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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Academy Members,

At the conclusion of our conference, held August 14–15, 2009, I again enjoyed a renewed appreciation of the positive influence of the Academy of LDS Dentists in my personal life.

It was a great opportunity to be instructed by members of our profession who brought their educational enlightenment to share with us. Each of them offered “practice pearls” that we could take home and incorporate into our practice of dentistry.

Our mission statement includes the goal of providing an opportunity to share a great association with fellow practitioners in a positive, enlightening environment. From seminars, refreshment breaks, and luncheons, to a spiritual feast at our fireside, we hope you left recharged, not only in your personal life, but also in your profession.

As an executive committee we were again pleased with the choice experience that our spouses were able to enjoy. We appreciate so much the hours of planning that Jacquelyn Ormond and her committee put forth to bring this experience to the conference. Of course the youth were also able to have a great time too.

We also express appreciation to all the great hosting staff at BYU for their attention to detail and help in such an undertaking. The predoctoral students always provide a much-appreciated service to the visiting lecturers.

None of these experiences would be possible without the continued support of all the Academy members. We have been able to continue our scholarship program and expand into greater service opportunities because of your commitment to the Academy.

We've enjoyed our association with wonderful service groups and know of the great good that is accomplished in many areas of the world.

As our Academy student chapters continue to grow, we hope that the new members of our profession will also enjoy these experiences in their professional lives. We appreciate any input that will help us to keep the Academy a vital and dynamic association to accomplish much good in our ever-changing world.

We look forward to our next conference, to be held August 13–14, 2010, and wish you great success in all of your pursuits until we meet again.

Sincerely,



David H. Geddes
President, Academy of LDS Dentists

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VISIT THE WEB SITE

Keep up to date by visiting our Web site at www.academyofldsdentists.com/.

Information can be found there about the next conference; Academy news; service and missionary opportunities for dentists and others, both here and abroad; equipment that can be borrowed for dental service projects; a bulletin board for notices about practices for sale, members seeking jobs, and position openings; and many other areas of interest. There is even a Spanish-language page.

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ACADEMY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dave Sheets is the owner of Emergency Essentials and Stan Miller is an accountant. Several years ago they went to Central America to help after Hurricane Mitch. While there they found an orphanage with an old school bus that had been converted into a dental clinic. So when they planned another trip to Central America, they invited a neighbor, who is a dentist, to come along. On a subsequent visit they met Ramon Arguelles, an assistant dean at the dental school in Honduras. Many productive experiences and projects resulted from their association. Since the dental school had need of equipment, Dave approached the Academy to see if he could gather used equipment and began shipping it down to them. Over the years they have sent down over 100 chairs and dental units, built an operating room for oral surgeons, remodeled a clinic, and upgraded many of the school's facilities.

They also began doing humanitarian dental services. Ramon would make the local arrangements and Dave and Stan would recruit dentists to go and serve. At first they were working at the school in Tegucigalpa and were treating a variety of patients. At one point the mission president asked if they could see a missionary who was having problems, and then another missionary, until they were working on a lot of missionaries. Then they began working on young people getting ready to serve missions. After they had done this for a few expeditions, the area presidents, first Elder Spencer Jones and then his successor, Elder Don Clarke, began to notice that the number of missionaries going out from Honduras had increased dramatically and wondered why. He found out that one of the reasons was because they were getting their dental work done, which for some had been an insurmountable financial obstacle before and had caused many not to go.

President Clarke then requested that Dave and Stan go to Nicaragua to see what they could do there. Then he requested they go to Guatemala and do the same. On this last expedition, which was the largest to date, over 900 people were treated and missionary papers for 880 young men and women were prepared. Since they have been working on premissionaries, they have helped nearly 2,000 young people get their papers ready for missions, and for the first time, it looks like Central America may send out as many missionaries as serve there.

The vision, energy, and commitment of Dave and Stan have made "Sonrisas para Centroamerica" a success. They have spent untold hours planning, organizing, and praying to make these excursions possible and successful. As an Academy we delight in honoring men such as these who devote their lives to worthy projects that bless so many people.

GUATEMALA UPDATE

Dave Wright

Dr. Dean Bawden and Dr. Wayne Tomkinson, the on-site dental missionaries at our new Guatemala City orphanage dental clinic, report that the construction of the four-chair clinic is nearing completion. They have sent us numerous pictures, which we will forward to anyone on request (SummerhaysGS@msn.com). We anticipate the clinic will be operational early 2010.

