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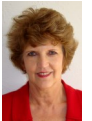
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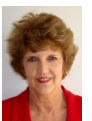


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2010 ASDAO CONVENTION AND GC BOOTH BIG SUCCESS

Our thank you to Dr. Ron Becker and his wife Verla for making all the arrangements and keeping things on schedule. It is always nice to have optometrists who are willing to help out and host our conventions..



Dr. Ron & Verla Becker, convention hosts



Wednesday evening dinner at Dr. Sandy Carman's house

We were treated to a wonderful mexican dinner at the home of Dr. Sandy Carman on Wednesday evening. Thank you Sandy for opening your home to our association. This was a very enjoyable evening.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB'S COMMENT ON GENERAL CONFERENCE

It was really great to see everyone at the G.C. and at our convention in Atlanta. Ron did a great job hosting the convention. I especially enjoyed the golf outings that Ron arranged. The vision screening booth was a lot of work ,but all of you that helped made it a lot of fun as well. A special thanks to the pre-optometry students from southern-- Maida Hage--Caitlin Hobbs-- Jordan Netzel as well as John Eaton's grand-



Jordan Netzel, Senior student at Southern University, taking pre-optometry running visual acuity tests.

son Jonathan. Jonathan will be a first year optometry student at U.A.B. Those young people were not only terrific help but were enthusiastic, energetic, and inspiring. We screened approximately 2,500 people. Several cases of advanced glaucoma were diagnosed,



Screening booth at General Conference

most of whom had no idea they had the disease. The i-care tonometer that Dan Beckner brought was an excellent screening



Dr. Jim Tillman checking patient with the ophthalmoscope.



Dr. Tom Sanders taking pressure test with the i-care tonometer. Dr. Clarie Omans observing.

device. It was twice as quick as a tonopen.

We enjoyed the advantages of the i-care so much that the association purchased one. Thanks again to all who helped!! Bob

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. Several pictures about our convention in Atlanta and upcoming convention will be there.

If you are interested in mission work, either permanent or only for a short time you can find information on the web site.

I believe we have a very nice site to represent our organization.

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When we returned from GC it was July 4 about 8:30 PM. We unpacked the car turned the air conditioner down and went to bed. The next morning I went to the office to check the mail that had stacked on my desk for the last two weeks. When I got back to the house Dellene told me when she went out to the garage to take out trash there was a skunk in the garage. We knew that there was a dug out place under our concrete steps to the front door, and thought this might find the skunk. I decided that I would put the water hose in the hole to see if anything would come out, than poor concrete in the hole to keep anything from getting in this whole. Well, I stuck the water hose in the hole with the water running full blast, ran to the garage closed the garage door ran into the kitchen where Dellene was yelling hurry! Hurry! When I got there, there was a adult skunk with five one third grown skunks. The skunks still under our kitchen window were cleaning the water of their bodies. Then the adult skunk went back to the hole trying to get back in but could not because the hose was blocking the entry. I felt sad, maybe there was another skunk in the hole and I did not want to drown it. So I went back outside to take the hose out of the hole and

there about two feet from my hand was another adult skunk with four more baby skunks. So I pulled out the hose ran to the garage closed the garage door and went to the kitchen just in time to see one of the adult skunks carrying in its mouth a skunk by its head. It was day light and maybe the skunks could not see well. Two adult skunks and nine midsize skunks and not a smell. No one sprayed. They were beautiful so clean and black and white. After a while they walked off past the garage door never to be seen again. I mixed a bag of concrete and water and poured it into the hole.

Three days later on Friday we went to the office. When I opened the door we smelled smoke. Yes there had been a fire. Everything was covered with ashes. My exam chair base where the lift is had caught fire.

Eight days later I went back to my office which had every thing cleaned professionally a new exam chair BIO and a few more instruments all in place I went back to work. If the office had burned up I could have retired. The Lord just gave me some better equipment. God is Good. It was a good GC and I enjoyed screen people for glaucoma, Bob did a great job. I also enjoyed playing golf in the rain. Well, not really.

Wishing everyone the best Lowell



Exhibit building & Georgia Dome

From the Auxiliary President



Carol Stickle

I have been here at my desk this morning thinking back to the Atlanta convention and thinking just how much those of you that attend mean to me. You have given of yourself to come share your ideas, plans and friendship. In talking to one of our newest members both he and his wife said that they felt welcome from the minute they met us and now wonder why it took them so long to join us each year. We promise to make each of you feel that same friendship, please join us next year

in Louisville.

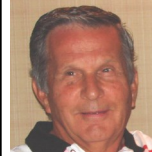
For those of you not attending you missed an ourstanding dinner on both Wednesday and Thursday evening. Dr. Sandy Carman opened his home to a Mexican Fiesta and what a dinner it was, not only was it displayed with great care and delight to the eyes, it was a wonderful tasting meal. Thank you for taking the time to make us feel so welcome at your home. Then the Banquet at Maggiano's, the food was so plentiful and very tasty. Thank you Dr. Ron and Verla for arranging these evenings.

Dr. Bob and Dee Roberts had two grandsons with them for the banquet and auction. What fun it was to watch them in action – they profess to love auctions at their young age and certainly knew how to bid. Sometimes we are reluctant to bid high on something that really does not have very much monetary value, but we just need to realize what a wonderful work the auxiliary is able to do because of this. At our meeting this year we actually spent more than the auction brought in which was \$2,145.00. For Maluti Hospital in Africa we donated a tonometer and also \$4,000 to purchase equipment to be used on mission trips and working at General Conference or like gatherings. We donated \$1,500 to the Optometrists fund to help those O.D.'s who wish to go on a Mission Trip but feel that it is just beyond their budget. We also voted to give a donation of \$1,300 to a request that was very worthy and another \$260 on other projects. This was all possible because of your generosity and previous auctions. We also have funds set aside to pay for glasses when they are needed to Mission projects. There is money available for optometry students in the 3rd and 4th year that apply for a scholarship. We try to be prudent with the money that you have entrusted to us.



