

## 2015 ASDAO CONVENTION SAN ANTONIO TEXAS IN JULY

Start making your plans to attend the ASDAO Convention along with the General Conference of SDA. We hope to have a good turn out for both the convention and help with the ASDAO booth at GC.



Our headquarters will be at the Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport - Quarry Market, 7615 Jones-Maltsberger Rd San Antonio, TX 78216, 1-866-539-8122. Was able to reserve 16 rooms under 2 reservations. Since it is not a group I had to put down a different name for each room reserved. I know, it sounds crazy but this was the only solution I could come up with since most hotels were already booked. Any questions contact for information Dr. Tom Sanders, office 530-671-2822 or cell 530-635-0879. Please let Tom know when you make your reservation. We plan to have more details about the convention in the next edition of the *Fraterneyeser*. General Conference dates July 2-11, 2015. The dates for the ASDAO booth will be July 6-10.

### Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport

Booking confirmation # 8042554973877 Contact Dr. Tom Sanders.

This San Antonio hotel is within a mile of the Quarry Golf Club and 2.7 miles from San Antonio International Airport. The Marion Koogler McNay Art Museum and Trinity University are within 3.3 miles, and the San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium are 3.6 miles away. The Japanese Tea Gardens are 4.4 miles away.

#### Hotel Features.

Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport/Quarry Market offers a complimentary *airport shuttle*, and an *area shuttle* that takes guests within three miles of this San Antonio hotel. *Continental breakfast* is also complimentary, and the hotel includes a *bar*, a *coffee shop*, and a *24-hour food shop*. The hotel also has an *outdoor pool*. A *fitness center* and a *business center* are open 24 hours a day. *Wireless Internet access and newspapers* are complimentary. This hotel is *smoke-free* and offers *tour assistance and dry cleaning*.

#### Guestrooms.

Accommodations at Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport/Quarry Market feature *sitting areas with sofa beds*. Guestrooms include *coffee/tea makers*, and *refrigerators*. Bathrooms provide *hair dryers* and have *granite countertops*. *Wireless Internet access* is complimentary. Guestrooms include *42-inch flat-panel HDTVs*, which provide *premium cable channels*, *pay movies*, and *connectivity panels* for MP3 players and laptops. Beds include *triple sheeting and down comforters (bedspreads)*.

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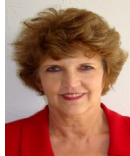
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### 2016 ASDAO CONVENTION SIGHT

It was voted at the 2014 convention to have our convention in 2016 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Dr's Dennis Benedict and John Eaton will be making the arrangements.

### AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC CONVENTION DATE 2015

Seattle, Washington  
 June 24-28  
 2016 Possible Las Vegas NV

### IMPORTANT QUESTION

The Fraterneyeser is published four times a year and sent to you. **The question is do you want to continue receiving it? ?**

**If you no longer want to receive the publication please send a email to:**  
 wrlicurtis@rtconnect.net

I would also like to know of any optometrist you know that might not be receiving he Fraterneyeser.



**PRESIDENT:**  
**ASDAO Auxiliary**  
Janice Bailey

Wallowa Lake with Chief Joseph Mountain in the background



*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Psalm 46:1 & 2*

Today I was driving past the lake with the beautiful mountains in the background and thought, "Thank you, Lord, for this incredible place that we get to leave in!" Then I immediately thought about all the praises I could give for the many, many things I am blessed with - my eyesight, my family, dear friends, my health, plenty of wood for the winter months, and the list went on.

I thought about the people around me that are talking a lot about the Ebola situation. So many seem afraid. They don't have peace. And all the talk about isolation, vaccines, and "new protocols".

I have a "Daily Window"™ Bible cover on my Bible. The card I have in the "window" says, "Walking by faith means being prepared to trust where we are not permitted to see." Well, that is what I want to do! Trust that God IS in control and that He will make everything right soon. And while we are waiting, that He will be our "refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble".

