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June 25-29, 2014
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We have reserved accommodations at the Heathman Lodge and Resort in Vancouver, WA across the river and 11.5 miles from the Portland International Airport. www.heathmanlodge.com / 7801 NE Greenwood Dr, Vancouver, WA, 98662

For our convention we have reserved a block of rooms on the 4th, or business, floor which is only accessed by your room key. The complimentary breakfast and evening hor d’oeuvres are only available for 4th floor guests. Our convention price is $99.00 per night!

"Designed to express the beauty and spirit of the Pacific Northwest, The Heathman Lodge brings the splendor of the outdoors into the city of Vancouver. The rustic charm of our mountain-like retreat, enhanced by modern urban amenities and exceptional service, creates a lodging atmosphere that is both peaceful and productive."

-- The Heathman Lodge web site

Our schedule outline is-
Wednesday June 25
Welcome Reception. 6:00 - 7:00 pm. 2nd floor balcony
Preliminary Dr. Business Meeting. 7:00 pm (Will meet in Suite 412)
Visiting and Games. 7:00 -8:30 pm (Continued on the 2nd floor balcony) Do you have a favorite game to share? Don’t pack it in your bag but let us know and we will try to have it available.

Worship Thought: 8:30 pm

Ice Cream Run 8:45 pm There is a frozen custard shop we enjoyed very much called Sheridan’s Frozen Custard. (http://www.sheridansfrozencustard.com) -- Pretty amazing! I had vanilla with fruit, nuts, and fudge. Dan had something called Mint Mud.

Thursday, June 26
Worship 7:45

Breakfast 8:00 (The Lodge Hospitality Room.)

Dr.s CE 9:00 - 12:00 (NPUC Conference Center)
Auxiliary Business Meeting 9:00-10:00 (Suite 412)
Auxiliary Special Event 10:00 - 12:00 (Details not finalized.)
Lunch with friends!
Afternoon Activity Options:
- Golf - The NPUC neighbors a lovely golf course.
- Leatherman Factory Tour - only time for a group tour
- Shopping - The hotel is 2 blocks from a lovely mall. (from NPUC or the lodge?)
- Relaxing and Visiting
  An outing to _______________. (see last page for options) I think that if you would invite someone else to go with you it would be a great time to enjoy getting to know someone better!

Annual Banquet and Auction  6:00  (Vancouver SDA Church Fellowship Hall)
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Special Feature
Dinner
Auction *
Closing Thought and Prayer

*Our Auxiliary organization is active in promoting missions and scholarships to students who are dedicated to a career in optometry. This Auction is our major fundraiser. We donate interesting, fun, (and mostly useful) items; then have a greater amount of fun while we are bidding on each item! We bring a budgeted amount to spend (donate) for a worthy cause. It is a great place to find a gift for a loved one or that perfect souvenir to take home. Come prepared to join in the fun!

Friday June 27
Worship  7:45
Breakfast  8:00  (The Lodge Hospitality Room)

Columbia Gorge Tour - Departure at 8:30 from the Heathman Lodge. Worth the time to see what most people miss! Motor Tour along Old Hwy 30, the Historic Drive along the Gorge. The Columbia George (http://www.crgva.org/)  (Those who are energetic can hike the trails but the views are great from the bottom as well.)

Tour to Include
- Chanticleer Point (Women’s Forum State Park) - One of the most popular photograph locations viewing Crown Point Vista House and the Columbia River and Gorge.
- Crown Point Vista House  (Opens at 9:00)  Historic Columbia River Highway “Comfort Station.”
  Columbia River Gorge scenic observation point.
- Sternwheeler Boat Tour - Two hours of relaxation on a historic boat while enjoying the beautiful vistas of the Columbia Gorge between Cascade Locks and Bonneville Dam. (http://www.portofcascadelocks.org/sternwheeler.htm)
- Bonneville Fish Hatchery for Lunch, Relaxation, and Fun (http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/visitors/bonneville_hatchery.asp)
- Bonneville Lock and Dam (http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/ColumbiaRiver/Bonneville.aspx)

Evening Fellowship and Final Farewell.

