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## 2008 ASDAO 50th CONVENTION PLANS ALL MADE AROUND AOA DATES JUNE 27 - JULY 1 PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON



2008 Convention Host's  
Dr. Stan & Nancy Pugh

Now that we have entered the New Year, it is time to begin serious consideration to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> ASDAO Convention here in Puyallup, WA. We voted two years ago to have our '08 Convention to piggyback the AOA Convention in Seattle. We are located about 23 miles South of Seattle or about 35 minutes driving time. Nancy and I have planned for a fun time together at the Best Western Park Plaza

The AOA Education begins on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center which straddles I-5 Freeway in downtown Seattle. The CE information will be available on the AOA web page after February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our convention will be quite unlike most previous ASDAO conventions because we will begin on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, with the registration table opening at noon in the motel lobby area. After a short business meeting, we will drive about one mile to our local SDA church to usher in the Sabbath with a vesper service. Sabbath morning, our own O.D.'s will lead out in the SS and worship services. We will be served lunch in the Fellowship Hall and then head out to Point Defiance Park in North Tacoma to enjoy nearly 700 acres of hiking trails or sandy beaches, wild animals (zoo) and aquarium. Some may wish to see Old Fort Nisqually, once an early outpost to the pioneers of the Pacific Northwest. In fact, some may wish to stop by on their way to the Park to see the Pugh Atlantic Giant Pumpkin Farm! However, only tiny baby pumpkins are visible this time of the year. We will return to the church for dinner and then sundown vespers. The sunsets at 9:10 p.m.



Sunday morning after breakfast, the O.D.'s will head off to Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute in Tacoma for three hours of CE provided by their staff. This beautiful new building also has a state of the art surgery center. For more information go to <http://www.pcli.com/>.

After lunch, we're off to the world famous Dale Chihuly Museum of Glass where in addition to seeing his handiwork, we can see glass blowers in action as well as other exhibits. There are additional museums nearby or you can watch the ships on Commencement Bay.



The evening meal will be at the church Fellowship Hall where we will enjoy the Auxiliary Banquet and Auction. If everyone can bring something to auction, it is a lot more fun. The funds raised are used to help SDA optometry students scholarships and other mission projects.

Monday morning, we will have another business meeting and then head off to Seattle to visit the Boeing Museum of Flight. This fascinating place takes one from the Wright Brothers to walking on the moon. There is even a small section of the Space Station to walk through. There are many, many different kinds of "flying machines" on display. There you will also see and tour the Boeing 707 version of Air Force One which served Presidents Kennedy through Ford. You may also wish to walk through the British Supersonic Concorde airplane. Even though you can spend over five hours there, we have to head off to the Argosy Cruise Company to cruise on Lake Union taking a trip through the famous Ballard Locks which connects the Lake with Puget Sound. It will be a 2 ½ hour trip that you will remember for a lifetime. We can offer additional places for people to enjoy on their own on Tuesday such as Northwest Trek Wildlife Park( about ½ hr. drive) , Mt. Rainier National Park( about 1 hr. drive) or perhaps Wild Waves Water Park in Federal Way ( about ½ hr drive).



*Seize the day*

Dr. Stan & Nancy Pugh



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### Event Center

Our Event Center is tastefully decorated in soft hues with lovely cherry wood furnishings, emerald green velvet davenports, wingback chairs and large restrooms. Audio-visual equipment is available for rental and each of our conference rooms offer high-speed wireless Internet access and pull-down screens. Comprehensive catering and event planning are also available. Check in time – 3 p.m. Check out – noon

### - Directions -

#### FROM I-5 NORTH OR SOUTH:

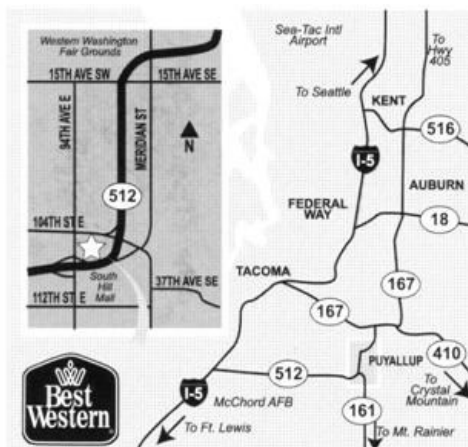
Exit onto Highway 512, Exit 27), head East towards Puyallup, exit off Highway 512 at the 9th Street Southwest/94th Avenue East exit. Turn left off exit and cross the freeway; turn right onto South Hill Park Drive.

