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ASDAO 2005 CONVENTION ST. LOUIS, MO JULY 5-8

Because our convention dates are the same as the General Conference Session, you may feel like there will not be enough to keep you busy. In St. Louis there is much Outdoor Recreation, many Historic places as well as Entertainment. To name a few, Six Flags, Water parks, St. Louis Gateway ARCH, Grants Farm, and the Bird sanctuary. There is Interstate from the Airport to Holiday Inn Forest Park. Convention location 8 minutes from Center and the Gateway Arch Riverfront. Eat at "America's other Little Italy" on the Hill, where you are pampered in Italian cuisine. You will be able to remember this ASDAO convention the rest of your life. Check out St. Louis on the internet under Entertainment, Parks, Historic sights and see the large variety of things to do. I can give you many reasons "NOT" to come to St. Louis. I've listed 10.

1. I really want to go to the office every day You've been working too hard
2. I want to go home and eat my wife's cooking Give the cook a break
3. The grass will need to be mowed Help a teenager with a job
4. Entertain the kids every night The kids will have boat loads of fun
5. I don't like crowds Relax your mind there will be so much motion you will forget all about the office
6. I don't like people Associate with the best on earth ASDAO members
7. I don't look good in my swim suit You have 5 months to get in shape
8. I don't like big churches Come see your church in action. See Booths from around the world. I have never seen so many SDA's! Hear some of the greatest preachers and good music
9. It costs too much One half off because of tax deduction
10. I don't like to have fun St. Louis is full of things to do

SEE YOU IN ST. LOUIS!

Pre-Convention Fireworks Cruise July 4, 2005

I do need to know how many of you will go. I have asked for 70 tickets to be held until March.

Tickets are to be picked up from Lowell by 3 p.m. at the hotel lobby on July 4. *Note that this Cruise is the day before the start of our convention at the Holiday Inn.* So please plan appropriately. You will be charged for this in your registration fee.

**SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION
FORM FROM PAGE 4
Lowell Meister, O.D.**

VISION SCREENING BOOTH AT GC



Dr. Bob Roberts from Siloam Springs, Arkansas has taken on the responsibility of setting up the visual screening booth at the General Conference session in St.

Louis. He is looking for as many O.D.'s as possible to help with the booth during the session. O.D.'s will be needed from June 29 on through the end of GC July 9. Let Dr. Roberts know if you can help at bobndee72761@yahoo.com

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR VISION AFFAIRS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SDA



John W. Eaton, O.D.

GHG It was nice to see the beautiful Web site that Dennis has been working on and to be complimented by the people at the General Conference for such a job well done. They were pleased to put the Web site link on the health ministries Web site. The GC Health ministries Web site address is www.health20-20.org If you go to this site then click on Links, you will see our Association of SDA Optometrists listed. Anyone who desires could be then linked to us.

GHG It is now time for all of us who are going to help with the GC booth to let Dr. Bob Roberts or myself know what days you could help. Also we need to let the GC know the names of helpers so that badges can be made. Security requires that all have an official badge to work unless you are a delegate. Dr. Roberts and his wife Dee are taking the major role of setting up the booth. For this to be a successful booth that will project a good image we all need to help with the screening and reception for all those from around the world who will be attending the General Conference and stopping by our booth.

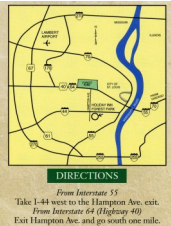
GHG Dr. Roberts e-mail address is bobndee72761@yahoo.com

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GHG I hope to see you in St. Louis for our convention and the General Conference session.

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Hotel Cost / Group rates are as follows:

- \$119 + tax per night/2 Queen beds
- \$119 + tax per night/ 1 King & sofa
- \$103 + tax per night/ 1 Queen bed

All rooms are non-smoking. Please make reservations before the deadline of **May 30,**

DR. HEIDI SCHAUFFELE GOES ON MISSION TO YAP

Benicia, CA (November 12, 2004)

A former Sacramento resident, who now lives on the tiny Micronesian island of Yap, had been totally blind for three years due to cataracts and had had both legs amputated due to diabetes. Thanks to a team of Canvasback Missions medical volunteers, including Sacramento optometrist Heidi Schaufele and her husband, Randy, Al Piniy, 64 can see again. Piniy had lived and worked in Sacramento for 22 years before returning to his remote island home in 1989.

