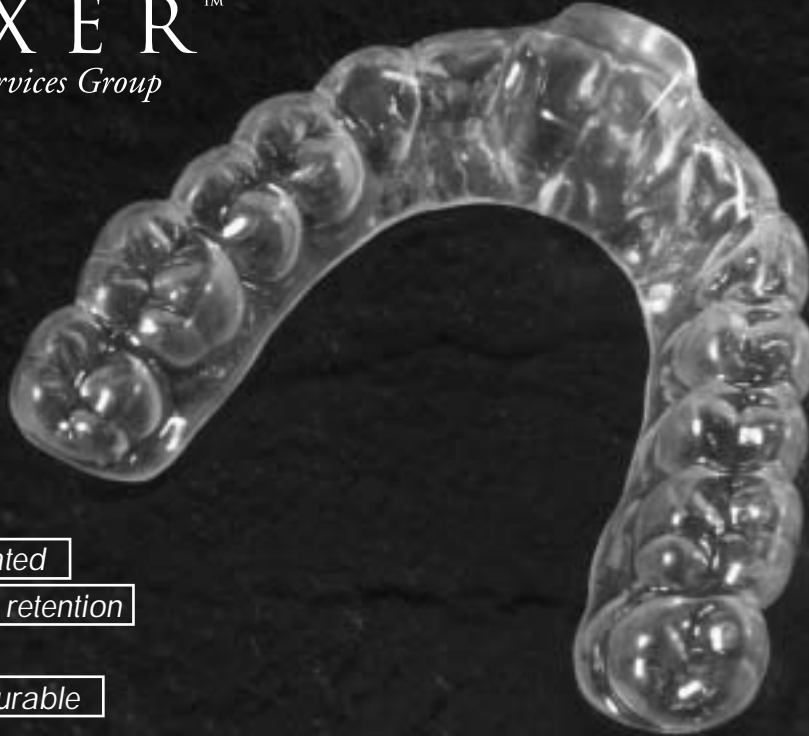


*Left to right: Dana Davis, Dr. Karen Rattan, Dr. Tamara Berg, Dr. Lee Beasley*

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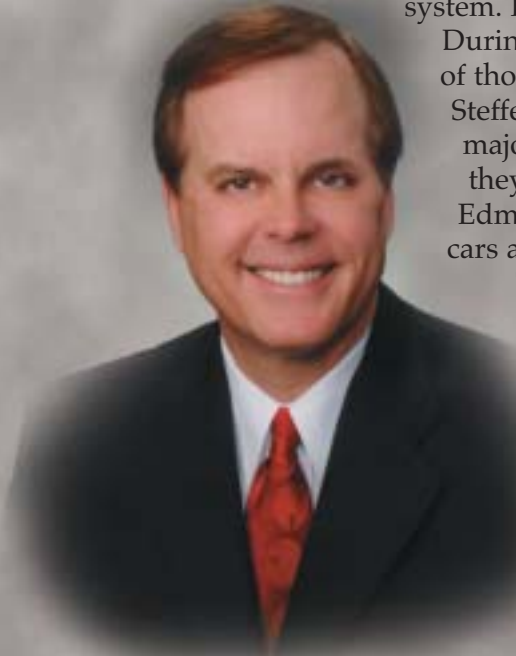
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# Dr. Lee Beasley – ODA's 98th President



When Dr. Lee Beasley is cheering for the University of Oklahoma teams, some might say that he is betraying his roots, since he was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma while both his parents, Richard and Rachel Beasley, were attending what was then Oklahoma A & M College (now Oklahoma State University)! With a degree in petroleum engineering, his father was hired by Phillips Petroleum in Oklahoma City, but he was soon transferred to Ardmore where Lee attended grade school. When Lee was in sixth grade, his family moved back to Oklahoma City and while Lee was in high school his father decided to leave Phillips Petroleum to form his own independent oil company, Beasley Oil Company.

After graduation from John Marshall High School, Lee began to consider his career options. He had initially thought of acquiring a degree in petroleum engineering and perhaps working in his father's business, but his father felt that the oil and gas industry was too volatile and urged him to reconsider. Lee had an aptitude for science and math, and so he felt a career utilizing his strengths in these areas would be fulfilling.

As Lee recalls, "It is amazing to look back and recognize the influence that certain people have had on my life throughout the years." The first of these significant people was his uncle, Dr. George Ballew, a dentist in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma who advised Lee to consider a career in dentistry. With encouragement from his father and uncle, Lee enrolled in Central State College (now the University of Central Oklahoma) as a pre-dental major. It was during his college years that Lee also worked part-time at the state capitol as a clerk in the industrial court system. Perhaps this is when his love of political intrigue began!

During his undergraduate college years, Lee also met another of those influential people guiding his decisions. Dr. Mike Steffen, an Edmond orthodontist, was another pre-dental major attending Central State College. The two realized they could car pool to class from Oklahoma City to Edmond and save wear and tear on both of their "classic" cars and save gas money that could be better spent on beer!

The two soon became academic rivals in their science classes and spurred each other to higher and higher standards. Lee jokes, "The competition with Mike in college probably raised my overall grade point more than any other single factor. Our competition was intense!" Mike and Lee have remained lifelong friends with Lee participating in

Mike's wedding and Mike being godfather to Lee's first child. Central State College brought one other important person into Lee's life. It was there he began dating his future wife, Sherry, who



*Dr. Beasley - College Freshman*

the poems of Walt Whitman and the deeper meaning of Shakespeare! How could a girl resist that! Lee graduated in 1969 with a double major in Biology and Chemistry and a minor in English! He and Sherry were married the very next weekend after graduation and five weeks later they packed up a U-Haul trailer with their belongings and headed to Iowa City, Iowa and the adventures of dental school!



*Dr. Beasley - Dental School Graduate, 1973*

University of Iowa College of Dentistry. He introduced Lee to Dr. Jim Satterlee, a graduate of the University of Iowa dental school and an Iowa native practicing in Oklahoma City. Jim and his wife, Gloria, took both Lee and Sherry under

was working toward a degree in Education and English. In order to spend more time with her, Lee would enroll in English classes which were definitely not his favorites! Here was a fellow excelling in Physics and Chemistry trying to explain

ing to explain the poems of Walt Whitman and the deeper meaning of Shakespeare! How could a girl resist that! Lee graduated in 1969 with a double major in Biology and Chemistry and a minor in English! He and Sherry were married the very next weekend after graduation and five weeks later they packed up a U-Haul trailer with their belongings and headed to Iowa City, Iowa and the adventures of dental school!

Once again, Dr. Mike Steffen, helped form Lee's decision to attend the University of Iowa. Oklahoma had no dental school at that time, and Mike had just completed his first year at the

their wing, inviting them to their home and office to help Lee any way they could. They extolled the virtues of life in charming Iowa City with its river side campus. They helped locate Sherry a teaching position and even secured a second story apartment within walking distance of the dental school. What more could Lee and Sherry ask for....except perhaps fur parkas, double mittens, and a dog sled team to make it through those Iowa winters? Lee did survive, however, and learned to appreciate our Oklahoma mild winters even more. It was during his junior year of dental school that Lee met yet another person who would affect a change in his life. Dr. Rod Gray was an endodontic graduate student at the dental school. He and Lee became fast friends and Rod introduced Lee to this relatively new specialty of endodontics during this time.



*Dr. Beasley and Sherry during their honeymoon in New Orleans*

Graduating from dental school in May of 1973, Lee reported for duty at Mather Air Force base in Sacramento, California in September of that year to work in the hospital dental clinic. As fate would have it, Dr. Rod Gray had begun his endodontic practice in Sacramento as well. Lee spent his free time in Rod's office learning more about endodontics, and before long, Lee was doing most of the root canals at the base clinic. Finishing his tour in the Air Force, Lee decided to return to Iowa to complete a residency program in endodontics.

In 1977, Lee graduated from the University of Iowa with a Masters of Science degree and a cer-

tificate of endodontics. He and Sherry were ready to return home to Oklahoma after an eight-year absence. Lee began his endodontic practice in northwest Oklahoma City with Sherry as his only assistant and his mother-in-law, Florine Allen as his receptionist-office manager! That practice has grown into Endodontic Associates with the addition of three endodontists, Dr Les Hardy, Dr. Dayna Duke, Dr. Myron Hilton and twenty-two full-time staff.

Through the years the Beasley family grew to include three wonderful and uniquely talented sons. Lee and Sherry's oldest son, Bryan, graduated from New York University with a degree in film and currently resides in Los Angeles. Their son Justin has followed in his father's footsteps into dentistry. Justin graduated in 2003 from the University of Oklahoma dental school and is practicing in northwest Oklahoma City. Their youngest son, William, is a 2004 graduate from Ft. Lewis College in Durango, CO with a degree in Computer Systems Management. When the "boys" were growing up, the Beasley household revolved around sporting and scouting events. For several years, the gigantic family van could be seen making the rounds at ball fields and camp grounds! Lee enjoyed being the boys' base-



*The Beasley family, from left to right, Brian, Dr. Beasley, Sherry, Justin, and Will*

ball coach and assistant scout master. He is especially proud of the fact that all three of his sons earned the rank of Eagle Scout. The Beasley family loves to travel and has visited many of this

country's baseball stadiums and ski resorts. Lee's favorite vacations have been to China and Africa. The family will soon be undergoing yet another transformation with the addition of two very lovely young women, Kerri and Addie, when sons Justin and William wed this year.



*Dr. Beasley relaxes on the slopes at Snowmass, Colorado*

Throughout his career, Lee has served organized dentistry in many capacities. He was on the Oklahoma County Dental Society Board for 20 years and served as president in 1999 and became Secretary-Treasurer of the Oklahoma Dental Association in 2000. He was elected Vice-President of the ODA in 2001 and has been an ADA Alternate-Delegate and Delegate. Lee is a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists, a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the Dean Robertson Society. In 2002, Lee chaired the search committee for the Executive Director of the ODA. He is also a past president of the Oklahoma Association of Endodontists and a member of the American Association of Endodontists. In 2003, he received the Richard T. Oliver Award for his involvement in dental legislative issues.

Lee says, "I believe that all of us need to give back to the community and the profession that facilitates our success. If we don't, we merely exist within the isolated vacuum of our dental practice. I have met some of the greatest people in the world while volunteering for community service. It is hard to imagine what my life would be like without these inspiring individuals." ●



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The Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures (OSAP) has finalized the program for its annual symposium at the Eden Roc Renaissance Resort & Spa in Miami Beach June 10-13.