#### FROM HIGHWAY 167:

Going North or South, exit onto 512 West towards Puyallup, exit off Highway 512 at the South Hill/Eatonville Highway 161 exit. Turn right off the exit, and turn left onto South Hill Park Drive.

#### FROM DOWNTOWN PUYALLUP:

Travel South on South Meridian Street. Go past the fairgrounds and continue up the hill. Keep to the right. Turn right, heading over the freeway. Turn left onto South Hill Park Drive into the hotel parking lot.



We look forward to serving you and your guests. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call. Thank you and have the Best day!

*Tia Townsend*  
SALES MANAGER

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## MAJESTIC RV PARK

If you plan on arriving in your RV  
For the convention you can make  
reservations by calling  
253-845-3144.

See their web site on [www.majesticrvpark.com](http://www.majesticrvpark.com)  
Rate is \$36.00 to \$39.00 per night.



## ASDAO CONVENTION REGISTRATION

2006 ASDAO CONVENTION  
PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON  
FRIDAY, JUNE 27 - TUESDAY, JULY 1  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration to: Dr. Stan Pugh  
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Tacoma, WA 98406  
email: [snpugh@comcast.net](mailto:snpugh@comcast.net)

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Would child care be helpful to you? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ARRIVE EARLY OR STAY LATE, CALL TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM SOON !!!

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Lowell Meister O.D.

Dear Lowell,  
We are calling a 1-year volunteer from the Philippines. She is Carol Garcia-Clerigo. A registered Optometrist and General Practitioner as well. If all things will run smoothly, we will regularize depending Board decision. However, we would love this to be published in the Fraterneyeser for an Optometrist volunteer for year 2009.

Blessings,  
Jun and Cherry

Dear Cherry and Jun  
Congratulations on your new appointment as Health and Family Ministries of Southern African Union. I wish you well. What about the eye clinic in Swaziland? Christmas blessings and Happy New Year to each of you.  
Lowell Meister, OD

**"Dr. Stan Pugh's  
Green Thumb.**

Twenty-five entrants from Oregon, British Columbia, and Washington brought their biggest Pumpkins and Squashes to the Pacific Northwest Giant Pumpkin Growers Club's fifth annual weigh-off in mid-October. The heaviest pumpkin, submitted by Dr. Stan Pugh, took first-place honors, weighing in at 1219 pounds!"

**START MAKING YOUR  
PLANS FOR THE  
AUXILIARY AUCTION**

It is never too early to start making or getting together what you want to bring to the Auxiliary Auction. Each year this is one of the highlights of our convention.



Last year \$2,255 was raised to help with the scholarships and missionary projects that the Auxiliary sponsor each year. These pictures are some of the ones taken last year. There are many ideas that you can come up with. I will



be making a few of my woodworking items again. If you can't make something, bring something from your area.

Lets see if we can set a new record this year for sales.

**AOA Convention  
Seattle, WA  
June 25-29**

Many responses that we have received said they have not attended the ASDAO Convention because it was not close to the AOA Convention. This year we will be very close, so we will be expecting you at the ASDAO Convention in Puyallup. I can assure you that you won't be sorry and wonder why you haven't attend-



**FUTURE AOA DATES**

- 2008** Seattle, WA June 25-29
- 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

**FUTURE ASDAO  
CONVENTIONS**

It was voted that the 2009 convention would be held in Michigan with the location to be determined by Dr Dennis Benedict and his wife Eddy who will be the host.

The 2010 convention will be in conjunction with the General Conference Session in Atlanta, GA. June 23 – July 3. The GC has requested that we conduct a visual screening booth like the one we had in St. Louis at the last session.

**Ghoti**

Sorry for the mistake in my email address last issue. It should have been .net, not .com

I am sure that you have noticed how mixed up the spelling is with the English language. Ghoti is one of those things that prove it. If you break it down into three parts for example. 1. How do you say the word enough? 2. How is women pronounced? 3. Lets also take the word notion. Now take the spelling of these three words and put the highlighted parts to gather and what do you get? Yes, you now have ghoti, which is pronounced fish. Rather interesting isn't it. Yes, I did catch a ghoti while camping last summer.

One response I received said that ghoti was a Klingon word that meant fish also.

**PRESIDENT  
HELAINA'S COLUMN**



Helaina Boulieris, O.D.  
ASDAO President  
Its time to put the President's Column together and the President has writer's block.

She doesn't want to do a "New Year" piece. Her readers have been inundated with suggestions for New Year's resolutions, thoughts on making this year the best one ever, inspirations on becoming a better person, and organizing the family schedule for the next twelve months. No, not a New Year piece.

