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COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION!!

There are approximately 15 rooms left reserved for us at our group rates at the Holiday Inn Express in Auburn. However, these rooms will be released **May 28th**. So take a moment to finalize your room reservation by calling 1-800-814-8787 or 1-530-887-8787. So far we have Wilma Boulieris, Lowell and Dellene Meister, Chuck and Susan Reeve, and the Neil Robinsons registered at the hotel. We will be able to use a large meeting room for free (otherwise \$400 per use) if we use 20 rooms. Our group rate is \$99 for a Queen room, and \$104 for two double beds or one king size bed. I know some of you are staying at an RV Park near by, and that is great.

The **river raft company** is anxious to get the final number of our group for the half day river trip on the American River. Our group is scheduled to leave at 11:00 am Wednesday and since it takes about an hour to reach the launch site, we will plan to leave the hotel at 9:30 am. The price so far is \$106 per person which includes lunch. However, the more people who go, the better the price we will get. I know some of you can hardly wait, and for some, this is out of your comfort zone. We want to assure you that this trip will be enjoyable for all. The tour guides are very sensitive to the cat that some will want a calm ride, and others will want to hit all the rapids. They will be dividing our group accordingly. If you have never taken a river raft trip before, we hope you will join us this time on the beautiful American River. We have had plenty of rain this year so the run should be wonderful. There are plenty of options available in Auburn for those that opt to not take the river raft trip, such as shopping, biking, and golfing.

The **OD Education** will be 7 pm Wednesday evening (a tight squeeze for those going on the river raft trip). We will have a light supper and fresh strawberry pie ready as soon as you arrive back at the hotel, about 6 pm. The 2 hours of continuing education will be presented by a popular retinal specialist in Sacramento. For questions, please contact Heidi Schaufele, O.D. at 916-721-6577.

Thursday morning we are planning **breakfast and baseball**. Help come up with team names. So far we have Presbyopes vs. Astigmatics! Thursday evening is our **banquet and auction** will be held at the beautiful Lake of the Pines Resort, just a few miles from our hotel. There will be a vegetarian feast, as well as some vegan dishes.

Friday we are scheduled to go on a **tour of the capitol**. There is also a world renowned **Train Museum** and a really great train museum close by. We listed several other possibilities in the last Fraterneyeser.

Sabbath we will be worshipping at the **Auburn Church**, and they will serve us lunch. We have a few easy nature activities for the afternoon (or you can choose to nap, relax). After vespers, we will stop at **Leatherby's Family Creamery** (a tradition started for Bette Curtis in 1989) to get some good homemade ice cream.

Please take a moment today to:

1. **Make your hotel reservations.** Holiday Inn Express, Auburn, CA. 1-800-814-8787 or 1-530-877-8787.
2. **Call Tom or Linda Sanders** at 530-674-1133 and let them know how many you plan to take on the river rafting trip.

We look forward to seeing you all this summer in beautiful Auburn California. ASDAO is a wonderful addiction! We hope you join us. Your hosts, The Hansons and Sanders.

See Page 2 for further schedule.

Building in Manzini Swaziland

Dr. Urban & Cherjun Negre



This is the ground breaking ceremony on the 19th January, 2006. The Building was inaugurated exactly two months latter.



This was the Voluntary Counseling and Testing Center two weeks before the opening. We had to do overtime at night to prepare the building for the opening ceremony. Just give you an idea where the new building was constructed next to the Vision Center.



First day of free clinic after the opening - March 20, 2006.



The New Voluntary Counseling and Testing Center for HIV-AIDS. A photo just before the ribbon cutting on March 19, 2006.

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
SDA**

Lowell Meister, O.D.



GHG Report on World Health Ministries and World Health Advisory, March 13-21, 2006, General Conference, Silver Springs, MD..

This was a 11 day trip to hear reports from the World field and our Health leaders. Many of the speakers were from Loma Linda University. The meetings were very informative. I talked about eye care and glasses for reading as an entering wedge for evangelism. I met Dr.'s Pedro Gomez & Cesur Pueson from Montemorelos Ophthalmology Team. They are interested in beginning an Optometry School. I may go to Montemorelos to visit more about this. I talked with Dr. Craia R. Jackson, J.D. Dean of School of Allied Health Professionals L.L.U. about Optometry school.