The conference, titled, *Dental Infection Control and Safety: Paving the Road to the Future*, offers attendees up to 22.5 hours of continuing education opportunities and the opportunity to network with colleagues, educators and representatives of the dental trade.

Conference highlights will include a keynote address by Dr. Dushanka Kleinman deputy director and assistant surgeon general, Public Health Service Commissioned Corps of the National Institutes of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

The conference will also include presentations on:

- "Infection Control and Public Health - Current Challenges and Future Opportunities," a keynote address by Dr. Dushanka Kleinman
- "Global Horizon Scanning: What's Around the Next Curve in Dentistry," led by representatives of the World Health Organization, National Institutes and Craniofacial Research, and the dental industry
- "You Asked For It," a panel presentation with real-time updates on diseases, sterilization and disinfection, hand rubs and regulatory agencies' role in meeting these challenges
- "CDC Dental Infection Control Guidelines Status Report," presented by a representative of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- "Dentistry's Dark Winter," a dramatic representation of how the dental profession can respond to catastrophic events
- One-hour concurrent sessions include Central Sterilization/Steri-centers; Office-based strategies for designing infection control workspace in dental offices; and tips and tools on how to select a healthcare physician to manage post-exposure incidents

A "Special Pre-Conference for Educators" session is planned for Thursday, June 10. It opens with a hands-on presentation of a take-home infection control kit designed to increase effectiveness of training in the classroom and dental practice.

The annual conference also features technical exhibits spotlighting infection control and safety offerings from 25 OSAP member companies and a poster session that allows attendees to review new research and speak with members of the scientific community.

The OSAP has also just release a 168-page, all-inclusive workbook that walks dental professionals through the new and expanded 2003 dental infection control guidelines. As its title suggests, *From Policy to Practice: OSAP's Guide to the Guidelines* takes recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions and helps the dental professional put them into practice.

The workbook is a must-have for every dental office. Chapters contain practical how-to instructions, charts and checklists, pictures and captions, answers to common questions and guidance for making sound clinical judgments. In addition, the workbook has ten hours of available CE credit. Sample pages of the workbook can be viewed online by simply visiting [www.osap.org/resources/cdcwb](http://www.osap.org/resources/cdcwb).

OSAP was founded in 1985, the nonprofit association is dentistry's premier resource for infection control and safety information. For more information call OSAP at (800) 298-6727 or visit [www.osap.org](http://www.osap.org). ●

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# The 2004 Oklahoma Dental Association Annual Meeting

The 2004 Oklahoma Dental Association's Annual Meeting took place April 29 through May 2 at the DoubleTree Hotel Downtown and the Convention Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Over 1,100 dentists, hygienists, assistants, staff, lab technicians, and spouses converged in Tulsa, spending the weekend learning

Doctor's Week campaign with KWTU-9 in Oklahoma City and KOTV-6 in Tulsa – both motions were approved.

During the House of Delegates, ADA 12th District Trustee Dr. Frank Grammer was presented with a ceremonial Native American headdress by ODA President Dr. Stephen



*Dr. Frank Grammer, left, congratulates Dr. Lee Beasley on his installation as ODA President*



*ADA President-elect candidates and their spouses pause for a photo at the President's Dinner.*

about the latest developments in the dental arts and sciences while visiting with friends both old and new.

The 2004 ODA Meeting began with an assemblance of the ODA's House of Delegates (HOD). During the HOD meeting, several motions were heard and voted on, including a motion to create a Centennial Campaign to raise funds for the new ODA headquarters and a motion to participate in the

Glenn. The HOD also installed the 2004-2005 ODA officers, including incoming ODA President Dr. Lee Beasley and Vice-President Dr. Pam Low from Tulsa. Dr. Low will become both the first female President of the ODA and the 100th ODA President.

After the HOD meeting, many ODA attendees made their way to Driller Stadium in Tulsa for the 2004 Early Bird Party. Driller Stadium was the site of a bed-

lam baseball battle as the Oklahoma Sooners took on the Oklahoma State Cowboys. The baseball game was a festive atmosphere and ODA attendees wore either crimson or orange bandanas to show their collegiate allegiance during the game.

On Friday and Saturday the ODA Exhibit Hall opened. One hundred exhibitors displayed their products and services for meeting attendees. Exhibitors



*Bedlam baseball fans show their team loyalties at the ODA Early Bird party*



*Dr. Carrie Sessom views the items at the DENPAC silent auction*

ranged from dental supply manufacturers to financial advisers. The Exhibit Hall was also the site of the DENPAC silent auction, which came to a frantic close on Saturday afternoon as participants waited to see if their bids would hold as the auction clock ticked down. The Exhibit Hall also featured the Retired Life Member's Lounge sponsored by Endodontic Associates, and the Hall was the site of lunch on Friday and Saturday.

Additionally, Braum's provided 600 free ice cream sandwiches in the Exhibit Hall on Saturday afternoon.

The Oklahoma Dental Association Annual Meeting

Opening Session took place on Friday morning and was a time for the ODA to honor the members who have committed so much of their time and resources to make this organiza-



*Dr. Stephen Glenn, right, awards Dr. Ray Cohlmiia the James A. Saddoris Lifetime of Leadership Award*

### 2004 ODA Award Recipients

**James A. Saddoris Lifetime of Leadership Award**

Ray Cohlmiia, DDS

**Dentist of the Year**

Raymond Cohlmiia, DDS

**Young Dentist of the Year**

Lisa Grimes, DDS

**The President's Leadership Award**

Tim Shannon, DDS

**Benjamin Franklin Scroll Award**

Frank Miranda, DDS

**Robert K. Wynne Award**

Andrew Guthrie, DDS

**Richard T. Oliver Award**

Scott Waugh, DDS

**Dan E. Brannin Professionalism Award**

Gary D. Burnidge, DDS

**Thomas Jefferson Citizenship Award**

Jamie Wedemeyer, DDS

**President's Special Recognition Award**

James S. Torchia, DDS



*Dr. Raymond Cohlmiya is named ODA Dentist of the Year*

tion the foundation of dentistry in the State of Oklahoma. In addition to presenting ODA awards, Reverend Bob Harrison spoke about the importance of being a good person and emphasized how essential it was for every individual to give back to the community.

Dignitaries at the ODA Annual Meeting included each of the 2004 ADA President-Elect candidates. The ODA's ADA delegation was able to interview each of the candidate's on Friday morning and the ADA President-Elect candidates

stayed for the entire meeting particularly enjoying the festivities of the President's Dinner on Saturday night, an event that was undoubtedly the highlight of social functions of the ODA meeting. The President's Dinner took place following a formal Reception and was held in the General Assembly Hall of the Tulsa Convention Center. The Hall was magnificently decorated by ODA First Lady Mella Glenn, and the décor was accented by the festive entertainment of the "Keepers of the Fire," a traditional Native

American dance troupe.

Nationally renowned news personality Bob Losure served as Master of Ceremonies for the President's Dinner. During the Dinner, President Stephen Glenn presented ADA President-Elect Richard Haught with a handmade cowboy hat from the ODA. Dr. Haught thanked the crowd for supporting him during his campaign for ADA President-Elect and discussed the challenges ahead. Dr. Glenn then took time to reminisce about his presidency and thanked his wife Mella for the support and encouragement



*Dr. Lisa Grimes, left, is named ODA's Young Dentist of the Year*

she provided through his time in the ODA's highest office.

The President's Dinner was both regal and intimate, a combination of qualities that was echoed throughout the ODA Annual Meeting. The 2004 Meeting in Tulsa was a resounding success thanks to the many volunteers who committed their time to making sure everything went perfectly. ●

#### **Call for 2005 Oklahoma Dental Association Award Nominations**

Nominations are now being accepted for 2005 ODA awards. Nominations will be accepted until December 31, 2004.

**Use the Oklahoma Dental Association Awards Nomination Form on page 21 to nominate an ODA member for an award.** One form per individual nomination please.

Photocopy the form as necessary.

Nominations are only valid if entire form is completed. Additionally, a letter of nomination describing the nominee's accomplishments for award must accompany the nomination form. Nominations are not valid without this letter of nomination.

**AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

**NOMINEE INFORMATION (Please print clearly or type)**

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- \_\_\_ Thomas Jefferson (Citizenship)
- \_\_\_ Robert K. Wynne (Public Info.)
- \_\_\_ Dan E. Brannin (Professionalism)
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## The Future is Now! ODA Breaks Ground on New Headquarters

On April 2, 2004 the ODA held a groundbreaking ceremony at N.E. 13th and Stiles, the site of the new ODA headquarters. Dr. Stephen Glenn, Past-president of



the ODA, served as Master of the Ceremonies for the groundbreaking and spoke about the excitement surrounding the new building and the ODA's commitment to organized dentistry in the state of Oklahoma.

Dr. Lee Beasley, ODA President and Chair of the ODA Building Committee, introduced the building's architects, David Hornbeck and Tony Blatt, the builder, Jay Graham, and Bruce Alleman, who was instrumental in acquiring the land for the new building.

Dr. Sid Nicholson, ODA Vice-President and Chair of the Centennial Campaign, spoke



about the ODA's Centennial Campaign which will be undertaken to pay for the new building.

Numerous ODA members and their friends and families attended the groundbreaking. State Senator Bernest Cain and Mr.

Burns Hargus, Chair of the Oklahoma City Chamber of

Commerce, also attended the ceremony. ●



*Dr. Stephen Glenn, left, and Dr. Lee Beasley lead the groundbreaking ceremonies*

**Today is truly a great day** for dentistry in the state of Oklahoma. Today the members of the Oklahoma Dental Association have committed their time and resources to making sure dentistry will always have a home in Oklahoma.

This building symbolizes the strength of dentistry in Oklahoma. This building stands as a testament to the members of the Oklahoma Dental Association's dedication to the art, science, and calling of dentistry.

On this ground which we are breaking today, will stand a modern building with all of the technology necessary to pursue the ODA's mission. Our new headquarters will stand in the heart of Oklahoma's health research center and will be located close to the State Capitol of Oklahoma, a place where we often gather to be heard on issues of consequence to the health of Oklahomans. For all these reasons we are excited about this day and hopeful for the future of the ODA and dentistry in the state of Oklahoma.

But this building is much more than just technology and location. This building will be more than a state-of-the-art headquarters located in the state's research capital. This building will be a place of fellowship for dentists, a place of learning about oral health for the community, and a place of study and dialogue for ODA members. For these reasons this building will truly be a home for dentistry in this state. And these reasons are why the ODA is so committed to seeing this headquarters built. And these reasons are why I am so excited about this day.