This will be the most ambitious project we have ever undertaken, with potentially the greatest rewards—working with orphans, missionaries, and premissionaries. The clinic will be like practicing in your clinics at home. Wayne is working with the two local dental schools to have them rotate fourth-year dental students through the clinic, where we will have a chance to interact and teach them "better, faster dentistry." We are thrilled that 47 of you indicated real interest in serving one to two weeks at a time at the clinic. If you would like to participate, but did not already give us your name at the August conference, please notify Dr. Summerhays (SummerhaysGS@msn.com or 801-268-4436).

We are completely indebted to the following manufacturers for donating or at least giving us a deeply discounted price for our equipment and supplies: DCI International, Kuraray Corporation, J & J Instruments, Brassler, Tech West, O'Ryan Industries, Coltene/Whaledent, Dentimax, LLC, and Ultradent. We encourage Academy members to thank reps from these companies for their humanitarian spirit.

CR DENTISTRY UPDATE— 2010 COURSE AND WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to join Gordon and Rella Christensen and Paul Child in the exotic western Caribbean for a double time (12 CE hours) CR "Dentistry Update" 2010 course and an ideal winter retreat (February 7–14, 2010).

This 2010 version of the "Dentistry Update" course offers 12 CE credits onboard the *Norwegian Spirit* on a seven-day exotic western Caribbean round-trip from New Orleans cruise. Ports of call include New Orleans, Louisiana; Costa Maya, Mexico; Santo Tomás de Castilla, Guatemala; Belize City, Belize; Cozumel, Mexico; and return to New Orleans.

Academy of LDS Dentist's tuition is discounted 15 percent for the "Dentistry Update" and office manager courses. Call 888-334-3200 to register for courses.

Book your cruise now for best cabin selection! Call Allison Williams at Cruise & Travel Masters, 801-268-4470/800-264-0557, ext. 137, to book your cabin.

SPOUSE CONFERENCE

Learning interwoven with fun, food, and friendship created an incredible infrastructure of power within each participant of the LDS Academy of Dentists spouse program. Our theme found in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind," was addressed by Brother Lloyd Newell, spokesperson for the Tabernacle Choir's *Music and the Spoken Word* weekly broadcast. Brother Newell brought a spirit of peace and acknowledgment that our prophet exemplifies a power born of love that must sustain and govern us through difficult times such as these.

Speakers who followed provided instruction on cleaning, parenting (even in-law parenting), gaining greater edification from our temple attendance, understanding the Middle East, and even a debunking of diet fads by applying the "new" pyramid guidelines. We learned ways to enhance communication within our marriages (are you using your talking stick?). The Eyres' repentance bench has already found a place in the lives of my grandchildren. We heard music and laughed together as we explored ways to make our homes happier.

One of my favorite presentations was that of Brother Scott Loveless who addressed the need to protect traditional families. He pointed out that whether or not legislation is truly moral depends on who has the power to define morality, and asked which morality will our country and law enforce. We learned that the redefinition of traditional religious faith as the moral and legal equivalent of racism is a proposition being debated right now in our country. He challenged us to begin our support by protecting our own marriages and those of our children. We are to be informed, to speak out, and to make a decision to stand for the traditional family. Edward Burke said, "When bad men combine, the good must associate or they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

Next year, the spouses' scrapbook will be digital for the first time, then printed with an Internet publisher. Historians Ann Kerr and Janet Murray want it to include the entire year, not just the meeting. They especially want to have some pages on the wonderful humanitarian trips some of the families are making around the world. Before you go on a trip, please call Ann at 209-334-0404 or e-mail her at annkerr@comcast.net for instructions on what kind of pictures to take and how to upload them for use in the book.

Our officers for 2010 are Rebecca McDonald, president-elect; Rexene Robbins, vice president; and Janet Murray and Ann Kerr, historians. To all of you who attended, thank you. It truly was a weekend of joy and of powerful teachings. Please invite your dental spouse friends to join us next August.

Jacquelyn Ormond, President, Academy of LDS Dentists Spouse Organization

**ACADEMY DINNER SPEAKER—
BROTHER STEVEN B. ALLEN**

Brother Steven B. Allen, managing director of the Missionary Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, spoke to the dentists and their spouses at the Downtown Marriott on the Friday night of the Academy's conference.

There was a diversity of religions represented in the group because of the invited presenters who were in attendance at the banquet. Therefore, Brother Allen laid a foundation of the Church, with its history and beliefs, in order to be able to present his topic for the evening.

He then introduced and told the history of the book, *Preach My Gospel*. Brother Allen directed the committee which developed that valuable missionary resource. President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Boyd K. Packer, speaking of *Preach My Gospel*, said it "was designed beyond the veil and put together here." Elder Quentin L. Cook, also of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, has said, "It literally felt as if the windows of heaven were opened and the Lord's inspiration poured out to bring forth this great resource."