GHG I met people who knew Urban and Cherry Negre and hope to get pictures of their Aids Testing area that we helped sponsor.

I leave for Nairobi Kenya June 8th and return June 22nd. Then we go to the association meeting in Sacramento June 27th. Hope to see you there as we can plan for the future of eye care for the world.

GHG In a e-mail from Heather Dawn Small, Women's Ministries Director General Conference of SDA, she states that she is eager to work with us on the project of providing reading glasses for people who can't see to read. Women's Ministries has literacy projects in SUD (India), SDA (South America) and all the African Divisions (WAD, ECD, SID).

I said the ASDAO would like to start out by supplying the Women's Ministries in India a 1000 pair of reading glasses for those who need them. From Hepzibah Kore, Women's ministries Director - India, says "I thank God for you and your association and your willingness to provide 1000 reading glasses for the women in our adult literacy classes. Those who requested for the reading glasses will consider this an answer to their prayers." What an opportunity to serve. What an opportunity for Optometry to be seen in a positive light by leaders of our world movement. There are many projects like this. For example, Paul R. Clee, Director of Health & Personal ministries, Trans-European Division, could use reading glasses as an opportunity to reach the Muslim world in his division.

GHG How can we do these projects? Number one, we must have a desire to meet the need. If the desire is there all the other things will fall into place. What I would suggest is that we all come to our meeting in Sacramento, CA. with a commitment of \$1,000.00 from active members and \$500.00 from retired members. We should be able to raise between \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 for these mission projects. If we have the desire this can be done. I would encourage you to ask God to lead you in your commitment to this project.

Sincerely,

Lowell Meister, OD.
Assistant Director of Visual Affairs
General Conf. Health Ministries

ASDAO Convention

June 28-July 2, 2006

Auburn, California

Dr. Tom & Linda Sanders
Convention hosts

Make your plans to be in Auburn, CA for a good time with other SDA optometrist.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT !!!



WEDNESDAY - JUNE 28

Option I 10:30 - 5:00
Approx. \$106/Person
Meet at Hotel for River Raft Trip, American River All ages.
4 Hours incl. lunch

Option II 11:00 - 5:00
Exploring Coloma State Park Where Marshall discovered gold.
5:00 - 7:00 PM CONVENTION REGISTRATION/BUFFET
7:00 - 9:00 PM OD Education



American River rafting

IF YOU PLAN ON PARTICIPATING IN OPTIONS I OR II, YOU MAY WISH TO RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM TUESDAY NIGHT!!! CALL EARLY, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET CONVENTION RATES, BUT I HAVE NOT INCLUDED TUES NIGHT IN THE GROUP RESERVATION!

I have reserved 20 rooms: Holiday Inn Express - Auburn 530-887-8787. 2 Double Beds/\$104/night; Queen/\$99/night; King/\$104/night 6 Available! The 1st 20 to register are guaranteed rooms at these rates until May 28. Unless you call very early, It is chancy that more rooms will be available--this is a beautiful & popular area & there are not other options as nice & convenient.



Holiday Inn

THURSDAY - JUNE 29

8:00 - 11:00 Auburn Academy Breakfast and Ballgame for **ALL AGES**
"The Astigmatics Vs. The Presbyopes"
11:00 - 1:00 OD and Auxiliary Meetings
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 - 5:00
Option I - Exploring Old Town Auburn - fun to shop
Option II - Auburn Gold Rush Museums
Option III - Empire State Mine, Grass Valley
6:30 P Banquet & Auction

--This convention will be active

And casual, COMFY SHOES IMPORTANT!

--Weather will probably be in the 80's daytime, cooler at night.