Today is truly a historic day for the ODA and anyone associated with dentistry in this state. And by joining us today, you have taken your place in the family of Oklahoma dentistry.

— Dr. Stephen Glenn, April 2, 2004

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# HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT BANKER...

BY JASON OSBORN

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*Avenues for obtaining capital are numerous, affording you more choices for financing than ever before. Loaned dollars have become a commodity in the opinion of many, so the options for borrowers can be overwhelming. In all cases, I would submit to you, the right banker makes a difference.*

*With that being said, what traits should you look for in selecting the right banker? The characteristics below will help guide you down that path.*

## **Specialty**

Just as dentistry continues to become more specialized, there are bankers and banks that have developed very specific market niches and expertise. Knowledge and success in a particular field is typically the result of significant experience in that field. Find a banker, and a financial institution, who understands health care and how a practice functions. This should be an individual who can demonstrate historical successes in a variety of circumstances. For example, in your industry a banker should understand the growing expense related to equipment as a result of new technological advancements. To a bank, this means it will be more expensive to finance practice purchases, updates, and start-ups. A banker who has been there will understand the efficiencies associated with this new technology

and will be able to assist you in overcoming the additional debt load which may accompany same.

## **Creativity**

Most people wouldn't think of bankers as creative. In fact, the majority of folks would think quite the opposite. However, the best bankers are able to look at situations from different angles and find creative solutions. Your banker should provide you options. Resist relationships which force your needs into limited and common solutions. Banking relationships should garner a clear understanding of the issues at hand and provide you with multiple solutions to assist you in achieving your dreams.

## **Longevity**

You should look for a banker and bank with growth potential. Your evaluation of bankers and financial institutions should be based on long-term objectives. Do not limit your evaluation to one transaction. In other words, find a banker who has your long-term interests at heart. This provides accountability for both you and the banker to do what you both say you will do. Many of you have experienced difficulty when your banking officer switches banks. Make sure the bank has the same philosophy as your officer. This provides continuity should your banker

move to another institution.

## **Honesty**

Sometimes the best thing a banker can say is "No". At the time, this may be frustrating. However, if there is a high level of trust, expertise, and experience this can lead to better decisions for the future of your practice. Your banker should be upfront and open about his/her bank's processes, approval times, and who makes decisions. While "No" may not feel good at the time, many times you will be thankful later.

## **Personality**

Simply put, someone you find enjoyable to deal with. Life is too short to do business with people you don't like. If you do not have an open and positive relationship with your banker, it is very difficult to reach new levels of success. If your relationship proves to be stressful and closed, you will be less likely to ask for opinions, advice, and suggestions. These conversations are those that bring future achievements.

## **Connectivity**

Your banker should be well thought-of in the community. He or she should have an available network of professionals (i.e. CPAs, Attorneys, and other vendors) which can provide additional angles of expertise to your questions. The ultimate sit-

uation is to have joint meetings with your CPA, Lawyer and Banker to attack a particular question/concern. This provides depth and confirms your decision making process. As a result, you will have logically thought through all possible outcomes ultimately making a more informed decision.

**Curiosity**

Simply speaking, your banker should be interested in your business, how it works, where it has been and where it is going. If your banker is not asking these questions, how could he

or she possibly be able to help you achieve your goals? Your banker should be constantly asking questions which cause you to think.

**Networking Ability**

Your banker should be an additional networking partner for you. This means he or she should be looking for people to introduce you to. In addition, your banker should be thinking about strategic partnerships for your practice and new relationships which can be of value. Networking is not about sales. It is about getting two people

together who may provide value to each other in their individual endeavors.

**Finally**

Does this seem like a lot to ask? Probably. However, a long-term, mutually beneficial banking relationship can add significant enhancements to your practice. In many cases, the lowest cost provider of a loan will not be able to offer you all the traits listed above. However, a banker with a majority of the traits listed above will provide you with value-added financial solutions. ●

	
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# Best Management Practices for Amalgam Waste

*Provided by the American Dental Association*

Dental amalgam waste can be recycled to help prevent the release of mercury to the environment. Following the simple suggestions outlined here will help protect the environment.

Concern about the effects of mercury in the environment has increased over the years.

Mercury in the environment is bioaccumulative, which means that it can build up in fish and cause health problems in humans and other animals that eat fish. Many state health professionals recommend limiting fish consumption, especially for children and pregnant women.

Mercury is a naturally occurring metal; however, about half of the mercury released to the environment comes from human activity. Of that amount, 53% is emitted from combustion of fuels for energy production and 34% is from the combustion of waste. Sources associated with manufacturers and consumers make up the remaining 13%, with dentistry contributing less than one percent.

Some mercury released into the air eventually collects in the waterways, where it enters the food chain. As a precautionary measure, U.S. regulators typically assume that all or most of the mercury released into the air or surface water may accumulate in fish. As of 2000, the U.S. EPA

lists more than 43,971 miles (covering 3,426,244 acres) of rivers and streams in the U.S. as "impaired" because of the presence of mercury.

Although mercury in the form of dental amalgam is very stable, amalgam should not be disposed of in the garbage, infectious waste "red bag," or sharps container. Amalgam also should not be rinsed down the drain. These cautions are important because some communities incinerate municipal garbage, medical waste, and sludge from wastewater treatment plants. If amalgam waste ends up in one of these incinerated waste streams, the mercury can be released to the environment due to the extremely high temperatures used in the incineration process. Increasingly, local communities are enacting restrictions on the incineration of wastes containing mercury.

The good news is that amalgam waste, kept separate from other waste, can be safely recycled. The mercury can be recovered from amalgam wastes through a distillation process and reused in new products. The ADA strongly recommends recycling as a best management practice for dental offices.

Types of Amalgam Wastes

- Non-contact amalgam (scrap) is excess mix leftover at

the end of a dental procedure. Many recyclers will buy this clean scrap.

- Contact amalgam is amalgam that has been in contact with the patient. Examples are extracted teeth with amalgam restorations, carving scrap collected at chair side, and amalgam captured by chair side traps, filters, or screens.

- Chair side traps capture amalgam waste during amalgam placement or removal procedures (traps from dental units dedicated strictly to hygiene may be placed in the regular garbage).

- Vacuum pump filters or traps contain amalgam sludge and water. Some recyclers will accept whole filters, while others will require special handling of this material.

- Amalgam sludge is the mixture of liquid and solid material collected within vacuum pump filters or other amalgam capture devices.

- Empty amalgam capsules are the individually dosed containers left over after mixing precapsulated dental amalgam.

The ADA recommends against the use of bulk elemental mercury, also referred to as liquid or raw mercury, for use in the dental office. Since 1984, the ADA has recommended use of pre-

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# oral pathology

Case provided by Glen D. Houston, DDS  
Chair, Department of Oral and  
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## Case History:

A 58 year old female presents for an oral cancer screening examination during a health care fair. During the examination, an area on the buccal mucosa was observed. Other similar lesions were also noted. The patient was unaware of their presence and no reliable estimate of the duration could be determined. Medical history revealed a 30 year history of cigarette smoking and heavy alcohol consumption.

## Questions:

1. A working differential diagnosis for this condition should include (multiple answers):
  - a. Lichen planus
  - b. Candidiasis
  - c. Allergic response
  - d. Epithelial dysplasia/squamous cell carcinoma
  - e. Factical injury

2. Your treatment plan should include (multiple answers):
  - a. Oral cytologic smear
  - b. Biopsy of the lesion
  - c. Consultation with dermatologist for clinical examination of all the skin surfaces
  - d. Follow the patient for 10-14 days after cessation of the cigarette and alcohol habits in order to evaluate for any changes in the lesions
  - e. Advise the patient of the "hyperkeratotic areas" and that no treatment is necessary

3. An oral cytologic smear is performed and is negative for the presence of fungal hyphae and epithelial dysplasia. A biopsy reveals hyperkeratosis, "saw tooth" rete ridges, liquefaction degeneration of the basal cell layer of the surface epithelium, and a band-like infiltrate of lymphocytes subjacent to the surface epithelium within the

superficial fibrous connective tissue. These findings are diagnostic of:

- a. Allergic reaction
- b. Factical injury
- c. Lichen planus
- d. Leukoplakia
- e. White sponge nevus

## Answers:

1. Your differential diagnosis should include all of the conditions noted in Question 1.

Lichen planus (a) is of particular interest because involvement of the oral mucosa frequently accompanies or precedes the appearance of lesions on the skin. Early in the course of this disease lesions may appear red to reddish-white in color. The majority of the cases occur in women and the buccal mucosa is the most common intraoral location.

Candidiasis (b) is a disease caused by infection with a yeast-like fungus, *Candida albicans*. Its occurrence has increased because of the prevalent use of antibiotics, which alters the normal inhibitory oral bacterial flora. The oral lesions of candidiasis may exhibit many different forms one of which is red or erythematous areas in association with white plaques.

An allergic response (c) following exposure to any one of a great many drugs or chemicals (systemically or at localized

sites after repeated contact with the causative agent) can be observed in the sensitive individual. Oral lesions usually appear as erythematous lesions that can occur throughout the oral cavity or at the area of contact with the causative agent.

Epithelial dysplasia and/or squamous cell carcinoma (d) may present as areas of erythroplakia and/or leukoplakia. These areas may be quite variable in size and are more common in men than women. These areas typically are observed in adults and are asymptomatic.

The factitial injury (e) is a self-induced injury on the basis of a habit with a frequent psychogenic background. The injury originates as a result of such habits as cheek chewing, lip biting, and unconscious mucosal trauma. The clinical appearance of the mucosa at the site of the injury will usually present as a mixed red-white area.

2. Your treatment plan should include:

- a. Oral cytologic smear
- b. Biopsy of the lesion
- c. Consultation with a dermatologist for clinical examination of all skin surfaces
- d. Follow the patient for 10-14 days following cessation of cigarette and alcohol habits in order to evaluate for any changes in the lesions

The oral cytologic smear (a) can be very helpful in detecting fungal elements as well as epithelial dysplasia. Following the patient for 10-14 days fol-

lowing cessation of the cigarette and alcohol habits (d) will be helpful. If the lesions are reactive/inflammatory, resolution will be observed. If there is no resolution, then biopsy of the lesion (b) is indicated.

Consultation with a dermatologist for evaluation of the cutaneous surfaces (c) for the presence of lesions is also of benefit in patients that have lichen planus or other systemic diseases. Ultimately, a biopsy of the lesion (b) may be indicated in order to render a definitive diagnosis.

To advise the patient that the lesion is a "hyperkeratotic area" and that no treatment is necessary (e) is of no benefit in the management of this patient.

