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## FUN TIME HAD BY ALL AT ASDAO 50th CONVENTION IN PUYALLUP, WA

A great big thank you goes out to Dr. Stan Pugh and his wife Nancy for the fun time we had in Puyallup. They did a great job in having everything organized and ready to go.

The hotel accommodations were very nice and we even had a wonderful breakfast there every morning.

We had very good spiritual meetings along with education and recreation times together. The fellowship was more than fun. Thank you again.



Pictured left to right: Drs. Duane Curtis, Kevin Watters, Dennis Benedict, Bill Pellow, Dan Beckner, Bob Roberts, Wilma Boulieris, Chuck Reeve, Tom Sanders, Clarie Omans, John Smith, Helaina Boulieris, Ray DeHaan, Kristy Weis, Stan Pugh & Lowell Meister. Not pictured but in attendance: Troy Bailey, Lynette Kline & Kirby Treat



Doctors and family

Auxiliary

### CONVENTION OPENED FRIDAY EVENING WITH VESPERS



Sabbath was started with a musical concert by Nancy Culver a member of the Puyallup church. This was a nice way to begin the Sabbath and put everyone in a spiritual mood.

### SABBATH NICE WAY TO START OUT CONVENTION

I believe that this was our first convention to start on a Friday evening. It was a good way to start our the spiritual convention that was to follow.



Sabbath morning we were led in a good song service by Janice Bailey and her daughter from Enterprise, OR. with Morgan Stanyer from Spokane, WA



Dr. Stan Pugh led with a good discussion for the Sabbath School lesson.



Special music was given by Dr. Ray DeHaan and his wife Anita from Tilamook, OR during the Sabbath



Dr. Stan Pugh introduced Pastor Bill Roberts who gave us a inspirational sermon. This was followed by lunch at the church.



Dr. Lowell Meister from Nowata, OK and the Assistant Director for Vision Affairs for the General Conference of SDA had the evening vesper to close the Sabbath.



**Those of you who were not present  
missed out on a good time**

## SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION

### AT PACIFIC CATARACT AND LASER INSTITUTE

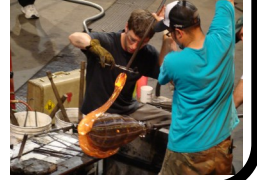
Dr. Abigail Neal and Dr. Mark Maraman talked about efficient Glaucoma Care, followed by Dr. David Gano on Neuroadaptation. PCLI then supplied lunch for the doctors and family in attendance.



## GLASS MUSEUM

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sunday afternoon was spent seeing how glass is used in making different types of vases and other ornaments. There was a live demonstration with all the hot ovens and tricks they use. This was interesting and showed that it takes awhile to finish a



## SUNDAY NIGHT BANQUET AND AUXILIARY AUCTION

The annual banquet and auction was one of the highlights of the convention.

To honor this being our 50th anniversary of ASDAO, we were asked how many conventions each person had attended. One of our founders, Dr. Clarie Omans and his wife June have attended 49 conventions. Others were 33, 30 and on down to this being their first convention.



Dr. Omans gave a brief history of how the ASDAO began and some of the accomplishments that we have completed. We then went convention by convention and had those in attendance tell something they enjoyed about that year.

A good meal was served and I am sure we all ate too much.



The Auxiliary auction followed with many different things being donated from the optometrists and their wives. The money raised helps go towards the scholarships that the auxiliary gives out to help optometry students along with other missionary programs. This year a little over \$2300 was raised for these projects.

Above right auctioneer Dr. Duane Curtis is holding a Optometry clock that he made for the auction. Pictured to the left is a handmade doll that was made by Kathy Smith from Spokane Washington. Both of these items were sought after by many of those in attendance.



Start making your plans on what to bring next year in Holland, Michigan.

## MONDAY WAS A FUN DAY

Every morning we had a deluxe breakfast at the hotel as you can see by those devouring it.



After this good breakfast and a joint business meeting we left for the Museum of Flight. We were able to see many different airplanes from the very old to some of the



more modern planes of today. I wonder just how these could fly.



Of course some had to try there skills in the flight simulator with rolls, spins and anything they



could get it to do.

## MONDAY AFTERNOON ARGOSY LOCK CRUISE

Before we could go on the cruise we met at the Red Robin restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf and had a filling lunch.



Dr. Kirby Treat, his wife Annette & two boys Jayce and Theron, Worland, WY.



Dr. Lowell Meister & Dellene, Nowata, OK  
Dr. Bill Pillow & Nancy, Republic, WA



Another highlight was boarding the Argosy ship for a nice ride on Lake Washington and through the locks that take you out into the Pacific Ocean.