--Please let us know if you will need a wheelchair and/or wheeled walker



Empire State

FRIDAY - JUNE 30

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 - 10:00 OD & Aux. Mtgs
10:15 Leave for Sacramento
11:00 Group Tour of Capitol
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Option I - Old Sacramento--Train Museum--Crocker Art Museum--Old Sacramento Shopping
--Historic Walking Tour--Antique Car/Truck Museum
Option II - Vacaville (40 mi. West of Old. Sac)--My Favorite Rock Shop/ Museum
--Tour Jelly Belly Factory

Option III Southeast Sacramento--Antique Mall (50,000 sq. ft)
SUPPER ON YOUR OWN
7:00 Vespers - Auburn SDA Church



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SABBATH - JULY 1

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00 Auburn Church for Sabbath School & Church
1:00 Lunch at Church
2:00 - 6:00 Afternoon Activities Biblical Gardens wheelchair accessible Nature Walks: Birds, Wildflowers, The River
6:00 Supper
7:00 Vespers Auburn Church
8:45 Leave for Leatherby's Family Creamery--to Fulfill your (and Bette Curtis' ice cream Fantasies!) (Fried Peanut Butter Sandwiches also a Specialty!)



Biblical Gargen

FAREWELL, ASDAO, UNTIL
2007 IN BRANSON, MO!

DON'T FORGET THE AUXILIARY AUCTION

One of the most fun we have at each convention is the auction that the auxiliary. Bring as many things as you can so that the auction will raise a record amount. You can make something, buy something or just bring something you have around the house. We have fun. Thursday night after the banquet. The money raised helps with the student scholarships and mission projects that the auxiliary decides on. It is worth attending the ASDAO convention just for this event.

BEST WAY TO WITNESS WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

by Dr. Rolland and Carol Stickle

Today we lead such busy lives as Optometrists and auxiliary members that we often wonder how we can fit anything more into our days. Many of you have one or many offices in your local church and that we know takes a lot of your free time. At Convention we have listened to many of your stories about the special ways that you are showing your community about your commitment to God and your love to Him. We would love for you to share them with us, if you would just take time to write a short note to Duane as the Fraternities editor about what you, your office or your family are doing, it might be just the idea that inspires one of us to do that for our own community. For a few years we have been thinking about sharing an evening of gourmet vegetarian cooking in our own home with our neighbors. Several of these friends have already been over for a pre-Christmas dinner. As a lead up to this evening our church family sponsored 4 evenings with vegetarian cooking. There were to many signed up for the space available and so we decided that this was the time to go ahead. Our dining room could seat 16, at one large table and two smaller ones. We invited four of our neighbors and 12 from the overflow from the church cooking school. The tables were set to make a very elegant evening of dining. The evening was started with a delicious appetizer and then they went to a buffet table that had beside a salad and bread about 9 different kinds of vegetarian foods that they could quite easily make in their own home. We used only one already prepared product in the preparation of the food. Before they ate, the food was shown to them and then placed on the buffet table. One that elicited a lot of comment was the "pot roast" that looked so real accompanied with carrots and potatoes. After they had finished eating and had a desert Carol went through each recipe so they knew exactly how to make it. The conversations at the tables were very interesting to listen to, as people got to know each other and to talk about the food. Other than having a special blessing before the food was eaten, we did not talk about God. But as they received the recipes for the night and every time they would look at the recipes they would notice the area just above the recipes where it said that it was sponsored by the Orchard City Seventh-day Adventist Church. Yes it was a lot of work and yes it was a very enjoyable evening. Perhaps this is something that might inspire you to try. I am already trying to plan another evening. Perhaps we will follow it with having a planned vegetarian supper occasionally

I prayed for you...

I knelt and prayed to God today, that He would give you joy;
So you would be like sunshine, though Satan's darts annoy.
I prayed today for patience to bear each painful test,
That God would give His perfect peace and bless you with His best.

Christian, Christ is calling, for there is work to do.
Follow in His footsteps and He'll be your strength too.
Brother, sister, the Master calls for you!
Give Him of your service and for His cause pursue.

I prayed that God would grant wisdom and teach you what to speak,
That you can lift the fallen and help those who are weak.
I prayed for faith and power, that God would bless your life
And keep you safely hid in Him through the battles and strife.

Christian, Christ is calling, for there is work to do.
Follow in His footsteps and He'll be your strength too.
Brother, sister, the Master calls for you!
Give your life to Jesus and stand firm for the truth.

Lastly, I prayed that God would make, to you, His presence known;
That His loving arms enfold you, so you're never alone.
I prayed that God would lead you, and take you by the hand,
And travel closely by your side, to that Celestial land.

