70th Convention: A Success!

Students attend by the dozens

During the last few years, NASDAD has directed more effort toward increasing student awareness of, and participation than any other single project. At the recent Rancho Mirage convention we received additional encouraging evidence that there is continued success in this area and more is expected in the future.

In 2012, a NASDAD table was set up near the classrooms once a month with NASDAD posters and information. Small, useful items were given away to student who passed by and they had the chance to register for a drawing, once each month, for one of three ipads that have been awarded, by NASDAD, to dental and hygiene students in this last year.

In 2012 the NASDAD membership was very generous and provided funds for transportation, food, and hotel to students who came to the convention in Burlingame, California. We were very pleased to have more than twenty students participate in the meetings and the Friday afternoon student-centered CE provided by Landon and Justin Libby. We also enjoyed the vibrancy that they brought to the meetings with their presentations in Sabbath School and music which they provided at each meeting.

We have identified students in each class who resonate with the mission of NASDAD and who have agreed to serve as liaisons between their respective classes and NASDAD. These representatives met with the officers numerous times to help plan the 2013 convention and to advise on attracting student participation.

The 2013 NASDAD
Convention in Rancho Mirage provided another excellent opportunity for the established dentist-members to associate with students and newly graduated dentists. The two student-focused CE programs were well attended. One two-hour CE presentation was by Dr. Christian Guenin from London, England, and one, directed to successful strategies for optimized dental clinic education was presented by Dr. Vincent Drouin and Dr. Jamie Blood.

We had to have a children’s Sabbath School class which has not been needed for many years. Vespers, Sabbath School and Church featured students in a number of roles. The student attendance is estimated to have been about fourty-five.

I thank each of you for your warm welcome and acceptance of each of these attendees and for the generous donations, large and small, that made this kind of student attendance result possible. The NASDAD board voted to hold the 2014 convention in Southern California to again make attendance by students easy & possible. The new 2013 board members are taken mostly from dentists who are dedicated, involved, and quite a bit younger, on average, than those that they are replacing. The new president is Landon Libby (LLUSD Class of 2011) and together we look forward to NASDAD which unifies older with younger dental professionals, experience and energy, wisdom and fresh ideas, to form a reinvigorated organization which fulfills its mission better and better for the future.
Having been involved in the planning, and often the fulfillment of NASDAD Annual Meetings, I am very pleased with the outstanding success of this year’s gathering, held at the beautiful and very accommodating Omni Rancho Las Palmas resort and Spa in Rancho Mirage, CA. This venue was chosen as a site near our home base of Loma Linda to facilitate increased attendance by School of Dentistry Students and Faculty, a decision that proved to be a sound one.

The week-end began with the golfers out on the refreshing fairways and greens of the local golf course. Thursday afternoon we held our bi-annual Board of Directors meeting where reports on Membership, Finance and Director Nominations were considered. The highlight of this meeting is always the Mission report where we learn of the completion of previously voted projects as funds become available.

Friday morning found the group gathered in Continuing Education with the very informative, dynamic and entertaining Dr. Brian Novy as he presented information that can transform dental practice from the “drill, fill and bill” with no end in sight drudgery of a dentist’s practice to a concept of the more satisfying “control and conquer” way of seeing our patients free of dental caries.

A recent addition to our Continuing Education program, begun last year, is the presentation by speakers geared to Dental Students and Recent Dental Graduates. Our presenters this year took on an International aspect with Dr. Christian Guenin, BDS, MFDS, RCS, from London, England and a 2010 graduate of Guy’s, King’s and St. Thomas’ Hospitals Dental Institute with his presentation titled "The British Smile Explained!" This is the second year Dr. Guenin has attended NASDAD, along with his father, Dr. Louis Guenin, BDS and mother, Roslyn, longtime members and supporters of NASDAD.

Randy Roberts, Senior Pastor of the Loma Linda University SDA Church, gave us spiritual insights on Friday evening with his presentation titled “Three to Get ready!” taken from the life of the Apostle Paul who had three essential persons in his life. Pastor Randy suggested that we each need similar persons in our lives to be successful, vibrant Christians. He continued his theme on Sabbath morning with “21st Century Divine Cameos” where he drew from classic profiles to demonstrate Christian living.

