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WISHING HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO EACH OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

As we enter into the time of year where we all can be thankful for what the Lord has done for each of us, let us remember that Jesus was born and died that we may have our sins forgiven and gain eternal life. This is the best hope that each of us have.

2010 ASDAO CONVENTION ATLANTA, GEORGIA JUNE 23-27 (tentative date)

Start making your plans to attend the ASDAO convention in Atlanta, GA this summer. This is a good vacation time for each of us and a time to meet with other SDA optometrists and their families. This will be the 52nd year that our organization has been meeting.

Besides being together we will have a chance to attend the General Conference of SDA meeting in Atlanta. Plans are being made to have a vision and eye health screening booth again this year. This was a very successful event for our organization at past General Conference sessions.

The General Conference dates are from June 23 – July 3. We will need a few volunteers to remain so that the screening can continue throughout the session.

Hotel arrangements have been made at the LaQuinta Hotel, 6260 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, in Sandy Springs, GA 30328. This is close to the Marta train which can be taken straight to the GC, which will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center & Georgia Dome.

Other details will be available in a future Fraterneyeser. So, mark the dates down and plan to attend this year.

Mission Trips Plans

Our plans to participate in the Jamaica Mission trip fell through. We were not able to get a doctor to go with the Quiet Hour team. Our association did not donate glasses or medical supplies to this mission project.

December 24, 2009 through January 5, 2010 will be the TEEN MISSIONS to the Dominican Republic. We are pleased that two new O.D.'s will be going on their first mission trip. Marcus Minder O. D. from Inverary, Ontario, Canada called me earlier in the year expressing his interest in going on a mission project. He was able to make arrangements to go with the team in December. Marsha Brandon O.D. from Laingsburg, Michigan will be going on her first mission trip as an Optometrist. Marsha went on a mission trip last year helping with a construction project.

We need an O.D. to go with the Quiet Hour in February 2010 to Cuba. The dates are from February 12 through February 21. If you are interested in going on this mission trip, let me know ASAP or we will have to cancel our plans to support the Quiet Hour for staff and supplies.

Wilma Boulieris, O.D. from Spokane, Washington has volunteered to go on a mission trip to Belize from March 5 through March 14 with Burton Adventist Academy from Arlington, Texas. The mission project is planned by Air Care International. We are looking forward to working with Air Care International.

After our annual convention in Atlanta, GA next year the Quiet Hour is planning a mission to Indonesia from August 6 through August 21, 2010. We need an O.D. to commit to this mission before June, 2010.

I want to thank each O.D. willing to give of their time and finances to help with these mission projects.

Dennis Benedict, O.D.

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 may apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists. This scholarship is for the Jr. & Sr. year. You must apply for each year.

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.

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PRESIDENT BOB'S COLUMN



Bob Roberts, O.D.
ASDAO President

Its time to start planning for Atlanta. We all appreciate the Tillman's for hosting our convention. I'm counting on several of us being able to arrive early and help with the G.G. vision screening booth. Dr. Handysides has allotted 4 10'x10' booths for us. That is double the space we had in St. Louis. It will be nice to have the extra room. This is a wonderful service we provide and I am looking forward to working with many of you again.

We need as many as possible to help with glasses for our mission trips.. I just sent 300 pair of single vision minus correction glasses to Dr. Dennis Benedict this week along with 100 frames. Dennis does a good job for us organizing the glasses for our mission trip.

God bless all of you and see you in

From the Auxiliary President



Carol Stickle
Auxiliary President

We do not really remember who in 1967 told us that there was an SDA Optometric group that would be having a convention in Eugene, Oregon. We really wanted to be there, however we already had plans to go to Expo in Montreal and then to drive down south to see our relatives. The next year the convention was in Texas and we were not quite ready to drive down there again with 3 young children. In 1969 at Banff we were greeted so warmly at that convention and made friendships that we still cherish today. We remember June Omans and Henrietta

Stump's wonderful southern accents. The next year we drove in a camper to Durango, Colorado and the children loved it and we met so many more of you.