Enjoy the mountains, the lake, and today! Give thanks often! And tell those you love, that you love them... Have a meaningful Thanksgiving season and for those that have celebrated it already in Canada, continue in thanks! Be blessed, but choose to be the blessing where you are. Janice

## **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 and may apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists. The scholarship application is for a one-time scholarship given in either the Jr. or Sr. yr. of Optometry School.

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, Phone 918-273-1280, email: lomeister@sbglobal.net



**GENERAL  
CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Bob Roberts, O.D.**

Warm Greetings to our ASDAO friends. Dee and I really enjoyed our time in Portland and fellowshiping with so many of you. I am looking forward to being your representative to the General Conference Health Ministries Department. I'm most appreciative to Lowell for not only his service to the G.C. as our representative, but also for his encouragement and advice as I begin my appointment. Lowell has shared that the Adcom of the G.C. will need to confirm my appointment before it is official and to date I have not heard from anyone. Lowell had a personal interview before his confirmation so I'm expecting the same from Dr. Peter Landless and look forward to meeting him as your representative.

If no interview is requested by the Health Department; I would still like to visit with Dr. Landless as soon as possible to not only share about our association and our vision, but also to see what the new administration expects of us. Hopefully, there will be a Division Health Ministries meeting in the near future as well.

Dee and I are planning on going to San Antonio for the large "Pathway to Health" health screening in April. Go to [BigCityVenevolence.org](http://BigCityVenevolence.org) to see how you may get involved.

Looking forward to seeing you again in San Antonio whether it is in April or at the GC.

Thanks for inviting me to serve our organization.

Bob Roberts, O.D.



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Hello from Wyoming,

Wow, how winter hit us all at once! We were having such a nice fall and then all at once we have 6 inches of snow and below zero temperatures. It sure feels like Christmas already! I hope each of you is warm and cozy where ever you may live.

It's not too early to start planning on attending the ASDAO convention in San Antonio this coming summer. It's sure to be much warmer than it is right now all across this great country. This General Conference session is poised to be a historic one with ordination to be defined along with other issues to be discussed. We will have a booth to educate attendees and will need volunteers to help with all that goes into putting it on. Of course, we will have many activities to do and time to catch up with each other. It is bound to be another great time to be had by all!

I do hope this Fraterneyeser finds you and yours well. I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

Kirby Treat

**ASDAO DUES?  
GO TO**

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.

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## O.D.s NEEDED FOR MISSIONS IN CHINA

Pastor and Mrs. Falkenberg are managing this program and are very interested in having ODs provide services.

Places in both urban and rural China are in need of and have expressed the desire for health professionals to come to their communities and provide care and share information on living healthier lives. Not only will you be serving our members, but you will be helping our members build stronger relationships with their neighbors.

As you prayerfully consider coming to China, we invite you to visit [www.kgrowth.org](http://www.kgrowth.org) and view the "Current" e-newsletter and under the "Archive" tab, view previous issues. Sign up for future issues as well so that you can be aware of what is happening with our church in China and can keep specifics in prayer.

If you could communicate with us what dates you prefer to come to China in the coming year, that would be great. We can then begin to make plans for your trip in consultation with our churches in China and develop a more specific itinerary together. We look forward to hearing from you! Once again, thank you for your interest in China - our church's largest unreached territory!

## IF ATTENDING ASDA0 2015

### BY RV

There is a KOA campground in San Antonio that has a bus stop across the street that will take you to the Alamodome and Henry Gonzales Convention Center.

Address: 600 Gemblar Rd.

Phone # Info: 210-224-9296

Reservation: 800-562-7784

Pull through sights full hook ups

\$ 43-45/night 10% less for KOA

members Check web sight

[koa.camproungs/san-antonio.com](http://koa.camproungs/san-antonio.com)



Cabins also available



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR

Volunteers Needed: San Antonio Texas

June 2015 General Conference ASDA0 Health Screening Booth

- 1) Donate or bring a large Screen TV delivered to the Booth and pick it up after the exhibit. ( We can't bring it on the plane)
- 2) Create Graphic design and Display Posters to attract visitors to the booth.
- 3) Design a handout for an 8x11 sheet of paper telling of the value of an thorough dilated eye exam to detect glaucoma, diabetes, hypertension, brain tumors, refractive blindness or vision loss, and macular degeneration. ( we can't afford to hand out brochures at 0.35 each by the 1000;s..)
- 4) Doctors who will commit to being there to counsel patients who are watching the eyemaginations video and have questions about eye function and disease.