So…. Much Left Yet to See! These are things that we love to do (or would love to do). There is more to see than we can fit into a busy weekend so feel free to celebrate the greater Portland area for a few extra days. The Heathman Lodge will honor our price for up to two additional days prior to and following the convention dates.

So come and enjoy Portland! Bring your friends, your kids, your family! All are welcome. We will look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions, we would be happy to answer them if possible. Feel free to give us a call! Our home phone is 541-534-6013. Barb’s cell: 541-786-1514. Dan’s cell: 541-786-3719.
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Check this out on the web, you will want to be there.
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AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC CONVENTION DATES
2014 June 25-29 Philadelphia PA
2015 June 21-28 Seattle, WA
2016 Possible Las Vegas NV
Mid-July my husband and I had the opportunity to be part of an eye care team on the beautiful island of Pohnpei, where there is currently no medical eye care and the few opticals are pretty pricey. We are currently living on Guam, so Pohnpei was a pretty short flight away as it is in the Federated States of Micronesia.

In April of this year Robert Wresch MD, one of the ophthalmologists I work with in Guam, took a trip to Pohnpei and screened almost a hundred patients. Our group followed up with many of those patients.

Craig Chaya MD, a glaucoma specialist based in Utah who has spent some time on Guam the past few years, has been looking for a chance to help the nearby islands. He brought a portable phaco unit and lots of supplies. Loren Seery MD, a cornea specialist who works with me at the Guam SDA Clinic, and Jessica, one of our ophthalmic techs at the clinic joined in for the adventure. My husband, Max, also helped out despite his specialty being electrical engineering. Our contact there is John Schroer of MAHI International. They endeavor to help the communities of Micronesia by bringing in health care workers and educators as well as aid the schools through projects like solar power and using donated iPads for learning English.

We landed on a Friday and were able to get some preliminary errands accomplished. Sabbath we attended church at the SDA school then spent the afternoon snorkeling -including seeing 5 manta rays! Sunday morning we headed to the State hospital early to set up the 12 bags of equipment we brought. That afternoon the pre-op patients for cataract and pterygium surgeries arrived. During the next three days the ophthalmologists performed almost 30 surgeries and worked late into the night. I helped out as the circulating nurse for part of one day and my husband helped the other two days. In clinic we saw 50 patients for a range of conditions and needs. There is a lot of diabetes on the island so we had our fair-share of diabetic retinopathy. There were also other retinal cases, glaucoma, and of course, refractions. One patient I saw as an acute case was a 25 year old girl who was goofing around with her cousin. The cousin accidently shot her with a pellet gun. The left upper lid was swollen so much her eye was shut but the globe was ok! Praise God! He really protected her. The bullet was literally millimeters from her eye.

On the surgery side we had a few combined pterygium and cataract cases and bilateral cataract cases. One lady in her 70’s has not been able to function much for several years due to severe cataracts. She explained that she was dependent on her family even for moving around her house! She used to be an avid gardener and has missed it. During the post-op visit after her second surgery she was radiant. She was still counting fingers at 15’ with pinhole to 20/50. It was such a good feeling to be able to help her and the others.

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Kristi Woesner, OD
Not any knew news, sorry. The Africa Project is finished. All money dispersed and hopefully all are happy. Looking forward to convention time and seeing all our optometry friends. Best Wishes, Lowell

Wednesday night, hump day is over! Thursday, on the run again but the evening is coming, small group study night. Our small group is studying the book “Victory in Jesus” and the diversity of thought, ideas and the grasp of faith of each person makes it my favorite evening. Every day we optometrists meet people from all walks of life, faiths and cultures. It is a blessing to find a person seeking for a relationship with Christ but it usually puts me behind in my schedule! There is one problem that has come up lately---- EHR---The great time USER! I must say that I am getting more proficient in time management but I miss those extra minutes that where spent in great discussions about how great a God we serve while learning to trust that His ways are what is best for me. May each of you find the time to study with a small group and always share the good news that Jesus secured the price of our salvation on the cross 2000 years ago Hallelujah!