This began our summer holiday plans for the next 40 years. Today, our now grown children still talk about those vacations going to where ever the convention was held. They are memories that they cherish, this was also a learning experience for them as we went to so many places in the Canada and the US. Because we traveled by car they were able to see so many of the provinces and states and now they want their families to experience the joy of traveling like they experienced.

No, we were not able to attend every convention and we think that over the years we probably missed about 6 times, but our hearts during those times were thinking about the convention and what each of you were doing and that we were not able to travel to those places.

Has being a member of ASDAO and the Auxiliary been a good experience for us and our families, we would answer with a very positive YES. We have enjoyed not only your friendships and the education received but the very positive influence of serving Christ not only in our home churches and where ever the Lord led us.

Why don't you plan to give your family the same opportunity that we gave ours.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need your help to obtain more frames and finished glasses. Send new frames that are full metal or plastic that you don't want. Discontinued or new frames are fine. Try to send small to medium eye sizes in mostly unisex shapes. I wrote letters to most of the frame companies we do business with. I only received frames from two companies, Tura and Marchon. Frame companies are not donating as much this year due to the economy. Please write a letter to each frame company asking for donations. Mention the mission projects we have planned and give them your account number and the tax ID number for The Quiet Hour (95-6006642). Specify only full metal or plastic frames to be sent.

We need more labs to cut lenses into frames. Contact your lab and other labs in your area to cut lenses. I can buy uncut SV spherical uncoated lenses for \$1.58 per pair. I asked a couple of competition optical business by my office to cut lenses for us and they agreed to provide between 125 and 200 pairs each per year. I need at least eight more labs to do the same. The most I have to pay is \$1.00/pair for edging, but most of the work is donated. We do have money available to pay the labs if necessary but negotiate the charges. One lab is providing the lenses and edging for \$2 per pair and others are not charging for edging. Our association is providing the uncut finished lenses. Please contact me when you have lab arrangements made so we can provide lenses or money to purchase lenses or services.

Dennis Benedict, O.D.

NEXT FRATERNEYESER DEADLINE

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **February 1, 2010**. Please send me your information by the deadline.

Duane Curtis, O.D. Editor
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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.

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Urgent-Saipan

An email came from Ken D Pierson DDS, Clinic Director, Saipan Seventh-day Adventist clinic. " We still hope to re-open the eye clinic. Do you have any leads or possible interests? We are seriously looking at utilizing that space for something else since we are unable to find an optometrist. If you have any recommendations or leads please let me know ASAP."

I let Dr. Pierson know we would make another appeal to our membership. If there is any interest in living on the very beautiful island of Saipan to practice optometry in a well equipped office please let me know ASAP.

I would like to thank each of you at our last meeting for again providing me with a \$2,000.00 allowance for my assistant director visual affairs GC. It has been Dellene's and my pleasure to represent the ASDAO on our trips. Dellene's expense came out of our personal account.

Thanks for the \$1,000.00 given for India's Adult literacy centers, woman's ministry. This money should buy about 300 pair of reading glasses. I would like to make an appeal to each that you support this project. Your dollars will make a difference.

If anyone is interested in a small town optometry practice in Oklahoma please give me a call 918-273-0486 or e-mail Lomeister@sbcglobal.net.

GENERAL CONFERENCE VISION & EYE HEALTH SCREENING

The following is a letter received September 1, 2009 from Allan R Handysides, M.B., Ch.B. Director, GC Health Ministries.

I have reserved four 10' by 10' booths out of the Health Ministries display area for you to have your visual health exhibition at the General Conference Session in Atlanta, June 23 to July 3, 2010. I trust this is sufficient for your needs.

We plan to be exhibiting for a total of 8 days at GC Session – from the 24th of June through to the 3rd of July. There will not be an exhibit on the Sabbath, nor on the Sabbath evening. This way, our staff can enjoy the blessing of the planned activities.