Our Saturday evening Banquet and Business Meeting where reports on membership, finances and nominations were presented and voted was held in a lovely outdoor terrace with dinner music presented by Brendan Hay, LLUSD c/o 2016.

I want to give special mention to our Executive Administrative Assistant, Katie Andreassen, MBA, and our Treasurer, Sharon Boggs, RDH for their excellent planning and oversight skills in making this, and every year’s gathering a great success! From the research on venues, to planning the delicious and varied menus for the three sponsored meal events, to keeping everyone on track—a big THANK YOU, KATIE and SHARON!

I also want to thank NASDAD for the privilege of serving as Executive Director for the past ten years and for the unexpected but deeply appreciated tribute to my involvement in NASDAD. I look forward to serving on the Board of Directors and continuing to having an active voice in NASDAD!
Congratulations to 14 New Life Members!!

Ron M. Ask, DDS
Steven R. Baker, DDS
Roy G. Daniels, DDS
Larry W. Dunford, DDS
Donald W. Fillman, DDS
Myron L. Gottfried, DDS
David L. Hernandez, DDS
Daniel E. Mertz, DDS
D. Dween Muse, DMD
Kerry M. O’Connor, DDS
Clyde Roggenkamp, DDS
Wayne T. Schultz, DDS
R. Larry Shipowick, DDS, MPH
Mark R. Turner, DDS

NASDAD Board of Directors Meeting Summary

Chaired by Dr. Doyle Nick, outgoing president, this meeting featured a few decisions that should support the mission of NASDAD.

-Dr. Kasischke reported on recent Service Learning (SL) activities and thanked NASDAD for faithful and generous support of SL. It was voted to commit to 5 more years of providing $10,000 / year to the Service Learning endowment fund.

-The point was made that the students are very involved with local volunteer clinics that provide care for indigent and underserved populations. One way that NASDAD can be more relevant to students is to better support this effort with equipment, volunteers, and supplies.

-The Mission Committee Report was made by Dr. Ron Forde and the YAMM fund expenditures request was approved based on sufficient balance in the fund.

Dr. Forde reported that he felt that the Mission Chairmanship should be filled by another person at this point in time and the board voted to fill that position with two people, one a student to serve as a liaison between NASDAD and the student volunteer efforts and service learning and another dental professional to focus on international missions.

-Dr. Bill Heisler reported that NASDAD membership remains stable. In 2013, 14 new, younger dentists joined the elite group of Life Members. The encouraging thing is that this group of 14 new Life Members allowed the overall number of living Life Members to decrease by only one (1).

Dr. Nick reported on the effort to increase participation by students (see article written on page 1).

-Dr. Ron Dailey, Dean of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry (LLUSD), presented a report on the School of Dentistry and some of the significant changes which are occurring in response to the drive toward better inter professional education and the coming National Board examination. He also stated that one of the things that LLUSD must do better is support sister dental schools and training around the world. He charged NASDAD to be active in this by providing volunteer service in those institutions, expertise, and content for their educational programs.

-The Nominating Committee Report was presented by Doyle Nick who listed the nominees. They are on average younger than the average NASDAD member and committed to the traditional mission and values of NASDAD. The nominations were approved by vote.

-Dr. Ray Damazo with the Maasai Dental Clinic gave an update about the Maasai Dental Clinic. He referred to a video that will soon be uploaded on You Tube to attract students to apply to visit and work there. He also referred to a photo of the new safari tent that has been erected on the clinic.

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Greetings from NASDAD’s New President - Landon Libby, DDS

GOOD DAY TO you all and I hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy, and living with a sense of abundance for all the amazing things we are blessed with. My name is Landon Libby and I have the pleasure to be your new NASDAD President and lend my talents to further the mission started over 70 years ago.

When I think of what NASDAD set out to accomplish years ago I’m inspired:
1) Create an opportunity for Adventist and like-minded dentists to get together and socialize. 2) Build a dental school, and 3) To support dental missions around the world.