3. The correct diagnosis is (c) lichen planus. See "Discussion" section.

The other possibilities are not considered here because:

The allergic reaction (a) may manifest some of the histologic features of lichen planus. However, because signs and symptoms for allergic reactions usually regress with discontinuance of the causative agent (local and/or systemic), when this is accomplished, there is usually prompt remission of all lesions.

The factitial injury (b) usually demonstrates reactive changes microscopically (i.e., hyperkeratosis, ulcer, chronic inflammation) and can be easily distinguished from lichen planus.

Leukoplakia (d) is a clinical term that describes a "white

patch or plaque." It carries no histologic connotation.

White sponge nevus (e) demonstrates specific histologic criteria that can easily distinguish it from lichen planus. The features of white sponge nevus are not observed in the present case.

### **Discussion:**

Lichen planus was first reported in 1869 by Erasmus Wilson. It is a dermatologic condition which frequently demonstrates manifestations in the oral cavity. This disorder is of unknown etiology although it is often observed in "high strung", emotional individuals, especially when they are experiencing anxiety provoking situations. There is usually remission after the personal crisis has been resolved.

This condition is most frequently observed in females between 40 and 70 years of age. The following distribution of oral lesions has been observed: buccal mucosa, 80%; tongue, 65%; lips, 20%; palate, floor of the mouth, and gingiva, less than 10%. Lichen planus can present in many different forms from a clinical standpoint. The most common presentation is characterized by a papular eruption in a linear, annular, or retiform arrangement forming typical lacy patches, rings, and streaks known as Wickham's striae. Other forms include: atrophic erosive, vesiculo-bulbous, and the hypertrophic types. Over 40% of the patients with oral manifestations of

lichen planus will have skin lesions as well. Conversely, over 80% of the patients with dermal lichen planus have associated oral lesions of the disease. Lichen planus is frequently symmetrical and bilateral in its presentation in the oral cavity as well on skin surfaces. When it presents with cutaneous lesions, the areas of involvement exhibit a red or violet hue and a pruritic nature. The flexor surfaces of the extremities are favored sites for development of the cutaneous lesions.

The microscopic appearance of lichen planus is characteristic and pathognomonic. Typical

findings include hyperkeratosis, "saw tooth" rete pegs, degeneration of the basal cell layer of the surface epithelium, and a "band-like" infiltrate of lymphocytes in the subjacent connective tissue.

There is no specific treatment for lichen planus. In severe cases where there is ulceration, topical or systemic steroids are helpful in causing remission. Removal of anxiety provoking stimuli is also of therapeutic value. The simultaneous occurrence of oral cancer and lichen planus remains an open question. Periodic follow-up examinations, particularly with the

erosive form, should be accomplished.

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## district reports

### **South Central News**

By Dr. Patrick Montgomery

All the dentists in the district wish to thank **Dr. Brett Warn** for a job well done as president of SCDDS. Our last meeting was April 30, 2004 at the ODA meeting in Tulsa. We were awarded the White Neck Trophy for 100% attendance at the House of Delegates meeting. Our incoming presidents, **Dr. Jason Buschman** announced that the upcoming CE meeting for South Central will be held at the Simmon's Center in Duncan on August 28th. The speaker will be a prosthodontist whose topic will be implant dentistry. More information will follow, so mark your calendar.

As of this date, we are recruiting for the sought after position of President-elect for the SCDDS. Any one interested in this once in a lifetime opportunity please contact Dr. Buschman in Lawton.

A warm welcome goes out to all the new dentists in our region. A special welcome goes to the editor's daughter, **Dr.**

**Andrea Montgomery** who graduated from the OU College of Dentistry on May 29th. Dr. Andrea Montgomery is going into practice with her father, Dr. Patrick Montgomery, in Lawton. She has already been enticed to serve as Vice President for SCDDS for the upcoming year.

Other new members to the district are **Dr. Rob Muller** of Lawton, **Dr. Ryan Combs** of Healdton and **Dr. Erin Castillo** of Ardmore. If you are a new graduate or if I have missed anyone new to the district please contact me at (580)536-3313 or fax me at (580)536-2011. If anyone has any family or dental news they would like placed in the Journal, please contact me at the previous numbers. Have a pleasant summer.

### **Tulsa County News**

By Jeff Parker, DDS

TCDS wants to commend **Dr. Doug Kirkpatrick** for a successful year and a job very well done as President this past year. President **Dr. Mike Kincaid**, President-Elect **Dr. Wade Sessom**, and Secretary-Treasurer **Dr. Steve White** are very excited about the upcoming year and the excellent speakers we have coming to Tulsa and our new meeting location-the Tulsa Renaissance Hotel.

*Special Note:* We had to make a couple of revisions for the \*dates and speakers that were listed in the Spring 2004 Journal – please mark the following correct dates on your calendars and make plans now to attend our 2004-2005 outstanding programs:

Friday, June 11, 2004 – 3rd Annual TCDS Molar Classic at Forest Ridge

Tuesday, September 14, 2004 – Evening Meeting featuring Mayor Bill LaFortune

Tuesday, October 12, 2004 – Evening Meeting featuring Dr. Herman Dumbrique

Thursday, October 21, 2004 – New Dentists Party at the Tulsa Historical Society

Sunday, November 7, 2004 – Family Dental Day at Dr. Kent Shacklett's acreage

Tuesday, November 9, 2004 – Evening Meeting - speaker to be announced

Friday, November 12, 2004 – All Day Meeting featuring Dr. Newton Fahl, Jr.

December 2004 – Holiday Party - date and location to be announced

\*Friday, January 7, 2005 – All Day Meeting featuring \*Dr. Gordon Christensen

Tuesday, January 25, 2005 – Evening Meeting with Table Clinics & Elections

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 – Evening Meeting - Awards Banquet & Installation

\*Friday, March 18, 2005 – All Day Meeting featuring \*Dr. Charles Wakefield

We want to say congratulations to the following Tulsa County members on their recent inductions: The new ODA Vice President **Dr. Pamela Low** and **Dr. Allen Keenan** to serve another term as ADA

Alternate Delegate.

Also, we want to say congratulations to our members who received TCDS Awards at our March banquet:

**Dr. Todd Johnson** received the A.L. Walters Award for our TCDS Dentist of the Year for 2003.

**Dr. Nick Hunter** received the John Gaway Award for 25 years or more exemplary service to the dental profession.

**Dr. Gary Burnidge** received the James A. Saddoris Award for outstanding contribution to organized dentistry.

**Dr. Steve Lusk** received the "President's Distinguished Service Award" - to recognize his unselfish contributions that were instrumental for the start up of the Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services (EODDS).

**Dr. Mike Kincaid** received the "President's Special Appreciation Award" - in recognition of the many hours and untiring effort he has devoted to the reorganization of the TCDS Standing Committees.

**Dr. David Wong** won the McBride Memorial Table Clinic Award for the Most Innovative Table Clinic - "Periodontics for Today".

**Dr. Robert Mongrain** won the Rush Memorial Table Clinic Award for the Outstanding Table Clinic - "New All Ceramic Crowns".

**Dr. Doug Kirkpatrick** received the 2003-2004 TCDS Presidents' Plaque.

Congratulations go out to **Dr. Gary Burnidge** who received

the ODA's Dan E. Brannin Professionalism Award at the April 2004 state dental meeting! Also, we would like to recognize our TCDS members who received membership certificates:

Silver Certificate - 25 consecutive years: **Dr. Michael Ariana, Dr. Terry Bennett, Dr. Steven Fooshee, Dr. Mark Franklin, Dr. Charles Keithline, Dr. John Lockard, Dr. Karey Low, Dr. Pamela Low, Dr. Robert Miller, Dr. Timothy Moore, Dr. Jerry Schoeffler, Dr. E.J. Vaught, Jr., Dr. Robert Willis**

Jade Certificate - 35 consecutive years: **Dr. Allen Keenan**

Gold Certificate - 50 consecutive years: **Dr. Marion Bowen, Dr. William LoVelle, Dr. Norval Smith.**

ODA State Life Members: **Dr. Roger Metcalf, Dr. Joel Woodburn**

Congratulations to the following with the "lucky bids" for the three ODA DenPac Silent Auction certificates that were donated by TCDS:

**Dr. John Landers** - Round trip airfare for two to Orlando, Florida for the ADA's 145th Annual Meeting that will held September 30 - October 3, 2004.

**Dr. K.D. Parks** and **Dr. Jay Kruska** - C.E. Package for each: Free tuition to our three all day meetings this year - Friday, November 12, 2004, Friday, January 7, 2005, and Friday, March 18, 2005.

We "packed the house" for **Dr. John Burgess** at our March continuing education program,

and a great time was had by all - over 100 dentists and dental team members - who attended the TCDS Dental Night OU vs. OSU Bedlam at Driller Park in April!

Congratulations to the following proud new parents: **Dr. Angelo** and **Denise Cuzalina** on the birth of their baby boy Nico born May 30th, and **Dr. David** and **Jennifer Wong** on the birth of their baby girl MadelynGrace born June 8th.

We want to "Welcome" our new TCDS members: **Dr. Dan Patterson**, transferred his membership from the Northern District, and **Dr. Stephen Zigo**.

### Oklahoma County News

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#### Future Dentists

Welcome to the following new additions!

**Dr. Eric Loper** and **wife** welcomed new baby boy Luke on November 10th, 2003

**Dr. Melanie Emerson** new

daughter Molly in December

**Dr. Edward Belz** and **wife** welcomed new son Joshua Edward born on December 31st

**Dr. Samantha Marley- Harrod** and husband **Dr. Cullen Harrod** welcomed new son Landon born

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## **ADPAC Report**

by James S. Torchia, D.D.S.

ADPAC's annual Grassroots Conference occurred in Washington this last March. It again combined education and training of our Grassroots leaders with political advocacy to our federal legislatures.

U.S. House Resolution 567, Give Kids a Smile, is being well received and well on its way to passage. The restoring of dental funding for Title VII of the Public Health Service Act is not assured. This affects health care of the under served as well as Graduate Medical Education (GME).

The Collins - Feingold Dental Health Improvement Act now under consideration is aimed at improving access in rural and under served areas.

Other issues discussed at the congress were Bioterrorism, Amalgam Waste Water and the New Zealand-Alaska Education Program.

As you can see, the political process directly affects our profession. The Grassroots program, which is under the control of ADPAC, is a very effective way to have dentistry's voice heard. Your state coordinator, Dr. Stephen Glenn, which oversees the state activities, the action team leader and action team members are all part of this program.