Piniy was one of more than 337 Yapese patients seen by Dr. Schaufele and other team members from October 1-14. In eight working days, the team provided \$467,649 worth of free ophthalmic care. The eight-person team flew for 24 hours to reach the tiny and remote island in Micronesia which had been pummeled on April 9 by Typhoon Sudal. The typhoon ravaged the island for six hours with 132 mph winds and gusts of up to 150 mph. Ninety percent of the homes, crops, and utilities were destroyed.

The team operated a clinic that provided care to some 337 individuals and dispensed 714 pairs of glasses over an eight-day period. They also performed 70 surgeries.

One of a growing number of diabetes victims in Yap, Piniy arrived at the eye clinic in a wheelchair. "When they amputated my legs, I had to be carried all over the place," he remembers. "I prayed for a wheelchair, and when I was given one, I said one more request – please give me my eyesight. The Lord told me to be patient.

"Then, when they took me into surgery, the doctor leaned over me and said a prayer. I knew this was my day and that I would see again."

Although his case proved to be extremely difficult, the surgery was a success and he returned to the clinic the following day to have the patch removed from his eye.

In complete wonder he exclaimed, "I can see the big E on the chart! Is that chair blue? I can see you smiling."

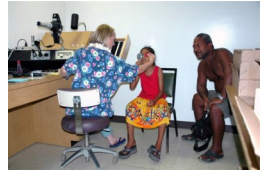
"Here in the United States, cataract surgery is elective – we can get the surgery at our convenience," says Jacque Spence, Executive Vice President and Founder of Canvasback. "Al waited for three years and many people wait sometimes for 10 years or more and often come into the clinic completely blind. We never see cataracts this advanced," she added. "The cataracts were white dense and as hard as rocks.

Dr. Schaufele's employer, Dr. Tom Fleischmann, of Sacramento, as well as the Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club, Lions In Sight, and the **Association of Seventh-Day Adventist Optometrists** contributed to this effort by donating supplies, equipment and eyeglasses. Dr. Schaufele took more than 1700 pairs of glasses. "For many of these people without the care we take for granted, recycled eyeglasses are life transforming," says Dr. Fleischmann.

The Canvasback team was kept busy the entire time, often extending clinic hours well past the hospital closing time of 5 PM. "There were so many patients and they waited patiently for so long. We started out with a list of patients that needed glasses but when we got through the list, patients still kept on coming in," says Dr. Schaufele. The unflagging optometrist examined 337 people and dispensed 714 pairs of glasses in eight days.

In addition to the Canvasback volunteers, many other organizations helped with this effort. AMO (Advanced Medical Optics) loaned the team a \$60,000 phaco emulsification unit so that they could perform state-of-the-art cataract surgery. Bausch and Lomb and Starr Surgical donated lenses and SEE International provided supplies.

Canvasback Missions is a non-profit organization located in Benicia, California. The organization sends medical, dental, and teaching teams to volunteer in the hospitals and clinics of Micronesia. In addition to sending teams of health care professionals, the organization has sent containers of relief supplies and donated medical and dental equipment to help the hospitals.



Roland Stickel, O.D.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I am writing this column from the jungle of Belize – (well actually from the jungle of Cancun – beside the pool). We just back from here yesterday after a week in the Belize jungle birding and sightseeing – a great experience.

This relaxing time was necessary after spending two weeks in Dr. Dennis's (satellite office) in the Dominican Republic. That was a great experience also. As most of you know Dr. Dennis Benedict has been joining a mission trip to the Dominican for many years sponsored by the Michigan Pathfinders. This year, since we were going to be in Michigan for Christmas anyway I finally consented to Dennis's annual appeal and gave him a year off.

This group consisted of about 20 pathfinders – ages 14 – 16 plus several overage pathfinders. The staff consisted of 2 physicians, 2 dentists, myself, 2 nurses and a dental hygienist.

