ASDAO Convention June 25-29, 2014
Portland, Oregon / Vancouver, WA

Wednesday June 25
Welcome Reception. 6:00 - 7:00 pm. 2nd floor balcony
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 / 1-888-475-3100

"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 reservations are on the 4th, or business, floor which is only accessed by your room key. The complimentary breakfast is only available to 4th floor guests. Our convention price is $99.00 per night!

Preliminary Dr. Business Meeting. 7:00 pm (To meet in Suite 212)
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. 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 “My Jesus” You won’t want to miss this! It will have something to do with a very special item at the Auction.

Breakfast 8:00 (The Lodge Hospitality Room.)
Dr.s CE 9:00 - 12:00 (NPUC Conference Center)
COPE approved 3 hours. James Guzek, MD
Auxiliary Business Meeting 9:00-10:30 (2nd Floor Balcony)
Auxiliary Special Event 10:30 - 12:00
For the Kids! Fun Activities / Crafts / Babysitting (Suite 212) Stories, games, sandpaper, crayons, clay, sharpies, and who knows what else that is fun!
Lunch with friends!

Afternoon Activity Options:
+ Golf - The NPUC neighbors a lovely golf course.
+ Shopping
+ Relaxing and Visiting

An outing to ________________. I think that if you would invite someone else go with you it would be a great time to enjoy getting to know someone better! What an opportunity!

Annual Banquet and Auction 6:00 (Vancouver SDA Church Fellowship Hall)
9711 NE St. John’s Road, Vancouver, WA 98665 - 360.696.2511

Special Feature
+ Dinner
+ Auction *

Closing Thought and Prayer
*Our Auxiliary, or support, 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 and 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.

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.”

Multnomah Falls World renowned for its beauty.(http://www.oregon.com/attractions/multnomah_falls)

Sternwheeler Boat Tour 11:00-1:15 Can begin boarding at 10:30. Two hours of relaxation and narration 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. Home of “Herman the Sturgeon”.

Bonneville Lock and Dam Tour A short tour that is well worth the time!
Dinner and Vespers 6:30 (Vancouver SDA Church fellowship hall)
+ Delicious Food
+ Singing
+ How to share Christ in the Workplace.
Mission Trip review. Shared by Jeremy Beam

Sabbath June 28
Breakfast Sabbath School 9:00-10:40 (Vancouver SDA Church Fellowship Hall) Offering a chance to connect, study and enjoy a wonderful time together. At 9:30 there are children’s Sabbath School classes also available.

Church Worship We will fellowship with the Vancouver SDA Church at Worship

Lunch (Vancouver SDA Church Fellowship Hall for combined potluck.)

Washington Park 2 pm In the middle of Portland and just up from the thriving downtown district is a delightfully calm and wonderful bit of God’s pristine handiwork. It is a special place to me and no trip to Portland would be complete without who are energetic can hike the trails but the views are great from the bottom as well.) experiencing this wonderful park, the beautiful trees, and the roses. Many miles of nature trails and scenic vistas abound. Time is limited and we cannot see all that Washington Park has to offer. Our goal is fellowship, so our focus is to enjoy the Portland International Rose Test Gardens, Holocaust Memorial and the Hoyt Arboretum

Other Park options are listed and available as well.
Washington Park www.washingtonpark.org
Portland International Rose Test Garden (free) www.portlandparks.org
+ The Holocaust Memorial (free)
+ Hoyt Arboretum (free) www.hoytarboretum.org
+ Children’s Playground - Just south of the Rose Garden (free)
Portland Japanese Gardens (admission fee) www.japanesegarden.com
The Oregon Zoo (admission fee) www.oregonzoo.org
World Forestry Center Discovery Museum (admission fee) www.worldforestry.org
Portland Children’s Museum (admission fee) www.portlandcm.org

Picnic Supper and Vespers in the Park 6:30 (Stevens Pavilion Picnic Shelter -Hoyt Arboretum - If available.)