We had a narration along the way telling about many of the sights along the way and ending up at Seattle's Fisherman's Wharf.

Again it was time to eat so we drove to Marie Callendar's to end the day.

## OUR HEARTIEST THANK YOU

Nancy and I wish to thank all of you who took the time out of your busy schedules to attend this year's ASDAO 50th Convention. We hope that you all had a great time with the various side trips as well as renewing old friendships. Let us follow through on our new outreach programs this year.

God Bless,  
Dr. Stan and Nancy Pugh

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GHG Guam: Dr. Syed Arshad an ophthalmologist has made a request to practice on Guam. The request will be sent to Dr. Christian on Guam.

IGHG India: Hepzi tells us that they have started another 200 adult literacy centers. We can pray that the glasses we mail will get through customs. We were just notified that they received the last 144 pair of OC Reading glasses we mailed May 5, 2008.

GHG News article: CONGRATULATIONS ASDAO Congratulations to the Association of Seventh-day Adventists Optometrists on your fiftieth year of organization. The ASDAO celebrate their fiftieth year as an organization at Puyallup, Washington, June 27 through July 1, 2008. This group was founded in 1958 at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, CA. The association has encouraged spiritual, professional and social development among Adventist optometrists. Many free visual screenings and free glasses have been given to underprivileged people around the world. Free reading glasses have been mailed to the "Woman's Ministry" for the literacy classes in India. The group conducted glaucoma screenings at the General Conference Session in St. Louis, MO. Thank you for your service to God and mankind.

GHG For more information the website is [www.sdaooptometrists.org](http://www.sdaooptometrists.org).

GHG This was sent to Dr. Handyside's assistant, Beth, 7/22/08. She will use GC letterhead and send the article to each Union Conference paper plus the Review. Watch for the article.

GHG Health Conference: Dr. Allan Handysides, GC Health Ministries, called telling me there are plans for an SDA World Health Conference followed by a UN World Health Meeting June 22 through 28, 2009, in Geneva, Switzerland and France. Dr. Handysides said that it would be good for me to attend and the ASDAO should sponsor this trip. The GC Health Ministries Department is very involved with the UN and a good representation is encouraged. More details later.

Lowell Meister, OD  
ADVA Health Ministries, GC.

**ASDAO DUES  
July 1 thru June 30  
each year**

2007-2008 O.D. Dues	35.00
2007-2008 Auxiliary Dues	10.00
2007-2008 1st Year Grad	10.00
2007-2008 2nd Year Grad	10.00
Optometric Student	1.00

We need your support in both financial and by being active in ASDAO to help continue carrying on Gods' work for optometry.

Send your dues to:

Eddy Benedict  
ASDAO Treasurer  
5600 Horton Rd.

**FUTURE AOA  
CONVENTION  
DATES**

- 2009** Washington, DC June 24-28
- 2010** Orlando, FL June 16-20,
- 2011** Salt Lake City, UT June 15-19
- 2012** Chicago, IL June 27-July 1

**2009 ASDAO  
CONVENTION IN  
HOLLAND, MI**

Dr. Dennis & Eddy Benedict will Be hosting our convention in Holland, MI starting Friday, July 3 through Tuesday morning, July 2009. A trip to Mackinac Island is planned for Tuesday July 7 for those who want to join us.



**MISSION TRIPS  
PLANNED FOR 2009**

It was voted at our association meeting convention to support the Quiet Hour mission trips for 2009. We are searching for O.D.'s that would be interested to go on the following projects.

Cusco, Peru: May 22-June 6, 2009

Kingston, Jamaica: October 30 - November 14, 2009

Many of you answered on the ASDAO survey that you would be interested in going on a short mission strip. This is your chance

If you can go for one week instead of two, please plan on going.

Notify Dennis Benedict O.D., ASAP: email [dhbenedict@yahoo.com](mailto:dhbenedict@yahoo.com) or you can his office phone 517-784-0132 or at home 517-890-9022

**WHY SHOULD I  
PAY ASDAO DUES?**

GHG Each year you receive a statement from the treasurer requesting you to send in dues and become a member of ASDAO.

GHG First you should know that the dues are only a small part of what is used to continue the support of the ASDAO.

GHG Money Is needed to help continue our mission clinics overseas. We supply them with equipment and support so that God's work can continue in these areas.

GHG 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.

**PRESIDENT  
BOB'S COLUMN**



Bob Roberts, O.D.  
ASDAO President  
Greeting's--On behalf of all the optometrist & their families I want to thank Stan & nancy

pugh for such a wonderful convention! It was especially nice to see such a good turnout. It's too bad that Helaina is now our past president--I will miss her column in our newsletters-- she is such a talented writer, maybe she will do a book someday. I'm sure your clinics as well as ours has been busy with pre-school exams. I really enjoy the challenges and rewards of my glaucoma patients, but it sure is fun to see so many young children in the clinic this time of year. There have been many cute "Norman Rockwell" moments.