We held clinics in eight different locations in 8 days with the headquarters in our SDA College and then our youth camp both of which had intermittent electricity and never any hot water. About 4000 people were served by the clinics. The optometry department saw almost 900 in seven full clinic days. We dispensed about 600 pairs of glasses and

all the "Tears" we had for the abundance of Pterygiums.

I was impressed by the dedication of the Pathfinders and their willingness and ability to do everything from extracting teeth to operating the Auto Refractor. The youth rotated through all the departments, they also had a part in the 2 worships each day, as to why they were Pathfinders and why they love Jesus.

This is an experience every O.D. and every professional should partake in. Other of our members who have done this trip include Jim Tillman, Wes Cooper, Vance Bergvall and Link Underwood. I'm sure Dennis would be happy to add your name to the list.

Other great things have occurred in our world since we left home. We have 3 different O.D.'s competing to buy our practice, so have spent a lot of time on email and telephone trying to make it happen – at last

I trust that each of you are fulfilling your 'commission' of promoting optometry as a career in whatever way possible in your homes, schools, academies and colleges, also encouraging fellow O.D.'s to the joys and blessings of joining ASDAO and attending our annual convention.

Elsewhere in this noble publication you have been enticed to join and attend as Lowell, John and Bob bring you up to date on plans for a stimulating and blessing filled summer with us at Convention and G.C. Please consider becoming involved. You won't regret it!

ASDAO CONVENTION 2005

St. Louis, MO, June 30-July 9

ST. LOUIS CONVENTION ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY – June 29, 2005 General Conference Booth & Meetings

THURSDAY – June 30, 2005 General Conference Booth & Meetings

- ST. LOUIS CARDINALS BASEBALL - \$25.00 each ticket
- 5:00pm Meet in the lobby of the Holiday Inn to pick up tickets/carpool
- 7:10pm Game Starts

FRIDAY – July 1, 2005 General Conference Booth & Meetings

SABBATH – July 2, 2005 General Conference

SUNDAY – July 3, 2005 General Conference Booth & Meetings

MONDAY – July 4, 2005

- THE GATEWAY RIVERBOAT CRUISES – (Air Conditioned)

- Meet @ 3:00pm in the Lobby of the Holiday Inn, Forest Park, St. Louis to make carpool arrangements.
- Reserved seating, dinner, live Dixieland entertainment & fireworks.
- Board CRUISE @ 7:00pm, Departs 7:30pm, Returns to Dock 9:00pm
- Fireworks Display 10:00pm (seen from the cruise boat)
- Spend the day at the Riverfront Fair (many booths, they expect over 200,000 People)

MENU

- River Boat Tossed Salad, Parmesan Dressing, Vegetarian Manicotti
Potato or Rice, Seasonal Vegetable, Fresh Rolls and Butter
Chef's Special Dessert, Coffee & Ice Tea

BOARDING PASSES - \$45 each for those over 2 yrs. of age.

- There will be about 200 people on this cruise. We will meet at the Dock, below the South Leg of Arch at 6:45pm. The name of the Dock is "GATEWAY ARCH RIVERFRONT". Lowell will be there to hand you your boarding pass.

DIRECTIONS TO CRUISE

- I was in St. Louis and walked the distance from the furthest parking lot to the Gateway Arch Riverfront Dock. It was very close to ½ mile to dock. The parking lot closest to the arch is approx. ¼ mile to dock.
- On your downtown St. Louis Map you can see the arch. Our boat dock is at #39 (Gateway Riverboat Cruises) below the South leg of the Arch instead of #33 like the map states (map error).

TUESDAY - July 5, 2005 (Official Convention starting date)

GOLF - Norman K Prebstein Municipal Golf Course in Forest Park, designed by Hale Erwin

- 9:00 am - Play 18 holes, then have lunch at the club, followed by playing the back 9.

