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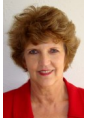
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2009 ASDAO Convention Holland, MI July 3 - 6

It's not too late to make your plans to attend our annual convention in Holland, Michigan.

Chicago O'Hare airport is 168 miles (about 3 hours driving). Detroit Metro airport is 180 miles (about 2 hours 50 minutes driving). Gerald R. Ford Airport in Grand Rapids is 20 miles (about 35 minutes drive).



Dr. Dennis & Eddy Benedict
Convention Hosts

For those who would like to play golf, I am planning an outing on Thursday before the convention. Please let me know immediately if you are planning to golf on Thursday.

Our convention will begin Friday, July 3:

- 4:00 – 5:00 Welcome and Registration
- 5:00 – 6:00 Supper
- 6:00 – 7:15 Business meeting for O.D.s and Auxiliary
- 7:30 – 9:00 Vesper Music Concert

Sabbath, July 4:

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:15 Leave for Battle Creek Tabernacle for Church
- 12:30 Lunch at Church
- 1:00 Tour of Adventist Historical Village and Pioneer Cemetery (Oakhill)
- 6:00 Supper in Holland
- 8:45 Vespers at the beach (weather permitting)
- 9:30 Ice Cream



James & Ellen White
Home

Sunday, July 5:

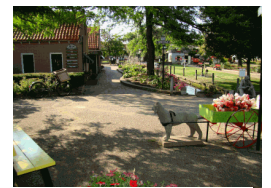
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 O.D. Education
- 11:00 Business meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Leave for Dune Rides
- 5:30 Banquet and auction



Dune Rides

Monday, July 6:

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Leave for Dutch Village
- 12:00 Lunch
- Convention ends with lunch



Dutch Village

Optional Activity planned for Monday July 6 and July 7:

1:00 Drive to Mackinaw City (about 4 hours)
Tour Mackinaw City in the evening. Some may want to drive across the Mackinac Bridge to St. Ignace (Upper Peninsula)
If you are planning on the optional activity, you must make your hotel reservations in Mackinaw City. The options for hotels are on page 4 of the Fraterneser.



Mackinac Island

Tuesday, July 7:

Ride Ferry to Mackinac Island for the day

If you would like to stay in the Holland area and enjoy the beaches and water sports, we will have more information available later.

Some may want to drive to Grand Rapids to the Gerald R. Ford Museum, or go shopping in Grand Rapids.

Whatever you plan, we want you at our convention. We have a real good time getting to know other SDA Optometrists. It is much different than when we attend a state association meeting. Start making this your goal for a good vacation.

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Kore, Women's Ministries director Southern India Division, has requested 1000 pair of reading glasses for women's ministries Adult Literacy program for one year. Reading glasses can be bought in India for \$3.00 each which would require \$3000.00. I would like to see this voted.

Thank you for funding the trip to Geneva and the Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle in Primary Care. For more details go to www.healthlifestyle.conf.com. Our air flight tickets and Hotel reservation have been made and we look forward to the trip. We will miss the convention in Holland, MI. and we look forward to seeing you in Atlanta.

Lowell Meister

**START PLANNING
FOR
AUXILIARY AUCTION**

It won't be long now until the next convention, and the highlight of all our conventions has been the auction. You can bring anything you want to be auctioned off.

I have made several woodworking items for the auction this year including the Optometrist clock that has been asked for item.



This money goes to help the auxiliary with their scholarship program and several mission projects. Start making something for them.

It is always a fun time to see what everyone brings. More fun to outbid others trying to purchase items.

**Double Tree
Hotel
Holland, Michigan**



25 rooms with 1 King size bed, and 25 rooms with 2 Queen size beds. The rates are \$99 + Tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling: **(616) 394-0111** and give the group code ASD. **Reservations must be made before 06/02/09.**



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dee Roberts



Greetings to all of our ASDAO auxiliary. Time is flying by, and I am really looking forward to seeing everybody, and also touring a new part of the country. We've

never been to Canada or out west to Washington state, and am now looking forward to Michigan-- to learn more about our Adventist heritage. I'm glad our association meets in so many fun and educational places. This year has started out kind of wild --Bad economy -- and a strange flu --you kind of wonder what is next. We need to remember to count our blessings and stay in the word. The Lord wants us to be ready for these exciting times..

Remember our fund raiser--- hope we will have a good auction- SEE YOU SOON !! Dee

**FUTURE AOA
CONVENTION DATES**

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

**PRESIDENT
BOB'S COLUMN**



Bob Roberts, O.D.
ASDAO President

Hello --ASDAO friends. In less than 2 months we will be gathering in Holland, MI. Dee and I will be arriving Thursday morning. Hopefully we can get a golf game together Thursday afternoon or Friday A.M.. I'm especially looking forward to a great time of fellowship with fellow Adventist O.D.'s, their families and friends. Sabbath is always special & a visit to Battle Creek, and the Adventist historical village should be inspiring. We expect the trip to Mackinac Island to be especially beautiful. I suspect you get the picture... I'm just ready for the convention to get here .