Christian, Christ is calling, for there is work to do.
Follow in His footsteps and He'll be your strength too.
Brother, sister, God has promised you:
"I will never leave thee." He'll always see you through.

-Kathina Reeve
January 11, 2006

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AVAILABLE ON WEB

There is classified advertising available to any member that has something to sell or is looking for something to buy. There is no charge for this and you may find a member out there that is looking for what you have.

Send any advertising to our web site webmaster, Dr. Dennis Benedict, 5690 Horton Road, Jackson, MI 94201 or email him at dhbenedict@yahoo.com.

President's Column

Chuch Reeve, O.D.



We all have our eyes set on Auburn, the center of sunny California. We want this convention to be a time to put in our memory

hall. Remember to invite and encourage all your optometry friends and acquaintances to come join us for enjoyable fellowship, activities, and recreation together.

Dr. Tom Sanders shared with me last week his enthusiasm about having a retinal specialist who will be presenting our continuing education. He has done extensive research in macular degeneration and we are privileged to have him instruct us.

Dr. Tom & Linda Sanders (convention hosts) have put a tremendous amount of time to give us a full, packed, active schedule of interesting and breath taking activities with many options to choose from. Let's lighten their load by letting them know which activities you plan to participate in. Have you made your travel and lodging reservations? The guaranteed, discounted rooms are going fast. Are your items ready for the Auxiliary's auction? We are, especially, looking forward to seeing your creative homemade projects.

May the Lord richly bless you and your families and grant abundant grace and strength. Keep eyes on Christ and cling tightly to Him as you go forward each day.

Philippians 1:9, 10 *This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; See you in Auburn, California, June 28 to July 1 2006.*

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Send me your e-mail address if not listed below, also any correction if what we have is not correct so we can publish it in our directory. It would be nice for the ASDAO members to be able to contact each other.



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THERE MUST BE MORE THAN THESE. We have added a few since the last news letter. If yours is incorrect let me know.

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"PLAN YOUR VACATION TO ATTEND THE ASDAO CONVENTION"

**2007 ASDAO CONVENTION
BRANSON, MISSOURI**

Dr. Bob & Dee Roberts
2007 Convention Hosts



Dee and I are looking forward to hosting the convention in Branson Missouri next year as I have shared with you Dee is a wonderful tour guide for Branson. There is so much to do in the Branson area that there should be something for everyone.

Branson is a wonderful place to vacation with children, so we are hoping to see more young O.D. families. The rest of us need to bring grandchildren. The most difficult part of planning this convention is trying to decide which things to do in the allotted time. Just some of the things being planned are: Wonders of Wildlife Museum, enjoying beautiful Tablerock Lake - Silverdollar City, white water, golf, cave exploration and of course Branson shows and much much more.

Sabbath should be an exceptional day worshipping in fellowship with everyone. Dee and I are trying to arrange for a good Southern Gospel concert (it just wouldn't seem right to get so many of you so far south and not enjoy some Southern Gospel!)

Our location will be at the Rock Lane Resort, located on Table Rock Lake. Check our the web site:



www.rocklane.com

ASDAO AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP

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 for at least one academic year are eligible to apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists. This scholarship is for \$1,000.

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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NEXT FRATERNEYESER DEADLINE

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **August 1**. Please send me your information by the deadline. Dr. Duane Curtis, Editor wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net

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If you haven't checked out the new web site, you should do so. There are a few things that will change from time

RV CAMPGROUND FOR CONVENTION

Auburn Gold Country RV Park
3550 KOA Way
Auburn, Ca 95602
(530) 885-0990

Full hook up: 37.00-45.00 2 Adults
Additional adults, \$4.50/adult
Additional children, \$2.50/child

The campground is an easy walk of less than 1/10 of a mile from the SDA church and close to Hwy 49 and Hwy 80.

Call to make reservations as soon as possible.

2006 ASDAO CONVENTION
AUBURN, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 - SABBATH, JULY 1

Name _____

Children/Ages _____

Guests _____

Arrival Date _____

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ARRIVE TUESDAY NIGHT, CALL EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM !!!

River Raft Trip, American River, 4 hours, includes lunch

Number Participating _____ X \$106.00 = _____

Leave hotel 9:45 AM, one hour trip to Coloma, activity 11:00 - 5:00 PM.

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