Only four Rental Clubs available. Please bring own clubs if convenient. (27 holes)

OR YOU CAN SHOP - the Galleria of St. Louis, Go to SIX FLAGS, SWIM - & RELAX at the hotel pool, or ANTIQUE SHOP

GENERAL CONFERENCE

- After General Conference - Have some Custard @ Ted Drewes Frozen Custard 6726 Chippewa – Near Holiday Inn

WEDNESDAY – July 6, 2005

BREAKFAST

- 7:30-8:30am On your own

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN (www.mobot.org)

- 9:00am -12:00pm
- 11:30am Lunch @ Garden Café on the porch under the trees
- Narrated Tram tour (optional) Tickets for tours are available @ Tram Station.

ST. LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER (www.sisc.org)

- 1:00-5:00pm James S. McDonnell Planetarium & Omnimax Theater

REGISTRATION

- 5:00-6:00pm Hotel Banquet Room
- 6:00-7:00pm Supper – Garden burgers/Chips/Dessert
- 7:00-9:00pm Business Meeting

THURSDAY – July 7, 2005

BREAKFAST

- 7:00-8:00am On your own

ST. LOUIS ZOO

- 9:00-12:00pm

LUNCH

- 12:00-2:00pm On your own

TOUR GENERAL CONFERENCE BOOTHS

- 2:00-5:00pm

BANQUET & AUCTION

- 6:00-10:00pm at the Holiday Inn

FRIDAY – July 8, 2005

BREAKFAST

- 7:45-8:45am - Holiday Inn

BUSINESS MEETING

- 9:00-10:00am

ST. LOUIS ART MUSEUM

- 10:00-11:30am Docent Tour begins @ 10:30am (www.slam.org)

LUNCH AT ART MUSEUM

- 11:30am

EDUCATION

- 2:00-4:00pm at the Hotel

BUSINESS MEETING

- 4:00-5:00pm

SUPPER

- 5:00-6:00pm on your own

GENERAL CONFERENCE

- 7:00-10:00pm

SABBATH – JULY 9, 2005

GENERAL CONFERENCE

SEE YOU IN ST. LOUIS

FIREWORKS CRUISE ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Enjoy the live music and sumptuous sit down dinner in air-conditioned comfort, with a nice view of the fire works.

The Cruise is \$45.00 per person. I have been told that there will be a large Fair in the same vicinity. This means parking will be further away and there will be approximately a fourth mile hike to get to the boat dock. However I feel that it will be worth the effort.

I do need to know how many of you will go. I have asked for 70 tickets to be held until March.

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PLAN FOR AUXILIARY AUCTION



It won't be long now until the convention will be here and the Auxiliary will be needing your help with their annual auction. This is the only income they have to help with their scholarship program and other mission work.

Start planning now with things you can make or bring with you to help with this project.

This is one of the fun things that take place at our annual convention. You might be surprised at what you may go home with.

JUNE 30 BASEBALL ST. LOUIS CARDINALS COLORADO ROCKIES

If you are in St Louis to help with the General Conference Vision Booth or are in town early for the ASDAO convention or just attending the General Conference session we will be going to a National League Baseball game on June 30. The game starts at 7:10 and all of you are invited to be there with us. The cost will be \$25.00 per ticket. You need to let Dr. Lowell Meister know in advance so that he will be able to purchase the tickets.

We hope that many of you will be in town early for the convention and help with the vision booth and fellowship that we will all be having.

SEE YOU THERE

www.sdaoptometrists.org

Thanks to Dr. Dennis Benedict and his hard work in researching and getting the right software we now have a web site.

Be sure and go to the internet and take a look at the great job he has done.

Encourage others that you know to get on-line and take a look also.

If you have any suggestions that you would like to see or any changes or corrections please contact Dennis at dhbenedict@yahoo.com or Duane Curtis at wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net. They will try to keep it updated with as much information as possible.

LOOK IT UP

REGISTRATION ASDAO CONVENTION

ST. LOUIS, MO.