The cool thing is these things resonate with my own life mission and I’m sure each and every one of you can resonate with it as well. We have a great opportunity to push this mission forward and to continue to make it relevant to our changing world.

To get to know me: Raised in Alaska and now residing and practicing in Sunny San Diego, California. I have a real fondness for adventure and the outdoors. I graduated from LLUSD in May 2011 and have spent my first two years in practice utilizing mentors and learning to copy genius when it comes to “what works” in dentistry. This method is golden in my opinion when a mentor and a mentoree come together to create a magical moment for all.

My wife Nichole and I were married September 7, 2013 and are still living on the “high” of such a special time in life. I feel so blessed to have a strong, dedicated, passionate woman by my side to live this life with. Nichole is a dental Hygienist and just finished her degree at Concord University here in San Diego. I often laugh and joke because I made it all the way through Loma Linda without dating a hygienist and then when I get out that’s exactly what I do… I marry one!

Nichole and I can’t wait to interact with all of you in some way over the next few years and beyond. My #1 goal for NASDAD this year is to create the MAXIMUM amount of VALUE for the MAXIMUM amount of PEOPLE.

Please help me do this by getting involved in what NASDAD has to offer and being open to sharing your voice and participation to make this organization ROCK for all of us in 2014.

Happy Holidays
Landon

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grounds. He stated that an important and missing part of the Maasai dental program was a robust involvement of Dental students and that an important factor would be facilitation by LLUSD. There is evidence that this will improve in the future.

-It was voted to continue to support the Maasai Dental Clinic Endowment Fund although it was noted that with new systems in place to support the clinic operations, this fund could be dedicated to help students with transportation expenses and that the goal of $2,000,000 may be excessive and need to be reduced for that purpose. It was suggested that it might be possible to move this fund into the Service Learning endowment if the Service Learning Department took over the responsibility of providing financial support for students going.

-The 71st Annual Convention dates and venue are still to be chosen but the convention will be held within driving distance of LLUSD and will likely take place in early October 2014.
The trip started in LAX on a Thursday afternoon. About 35 hours later we arrived in Zimbabwe. The pastor from the union conference was there to pick us up and just when we thought we had cleared our bags and passed all of our dental equipment, someone told us we couldn’t pass the dental equipment and that they needed to process it and we could pick it up later. We were a little worried but excited to be in Zimbabwe so we went on our way. Once we reached the union conference headquarters we had introduced ourselves and we had several pastors welcoming us. Then I was more alert because we had a chance to ask the nurses what they wanted to know and what are their struggles and how we could help. They told us that dental pain was one of the five biggest problems that they see in their clinics. They also told us there are no dentists available in most of the areas they work and that the nurses serve as physicians, nurses, and dentists. Most of the time they prescribe pain meds and antibiotics but they wanted to know more about dentistry so they could provide better care. Because of the fatigue and long travel we told the nurses we would start the lectures bright & early the next day.

The next day Dr. Nick started with a devotional. Then we began with our lecture series. We wanted to give the nurses as much dental education as possible but we didn’t want to overwhelm them. Dr. Nick started with pathology that morning and the next afternoon Ms. Wilkins gave a lecture on head and neck anatomy. Ms. Wilkins had me and Susan Chung demonstrate a head and neck exam and then we had each nurse practice on each other. Then Professor Wilkins had a great idea, she had each of us take a small group and talk about periodontal structures and support. This was a great time to answer extra questions and take the time to make sure each nurse really had a good understanding of the mouth. Then Emi and Professor Wilkins gave the nurses a lecture on OHI. Then we broke into groups and disclosed the nurse’s teeth. After showing each nurse where they could brush better we also spoke and showed them how to brush and floss better. They were all very excited to get toothbrush, paste, and floss. I was surprised most of the nurses had never flossed and they were excited to be learning about dentistry.