Ice Cream Renaissance - (http://www.icecreamrenaissance.com/) Now this is Even More Amazing Ice Cream. Light and delicious! We have driven out of our way for this place!

Sunday June 29
Worship 7:45
Breakfast 8:00 (The Lodge Hospitality Room. )

Final Business Meetings 8:30-10:00 (2nd floor mezzanine)
Mt. St. Helens Tour 11:30 am (or as soon as possible) We need to be at Mt St. Helens Learning Center (http://www.mountsthelens.com/Forest-Learning-Center.html) at 2:00 pm and Johnson’s Ridge Observatory (http://www.mountsthelens.com/visitorcenters.html) at 4:00 pm.
Lunch will be provided. Bring additional snacks and water as desired.

Evening Fellowship and Final Farewell.
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.

So.... Much Left Yet to See! These are things that we love to do (or would love to do). When planning your trip you may want to add a little extra time to take in some of these wonderful places.

I have added web addresses for your information.

A Little Extra!
OSHU Tram Ride (http://gobytram.com/)
Rose Garden Tour (http://www.rosegardenstore.org/thegardens.cfm)
Hood River Train Tour (www.mthoodrr.com)
Portland Japanese Gardens www.japanesegarden.com
The Oregon Zoo www.oregonzoo.org
World Forestry Center Discovery Museum www.worldforestry.org
Portland Children’s Museum www.portlandcm.org
OMSI (http://www.omsi.edu/)
Rhododendron Gardens (http://www.rhodies.org/xtal/csg_index.htm)
The Grotto (http://www.thegrotto.org/)
The Spaghetti Factory - The Flagship Restaurant on the Willamette (http://www.southwaterfront.com/retail/old-spaghetti-factory/)
Council Crest Park (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_Crest_Park)
Pittock Mansion (http://pittockmansion.org/)
Ocean Beaches (http://www.nwcoast.com/)
Mt Hood and Timberline Lodge (http://www.timberlinelodge.com/)
Bob’s Red Mill (https://plus.google.com/103274567157784457808/about?hl=en)
Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge (http://www.fws.gov/ridgefieldrefuges/)
Bonneville Hot Springs Resort and Spa www.bonnevilleresort.com
Leatherman Factory Tour www.leatherman.com

Please send a reply to barb.beckner@gmail.com

We hope that we are prepared to serve you and to insure that your needs are met so that we all have a wonderful time together. In order to do that, I need just a bit of information.

Your Names Please give me names of those planning to attend in your group. For the children please give us their ages so that we can plan crafts and activities for them as well as special treats throughout.
Will you be staying with us in The Heathman Lodge or elsewhere in the area?
Do you have special needs that we can help to accommodate?
Do you have special meal requirements that we can accommodate?
Will you be able to join us for the entire convention?

Thanks SO MUCH!
Make your Reservations Now!

The Heathman Lodge: 1-888-475-3100

IMPORTANT!!! Please acknowledge the name of the group (ASDAO or Adventist Optometry Group) and request the group rate ($99.00) when making your reservations.

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Please make your reservations now if you are interested in coming. Reservations may be cancelled 21 days before arrival without penalty. 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.

Check this out on the web, you will want to be there.
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NEEDED
A HOST FOR THE 2015 ASDAO Convention in San Antonio, TX
For General Confernece
Contact Tom Sanders O.D.
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WE NEED YOUR HELP
The next SDA General Conference Session is little over one year away. We have been asked by the General Conference to provide a booth in the exhibit hall for vision care. After consulting with several veteran ASDAO members, we have decided to take a different approach to our vision booth and the services we provide.

As you know, measuring IOPs, VAs, and direct O-scope have very little diagnostic value to the attendees, and possibly giving a false sense of good ocular health. Even though this approach was well received by the public and perceived as a valuable service, we are looking at a different approach for 2015. Educating attendees about what a vision exam is and what we are able to see and diagnose would be in their best interest.

Our booth appearance, along with materials to hand out, audio-visual aides, and services need to be finalized at our next convention in June. Because of limited time to meet for business meetings during our convention, we need your input before the convention and your support at our annual convention.

