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★★★★★ ASDAO Convention In Holland, MI July 3 - 6



In front of the Battle Creek Tabernacle Church. Back row: Dennis Benedict, Bob Roberts; Middle row: John Eaton, Rolland Stickle, Helaina Bolieris, Eddy Benedict, Tom Sanders, Dee Roberts, Bette Curtis, Duane Curtis; Front row: Marion Eaton, Carol Stickle, Wilma Bolieris, June Omans, Clarie Omans. Not in picture: Jeremy Beam, Darrell Smith, & Jennette Story and her family

If you missed this convention you missed a great convention. The food was especially good (which was prepared by our hostess Eddy Benedict) All the meals were very good with plenty for everyone.



Friday after registration and a business meeting we were Honored to a musical concert by Buddy Hough-taling.



Sabbath we drove to Battle Creek to attend church at the Battle Creek Tabernacle. Our president, Dr. Bob Roberts was interviewed by the pastor about the mission projects that the ASDAO doctors have participated in and some of the plans for the future.



The afternoon was spent touring the Adventist Historical Village and Pioneer Cemetery. It was interesting to see where some of our history began.

We were able to be in the house where Ellen White wrote the Great Controversy. We also visited her grave.



The day ended with a visit to Captain Sundae Ice Cream for the usual ice cream that we all enjoyed. This is always a high light of our convention.



Sunday was a morning of education for the O.D.'s that was supplied by our own O.D.'s. Dr. Darrell Smith from Six Lakes Michigan. Dr. Smith talked about the higher order aberrations in spectacle lenses.

We also heard from Drs. Bob Roberts from Siloam Springs, Arkansas and Helaina Boulieris from Spokane, Washington who filled in, Dr. Roberts talked about dry eyes and the use of Restasis, while Dr. Boulieris brought information about Optic Neuritis.

it was nice that they could fill in the last moment. Thanks to all for their contribution to our convention education.

★★★★★ Convention

The afternoon was spent on a Dune Ride. It was fun sliding around some of the corners and seeing the sand fly. Hearing the screams as our driver took us on a enjoyable ride.



Sunday evening we enjoyed our annual banquet and auxiliary auction. This was the highlight of the convention. With only a few attending the auxiliary still raised \$1,550 towards their mission projects.



Monday started with a joint business meeting. It was voted to have our 2011 convention in Louisville KY. This was followed with a trip to Dutch Village where we were able to see how wooden shoes were made and watch Dutch dancers.



Lunch together and then farewells, it was time to depart for another year looking forward to our convention in Atlanta GA next year with the General Conference Session.

Those who were able journeyed to Mackinaw City for the night then over to Mackinaw Island Tuesday. There were no cars on the island so walking, bicycle, horseback or carriage was the mode of transportation. Our group elected the carriage ride to tour the island. One of the highlights was a visit to the Grand Hotel. We had lunch there before taking the ferry back to the mainland.



I know that all in attendance wish to thank Dr. Dennis and Eddy Benedict for a well organized and enjoyable convention. It is the hope off all who were there that others will be at our next convention in Atlanta, GA during the GC session.



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Carol Stickle



It was nice to be back at convention, we had missed 3 years because of family commitments. Now we missed some of you that we had hoped to see in Michigan. It was a very well organized few days in Holland, thank you Dennis and Eddy. While I was not able to take part in some of the activities (because of a broken heel and being in a wheel chair), Roland and our daughter Teri and granddaughter enjoyed the Dune buggy ride with the group as well as the tour in Battle Creek. I suppose what I enjoyed most was the continuing friendships and the food. Eddy, you and your friend did make such tasty food. Your decorations just added to the enjoyment of the meals.

We are proud of each of you that were there for the auction. We raised over \$1500.00 and had lot of fun doing it. There was not a request for a bursary this year. So if you know someone that would benefit from receiving one, please have them get in contact with Dellene Meister. This year the auxiliary donated \$2000.00 to help purchase new eye glasses for the planned mission trips.

Because of the busy program that we understand that we will be having in Atlanta next year, a motion was made not to have an auction next year. However, it will resume the following year in Louisville, Kentucky.

We missed you, we need you and we want not only your friendship but your support of our continuing mission emphasis. Come and join us next year.

WANTED !!!