For the next 4 days we had lectures ranging from anesthesia to how to extract a tooth. We also allowed the nurses to ask questions. About our 4th day there we got good news that our instruments that were detained were released. The nurses didn’t know but we had planned to help them with their dental decay and were eager to start. There was a small clinic on the union campus and we planned to care for them there. We didn’t know much about the clinic and had high expectations of the clinic. When we arrived and started to use the clinic, we realized the clinic needed a lot of maintenance and that we would have to work with what we had. One by one we brought each nurse up and gave them a full exam. After all the nurses had been evaluated we realized we had more work than time. Each nurse needed at least 8 fillings each. Instead of thinking too much we started working hard. Late Friday afternoon we had seen every nurse. We were not able to fill every tooth but we did work on each person and worked on the most necessary teeth.

On Sabbath we gathered in a group. To our surprise the nurses had practiced a skit and incorporated all the dental education they had learned. They simulated a radio talk show where people called and talked about dental education. I was so proud and amazed how much the nurses had learned. At that moment I was so happy to be there.
Zimbabwe Service Learning Mission Trip

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and to have taken part in the trip. Later that afternoon we had another surprise, the pastor broke us up into groups and told us we were all visiting different churches. To my surprise when I got to the church I was pulled aside and told that I had about an hour to speak to the group about dental education. I was a little scared but I had an idea this may happen. As I spoke to a group of about 60 people, I was surprised what things people knew or what things they didn’t know. I learned so much, I never realized that dentistry could be a ministry and I was so happy to be a part of dentistry at that moment. The meeting went well and an hour went by like it was ten minutes. We met back at the conference and had a graduation night for the nurses. They each received a letter of recognition for being a part of this lecture week.

I was sad to say goodbye to the nurses but I was excited because we had a few days to get to see a little more of Zimbabwe. Sunday afternoon we went on safari. Early the next morning we went to an alligator farm. Then we were able to go to Victoria Falls. The falls were amazing and really made me contemplate how small I am and that God made lots of beautiful things on this earth. Then we went back to the union conference a few days later. We decided to treat one last patient. The pastor that took us all over Zimbabwe was our last patient on Wednesday morning. Then the pastor and several members had one more goodbye and parting gifts. About 35 hours later we were at LAX again. One thing I didn’t mention but I save the best for last is that our group was AMAZING. Dr. Nick and Professor Wilkins were great leaders and I respect them so much for their hard work and guidance. Susan and Emi were so fun to be around and worked hard and never said no, I was proud to be a part of their group and I believe they represented Loma Linda in the best way. Finally, Mrs. Nick was very helpful and she made sure things ran smooth and was very encouraging. The trip was great and the people there in Zimbabwe and the group I went with made it even better.

Would I do it again? I AM going to do it again. I spoke to the pastor and he invited me to come again. I told him I would love to help again and I really hope we can make it happen soon. I would only recommend it to people if they are open to new experiences, great people, and want to have a life changing experience. Thank you to Loma Linda University, Alumni, and NASDAD for making this trip possible.

Roberto Espinoza, Kris Wilkins, Emi Hongo, Susan Chung, Rose Nick, Doyle Nick
Golfing at Omni Rancho Las Palmas
By Kavit Shah, London, England

On Thursday morning eleven golfers gathered outside the clubhouse of the Rancho Las Palmas Golf Course, in anticipation of a morning of great golf and fellowship. Indeed the perfectly manicured golf course bathed in Californian sunshine did not disappoint.

The golfers who played were, in no particular order:
Mark Lund    Dennis Starkey     Christian Guenin     Kavit Shah
Erik Lund    Daniel Mertz       Roslyn Guenin       Asher Bolejack
Matthew Lund Charles Lutz       Steven Baker

Special congratulations must go to Roslyn Guenin for being the only lady who turned down a relaxing morning at the spa to play golf!

The morning saw some excellent golf being played with some very respectable and competitive team scores. We were divided into three groups and, after a brief explanation of the morning’s competition, our well stocked golf buggies delivered us to the first tee. After the first hole, nerves had been overcome and each team settled into a very enjoyable round of golf.

Prizes to reward excellent team play as well as individual performances were kindly donated by NASDAD but all that were involved felt that they had partaken in a thoroughly rewarding morning’s play. The morning ended with refreshments in the club house followed by a raffle, with some generous prizes being won.