Here are some of the ideas we are considering:

- Eyemaginations has granted us the use of their full computer program during the convention time to show animations of ocular disease conditions, and ocular procedures. We plan to project these on a large screen or HD TV.
- OD’s will provide consultations for medical conditions, give out AOA pamphlets, show Eyemaginations animations for appropriate ocular conditions, and educate attendees on importance of regular vision exams.
- OCT screenings may be available for a select group of attendees
- Literature for healthy life styles

We need your ideas for our booth, for presentation and content. What brochures or information sheets we will provide need to be decided at the convention. E-mail us with your ideas and comments.

Dennis Benedict, O.D. & Daniel Beckner, O.D.

Volunteers Needed: San Antonio Texas
June 2015 General Conference ASDAO Health Screening Booth
1) Donate or bring a large Screen TV delivered to the Booth and pick it up after the exhibit. (We can't bring it on the plane)
2) Create Graphic design and Display Posters to attract visitors to the booth.
3) Design a handout for an 8x11 sheet of paper telling of the value of an thorough dilated eye exam to detect glaucoma, diabetes, hypertension, brain tumors, refractive blindness or vision loss, and macular degeneration. (we can't afford to hand out brochures at 0.35 each by the 1000;s..)
4) Doctors who will commit to being there to counsel patients who are watching the eyemaginations video and have questions about eye function and disease.
Dan Beckner, O.D.
GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON
HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE
July 7-12, Geneva, Switzerland

The objectives of this conference are twofold: To bring the most current, evidence-based information to the attendees, and to attempt to make such information readily accessible to all.

Promote wholistic lifestyle (body, mind, and spirit) as the primary measure to prevent and combat non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

Emphasize and affirm the universal right for all to access health education and healthcare to prevent and to treat NCDs.

Support and promote education about and the active implementation of a healthful lifestyle, starting as early in life as possible, and continuing throughout the life cycle.

Showcase practical, evidence-based initiatives and approaches for the prevention and amelioration of NCDs, targeting all age groups and highlighting the importance of positive choices.

Create an understanding that many effective lifestyle-based interventions come at minimal monetary cost, and can help address the enormous disparities currently existent in healthcare and health promotion.

To build on the platform established by the 2009 Geneva Conference on Lifestyle as Primary Healthcare, and to launch training for Comprehensive Health Ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Support the goals and objectives of collaboration with Faith-Based Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations in meeting these and other objectives.

Support the goals and objectives of:

- The World Health Organization’s Alma Ata Declaration;
- The United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals.

Urge the implementation of linkages and activities that will follow upon what is presented at this conference. Establish and maintain relationships with local WHO/PAHO representatives.

I know there is grace each and every day because of what Jesus did for me on the cross, but there is even grace in the world of optometry! ICD 10 coding has been put off for another year if my E-mail is correct. I hope that is good news for you too.

Now to the business at hand, have you made plans to come to the ASDAO Convention in Portland this summer? As you can see in this Fratern-eye our hosts have planned a very interesting and active convention. There is always great fellowship where old friends get reacquainted and new friends are made. Shop talk is always rewarding; the nuances of standard practices in different parts of our country as well as from office to office is always intriguing. Worthy of note is the fact that our group, small and at significant distance are able to unite in optometric mission projects that benefit colleagues and people in continents we may never see. Imagine that in heaven, people we have never met will seek us to thank us for the help they received from the ASDAO.

If you are blessed by being involved in a small group bible study I have a recommendation of a great book to use. The book is "Victory in Jesus" by Pastor Bill Liversidge. It is a study in Romans with an emphasis in daily going to the cross and claiming the righteousness of Jesus as ours through faith. May God bless you as you use your talents to further the work in your office, church and home.