We have two mission trips planned for March this year. Dr. Karlit Wong is going with Air Care International to Dominican Republic March 6-16. Dr. Brad Emde, Dr. Jonathan Fritz, and Dr. Dennis Benedict are going with a team of medical personal from the Southern Union to Nicaragua March 13-23. Here are mission trips planned by the Quiet Hour: Malaysia – March 14 - 22 Dominican Republic – April 2 - 14 Colombia – April 10 - 20 Phillipines – April 22 - May 4 Thailand – June 10 - 23 Ghana – June 18 - 30 India – June 24 - July 8 Ecuador – June 25 - July 7 If you are even a little interested in one of these mission projects, give Dr. Dennis Benedict a call at 865-622-8035

If you have not attended a ASDAO meeting, you have missed a lot. It is nice to have persons with the same profession and same religion to get together and discuss mission projects, study together, go to church together and just have a good time. Another thing is that you get to visit many places in the United States and Canada that you might not see otherwise. I know that this is true for me. Next year we will be meeting in San Antonio during the General Conference Session. By attending the ASDAO I have been able to attend several GC sessions that I would not have otherwise. Hope to see you this hear in Vancouver, WA. Duane E. Curtis, O.D., editor

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Janice Bailey


These are things I am thinking about! Isn't this our responsibility to our family members, neighbors, employees, and patients? But how do we consistently show this day in and day out? I suggest that we must have a daily walk with Jesus Christ. It is not within us to “be” these qualities. Only because of God's great love for us can we ever hope to “be” love to others.

This is my prayer for each and everyone of us. That we would seek Him and then purposefully go about our days with intention to “be” love to those closest to us. Seeking to show kindness to the least of these. And then with thoughtfulness “be” tender towards all.

Our call as Christians is to reach out in love to others so that they would in turn KNOW Jesus and His great love for all mankind. We are placed here to be a spectacle unto the world and before men & angels. (1 Corinthians 4:9b) And the bottom line, to show the love of God, His kindness, and His thoughtfulness that His character will be exonerated before all the universe!

The New Year has begun! Valentine's is just around the corner! Would you be willing to take a moment just now and pray about being a “spectacle” to others – and before the whole universe?
Oh, to rightly represent Him – every day!

I am looking forward to seeing each of you in June at our Portland, Oregon convention. I hope some of our never-before-met members will take this opportunity to come and fellowship with us! Dan and Barb are planning a fun and productive time, so don't miss out! Save the date, book your lodging at the Heathman Lodge, and let us know you are “in”.

See you then!
Janice

ASDAO AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP FOR 3rd & 4th YEAR OPTOMETRY STUDENTS

The purpose of the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship is to recognize excellence in scholarship and encourage Seventh-day Adventist individuals with potential to complete their educational requirements in the field of Optometry.

Qualified Seventh-day Adventist students enrolled in an accredited school of optometry in either the US or Canada and completing the 2nd year are eligible and may apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists. The scholarship application is for a one-time scholarship given in either the Jr. or Sr. yr. of Optometry School.

All documents must be received no later than JUNE 1. The recipient will be announced during the annual meeting of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists held the end of June each year. The scholarship committee reserves the right to suspend the award if no candidates are judged to be outstanding in a given year.

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TIME TO START PLANNING FOR THE AUXILIARY AUCTION

It won’t be long until convention time and one of the highlights of the convention is the Auxiliary Auction. The money raised goes to help out with the scholarships each year and several mission projects that the auxiliary help sponsor.

Think of what you can make or come up with that will be fun bidding on at the big event.
Check out the new constructed web site. Dennis has made several changes. It will also show some of the past Fraterneyesers, along with other changes.

www.sdaoptometrists.org

Check out: Officers, Conventions, Pictures, ASDAO History, GC Assistant Report, Auxiliary, Mission Reports, Mission Projects, Archived Newsletters, Classified Advertisements, Links, Or even can contact the ASDAO.

Give it a look and see how you like it. Let Dennis Benedict know if you have any ideas or changes you know of such as color schemes and opinions.
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Each year you receive a statement from the treasurer requesting you to send in dues and become a member of ASDAO.
First you should know that the dues are only a small part of what is used to continue the support of the ASDAO.
Money is needed to help continue our mission clinics and trips overseas. We to supply them with equipment and support so that God’s work can continue in these areas.
We want you to become active also in the fellowship of SDA optometrists throughout the country. We have a great time each year when we get together.
Support your ASDAO this year.

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