All those who played agreed that it was an excellent opportunity to make new and re-connect with old friends, while enjoying the natural beauty of the surroundings. Our thanks must go to all those involved in organizing and coordinating the morning for all their hard work. We look forward in anticipation to next year’s golf event!
THANK YOU, Dr. Bryan Marshall!!!

NASDAD would like to express sincere gratitude & appreciate to Bryan Marshall, DDS who helped coordinate this year’s golf tournament. He even took time from his busy schedule to purchase items for drawings and prizes. In addition, he drove all the way to Rancho Mirage the morning of the tournament just to get the golfers organized and then he returned to Loma Linda to work for the rest of the day. Dr. Marshall’s love of the game made him easy to work with and NASDAD was fortunate to have his willing participation in the 70th Annual NASDAD Convention by organizing a fun morning on the greens.

Again, THANK YOU, Dr. Marshall!!!

Dental Missions Opportunities

The worldwide mission dental program always has needs for volunteer dentists. Current volunteer needs include:

**Potential for long-term dentist**
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Blantyre, Malawi
Georgetown, Guyana
Guam

**Short term dental volunteers**
Multiple volunteer opportunities of 2 months-to a year in new mission dental clinics

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AIMS - Association of International Medical Service

AIMS is the acronym for "Association of International Medical Services." AIMS reflects similar goals & desires to that of NASDAD. This organization of Seventh-day Adventist health professionals has mostly LLUMC alumni as members although the current president (Ronaldo Fritz) and some board members are dentists.

One of it’s 2013 Global Mission Awardees is Dr. Quint Nicola, recognized for his continuing work in dental missions which included 9 years of mission service in Pakistan and since then, as a faculty member of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, and as an integral part in the General Conference Health Ministries Department of Dental Affairs.

For more information, visit their website: www.aims-health.net

70th Annual NASDAD Convention
Rancho Mirage, California

Bonnie & Richard Parker, & Roslyn Guenin (England)

Aldo Curiqueo (Chile), Loida & Orvil Archbold, Ralph Roberts, and Juan Mendez (Costa Rica)

Roberto Espinoza translating for Dr. Aldo Curiqueo-Chile

James Joseph & Per Houmann

William Heisler

Quint Nicola, DDS
2013 Global Mission Awardee
Gary Pundt recently returned from volunteer service in the SDA Mission Clinic in St. Vincent.
70th Annual NASDAD Convention
Rancho Mirage, California

Juan Mendez (Costa Rica), Doyle & Rose Nick, and Aldo Curiqueo (Chile)

Doyle Nick, Sharon Boggs, William Heisler, Katie Andreassen


Doyle Nick & William Heisler

William & Barbara Heisler with Rose & Doyle Nick

Brendan Hay on piano with Lizzy Altman

Landon Libby & William Heisler
Dental Missions Breakfast
7:00 a.m. Friday, February 7, 2014

Speaker Dr. Allen Handysides
Immediate past Director of Health Ministries Department
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Dental Missions Past, Present, and Future—A global perspective

Anyone with an interest in dental missions should attend and share with like-minded people, collegial association, a delicious breakfast, and an inspiring presentation.

University Church Vespers
4 p.m. Sabbath, February 8, 2014

Stories of Service: Dental Missions for Our Local and Global Communities
You are cordially invited to attend a celebration of LLUSD students and alumni involved in dental outreach locally and world-wide, for a few hours or a few decades. Musical selections from dental students and alumni will complete the evening.

Second Global Conference on Lifestyle & Health
July 7 to 12, 2014 | Geneva, Switzerland

Sponsored by the General Conference Health Ministries Department, this international conference will focus this time, on lifestyle disease. The dental CE/breakout sessions will concentrate on non-communicable diseases and oral health, throughout a person’s life.

To have regular updates sent to you, please sign up at
http://conference.healthministries.com

NASDAD Events Scheduled in 2014

NASDAD Membership Information - become a member TODAY!

Membership Dues
DDS/RDH Student – Complimentary
1st year post-grad DDS – $58
1st year post-grad RDH – $30

http://nasdad.org/home/become-a-member/