Brother Allen spoke about the importance of the Church's missionaries studying and knowing how to use this manual. Because the majority of the missionaries know what to teach but lack a knowledge of how to teach it, the Church has created some training films of missionaries who are able to plan and teach these lessons in the ways in which they were meant to be taught. The audience was able to view a clip from these training films that had not yet been released.

It was a very informative and inspiring presentation.

THE 32ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS!

The 32nd annual conference of the Academy of LDS Dentists, held August 14–15, 2009, was a great success! Two full days of continuing education and many opportunities to renew friendships were provided, along with luncheons, an evening fireside-banquet, a full enrichment program for the spouses, and exciting activities for the children and youth. We again enjoyed a special session for the hygienists. We were all spiritually and professionally enriched.



Pictured Left to Right: David Geddes, John Gerritsen, Randy F. Huffines, Harold L. Crossley, Gordon Christensen, Raymond Bertolotti, Robert Ibsen

As members of the Academy we extend sincere thanks to the BYU pre dental students who escorted the clinicians and made their stay comfortable. We are indebted to Steve Trost and all the BYU Conferences and Workshops staff for their professional efforts in making everything run smoothly and providing us with comfortable, inviting facilities.

Dr. Christensen made the arrangements for our clinicians who enthusiastically shared their knowledge, research, and practical clinical tips. In a format unique to the Academy, clinicians spoke either Friday or Saturday morning with a thirty-minute question and answer session before breaking for lunch. In the afternoon the attendees then chose two presenter topics that were discussed in greater detail. The afternoon classes were smaller and more intensive, so it was possible to have a more personal interaction with the speaker and to share ideas with the class. This format offers flexibility to attendees by allowing them to choose topics most pertinent to their practices. It also provides a general overview of the latest topics in dentistry. The AGD and continuing education credit is also a great benefit.

Each clinician was presented with a copy of the Book of Mormon from Dr. Christensen, which was graciously accepted, as has long been our tradition. Speakers included Dr. Gordon Christensen on "What's New—2009," Dr. Raymond L. Bertolotti on "Restorative Dentistry," Dr. Harold L. Crossley on "Pharmacology," Dr. Randy F. Huffines on "Geriatric Dentistry," Dr. Robert C. Margeas on "Restorative/Implants," Dr. Donald E. and Mary Lou Vollner on "Practice Management," and Dr. John D. West on "Endodontics." The hygiene session was taught by Dr. Mark L. Mangelson.

Our spouses were spiritually rejuvenated in their own schedule of events, while the children and teenagers were kept completely involved with their own agenda of exciting activities led by trained BYU youth counselors.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2010 Conference, August 13–14.

DENTAL STUDENT CHAPTERS

At our annual conference we shared with the Academy membership our newest program to develop student chapters in the U.S. dental schools so that our future dentists can participate in the programs of the Academy. We also solicited any contact information that would help us in reaching out to dental schools where we have not yet been able to make contact. We appreciate the helpful information we received.

Listed below are the student chapters that are now in progress and also the names of the willing "pioneers" who have taken leadership at their respective schools.

Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health	James D. Webb	UCLA	Carl Jones
Case Western University	Scott Fleming	University of Buffalo	Aaron Hassell
Creighton University	Adam Stanley	University of Colorado	Matt Checketts
Howard University	Brad Rogers	University of Iowa	Brian Anderson
Indiana University	Rick Farnsworth	University of Louisville	Brandon Valgardson
Marquette University	Timothy Rauch	University of Maryland	Ryan Rush
Midwestern University Arizona	Royden Jones	University of Washington	Dean Whiting
Ohio State University	Ben Bassett	UCSF	Mathew Swan
OU	Keith Meyner	UNLV	Nathan Pettit
Temple University	Ben Johnson	Virginia Commonwealth University	Jonathon Rucker

By our next newsletter there will be new schools added to the list as this new and exciting facet of the Academy develops.

In order to organize more effectively, we are seeking from among members of the Academy any who might live in the areas of these dental schools, or any who would otherwise have interest and would like to serve as consulting mentors to these chapter presidents. Please e-mail David Geddes at davanco2@mstar2.net.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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Volunteer Opportunities

The executive committee is in need of volunteers to help with:

1. serving as representatives from each state and/or area of the country to help locate LDS dentists and to help introduce them to the Academy.

2. maintaining the Academy's Web site. (This is not the webmaster who actually creates the site, but a dentist member of the Academy who can monitor and make ongoing suggestions and updates to the communications on that site.)

If you are interested in joining our team, please call 801-209-2481 or e-mail AcademyMatters@gmail.com.

We really need and would appreciate your help.