We are looking for any Group Pictures, both of O.D.'s and family pictures from past ASDAO conventions for a history book. Can use either slides, prints or whatever you have. If at all possible please give a description of what year, location and names of people in pictures. Send them to Dr. Dennis Benedict, 5699 Horton Road, Jackson MI 49201. Let him know if you want them returned.

**PRESIDENT
BOB'S COLUMN**



Bob Roberts, O.D.
ASDAO President

GREETINGS ASDAO FAMILY

There are always so many people to thank that I could fill this space by just saying thanks to every one who helps make ASDAO what it is. Dennis and Eddy were wonderful hosts in Michigan and the convention was especially fun and inspiring. Dee and I are still telling our friends about Battle Creek and the stories we heard about our pioneers during the village tour. It was so touching to stand in the very room where Ellen White wrote the Great Controversy.

During our business meeting I shared how inspiring it was to me when I considered the tens of thousands of lives that have been touched by the mission projects of this group, when the whole body of work is totaled over the years.

A special thanks to Duane Curtis for keeping us all so well informed with our newsletters. Thanks also to Jim Tillman for the mission dollar challenge that helped us obtain our \$3,700.00 at our convention.

We have planned several more mission projects in the next year and we are in need of glasses. The readers are no problem, but the minus powers and higher plus powers are also needed for each trip. I know if we each do our part to help we will have an ample supply for each trip.

For the last mission trip to Peru, Dennis shared with me our needs for minus and high powers. As time was short I told him Dee and I would have up to 1000 pairs of glasses made. After committing to so many glasses I wondered what I had gotten myself into. Let me share with you how wonderful our God is in helping me and our organization with this project. One call from our optical department and we received almost 1500 pairs or new discontinued frames --of which about 1000 would suit our needs. My lab which is a small area lab with 25 employees agreed to do all of the lenses for about \$2.00 a pair--including some plus power bifocals. Later the owners called me and shared that his suppliers had agreed to help with the mission project. To make a long story shorter, Dee and I thought we would be spending several thousand dollars to have our necessary glasses for our Peru trip. When all the glasses were completed and mailed to Dennis, the total cost was -ZERO-plus shipping. I would encourage all of you to contact your labs & I'm certain Dennis will run out of storage room. We do not expect the cost to be zero, but we have committed funds for this.

God is Good --- I hope to see many of you at the General Conference in Atlanta. Bob

**FUTURE AOA
CONVENTION DATES**

2010 Orlando, FL	June 16-20
2011 Salt Lake City, UT	June 15-19
2012 Chicago	June 27-July 1
2013 San Diego	June 26-30

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Dellene and I left for the Global Conference on Health and Life Style July 2, 2009. It was the same time the ASDAO convention was beginning. We missed seeing each of you. We are looking forward to the Frat so we can learn of the good things that you accomplished. Tulsa, Chicago, Brussels and then Geneva Switzerland. We arrived in Geneva about noon their time. We took the train to the bus station and rather than taking the city bus with all our luggage we took a taxi. Hotel de Prince where we stayed was not what we were expecting. Very small room and no air conditioning. It met our needs. The hotel was within walking distance to the meetings located at the University of Geneva-Uni mail building. Friday Afternoon we began to explore the area. We found the Old Town and the Reformation wall. We also located the University of Geneva Uni-Mail Building. That evening we ate outside as most eating places had inside and outside tables. The price for food was about twice that of the US. A Vegeburger was \$ 12.00 and a soft drink \$ 4.00.

Sabbath morning we went to Adventist Fellowship Geneva a church where English was spoken. Many of the delegates were there. I was introduced as an optometrist and part of the Health Ministry Department General Conference. Dr. Handysides gave an outstanding sermon.

Sunday was spent in sight seeing in Geneva.

Monday our meeting began at the World Health Organization (WHO) building in Geneva, Switzerland. We meet in the Executive Board Room. In this room was located a large circular table with microphones at each chair. Seated at this table were the Health Ministry Division Directors and special guests. I was invited to sit at the table. There were about 400 people in attendance. Welcome and introduction were given by Carissa Etienne, Assistant Director General for Health Systems strengthening, WHO; Kathleen Kuntaraf, Associate Director Department of Health Ministry SDA World Church. Speech were given by GC and WHO members. The WHO is made up of Christian and non Christian members. Because of this no preference can be given to any God. So the spiritual is left out. The meeting could not be opened with prayer. Following this meeting the WHO hosted a reception-banquet by invitation only. It was held in the WHO dining room. We attended this reception-banquet.