Dan Beckner, O.D.

# ASDAO GC VISION BOOTH

The next SDA General Conference Session is little over one year away. We have been asked by the General Conference to provide a booth in the exhibit hall for vision care. After consulting with several veteran ASDAO members, we have decided to take a different approach to our vision booth and the services we provide.

As you know, measuring IOPs, VAs, and direct O-scope have very little diagnostic value to the attendees, and possibly giving a false sense of good ocular health. Even though this approach was well received by the public and perceived as a valuable service, we are looking at a different approach for 2015. Educating attendees about what a vision exam is and what we are able to see and diagnose would be in their best interest.

Here are some of the ideas we are considering:

Eyemaginations has granted us the use of their full computer program during the convention time to show animations of ocular disease conditions, and ocular procedures. We plan to project these on a large screen or HD TV.

OD's will provide consultations for medical conditions, give out AOA pamphlets, show Eyemaginations animations for appropriate ocular conditions, and educate attendees on importance of regular vision exams.

OCT screenings may be available for a select group of attendees

Literature for healthy life styles

We need your ideas for our booth, for presentation and content. What brochures or information sheets we will provide need to be decided at the convention. E-mail us with your ideas and comments.

Dennis Benedict, O.D. & Daniel Beckner, O.D.

## ASDAO DUES

**July 1, thru June 30, each year**

O.D. Dues	35.00
Auxiliary Dues	10.00
1st Year Grad	10.00
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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## Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport



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The eye program at the Villa Cochabamba clinic in Montero, Bolivia was started in 1996. We have been returning yearly, screening patients, doing surgeries, and training local surgeons. 2 to 3 young local Ophthalmologists staff the clinic on a part time basis year round, and 1 or 2 surgical teams visit each year to provide concentrated screening and surgical services. There is an onsite optical shop and we also can take donated eyeglasses from Lions international for the patients who come and do not have the resources to purchase glasses. We fly into Santa Cruz, Bolivia, which is about a 7 hour flight from Miami. It is then about a 45 minute drive to Montero. Housing is at a small, very clean hotel in Montero which also provides excellent food. There is an SDA church and school in town which is happy to have us visit. With advance planning Optometric teams could go down in advance and conduct clinics in some of the outlying villages. Patients identified as needing surgery could then come into Montero on the public buses. We are tentatively planning our next trip for the first part of November, 2015. Some knowledge of Spanish is helpful but not required.

***“Pathway to Health”  
April 8-10, 2015  
Alamodome in  
San Antonio, Texas***

Volunteers are needed to serve at your best PATHWAY to HEALTH – San Antonio this coming April 8-10, 2015.

“Pathway to Health” is a division of ASI National and is working in cooperation with the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Mayor Ivy Taylor’s office as well as with the department of Public Health in San Antonio. Our goal is to provide 6,000 people with free medical, dental and vision care over three days, all free of charge to the patients.

Our target population is the uninsured and underinsured of the San Antonio area. Whole-person care will include dentistry, vision care, surgery and primary care including services as massage therapy, physical therapy, laboratory, radiology and pharmacy services plus lifestyle medicine and chaplaincy services.

In anticipation of the 6,000 attendees, we need your help in Vision Services! We are planning several stations in the vision department: Pre-screening, Refraction, Optical, Medical and Referral. Within each station, Optometrists will be assigned to help with triaging the results, refracting and educating on potential ocular-medical health diagnoses. The largest demand will be in staffing the 12-15 refracting lanes so that vision care will be available to as many attendees as possible over the 3 days. We have been blessed in partnerships with Essilor Foundation, VSP Mobile Eye Clinic, Prevent Blindness Texas and iCare San Antonio for resources and equipment.