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### Oklahoma State Department of Health

by Michael L. Morgan, DDS, MPA

The months of March and April certainly proved to be very busy with both the Oklahoma



**Pat Murray (right) received the "Special Recognition Award" from Renee Amason.**

Dental Association Annual Meeting and the Oklahoma Public Health Association Annual Conference, in addition to our normal duties. Several Oklahoma State Health Department staff members attended and participated in the

ODA meeting and enjoyed the scientific sessions. Also, we want to congratulate **Linda Bilby** for serving a two-year term as president of the Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association.

The theme for the Oklahoma Public Health Association Annual Conference was "Swim with the Sharks." Many interesting topics were discussed with several presenters from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). An excellent dental presentation was made by **Dr. Thomas Coury** from the OU College of Dentistry. His topic was



**Laura Beebe (left) received the "Special Recognition Award" from Renee Amason.**

"Unraveling the Mystery, Interpreting the Evidence: Forensic Dentistry's Role in Bioterrorism and Mass Disasters." His program was attended by more than 150 people. **Renee Amason, MEd.** was the chairperson of the Oral Health Section. The Section also presented two awards. The

"Preventive Dentistry and Public Health Award" for outstanding contributions to Public Health Dentistry was presented to **Mary Beth Murray**. The "Special Recognition Award" for exceptional service to oral health in Oklahoma was presented to three individuals: **Pat Murray, CDA; Susan Hillman; and Laura Beebe, PhD, MPH.**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health 2004 reportable disease statistics for the reporting period ending May 21, 2004 are published for your information.

AIDS	37
Gonorrhea	1,581
Hepatitis A	15
Hepatitis B	14
Hepatitis C	2
Syphilis	8
TB	48

### Oklahoma Academy of General Dentistry

by Dennis Morehart DDS, MAGD

The OAGD State Meeting was an outstanding success. We had a great turn out and all enjoyed **Dr. Tanaka's** concepts, especially the "they were just kidding", when explaining some of our earlier theories.

Congratulations again to our newest Fellow **Dr. Randall Haskins** from Claremore, and to **Dr. Karen Rattan**, the recipient of the McKeever Award.

During the last three years we

have been hearing about Oral Health Literacy. The Academy of General Dentistry's Oral Health Literacy Project constitutes a first step and a long-term solution to educate each generation that good oral health is a personal responsibility.

Articles have been published in the OAGD Impressions newsletter and the Region 12 newsletter. **John Grammar DMD**, from Herber Springs, Arkansas, was one of the moving forces in that state and the only state to have legislation passed to address this issue in the school systems.

They are planning on having a curriculum in place to start integrating it into categories that will educate the students dentally in the process of learning basic skills. On the national scene, Sen. Bingaman's bill, Children's Dental Health Improvement Act, is the financial basis for this concept and has little chance of being passed through Congress during an election year.

The AGD Oral Health Library Taskforce Committee is in the process of putting together a curriculum with a June 2005 completion date. The National Institute of Health has a program called "Open Wide and Trek Inside," however, after doing some research the committee feels a better program could be written.

The Taskforce is also trying to

get pilot programs initiated around the country for a five-year study. My concern is that a program is needed and would be supported by the Board of Education, AGD, ADA, ODA, ODHA, insurance companies, etc. It will take a long time to implement a program and that it will take a generation to get the full benefit. Can we speed up this process?

#### **Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services, Inc.**

The Eastern Oklahoma Donated Dental Services was created to deliver free quality dental services to qualified indigent residents of Tulsa and eastern Oklahoman. All services are rendered free of charge by practicing dentists in their private offices, the heart and soul of E.O.D.D.S. is our volunteer dentists who labor for our fellow man simply because it's the right thing to do. To volunteer please contact E.O.D.D.S. at the following:

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#### **D-DENT**

by Shirley Harris

D-DENT would like to make sure everyone is aware of the serious condition of **Dr. Jim Limestall**, two-time President of the Board of Directors. Dr. Limestall has been in Mercy Hospital for four weeks now and undergone four surgeries during that time. We hope you will all keep the Limestalls in your thoughts and prayers, and try to give Jim a "cheer-up" call or card. The Doctor is facing a long road to recovery, but knowing he is such a strong, determined individual, he will make the best of his situation through the loving support of his many close friends and Beverly's devoted care.

On a happier note, D-DENT is so proud to recognize one of their long-time volunteers, **Phoebe Brown**, as the Winner of The Volunteer Center's "Youth Volunteer of the Year" Award in May of this year! D-DENT had submitted her entry with the help of her family, but without Phoebe's knowledge, so it was a total surprise when she came to the office to work on her regular day, and found her family and the Board of Directors from The Volunteer Center with flowers, balloons, a beautiful plaque, certificate of the honor, and several cameras flashing as they announced the award.

The following Saturday, there was a very nice newspaper article on all five recipients for the five categories awarded by The



Volunteer Center with pictures of each winner. It was enough of a privilege for D-DENT to have submitted the winning application, but the tribute was made even sweeter by the receipt of a \$500 check as the designated agency of the winning volunteer. An enlarged "poster board" copy of the check now proudly hangs in the Executive Director's office. Phoebe will make such an exceptional dentist; we just can't wait to watch her soar in dental school!

Speaking of volunteers, D-DENT is thrilled to have several new volunteers on board to help us out. **Shane Fallot** with Morgan Stanley Financial Services, a transplant from the East Coast and recent newly-wed, has been helping out since last fall. It's really nice to "have a man around the house" now and his office is sponsoring and planning a fundraiser through the Jewel Box Theatre

in late August for The Sound of Music, in which Board Member/local actor James Joslin, Long Term Care Director at the Oklahoma State Department of Health, is appearing.

In May this year, after the fabulous D-DENT article appeared in the Living Section of the Sunday Oklahoman, two more volunteers signed up to assist in the office. **Emilie Marley** and **Amberlee Elliott**, both from Shawnee originally, are experienced dental assistants and been able to just jump right in with wonderful skills.

Furthermore, both these girls are planning on becoming dentists and attending OUCOD...YOU GO GIRLS!

All these volunteers will also be helping out with the *D-DENT Annual Charity Golf Tournament*, so we hope everyone will make an effort to meet them and thank them for being such great volunteers. The Golf Tournament, normally held in June each year, has sadly had to be delayed until later in the year, but we will be mailing information and sign-up packets to make sure everyone has an opportunity to join in the fun. We know you "serious golfers" will keep your talents honed until the competition date.

Plans for the *OKC Charity Dinner and Silent Auction*, to be held separately from the Golf Tournament, are still in the works, too, and details will be forthcoming soon. The Tulsa "*Wine Tasting/Silent Auction Appreciation Dinner*" is still

being tweaked and we are very excited about having this for our dentists to the east. Please keep all these upcoming events in mind and look for more information in the mail.

We hope everyone had a chance to watch **Dr. Linda Miner's** Interview for D-DENT on all the OETA Channels Monday evening, June 8, 2004. Like so many of our participating dentists, Dr. Miner has been with D-DENT for many years and seen many patients for us; she did a terrific job with the interview (and not too hard on the eyes)!

D-DENT wants to again say *THANK-YOU* to all our participating dentists in the program; it can't be said enough: dentists ARE the program and we are so appreciative of receive all your help, along with all the great staff personnel. The impoverished developmentally disabled and frail elderly of Oklahoma are lucky indeed to have such a wonderful group of caring, giving providers.

Lastly, but definitely not least, we want to THANK Dana Davis and her fine staff at the Oklahoma Dental Association for another great State Dental Meeting this past spring. We are so grateful for being allowed to participate in the Exhibit, and to visit and personally thank all our dentists during this special time each year. We thought the Reception was outstanding this year and everyone had a great time; it's always fun to see the prize winner's reactions when their name is announced.

Keep those golf clubs swinging and have a SUPER summer everyone!

## ODA Alliance

by Mella Glenn

The Alliance to the ODA had wonderful participation at this year's state meeting. Kudos to **Kathy Trammell** for all her hard work on the DenPac auction. Kathy found an interesting variety of auction goods, organized a very successful auction table and managed to find time to host the AODA Past President's Luncheon at the Polo Grill. We were all delighted that **Jerilyn Bird**, AADA President, made the trip to Tulsa for our meeting. Other guests included **Jan Hagedorn**, AADA President-elect, and **Marthiel Russell**, 8th District Trustee.

This year the Alliance had the opportunity to set up an information booth in the exhibit hall during the ODA State meeting. Thank you **Dana Davis**, ODA Executive Director, for finding the space for us to reach out to our members and potential members.

The 2004-2005 officers were installed our annual meeting, this year held at Southern Hills. Special thanks to Local Arrangements co-chair **Margaret Hosier** and **Jonni Segnar**, and to **Bootsey Torchia**, hostess, for the luncheon. **Ruth Blythe**, **Susan Cohlmi**, **Judy Highfill**, **Pam Hogg**, **Joyce Lucas**, **Linda Nicholson**, **Lila Smith** and **Dr. Carrie Sessom**

modeled fashions from Mary Ruby Apparel. Officers installed: **Armella Glenn**, President, **Margaret Hosier**, President-elect, **Gretchen Landers**, Vice President, **Susie Taylor**, Secretary, **Melinda Danner**, Treasurer, and **Judy Keenan**, Parliamentarian. During the luncheon we were pleased to meet the recipients of the Annual AODA scholarships. **Scott Melinck**, senior dental student received a \$1,000.00 scholarship and **Jessica Lingle**, senior dental hygiene student received a \$500.00 scholarship. The Alliance is very proud to award these annual scholarships.

We are selling *Dishing Up Smiles* cookbooks developed by our national organization the Alliance of the American Dental Association. These cookbooks will offer a wide variety of family tested, diet conscious and diabetic acceptable recipes. Each \$30 cook book sold will help us continue to fund our dental health projects, such as dental care items for OK children's shelters, community dental education, and our Tooth Fairy project. Please call or e-mail **Mella Glenn**, (918)583-9334- [armellaglenn@aol.com](mailto:armellaglenn@aol.com), to place an order. Our cookbooks will make an excellent gift for anyone and especially anyone in dentistry!

Members of the Alliance that will be accompanying their spouses to the ADA Orlando meeting should contact **Gretchen Landers** (918)293-0867 about participating in

Alliance activities during their stay. The national website [www.allianceada.org](http://www.allianceada.org) has complete information and registration forms.

Thank you to everyone for your help in making our Oklahoma Alliance such a wonderful organization. If you belong to the Alliance, reach out to your dental spouse friends and include them in our organization. If you don't belong, you should!