The WHO is interested in the SDA church because of their worldwide health organization. We can be used to help reach their goals. It appears to me that with GC approval some partnership will occur. Watch the REVIEW for more details. We had an opportunity to visit with Elder and Mrs. Ted Wilson, Vice president of GC. He knows that I am an Optometrist and we have an SDA Optometrist Organization. In the closing Sabbath sermon he mentioned Optometry and their compassionate care. The meeting with the WHO and SDA's lasted three days. The following three days were meeting with the health leaders of the SDA church.

We were surprised Wednesday morning during break when Dr. Jun Negre came by to say hello. He is now Health Ministry Director, South African Union. He was the Optometrist in Swaziland, Africa. Joy Padilla, Jun's sister is now the Optometrist in Swaziland. Jun and his wife Cherrie plan to help in our booth at GC. With Jun and Cherrie was Alex Llaguno, MD., South African Indian Ocean Division Health Ministry Director and Nellie his wife. Dr. Llaguno's sister Marian Llaguno Assistant Professor of Nursing, LLU. Also Ezekiel Dangwa Dentist/Oral surgeon and his wife Marlie Dangwa Optometrist, Lesotho, Africa. We extended an invitation for lunch to get better acquainted.

The conclusion of the meeting was that the problems that exist in this world are caused by a lack of social justice. Social justice covers all aspects of life. The SAD church will do more to help social injustice. We cannot solve all the problems of the world, but we will try to do better. Thank you for sending me to this Health program. It was a real blessing for us.

MOVE TO WYOMING

Still 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 or 1096 N Ponderos Lane, Worland, WY 82401, Phone: 307-347-7858 or 307-347-4151

Mission Trips We Voted to Support This Year

November 6 – 21 to Jamaica with "The Quiet Hour" We need an O.D. to be in Jamaica for clinics starting November 8 – 19.

December 24 – January 4 to Dominican Republic with Teen Missions. Travel will be with the group to and from the U.S.

Please notify Dennis Benedict ASAP if you are interested in going on either mission trip. We need commitment for an O.D. for each trip before the end of September.

WHY SHOULD I PAY ASDAO DUES?

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

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

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

☺☺☺ 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.

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

2009-2010 O.D. Dues	35.00
2009-2010 Auxiliary Dues	10.00
2009-2010 1st Year Grad	10.00
2009-2010 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.

Also donations are needed for the mission projects and trips that the ASDAO has planned.

Send your dues and donations to:

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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.

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

We will be holding our annual convention in Atlanta during that time. We need your help, as we will be doing the vision screening again at the General Conference.

**NEXT FRATERNEYESER
DEADLINE**

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **November 1, 2009**. Please send me your information by the deadline.
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**MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO
ATTEND THE ASDAO CON-
VENTION IN ATLANTA JUNE**

Need Your Help with Glasses for Missions

ASDAO voted to provide glasses for four mission projects this next fiscal year. We need financial donations to purchase reading glasses (less than \$1.00 each). Most of our financial needs are for prescription new glasses. You can help by contacting your lab and asking them to provide single vision spherical lenses cut into frames you send them. We suggest asking the lab to provide 200-300 pairs per year at no charge. If we can't get enough lens donations, we will have to pay labs for lenses and edging. Please contact your frame reps to tell them of our needs for donated discontinued frames. We need small to medium size frames. Ask them not to send safety frames, drill mount frames or large size frames. When you receive your frame donation shipment, please sort through the frames and send only the frames that meet our needs to your lab. Please call me when you are ready to send frames to have lenses made and inserted. I will tell you what powers we need. When you receive your completed order please mail them or have your lab mail them to:

Dennis Benedict, O.D.
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I need supplies for the next two mission trips before the end of September.

**THE 33 BEST
VACATIONS I
HAVE TAKEN**

Editorial: Bette and I have used the ASDAO conventions as our vacation each summer. We have traveled to many places throughout the US and Canada. I know we have seen places that we probably would not have visited if it was not for the ASDAO. Not only did we see these places, we have met many good SDA OD's and made many friends from all parts of the country.

If you have not attended one of our conventions, I hope that you will start now making plans to attend our convention in Atlanta next year. Not only will you be with other SDA optometrists, you will be able to attend the General Conference session. We will have a vision screening booth in the exhibit area. This has been very successful in the past GC sessions.

Make your next vacation with the ASDAO.

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