What to do? Instead of writing she watches the debut of the new season of American Idol. The kids have been eagerly awaiting this night for months. Her mind wanders to the next ASDAO convention in Tacoma. She imagines the Chair of the nominating committee saying, "America has voted, and the next President of the Association of Seventh Day Adventist Optometrists is..."

Well, there is always plagiarism. She goes into the basement and pulls out past issues of the Fraterneyeser. A column by her good friend, Chuck Reeve, catches her eye. It reminds her of the week we did a glaucoma screening for thousands of international delegates to the General Conference session. It also reminds her of the good times she had with the friends she made in St. Louis that year.

Then she sees it. Dr. Reeve says, "Remember to tell your friends, especially those at the Adventist schools and conferences about our new web-site." Oh, she thinks, I have never looked at the web-site. The only Adventist web-site she frequents is Spectrum so she can see what's on the blog. (Learning this year what a "blog" is seems quite modern to her, but makes her kids roll their eyes and mouth the letters L-A-M-E to each other.)

She heads back upstairs and types on the computer, sdaoptometrists.org. There it is! Under officers she sees a not-so-great picture of herself, but the name is spelled right so that's OK. She sees opportunities listed for mission service both long and short term. She sees reports from Adventist friends who had returned from mission trips and is encouraged to do one herself. She sees the registration form for this summer's convention and commits to calling the hotel today to make reservations. She has her idea.

President's Column: Dear SDA Optometrists throughout the world. Have you looked at our new web-site?

**NEXT FRATERNEYESER  
DEADLINE**

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **May 1, 2008**. Please send me your information by the deadline.

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**Wanted:** Associate leading to Partnership: send resume and personal mission statement to danlboon@gmail.com or 66724 Brooks Road, Imbler OR 97841

## DJIBOUTI EYE CAMP 2007 COMPLETION

Dear All,

We Just realize that with giant strides we started in January and within a blink of an eye, the year 2007 is on its back and the year 2008 is just by the corner!

A big " THANK YOU " to each and everyone of you, for the huge impact and support you had on our Blindness Control Program in the Republic of Djibouti.

We are very pleased to let you know that, we have successfully finished our eye camp with a score of 738 cataract surgeries performed.

We had targeted for 600 surgeries in the eye camp for this year 2007, but has you can see we have well gone beyond our target! Furthermore, Djibouti Adventist Eye Care Services have restored the eye sight of 1,638 Cataract Patients in the year 2007 (January to December 2007).

Please, accept our sincere appreciation for you big support.

May 2008 marks the beginning of a tidal wave of happiness and bright futures.

Wishing you A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2008.

Sincerely yours;

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## IS GOD REAL?

The Christian and the atheist were talking about is God real. The Christian told the atheist "If I am wrong and you are right I have lived an good life and have lost nothing, however if I am right and you are wrong, you have lost everything."

Anonymous

## ASDAO AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2nd, 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 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.

For information contact: Dellene Meister, P.O. Box 627, Nowata, OK 74048  
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## NEGRE'S MAKE MOVE

Dear Family & Friends,

On November 25, 2007 Jun was called to serve as Health and Family Ministries of Southern Africa Union Conference (territory includes Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland and South Africa). The headquarters is located in Bloemfontein, South Africa. This call is effective January 1, 2008.

For 16 years of missionary service at Swazi Eye Services in the Kingdom of Swaziland is indeed a long term service in one place! Our kids have learnt to love the people as they have already considered themselves Swazis. Now, the Lord has widened our territory. We are not be afraid of the challenges ahead except if we forget how the Lord has led us in the past.

Our email will soon change probably in the next 2-3 months. Alternatively, you may use our webmail: cherjun94@yahoo.com to keep in touch.

Kind Regards,  
Cherry, Jun, Mark and Kelsey Negre

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## ADSAO Convention Holland, Michigan June 2009

We will be hosting the 2009 ASDAO convention in Holland, Michigan in middle to late June. Holland is only 9 miles from Lake Michigan and has a unique Dutch culture. The convention will be at the Double Tree Convention Center in Holland. This hotel was totally renovated in 2007 with two large lobbies available to sit and visit.

Grand Rapids is the largest and closest airport, 32 miles. Lansing is 93 miles away and Detroit Metro Airport is 177 miles.

For those that want, the day before the convention we will drive to Machinac Island on Tuesday, an the convention will start on Wednesday.

Plan now to be with us in 2009 and have a great time in northern Michigan.

**IF YOU DIDN'T SEND IN THE ASDAO SURVEY YOU ARE RECEIVING IT AGAIN. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT ASDAO**

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