## University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

by Frank J. Miranda, DDS, MEd, MBA

### COMMENCEMENT 2004

The Class of 2004, our 29th group of graduates, was recognized at a special Senior Dinner and Awards Ceremony on May 28 at the Petroleum Club. Formal commencement exercises were held the next afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Moore, highlighted by a commencement address delivered by Charles Grim (DDS'83), Assistant Surgeon General and Director of the United States Indian Health Service. The following members of the Class of 2004 were recognized for their accomplishments over the past four years:

**LOREN ANDERSON:** Graduating with Distinction; American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award; American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence; American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student

Award

**DANIEL BAIRD:** Graduating with Distinction

**MISTY BOWLER:** American Equilibration Society Award

**SARAH FOX:** Graduating with Distinction; American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award; Eleanor J. Bushee Senior Student Award; Richard L. Reynolds Award of Excellence; William E. Brown Service Award; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**MATTHEW GRAY:** Graduating with Distinction

**JACOB HAGER:** Graduating with Outstanding Distinction; Alpha Omega Award; American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award; American College of Dentists Award; Fixed Prosthodontics Departmental Award; Michael Louis Backowske Award for Excellence in Anatomical Science; Richard L. Reynolds Award of Excellence; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**PATRICIA HAIR:** John N. Miles Memorial Award

**KELLI HENDERSON:** Robert G. Gerety Scholarship in Orthodontics

**JULIE McDONALD:** Brasseler's Shillingburg Award; Dentsply International Award; International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award; Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry

**CHRIS McKINNEY:** Operative Dentistry Departmental Award

**DAVID MILLER:** Southwest Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award

**ELIS PAPARISTO:** Graduating with Distinction

**NATHAN PARRISH:** Graduating with Distinction; Jay Anderson Award in Periodontics [2003]; Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics

**ADAM PITTS:** Graduating with Special Distinction; Michael E. Lindley American Student Dental Association Award; William S. Kramer Award of Excellence [2003]

**BRANT ROUSE:** William E. Wood Memorial Award

**GREGORY SEGRAVES:** Graduating with Distinction; Academy of Dental Materials Award; American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award; Dentsply Student Clinician Program Award [2003]; Don M. Ishmael Scientific Essay Award [2003]; Pierre Fauchard Academy Award; Quintessence Award for Research Achievement; Student Research Group Award of Distinction; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**NATHAN SHAPARD:** Hanau Waterpik Prosthodontic Award

**LINDSAY SMITH:** American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Student Award; Academy of General Dentistry Award; Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry Award

**MICHAEL TOOLE:** Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities Award

**KELLY VALBUENA:** Graduating with Distinction; American Academy of Oral Medicine Award; American College of Prosthodontists Award; Donald C. Graves Prize in Microbiology Award; William E. Wood Memorial Award; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**ABBEY VANOVEN:** Golden Key Award for Mastering the Art and Science of Communication; Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis Award

**TRACEY VICK:** American Academy of Dental Practice Administration Award

**BRIAN WARD:** Graduating with

Special Distinction; American Academy of Periodontology Award; American Association of Orthodontists Award; International College of Dentists Award; Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

**GAYLA WINTERS:** Don M. Ishmael Scientific Essay Award [2003]; Oklahoma Association of Pediatric Dentists Award

Pierre Fauchard Academy Scholarship Award??

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award??

American Equilibration Society Award??

American College of Dentists Recruitment Scholarship Award??

F.C. Seids Award in Pediatric Dentistry??

#### *DH CONVOCATION*

Dental hygiene commencement held on May 8 on the OU Norman campus was an historic occasion. OUCOD's largest ever class of 33 dental hygiene graduates included the inaugural group of eight seniors from our distance education site at Tri-County Technology Center (TCTC) in Bartlesville. During commencement exercises, six members of the Class of 2004 were recognized for their academic achievements. Graduating with Distinction (GPA = 3.50 to 3.74) were **Jennifer Brownell, Lacey Cermak, Keri Robinson, and Jan Trattner.** Graduating with Special Distinction (GPA = 3.75 and above) were **Jessica Lingle and Missouri Qualls.** Later that evening, a special dinner and convocation ceremony was held at the Memorial Union

Ballroom for the graduates and their families and friends. Along with formal presentation of diplomas, special awards were presented to the following (TCTC graduates are identified by asterisk):

**TARA BEADLES\***: Community Dental Health Award

**LACEY CERMAK\***: Procter & Gamble Preventive Dentistry Award

**TRINETTE COSLETT**: Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award,

**SHANNON FLOWERS**: Community Dental Health Award; ODHA Ideal Dental Hygienist Award

**JESSICA LINGLE**: Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society

**ABBIE POLLARD\***: Sharon Barton Faculty Award

**MISSOURI QUALLS**: Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society

**KERI ROBINSON\***: Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society; Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award; ODHA Ideal Dental Hygienist Award; Student American Dental Hygienists Association [SADHA] Award (for service as 2003-04 SADHA senior representative [TCTC])

**JAN TRATTNER**: Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society; Sharon Barton Faculty Award; Procter & Gamble Preventive Dentistry Award

**JULIE WILLIAMS**: Student American Dental Hygienists Association [SADHA] Award (for service as 2003-04 SADHA president)

#### *OUCOD AWARDED ADEA GRANT*

The OU College of Dentistry was one of ten schools recently awarded a \$250,000 grant over six years to increase the number of underrepresented minori-

ties (URMs) in academic dentistry. These grants, made possible through the American Dental Education Association's Minority Dental Faculty Development (MDFD) Program and funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, will help develop the careers of URM junior faculty. Funds will be used primarily for direct educational assistance to increase the number of URM students recruited to and entering dental academic careers, and to facilitate advanced training and career development. Kudos to **Kevin Avery** (Chair, Community Dentistry) for his efforts in developing and submitting our grant application.

#### *SCIENTIFIC DAY 2004*

Our 23rd annual Scientific Day was held April 27 at the Meridian Convention Center in west Oklahoma City. Forty outstanding table clinics and five oral essays were presented to well over 300 faculty, students, residents, alumni, community dentists and dental hygienists, and other guests. Over 30 cash prizes, gift certificates, and dental equipment/supply donations were awarded to numerous student, resident, and faculty clinicians. As always, space constraints do not allow for all winners to be listed individually, but we must recognize **Jeremy Johnson** (DS-2) for receiving the Dentsply International Award, given to the overall top table clinic. His clinic on "*Torsional Strength of Stainless Steel Versus Nickel-Titanium Endodontic Instruments*" will be presented at the national table

clinic competition during the ADA's Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida in October.

Of the many excellent papers submitted for the annual Ishmael Essay competition, five were selected for oral presentation. After all scores for oral and written delivery were tallied, the first-place winner was **Lacey Cermak** (DH-2), one of our students at the dental hygiene distance learning site in Bartlesville. Other award winners were **Jessica Lingle** (DH-2) - second place; **Leslie Genoff** (DS-2) - third place; **Jena Hankins** (DH-2) - honorable mention; and **Lacey Howe** (DH-2) - honorable mention.

Again, space prohibits listing all those who contributed to the success of Scientific Day 2004, but we extend special thanks to our 18 poster presentation judges, eight Ishmael Essay judges and three staff volunteers, to the nearly forty organizations and area businesses whose generous support provided the means to recognize our participants, to the ten members of the Organizing Committee and, of course, to the students, residents and faculty presenters who took the time and effort to share their research with us. You all made Scientific Day 2004 another great success!

#### *OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON*

OUCOD's Omicron Pi chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (the national dental honor society) held its annual Convocation and Banquet at the Petroleum Club on March 27. The convocation

address was delivered by Dr. T.H. Baughman, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Central Oklahoma, who presented an informative talk on polar explorer and 1922 Nobel Peace Prize winner Fridtjof Nansen. Following the address, five members of the Class of 2004 were inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon by the College's Omicron Pi chapter: **Sarah Fox, Jacob Hager, Kelly Joice-Valbuena, Greg Segraves, and Brian Ward.** Also inducted as faculty members were **Luis Blanco** (Chair, Fixed Prosthodontics) and **Theresa White** (Co-Chair, Pediatric Dentistry). The William S. Kramer Award of Excellence, presented to a junior dental student for outstanding scholarship, service and professionalism, was awarded to **Aaron Bulleigh.** OKU Life Membership was conferred on **G. Fräns Currier** (Director, Graduate Orthodontics) after 30 years of continuous membership. The evening ended with the presentation of a special plaque to **Jim Probst** (Associate Professor Emeritus, Dental Materials) for his many years of service to OKU, including 21 years as Secretary/Treasurer of the Omicron Pi chapter.

#### STAPLES SOCIETY

The Staples Society held its annual banquet on April 2 at the Petroleum Club. Over 70 students, faculty and guests attended the event, including special guests **Dr. & Mrs. Al Staples** (for whom the Society is named). Also attending were

former Staples Society presidents **Rick Freeman** (DDS'01) and **Chasity Carper** (DDS'03). Rick served as president during the 2000-01 year; Chasity and her husband **Jason Carper** (DS-4) served as co-presidents last year. Featured speaker for the evening was Dunn Cumby (Dental Services Administration) who gave an inspiring talk on volunteerism, leadership, and commitment to service.

Staples Society faculty advisor **John Dmytryk** (Associate Dean, Research) reviewed the Society's accomplishments during the past year and recognized the services of the 2003-04 student officers: president **Deborah Butler** (DS-3); vice president **Lauren Avery-Miranda** (DS-2); and secretary **Beth Bohanon** (DS-3). Debbie and Lauren have been re-elected as president and vice president, respectively, for the 2004-05 year. The new officer corps also includes **Shannon Jacobson** (DS-3) as secretary.

The Albert F. Staples award for outstanding service was presented to **Leon Bragg.** Dr. Bragg recently resigned as the College's Assistant Director of Clinics to assume a position as Dental Director with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. Staples Society officers also presented special awards of appreciation to Dr. Dmytryk and his secretary **Karen Rucker** for all their efforts on behalf of the Society.

#### FACULTY RECOGNITION NIGHT

Our 17th Annual Faculty Recognition Dinner was held on

May 14 at the Marriott Hotel in Northwest Oklahoma City. In addition to a review of various faculty honors and achievements during the 2003-04 year, the highlight of the evening was the awarding of three special distinctions: The Outstanding Professorial Achievement Award was presented to **Ram Nanda** (Chair, Orthodontics); **Mark Felton** (Orthodontics) received the Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Achievement Award; and **Kevin Haney** (Co-Chair, Pediatric Dentistry) received the Dean's Service Award for his years of charitable work with Special Smiles and Kids' Day.