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Tillman for substituting for me. I was really looking forward to the mission trip to Peru. However, I am recovering nicely from my hernia surgery. I'm excited and encouraged about the involvement of our members in missions. I'm certain the Lord has many more plans to use us as we commit ourselves to these projects. There is no doubt in my mind that the Lord has worked in and through this organization since its very beginning & is still blessing us today. I can't wait to tell you about how the Lord blessed us with 550 pair of new glasses with varying powers, and frame sizes to supplement our readers for our future mission trips. Those glasses arrived in Dr. Benedicts office today & many or those will be used in Peru. Dennis made me promise to wait until the convention to share the entire story. There are many of you who do so much behind the scene that it is such a blessing to the ASDAO. We want to say a BIG THANK YOU --- See you in Holland !! Bob

**MOVE TO
WYOMING**

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 Ponderosa Lane, Worland, WY 82401
Phone: 307-347-7858 or 307-347-4151

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.

E-mail Address

I know most of us have an email address. Send me your e-mail address if not listed below, also send me any correction if yours is not correct. It would be nice for the ASDAO members to be able to contact each other. Send to wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net

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THERE MUST BE MORE THAN THESE. We have added a few since the last news and I have had some return undeliverable. Lets keep this up to date.

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Honduras Eye Care Trip Jan 2009

Kristi Weis, Student PCO

God is good! I had the great opportunity of taking a team of five students, three optometrists, one ophthalmologist, and one optician

to Santa Barbara, Honduras. This is the same place I served as a student missionary four years ago. I hadn't been back since then. We were in Santa Barbara for five days, with four of those being clinic days. We screened all the kids at the children's home (Hogar de Ninos) and the daycare (where I worked before) as well as community people. We saw 1180 in all!! We set up in the local hospital and had help from some of the older kids from the Hogar, local nurses, one of my friends from Romania, and a few local people.



if they needed them.

The beginning was a little rocky, but God provided and we were able to see the amount of patients we had planned on. The patients went through four stations and in the end received a pair of glasses

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS?

Reservation must be made by June 2 for ASDAO rates. Phone the hotel today. 616-394-0111 Use group code ASD.

LOOKING FOR DOCTOR IN MICHIGAN FOR STUDENT ROTATION PRECEPTORSHIP

Dear ASDAO family,

My name is Shayna (Clifford) Bowman and I am currently finishing up my first year at Pacific University College of Optometry in Oregon. I have somewhat of a special situation that I'm hoping you can help me with. I'm originally from Tennessee, but have found myself in Oregon for school because my husband, Keith, was hired as a pastor this past August by the Oregon SDA Conference. It has worked out beautifully so far, but there is a dilemma on the horizon. The Conference will be sending Keith to seminary at Andrews University to earn his Masters of Divinity during what will be my 4th year at PUCO.

To my dismay, there is not a single preceptorship site affiliated with PUCO in the entire state of Michigan, much less within driving distance of Berrien Springs ... yet! This is where your help comes in! I have been told I may set up a site myself should I find a willing optometrist (SDA or not) in any sort of practice that will take on a 4th year intern from early November 2011 through early February 2012. I know, it seems like forever away right now, but as you all know, the planning begins early for those preceptorships, and I want to give our built-in Adventist network plenty of time to do its stuff! I would love to spend at least one of my clinical rotations with my husband, assisting him in the ministry he'll have in Michigan.

Please, if you or someone you know may be able to help me in coordinating a site within 2 hours of Berrien Springs, it would make my day, week, year to hear from you! Thank you in advance for your thought, prayer, and consideration. God bless you all!

Sincerely,

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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:

Eddye Benedict
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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.

**PLAY GOLF
THURSDAY
BEFORE THE
CONVENTION**

If you are interested in playing Golf. Arrive a day early. There will be a get together of those who are there for a good game on the links. Let Dennis know that you plan to be there. Either by phone at 517-890-9022 or

**LODGING
OPTIONS FOR
MACKINAW
CITY**

For those planning to go to Mackinaw Island on Monday, July 6, you will need to make your own reservations for lodging. There are many choices of Motels if you reserve early. Here is a partial list of choices:

- Best Western
- Ramada
- Days Inn
- Quality Inn
- Comfort Suites
- Econolodge
- Comfort Inn
- Super 8
- Hamilton Inn
- Hampton Inn

Make your reservations by going to: www.mackinaw-city.com Most all of the Motels are across from the ferry's that go to the island.

Make you reservations EARLY ! This is a busy time of the year.

**NEXT FRATERNEYESER
DEADLINE**

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **August 1, 2009**. Please send me your information by the deadline. Duane Curtis, O.D. Editor
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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 upcoming convention will be there. I believe we have a very nice site to represent our organization.

**COME TO CONVENTION
YOUR CHANCE TO VISIT THE
ADVENTIST HISTORICAL VILLAGE
IN BATTLE CREEK**

**ASDAO CONVENTION July 3-6, 2009
Holland, Michigan**

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ e-mail address _____

I am planning on going to Mackinaw Island. Yes _____ No _____ I plan to play golf Yes ___ NO__

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