Please communicate your needs early, so that arrangements can be made. Currently, each booth has: A backdrop sign An 8-foot table with drapes 2 chairs A power outlet to 500 watts Your furniture need should be expressed early, so as to be sure to have everything you need available. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Best wishes to you, Allan

**MAKE YOUR PLANS
NOW TO ATTEND
THE ASDAO CON-
VENTION IN**

**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

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 wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net

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 upcoming convention will be there. I believe we have a very nice site to represent our organization.

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**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 AVAILABLE 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 web master, Dr. Dennis Benedict, 5690 Horton Road, Jackson, MI 94201 or email him at: dhbenedict@Yahoo.com.

50 YEARS IN PRACTICE

December 14, 2009, our General Conference director of Vision affairs, Dr. Lowell Meister will be celebrating 50 years in practice at his office in Nowata, OK. His daughters will be surprising him with a big celebration. Lowell does not know about this. So let's keep it quiet from him. It would be nice for each of us to send him a card of congratulations. These should be sent to: Dr. Lowell Meister, c/o Gwen Baker, 153 Konsington Cr. Battle Creek, MI 47015. These cards should reach her by December 10 so she can deliver them to her dad.

DR. CLARIE OMANS TO CELEBRATE HIS 95th BIRTHDAY

December 25 Our long time member of ASDAO will be celebrating his 95th birthday. Clarie has missed only one (1) convention since the beginning of our organization. Shower him with birthday cards. Send them to Dr. Clarie Omans, 14 Highlander Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28792

Richard and Carol Hearn Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage

Southern Tidings – October 2009

Richard Hearn, O.D., and his wife, Carol, celebrated their 60 wedding anniversary August 15, 2009, at eh Melbourne Fla, Church along with 25 other ccouples is a vow-renewal ceremony.

Richard and Carol attend church and church school in Ferndale, Mich., where their families were friends. At age 13 Carol wrote in her diary that she planned to marry Richard, which occurred six years later when she was 19 and Richard was 24.

They both attended Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and Richard went on to become an optometrist, practicing for most of his career in Berrien Springs. Carol worked as a computer analyst and directed choirs in Adventist and other denominational churches. She is presently Melborne Church music director, directing the Chancel Choir, Treble Choir, A Capella Choir, and Junior Choir.

The Hearn have three children: Hazel, Douglas, and Jeffrey. They also have four grandchildren and for great-grandchildren.

After retirement, they spent two years in Cambodia preparing a church hymnal in Cambodian language. It contained approximately 300 hymns, worship aids, and original illustrations by a local artist. On the weekends, the Hearn held vision clinics in villages, examined eyes, and dispensed more than 4,000 pairs of glasses.

The Hearn prayerfully remarked, "We are beginning our second 60 years together, hoping that many of these will be spent in Heave."



WHICH "TATE" WILL YOU IMITATE?

What would you like to see happen with the ASDAO? To help, someone has cleverly put together this little illustration about the "Tate" family which covers just about everyone. So, as you read this through, think about how you can help.

Members of the "Tate" family go something like this. There is old man Dic Tate who wants to run everything, while Uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. Their sister Agi Tate stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband, Irri Tate. Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi Tate and his wife, Vege Tate, want to wait until next year. Then there is Aunt Imi Tate, who wants our organization to be like all the others. Devas Tate provides the voice of doom, while Poten Tate wants to be a big shot.

But not all members of the family are bad. Brother Facili Tate is quite helpful in organization matters. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss Felici Tate. Cousins Cogi Tate and Medi Tate always think things over and lend helpful hands. And of course there is a black sheep of the family, Ampu Tate, who has complete cut himself off from the organization.

As we move into another year, following the examples of Facili Tate, Felici Tate, Cogi Tate and Medi Tate will go a long way in helping the ASDAO to move forward in accomplishing its mission for strengthening the organization and reaching out to all O.D.'s and to desperate needs of our mission needs.

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