Numerous faculty also received time-of-service plaques for their tenure with the College: 5 years - **Luis Blanco** (Chair, Fixed Prosthodontics), **John Clayton** (Orthodontics), **Amy Counts** (Orthodontics), and **Jeff Lunday** (Operative Dentistry); 10 years - **Kevin Smith** (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery); 15 years - **Don Mitchell** (Chair, Implantology); 20 years - **William Kent** (Fixed Prosthodontics); and for 30 years of service - **Frank Miranda** (Senior Associate Dean) and **James Roane** (Co-Chair, Endodontics).

Academic promotions (effective July 1, 2004) were announced for the following three faculty members: **Kay Beavers** (Oral Diagnosis/Radiology) and **Kathy Miller** (Pediatric Dentistry & Implantology) to Clinical Associate Professor; and **Farah Masood** (Director, Oral

Radiology) to Associate Professor. **Sharukh Khajotia** (Chair, Dental Materials) has been granted tenure also effective July 1, 2004.

Retirees **Mary Martin**, former Associate Dean of Clinics, and **James Roane**, outgoing co-chair of Endodontics, were recognized for their contributions to our educational program during their tenures with the College.

Many thanks are extended to **Diana Stone** (Dean's Office) and **Frans Currier** (Orthodontics) for their organizational skills in making this annual event such a special evening for our faculty.

#### *OTHER FACULTY/STAFF HONORS*

During graduation ceremonies on May 29, the Class of 2004 presented awards to the following faculty/staff: Outstanding Clinical Instructor - **Nancy Jacobsen** (Removable Prosthodontics); Outstanding Classroom Instructor - **Sharukh Khajotia** (Chair, Dental Materials); Outstanding Part-Time Instructor - **Richard Safi** (Fixed Prosthodontics); and Outstanding Staff Personnel - **Joseph Engel** (Clinic Operations) and **Pamela Kirk** (Dental Support Laboratory). The Department of Endodontics received the Outstanding Department Award. Special awards of recognition were also presented to **Frank Miranda** (Senior Associate Dean) and **Edwin Wilson** (Associate Dean of Clinics) for their general counsel and assistance to the class.

At the 2004 Spring HSC

Faculty Awards Presentations held on April 26, OU President **David Boren** presented **Raleigh Holt** (Removable Prosthodontics) with an Edith Kinney Gaylord Foundation Presidential Professorship for his outstanding teaching and mentoring of students. Raleigh is OUCOD's seventh faculty member to receive this honor. Also, outgoing HSC Faculty Senate Chair **Sharukh Khajotia** (Chair, Dental Materials) received the Faculty Governance Award for his exemplary service to the Faculty Senate for the 2003-04 year.

During the March meeting of the OUCOD Student Council, the following faculty and staff were selected to receive special recognition for their teaching and service to students: Full-Time Faculty - **Sharukh Khajotia** (Chair, Dental Materials) and **Edwin Wilson** (Associate Dean of Clinics); Part-Time Faculty - **Dunn Cumby** (Dental Services Administration) and **Richard Drew** (Operative Dentistry); Staff - **Ron Ackerson** (Clinic Operations) and **Donna Harrison** (Oral Diagnosis/Radiology).

**Thomas Coury** (Chair, Restorative Dentistry) has been elected to a three-year term as OUCOD representative on the American Dental Education Association's (ADEA) Council of Faculties.

**Fred Benenati** (Co-Chair, Endodontics) has been appointed as a new member of the Endodontics Test Construction Committee for the National Board Part II Examination for

the 2005 year. **Sharukh Khajotia** (Chair, Dental Materials) has been re-appointed for a second term on the Operative Dentistry Test Construction Committee.

The annual Employee Recognition Luncheon sponsored by the OUHSC Staff Senate was held on April 21 at the Meridian Convention Center to honor employees for their service to the University. Seventeen OUCOD staff were presented certificates of appreciation for their years of service, including: [5 years] **Dennis Albertson** (Dental Support Lab), **Sandra Connell** (Clinic Operations), **Rosemary Grove** (Dental Support Lab), **Alice Hillmon** (Clinic Operations), **Hal Horton** (Information Technology), **Debra Ivory** (Oral Biology), **Tiffany Johnson** (University Dental Faculty Group), **Donna Mead** (Graduate Orthodontics), **Nancy Murray** (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery), **Scott Newhouse** (Information Technology), **David Spencer** (AEGD), **Linda Tarlton** (Clinic Operations), and **Gayla Winn** (University Dental Faculty Group); [20 years] **Pamela Bartlett** (Clinic Operations) and **Kathan Kent** (Clinic Operations); and [25 years] **Teri Forster** (Maxillofacial Prosthodontics) and **Roberta Rains** (Pediatric Dentistry). HSC Employees of the Month for the 2003-04 year were also re-recognized; among them was **Josephine Shaw** (Graduate Periodontics) who was Employee of the Month for June 2003.

During the Opening Ceremonies of the 2004 ODA

Annual Meeting on April 30 at the Doubletree Convention Center in Tulsa, **Frank Miranda** (Senior Associate Dean) was the Benjamin Franklin Scroll for his outstanding contributions to the ODA Journal during the 2003-04 year. Recognized for 25 years of continuous ODA membership were **Fred Benenati** (CO-Chair, Endodontics) and **Robert Miller** (Associate Dean, Student & Alumni Affairs).

During the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Meeting in Seattle last March, **Jane Bowers** (Dental Hygiene) was awarded a \$5,000 ADEA/Young Manufacturing Dental Hygiene Development Grant. The grant was awarded for direct support of her Ph.D. research dissertation project.

Eight health professions volunteers from the United States participated in a medical/dental mission March 24-29 to a remote region of Quiche, Guatemala. The team was led by **Kevin Smith** (Director, Graduate Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery) and also included **Curt Bowman** (Chief OMS resident). The team's focus was on facial deformity (primarily cleft lip/palate) reconstruction. Nineteen patients were screened, and 12 patients received a total of 24 combined surgical procedures. Dr. Smith has performed over 200 procedures during the seven years this Guatemala mission has been operational. Two weeks prior (March 4-10), he also served as lead surgeon on complex craniofacial cases as part of a mission trip to San Jose,

Costa Rica organized by Rotary International.

During the 2004 Annual meeting of the Oklahoma Dental Association last April, **Kathan Kent** (Clinic Operations) was installed as president of the Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association. Kathy and **Grace Holden** (Graduate Periodontics) have also been appointed as two of three dental assistants to a special advisory committee to the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry.

#### STUDENT NEWS & HONORS

OUCOD Student Council officers for the 2004-05 year will be: **Mike Wallace** (DS-3), president; **Chase Dighton** (DS-2), vice president; **Jennifer Matousek-Ronck** (DS-2), secretary; **Jason Walker** (DS-2), treasurer; and **David Horn** (DS-3), social chair/special events coordinator. Senators serving on the HSC Student Senate will be **Matt Hookom** (DH-1), **Byron Tucker** (DS-1), and **Kyle Vroome** (DS-1). Re-elected as faculty advisors were **G. Frans Currier** (Orthodontics) and **Frank Miranda** (Senior Associate Dean). Selected to receive the 2004 William E. Brown Service Award for their outstanding service activities to Student Council and to the College were **Cindy Espinoza** (DH-2) and **Sarah Fox** (DS-4).

The 5th annual Robert G. Gerety Scholarship in Orthodontics luncheon was held at the Petroleum Club on April 9. Scholarship recipient **Kelli Henderson** (DS-4) was recognized for her "sustained interest

in orthodontics and superior performance in academic and clinical orthodontics". Sponsored by the American Orthodontic Society, the \$3,000 scholarship was presented by AOS Executive Director **Tom Chapman**. Also attending the luncheon were numerous orthodontics faculty and representatives of the OUCOD administration.

The Diagnostic Systems Group (DSG) of the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) awarded **Jennifer Matousek-Ronck** (DS-2) the 2004 IADR/DSG Eastman Kodak Student Research Award for her paper "Sjogren's Syndrome Patient Sera Target Unique Epitopes of Centromere Antigens" which she presented at the IADR Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii in March. Her paper was selected from a number of submissions to the DSG Scientific Committee from around the country.

**Brooke Bottom** (DS-3) was presented with a scholarship from Oklahoma Dental (Group Practice) at a special luncheon held March 24 at the Faculty House. The scholarship is awarded to a selected student demonstrating professional attributes for entering a group dental practice, including leadership/teamwork skills and clinical excellence. Making the presentation were **William Brewer** and **Bob Ackridge**, Oklahoma Dental President and Director of Operations, respectively. Also attending the luncheon were **Stephen Young** (Dean) and **Robert Miller** (Associate Dean,

Student & Alumni Affairs).

On March 27, the OU Health Sciences Center sponsored its 2004 Big Event Health Fair at Otwell's Food Store in east Oklahoma City. Over 150 students representing all HSC colleges offered services, health information and assistance to more than 75 persons from the surrounding community who checked in for the free health fair. Eleven students from the College of Dentistry gave up a free Saturday to participate in this charitable endeavor. They included: Graduate Orthodontics resident **Robie Herman**; first-year dental hygiene students **Tambree Freeman, Kim Lee, Kinsey Parker, Stacy Randall, Carolyn Tucker, and Lacy Woods**; first-year dental students **Drew Holloman** and **Stephen Meacham**; and third-year dental students **Beth Bohanon** and **Jennifer Steffen**.

Graduate Periodontics resident **Grady O'Neill** was awarded the Deans Award for Outstanding Research at the 29th Annual GREAT (Graduate Research Education and Technology) Symposium Awards Ceremony on April 2 for his research on *"Effects of Laser Treatment on Fibroblast Attachment to the Diseased Root Surface: A Comparison with Traditional Root Surface Treatment"*.

During the Department of Periodontics' annual awards luncheon held April 28 in Nicholson Tower on the HSC Campus to recognize selected senior students for their achievements in periodontics (see

"Commencement 2003"), **Jake Mendenhall** (DS-3) and **Darek Ridpath** (DS-3) received the Jay F. Anderson Award in Periodontics.