One of my favorite bible verses is Philipians 4:9 --Paul here is challenging the early church members, and us, to start living what they had been hearing. To emphasize the point he basically said that if they had any doubt as to what their behavior should be... "just watch me" The clear word said it this way--- "put into practice what I've taught you and what you have learned from watching me."With that thought in mind" I want to say thank you to the Oman's for being such wonderful examples to our organization. If we ASDAO's would follow the Omans example, our conventions would be large and our influ-

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

Dee Roberts

I was so excited about the good turn out for our north western convention!!!--( THE BIG # 50 ) Having the Omans there made it very special!-- Bob and I got to meet some members that were new to us-- we have been attending for only about five years. The auxiliary had a very good auction --fun for all --this helps to give us money for our scholarship program. This year we discussed some guidelines for our scholarship program which will make it easier to implement. A great time was had by all--were looking forward to next year..



**PCO STUDENT  
ATTENDS  
CONVENTION**

It was real nice to have Kristi Wise a 4th year student from PCO attending our convention this year. Kristi is from North Carolina and will be doing one of her rotations at our SDA clinic in Guam this coming year, We are looking forward to seeing Kristi and many more of our conventions in the future.

Students are welcome to come to the convention each year. This is a good way to get acquainted with other SDA optometrists, and possibly help you in your decision as to where you might want to practice after graduation.



**HOPE TO SEE MORE STUDENTS  
NEXT YEAR**

**59th General  
Conference  
Session  
Atlanta, Georgia  
June 23– July 3,  
2010**

**PRACTICE FOR SALE**

Practice for sale, in Brewster and Grandcoulee, Wahington. This is a rural area with lots of outdoor activities available. In Brewster we have a beautiful church and school. If interested, contact Duane L. Rana, OD [iguanaOD@aol.com](mailto:iguanaOD@aol.com)

**Wanted:** Associate leading to Partnership: send resume and personal mission statement to [dani boon@gmail.com](mailto:dani boon@gmail.com) or 66724

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WEB**

Classified advertising is available to any member of ASDAO that has something to sell or is looking for something to buy. There is no charge for this and you may find one of our members out there that may be looking for what you have.

Send any advertising to our web master, Dr. Dennis Benedict, 5690 Horton Road, Jackson, MI 94201 or email him at: [dhbenedict@Yahoo.com](mailto:dhbenedict@Yahoo.com).

**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 may apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists. This scholarship is for the Jr. & Sr. year. You must apply for each year.

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 **November 1, 2008**. Please send me your information by the deadline. Dr. Duane Curtis, Editor  
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**[www.sdaoptometrists.org](http://www.sdaoptometrists.org)**

If you haven't checked our web site, you should do so. There are a few things that will change from time to time. I believe we have a very nice site to represent our organization.

**MOVE TO  
WYOMING**

Looking for an optometrist interested in practicing in a small, rural community in Wyoming. Ideal for mission minded individual with a growing church and church school already established. Many opportunities for outdoor recreation as we are located near the Big Horn Mountain range, Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park. Contact Kirby Treat, O.D. by email [katreat@hotmail.com](mailto:katreat@hotmail.com) or 1096 N Ponderosa Lane, Worland, WY 82401

**SEE YOU IN MICHIGAN NEXT YEAR**

**SWAZI EYE SERVICES UPDATE**

Christian greetings!

I would like to update you regarding the new development of Swazi Eye Services. From January to May, 2008, I took the Eye Clinic as part of my responsibility since there was no substitute nor reliever we could get. I was servicing the Clinic and have to drive around 800 kms between our Union headquarters- Bloemfontein and Swaziland; dividing the month into two weeks in each place.

On May 24, Dr. Joy Padilla arrived from the Philippines as a volunteer Optometrist. She will be joined by her husband hopefully by September this year.

During the mid-year Eye Clinic Board on the 26 June, 2008, the Board members decided to place a call to Dr. Eustace Pennicook, and Ophthalmologist who is currently the Director of Lusaka Eye Hospital. They are Missionaries from Puerto Rico. The reason why the Eye Board wanted to call an Eye Surgeon is because there is no qualified Ophthalmologist in the country. There is only one medical doctor trained by CBM to do cataract surgery only. At this time we waiting to hear from Dr. Pennicook whether he will accept it or not.

Hope this report will put you in perspective of the new development of SES.

Warm regards,  
U. D. Jun Negre, O.D.

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