Please visit [www.bigcitybenevolence.org](http://www.bigcitybenevolence.org) and click “watch video” to see the short 5-minute video of our last event in the bay area. After you watch the video, please use the same website to register as a volunteer and invite other church members who you know have a heart for sharing God’s love through medical ministry.

## PAST CONVENTION LOCATIONS

1959	Yosemite, CA
1960	Squaw Valley, CA
1961	Denver, CO
1962	San Francisco, CA
1963	Minneapolis, MN
1964	New York, NY
1965	New Orleans, LA
1966	Battle Creek, MI
1967	Eugene, OR
1968	Banff, Canada
1969	Durango, CO
1970	Honolulu, HI
1971	Houston, TX
1972	St Louis, MO
1973	Loma Linda, CA
1974	Victoria, BC Canada
1975	Gatlinburg, TN
1976	Las Vegas, NV
1977	Toronto, Canada
1978	New Orleans, LA
1979	San Diego, CA
1980	Jackson Hole, WY
1981	Battle Creek, MI
1982	Bolton Valley, VT
1983	Hayden Lake, ID
1984	Kauai, HI
1985	Marririta, GA
1986	Hope, Canada
1987	St Augustine, FL
1988	Glacier View, CO
1989	Leoni Meadows, CA
1990	Cuhutta Springs, GA
1991	Arlington, TX
1992	Nakoda Lodge, Calgary Canada
1993	Anaheim, CA
1994	Arden, NC
1995	Durango, CO
1996	Lincoln City, OR
1997	Fredrick, MD
1998	Sun Valley, ID
1999	Eureka Springs, AR
2000	Burlington, ON
2001	Leavenworth, WA
2002	Nashville, TN
2003	Cody, WY
2004	Kelowna, BC Canada
2005	St Louis, MO
2006	Auburn, CA
2007	Branson, MO
2008	Puyallup, WA
2009	Holland, MI
2010	Atlanta, GA
2011	Louisville, KY
2012	Chicago, IL
2013	San Diego, CA
2014	Vancouver, WA
2015	San Antonio, TX

As you can see attending the ASDAO convention will let you see a lot of places that you might not otherwise see

## ADDRESS CHANGES

One of the biggest jobs is trying to keep track of where all the SDA optometrists are. As you move or change addresses we lose track of you.

**Please** let me know so that will continue to receive the news letter.

Also if your e-mail address changes we need to know that. If you have a new address or if you know any new SDA Optometrists or recent graduates send me the address: Duane Curtis, OD, 1517 Circle RD, Worland, WY 82401 or email:

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## NEXT FRATERNEYESER DEADLINE

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **February 1 2015** Please send me your information by the deadline.

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## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

[www.sdaoptometrists.org](http://www.sdaoptometrists.org)

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 webmaster, Dr. Dennis Benedict, email him at: [dhbenedict@Yahoo.com](mailto:dhbenedict@Yahoo.com).

## RECONSTRUCTED WEB SITE

Check out the new constructed web site. Dennis has made several changes. It will also show some of the past Fraterneyesers, along with other changes.

[www.sdaoptometrists.org](http://www.sdaoptometrists.org)

Check out: Officers, Conventions, Pictures, ASDAO History, GC Assistant Report, Auxiliary, Mission Reports, Mission Projects, Archived Newsletters, Classified Advertisements, Links, Or even can contact the ASDAO.

Give it a look and see how you like it. Let Dennis Benedict know if you have any ideas or changes you know of such as color schemes and opinions.



# Registration!

## Help us Plan for You!

Please send a reply to Dr. Tom Sanders [twsanders@hotmail.com](mailto:twsanders@hotmail.com)

We hope that we are prepared to serve you and to insure that your needs are met so that we all have a wonderful time together. In order to do that, I need just a bit of information.

**Your Names** Please give me names of those planning to attend in your group. For the children please give us their ages so that we can plan crafts and activities for them as well as special treats throughout.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if child) \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you be staying with us in The Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport or elsewhere in the area?

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Do you have special needs that we can help to accommodate?

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Do you have special meal requirements that we can accommodate?

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Will you be able to join us for the entire convention?

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Thanks SO MUCH!