We hope that many of you will plan to be with us next year. If you feel like you would like to make a donation to the auxiliary you can make the check out to the ASDAO and send it to Eddy Benedict our treasure along with your dues.

PRESIDENT ROLLAND'S COLUMN



Rolland Stickle, O.D.
ASDAO President

Well its been a whole month since our exciting ASDAO Convention at General Conference – plenty of time to reminisce, contemplate, analyze, masticate and reverberate – right - ? Lots of time to think about and prepare a column for the Fraterniser? Well, it ain't so – sorry to report. So here we go cramming again.

We've probably all been warned that our ASDAO is a dying organization lacking purpose, direction, focus and passion. Those who were with us in Atlanta strongly disagree and beg all to reconsider our worth and plan to become active members of a revitalized, dedicated, participating group of O.D.'s - and start thinking about things each of us can do to breath new life into our group.

Some of the things that stand out for our play-back made from Atlanta are:

- the interest and appreciation of those who went through our screening, I'm guessing some 2000 people, mostly from 3rd world countries where eye care is not readily available.
- the interest and surprise of other participants and workers in the involvement of our group of volunteers and the frantic action of our members and busyness of our booth.
- the many questions asked by our 'patients', many of those not related to vision or optometry, and the joy and opportunities of answering.
- the good reports from Dr Negre formerly of the Swaziland clinic, now Health Director of the East African Union and the ASDAO assisted clinics in Africa.
- the reports from our members who did short term mission clinics to Dominican Republic, and Peru as well as the plans for 2 – 3 such trips in the years. Each one who has participated are eager and anxious to go again.
- and of course, the camaraderie and fellowship of ASDAO members, one of whom has been meeting annually for over 50 years, which is Clarence Omans.
- most encouraging and important was the appearance and active participation of new members and potential new members. We enjoyed the enthusiasim of the three pre-optometry students in the screening booth. We hope that the experience you have had at Atlanta was not only enjoyable but will help in the future to become an active participant along with us and your fellow classmates. This is what – and the only thing that gives us assurance that our beloved ASDAO will not only survive but thrive in years to come – starting now!
- the support – moral, financial and willingness of the auxiliary to make many of our projects feasible.
- the good reports from our GC rep Lowell Meister on the status of Optometry involvement and recognition in the GC Health Department.

In past years we have tried to promote and "somewhat" organize campaigns to stimulate interest among SDA youth to consider

MISSION TRIPS PLANNED IN 2011

A couple mission trips are planned for 2011. Any doctor that is interested should contact Dr. Dennis Benedict for further details.

The #1 effort of the ASDAO is to serve others and make missionary contacts.

Possible trips as of now is a trip to Brazil either March or April with the Quiet Hour. Exact dates should be coming soon. Another trip will be to Peru March 3-14 with Air Care International.

There should be at least one more possible mission trip sometime during the year.

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Optometry as a career to be desired by having mass mail outs by the AOA to our Colleges and Academies as well as by our friendship.

This cannot really be measured in the number of students responding to this, but we are encouraged by the number that came to Atlanta or have contacted the organization in other ways. Please keep up your friendship and talking about optometry in as many occasions that arise – this is probably the most effective way to reach them.

In your contact with our O.D.'s at professional meetings and church activities, we are hoping that you will encourage them to become part of our organization.

We urge you to become part of our volunteer mission clinic team – either by being available to go on short term assignment or making it possible for others to go, as promoted in other sections of the Fraterniser.

Start planning for next years convention in Louisville – where we won't be distracted by the General Conference and the screening, that is both good and bad. We can be assured that a 'good' time will be had by all as Helaina's sister Liz is our on-site hostess and coordinator assisted and advised by Wilma and Helaina. How can we go wrong?

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Dear All:

Your work for Health at the General Conference Session is most appreciated. The team specialists added a touch of class, and the examinations were so very warmly welcomed.

Your gracious, time, and talents all contributed to a most successful exhibit.

May God bless you all as you serve Him with your professional skills.

Yours sincerely,

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TLC ON SIGHT VISUAL EDUCATION

One of our own O.D.'s, Dr. Sandy Carman, the Director of the TLC center presented our group with a demonstration of both LASIX and PRK.

There was a discussion and question and answer after the surgeries.



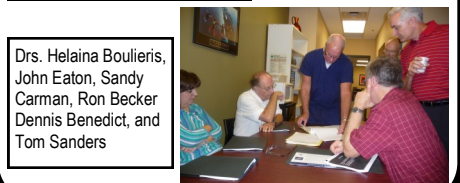
Surgical doctor & Dr. Carman



Surgery room, Drs. Tom Sanders and Helaina Boulieris

Things sure have changed since the first lazer surgeries began.

Thank you Dr. Carman for this fine presentation.



Drs. Helaina Boulieris, John Eaton, Sandy Carman, Ron Becker, Dennis Benedict, and Tom Sanders

FUTURE AOA CONVENTION DATES

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| 2011 Salt Lake City, UT | June 15-19 |
| 2012 Chicago | June 27-July 1 |
| 2013 San Diego | June 26-30 |

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