The OU Health Sciences Center held its 2004 Campus Awards Ceremony for all HSC colleges in the HSC Student Center on April 12. Three dental hygiene students were recognized for outstanding academic and service achievements:

**Jessica Lingle** (DH-2) - Parents' Association Outstanding Student Award; **Cindy Espinoza** (DH-2) - William E. Brown Service Award (awarded by the OUCOD Student Council) and an Undergraduate Multicultural Student Award; and **Stacy Randall** (DH-1) Regents' Award for Outstanding Juniors and Outstanding First Year Student Award. As an emerging student leader on the HSC campus, Stacy will also serve as 2004-05 Secretary on the HSC Student Association. Graduate Orthodontics resident **Robie Herman** received the Health Sciences Center Outstanding Student Leadership Award and was also recognized for his leadership as 2003-04 President of the HSC Student Association. Robie is probably the only student leader to ever serve three separate terms as HSC Student Association president! Also recognized for their various achievements were the following seven senior dental students: **Loren Anderson, Sarah Fox, Jacob Hager, Kelly Joice Valbuena, Brant Rouse, Greg Segraves, and Brian Ward**. Their awards are listed in the

"Commencement 2004" section of this report.

Last year OU's official student ambassador organization, the Crimson Club (established on the Norman campus in 1987), formed an HSC chapter with an inaugural class of six students. During the HSC Campus Awards Ceremony, **Adam Pitts** (DS-4) was recognized as one of the "Founding Fathers" of the HSC Chapter. Among the 18 new HSC Crimson Club members for 2004-05 are **Kesa McConnell** (DS-2), **Stephen Meacham** (DS-1) and **Kyle Vroome** (DS-1).

#### *PERUVIAN MISSION TRIP*

After several years of traveling to Bolivia (and last year to Guatemala), more than 60 volunteer health care workers gathered over Spring Break for a medical/dental mission trip to Peru. The group included six physicians, four dentists, nine dental students, thirty medical students, and a small contingent of physician's assistants and students from pharmacy, nursing, and allied health. Sponsored by the Christian Medical Dental Association (CMDA), the group provided basic medical and dental care to needy people in the remote Amazon Basin area of Peru. The dental team included **Robert Livingston** (Oral Surgeon, Muskogee), **Ethan Moulton** (Graduate Periodontics) and OUCOD graduates **John Geasland** (DDS'89) and **Brent Spear** (DDS'00). They supervised the efforts of senior dental student **Chris McKinney**,



*Peruvian mission volunteers (from left to right, back row): Scott Renfrow, Chris McKinney, Tim Kirby, Kyle Vroome, Dr. Brent Spear, Dan Messner, Stephen Meacham, Dr. Robert Livingston, Dr. Ethan Moulton, and Neil Hasty; (front row) Lori Holden, Ashley Alavizadeh, and Dr. John Geasland.*

juniors **Lori Holden** and **Scott Renfrow**, sophomores **Neil Hasty** and **Tim Kirby**, and freshmen **Ashley Alavizadeh**, **Stephen Meacham**, **Dan Messner**, and **Kyle Vroome**. This group was divided into six working teams including four dental teams, two of which took overnight trips down the Amazon River to remote villages. One team remained at an Indian center to treat Shipibo Indians taking refuge at the center. The remaining teams worked at various locations treating the poverty-stricken population in Pucallpa, as well as traveling to nearby Shipibo villages. Over the next four days, the teams saw more than 950 dental patients and approximately 5,200 medical patients. Each team extracted literally hundreds of teeth during the week without benefit of electricity or radiographs. The teams also became very familiar with the insect population of the

Amazon Basin! While many students go on vacation or simply rest during Spring Break, it is a tremendous commitment for students to spend a free week, pretty much at their own expense, treating patients in remote regions of the world.



*Lori Holden (DS-3) with an adorable Peruvian patient.*

The culture shock of going from U.S. affluence to areas of abject poverty is sobering but inspirational. Students and doctors not only see but actually experience third world conditions. The grati-

tude of those treated is beyond description — the less you have, the more you appreciate what's given. This is yet another example of the compassion and generosity of the dental profession to those in need. The mission trip is partially funded by a grant from the J. D. Robertson Society.

## **Retired Dentists**

by Dr. Sunshine Sullivan-Myers

The Retired Dentists held their April meeting at a special location—the Hideaway Pizza in Oklahoma City. The March, May and June meetings took place at the ODA headquarters, which is customary. Various topics have been addressed at each of these meetings, including: reports on the ODA annual meeting, discussion of the new ODA headquarters and the corresponding Centennial Campaign to raise funds, and how to maintain CPR requirements.

Several of the members of the Retired Dentist group have undertaken a special project at the ODA headquarters. The Retired Dentists have been tasked with sorting through the ODA library and other archives in order to catalogue the pictures, documents, and publications in the ODA's possession. This work is being done to ensure that all items stored in the library at the new ODA headquarters will be accessible. Additionally, organizing all ODA historical materials will help with any Centennial celebration

in 2007. Volunteers from the Retired Dentists plan to work on this project at least once a month and have it completed before the ODA moves locations.

Lastly, **Dr. Carl Collier** and **Dr. Ralph Venk** were recently featured in the *Daily Oklahoman*. Dr. Collier and Dr. Venk volunteer at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Oklahoma working with dinosaur fossils. A great picture of Dr. Collier was featured on the front of the *Oklahoman* and the article about these Retired Dentists volunteering at the museum was fascinating. If you missed the article, it is available at the Oklahoma Dental Association web site under the News section.

The Retired Dentists group is an open, informal organization, and all Retired Dentists are welcome to our meetings, which take place the 3rd Monday of every month. Call (405) 848-8873 for more information.

### **Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association**

by Kathan Kent, CDA

We have just completed the 64th Annual Session of the Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association. It was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma in conjunction with the Oklahoma Dental Association. We had a great time, which included continuing education, fabulous food and even some fun. We extend our appreciation to **Linda Bilby** and her fine convention committee

for their efforts in planning the activities.

We had two very capable speakers at our "Eat and learn Breakfasts". First - **Dr. J. Reid Butler**, a delightful person who kept us on the edge of our seats as well as on the cutting edge of dental implantology with his lecture "Integration to Restoration". Then - **Sharon Dickinson, CDA, CDPMA** inspired and challenged us to improve our communication skills with her topic "The Great communication Puzzle".

We were honored to have National guests attend the convention. Oklahoma's own **Kay Mosley, CDA** the current President of the American Dental Assistants Association. President Mosley encouraged us to reach out to new members who are the future of our organization. Also, **Marthann Dafft, CDA** our vivacious Ninth District Trustee brought news from the surrounding States (in our district) and shared some ideas for increasing our membership. Her energy renewed us.

Awards were given and the new Officers and Board Members were duly installed.

**Linda Bilby, CDA** of Tulsa was given the "Knarr Award" in recognition and appreciation of her service as ODAA President for the past two years.

**Kathan Kent, CDA** received the Victor Andrews Award for Excellence as the 2004 Dental Assistant of the year.

Those installed were:

President - **Kathan Kent, CDA**  
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**Dr. Bill Kent**

Delegates to the National Conference:

**Kathan Kent, CDA**

**Jean Muller, CDA, GS-EFDA**

**Joy Carter, CDA** (alternate)

The American Dental

Assistants Association Annual Conference will be held in Anaheim California July 8-11 in conjunction with The Academy of General Dentistry's annual conference.

I look forward to serving ODAA as President for the next two years and wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

### **International College of Dentists**

by Dr. Allen Keenan

It's been a busy time for the Oklahoma Chapter of ICD. The ADA Meeting in San Francisco was exciting! Not only did we elect our own **Dr. Richard Haught** from Tulsa President of the American Dental

Association, we inducted 6 new fellows: **Dr. Gary Burnidge** (Tulsa), **Dr. Lee Beasley** (Oklahoma City), **Dr. Walter Coffee** (Stillwater), **Dr. Doug Kirkpatrick** (Tulsa) and **Dr. Bill Wynn** (McAlester) into the college. Our own **Dr. Bob Bartheld** of McAlester (President of the USA Section) addressed the convocation.

At the Oklahoma Dental Meeting in Tulsa we elected three candidates for fellowship; **Dr. Floyd Simon** (Clinton), **Dr. Kevin Avery** (Oklahoma City), and **Dr. Pam Low** (Tulsa). Our new President, **Dr. Matt Cohlma**, received the "gavel" from outgoing president **Dean Steve Young**. We heard an interesting report from **Dr. Don Mitchell** who has been instrumental in establishing our student exchange program with Helsinki, Finland. DS4 **Hugh McDougal** told of his experiences as our initial exchange student last year, DS3 **Debbie Butler** was introduced as our exchange student for this year.

From June 9th to the 13th the Oklahoma Chapter had a wonderful summer meeting arranged by **Deputy Regent Scott** and **Maggie Russell** in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Thirty-one were present for dinner at the "Casa Blanca" restaurant on Thursday evening. **Dr. Gary Gardner** presented an interesting program on his project, sculpturing a life size statue of General Lawton. He compared the casting techniques with the "lost wax" dental inlay technique. Everyone present was quite impressed.

XII District Regent **Carl Collier** gave a report on ICD's Humanitarian Outreach Program. The program has expanded to include Viet Nam and Cambodia. The University of Texas is responsible for the educational aspect of this project which is being funded by a \$60,000 ICD grant. The Oklahoma chapter has given \$250 plus individual contributions to this worthwhile endeavor.

Our 2005 Summer meeting is planned for June in Oklahoma City. Plan to attend!



### Oklahoma Association of Women Dentists

by Dr. Jeanne Panza

The Oklahoma Association of Women Dentists held their Annual Senior Spring Brunch on Saturday April 24th at Nonna's Painted Door Café in Oklahoma City to celebrate the success of the young women about to embark on their new career in the profession. Thirty attendees made up of member dentists from the community, faculty members from the College of Dentistry, and junior and senior dental students were treated to an afternoon of fine food and friendship. Two scholarship awards were given to sophomore dental student **Kesa**

**McConnell** and graduating senior **Abbey VanOven**. Also awarded was the Eleanor J. Bushee Senior Dental Student Award given to graduating senior **Sarah Fox**.

Past president **Dr. Mary Martin** installed state chapter officers for the 2004-2005 year: President - **Dr. Jeanne Panza**; Vice President - **Dr. Teresa Davis**; Secretary/Treasurer - **Dr. Suzie Beavers**; and Board of Trustees Student Representative - **Lori Holden** (DS-3).

OAWD Member at Large **Dr. Tamara Berg** was guest speaker and presented her views on the benefits of membership in the OAWD and its national organization, the American Association of Women Dentists. The OAWD will hold a membership drive in the upcoming months in an effort to encourage support from women practitioners in the community to serve as mentors for students. For membership information please contact Dr. Jeanne C. Panza, OU College of Dentistry, 1201 N. Stonewall Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1214, 405-271-5988 (Fax: 405-271-3158).

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