JUNE 30 – JULY 9, 2005

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

CHILDREN: _____ AGE: _____

THURSDAY/JUNE 30

St. Louis Cardinals Baseball

Cardinals vs. Colorado Rockies ____ X \$25.00/per person

MONDAY / JULY 4

Registration – 2pm @ Hospitality Room

Registration Fee is \$ 25.00

Gateway Riverboat Cruise, Dinner, Music & Fireworks

of tickets needed ____ X \$45.00/per person

Children under 2yrs. of age – FREE

TUESDAY / JULY 5

General Conference Evening Meeting

WEDNESDAY / JULY 6

Missouri Botanical gardens and Tram Ride (9am-12pm)

Arrive at the Gardens at 9am. If large enough group we will have a guide and tram ride together as a group.

of tickets needed ____ X \$7.00/per person

of tickets needed ____ X \$5.00/65yrs and over

of tickets needed ____ X FREE/12yrs and under

Tram Ride tickets ____ X \$3.00/per person

*Lunch on your own at the "Garden Cafe" @ 11:30am

St. Louis Science Center (1-5pm)

of tickets needed ____ X \$3.00/per person

- **Planetarium**

of tickets needed ____ X \$6.00/per person

- **Omnimax Theater – Educational films only**

of tickets needed ____ X \$6.00/per person

- **Lego Mind Storm**

of tickets needed ____ X \$3.00/per person

Supper & Registration (6-7pm)

of tickets needed ____ X \$10.00/per person

of tickets needed ____ X \$ 7.00/under 12yrs.

Buffet – Garden Burger with Buns and Condiments -Potato Chips

-7up or Root Beer -Special "St. Louis" dessert

THURSDAY / JULY 7

St. Louis Zoo

There is a charge for parking – Zoo entrance is Free

Banquet & Auction

of tickets needed ____ X \$24.00/per adult

of tickets needed ____ X \$11.00/5-12yrs of age

Vegetarian Dinner Buffet

- House Salad, rolls and butter - Vegetarian Lasagna with red sauce

- Green Beans Almondine - Apple Crisp & Ice Cream

FRIDAY / JULY 8

Breakfast

of tickets needed ____ X \$8.00/per person

of tickets needed ____ X \$6.00/under 12yrs.

AM Breakfast Buffet

- Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Yellow Grits - Chilled Juices

- Biscuits & Plain milk gravy - Fresh Seasonal Fruit

St. Louis Art Museum

No tickets needed – FREE

Lunch at "Mummy's Place" or "Museum Cafe"

*On your own

SABBATH / JULY 9

Lunch Tickets

of tickets needed July 2nd/1st Sabbath ____ X ?

of tickets needed July 9th/2nd Sabbath ____ X ?

*** NOTICE* No rooms are available except our ASDAO block of rooms.**

Don't miss the cut off date of May 30, 2005

make your reservations with Holiday Inn.

Mail Registration to Dr. Lowell Meister, P.O. Box 627, Nowata OK 74048

REGISTRATION AT HOTEL

Registration on your arrival at the Holiday Inn will be held in the Grand Sicilian Room.

The last Fraterneyeser stated that a advance payment for the Riverboat Cruise was needed. This does NOT have to be made in advance and will be collected at registration time.

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ASDAO

FRATERNEYESER 1958

In his first Bulletin, Editor Dr. George Frisby wrote, "Much energy and time has been expended in giving birth to this new association of SDA

optometrists. Your officers see great possibilities for this newborn. But all newborn need tender loving care.

This association to be effective, to function at all, needs your support now. We need your membership. This organization can serve best and carry out your desires only if you are a member."

After looking over the roster and the proposed constitution let your imagination go for a little and

consider a few of the possibilities. Would you like to turn some of the anti-optometry sentiment sometimes found in some SDA periodicals into something favorable?

Would you

appreciate articles in SDA periodicals

favorable to optometry? Perhaps you

would like to write such an article.

Would you like to have student advisors and faculties of our SDA schools and colleges to have a positive, favorable attitude toward our profession based on unbiased and unprejudiced information and by personal contacts. Would you like your public in the broadest sense to come to a better understanding and appreciation of our profession?"

Dr. Alvin Warren Passes away

Dr. Alvin W. Warren, age 84, local retired Optometrist of 40 years, passed away in Centralia, Oct. 13. He died of Parkinson's Disease, of which he had been battling for several years. He had been a resident of Centralia since 1953. He is survived by Helen, his wife of 59 years, his daughter Linda of Olympia, and his son Dennis of Centralia.

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