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.
Happy Spring to each of you! I have heard that many people have crocus, daffodils, and other bulbs peeking their way up through the soil in their yards. But not here. Again this morning, my darling husband was scraping snow off the car! Ah, but the mountains are covered with beautiful, hard to look at, so white - snow! What beauty we have all around us. Did you hear a robin this morning? Or some other happy little bird giving praise to God? The testimony of the flowers and the birds speak volumes.

I am thankful for my eyesight and my hearing! Aren’t you? I am also thankful for friends…near and far! I am looking forward to seeing many of you in the end of June at the convention. I look forward to our time together. A time to laugh and learn. A time to share and care. A time to play and pray. A time to build a legacy for the upcoming generation of SDA Optometrists (and their families) who will look to us for wisdom and guidance, while they seek to serve God in their work environments and beyond.

If you haven’t picked up the phone yet to make your reservation, won’t you take the 2 minutes and do that now? And then, start thinking about thoughtful, little, and mostly useful items you can make or bring to the auction on Thursday evening. We are planning some additional “fun” at the auction, so be forewarned! We need YOU there to make the evening fun, and a blessing to the students and missions who will benefit by our “donations”. Plan an amount that you are willing to “give” to support our goal of supporting them.

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thess. 5:11-13

**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.
**PAST CONVENTION LOCATIONS**

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**ADDRESS CHANGES**

One of the biggest jobs is trying to keep track of where all the SDA optometrists are. As you move or change addresses we lose track of you. Please let me know so that will continue to receive the news letter. Also if your e-mail address changes we need to know that. If you have a new address or if you know any new SDA Optometrists or recent graduates send me the address: Duane Curtis, OD, 1517 Circle RD, Worland, WY 82401 or email: wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net

**ASDAO DUES**

July 1, thru June 30, each year

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We need your support in both financial and by being active in ASDAO to help continue carrying on God’s work for optometry. Also donations are needed for the mission projects and trips that the ASDAO has planned. Send your dues and donations to: Eddye Benedict ASDAO Treasurer 156 Cigi Lane Loudon, TN 37774

**PAST CONVENTION LOCATIONS**

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned the, Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. And he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the page

“Momma, look what I found” the boy called out.

“What have you got there dear?” his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered: “I think it’s Adam’s suit!”

**RECONSTRUCTED WEB SITE**

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.
ASDAO SURVEY
Your opinions matter to us. Please fill out this survey and mail it to:
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Or email to wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net

What do you think a Seventh-day Optometric Association's goals should be? (Circle all that apply)
1. Optometry Missions in USA and/or in foreign countries
2. Professional education seminars
3. Socialization with other SDA optometrists and families
4. Recreational outings
5. Other: _________________________________________________________

Have you attended an annual ASDAO convention in the past? If yes, answer the next questions, if no, go to next group of questions

1. What did you enjoy the most? Education seminar, group outings (sight seeing), spiritual emphasis, visiting with other attendees, other
   ________________________________________________________________

2. What would you like to see happen more at the conventions? 
   More education seminars, more outings (activities), more free time with your family, more spiritual emphasis, more mission outreach projects, other
   ________________________________________________________________

3. Would you recommend our Association to other colleges?   Yes     No

4. Why haven’t you attended a convention in the past?
   a. No interest
   b. Too expensive
   c. Bad time of the year for convention
   d. Other family outings conflicting
   e. Not enough education hours
   f. Physically not able to travel
   g. Not coordinated with the AOA meetings
   h. Other _________________________________________________________

Would you be willing to contribute more financially to mission projects if you knew more about how the money was going to be used and could be assured that all the funds you donate would go to helping people? Yes _____ No _____

May we call you or e-mail you in regards to your response to this questionnaire?
Yes   No    Phone number:____________________ e-mail:____________________

Do you wish to continue receiving the Fraterneyeser? Yes _____ No _____

We are trying to build a stronger organization and would like to invite you to attend our next convention. We want your input and participation in an organization that cares about your interests.

PLEASE SEND THIS IN BY JUNE 15 OR SOONER AS THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED AT OUR CONVENTION IN VANCOUVER, WA. / PORTLAND OR
Name _________________________ Address ______________________________