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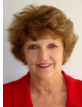
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## ASDAO CONVENTION IN CHICAGO BIG SUCCESS

Thanks to the work put into setting up our 54th convention by our hosts Dr. Lowell Meister and his wife Dellene, I know all had a good time with the many activities and spiritual gathering. Those who missed this year missed a good time of being together with other SDA op-



tometrists. I hope you will make plans to attend next year.



Dr. & Mrs. Lowell Meis-

Wednesday evening a group attended and saw the New York Mets defeat the Chicago Cubs 17-1.



Thursday, was time spent visiting the Field Museum. Registration for those who were there and those who arrived that day. Fellowship together is one of the great things of the convention.

Friday time was taken for a Trolley Tour of downtown Chicago. That evening we had a nice vesper service in the meeting room together as the Sabbath approached.



Church service was held Sabbath at the Hinsdale Adventist Church where we were

able to hear Karen Lewis give her conversion story and all the plans that she has made to help bring others to know Jesus. This gave all of us a urgency to live the life so others could see Jesus in our lives. Lunch was appreciated by all with a carry in provided by the Hinsdale Church people. Most of us visited the Chicago Botanic Gardens in the afternoon where we saw many beautiful flowers and place where many learned more about gardening and the way to care for these things that God has provided.



Evening vespers was held at the Yugoslavian church where we were given a special Yugoslavian meal to close the Sabbath. Then adjourned for



the traditional ice cream to finish the day.

Sunday was spent with business meeting by both the O.D's and the auxiliary. Many plans were discussed for mission trips that could be taken this next year. This is the goal of our association to serve others doing mission work.



Sunday evening was enjoyed with the annual banquet and auction, again held at the Yugoslavian church which was decorated beautifully by the ladies of that church. More Yugoslavian food was the theme of the banquet. The auxiliary auction was again successful with \$2,353.00 raised to help with the auxiliary scholarships and mission project.



It is the hope of all that attended that many more O.D. families will make it there plans to attend next year in San Diego. Dr. Tom Sanders and his wife Linda are already



making plans for this to be a great time together and it is there hope that families with children will feel comfortable to attend. If you have not attended one of the ASDAO conventions I am sure it will only take one time and you will want to attend more and more of them in the future.

## SEE YOU THERE NEXT YEAR.



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I have recently talked about mission trips to do visual screening , pressure checks with evangelistic meetings around the world. There are Evangelists that are all ready set up for this type of meeting and would be easy . Others would take much more planning. At one of my Health Ministry meetings I visited with one of the health leaders from Russia. She showed an interest in having a vision screening like what we did at the GC in Atlanta. She spoke good English and might be willing to work for a program like this. If you have an interest in any specific part of the world let me know and I will see what the possibilities would be. It will not be a free trip but could be very rewarding. Let every one pray that God will use Optometry in a useful way to finish God work here on this planet.

Sincerely, Lowell

Dr. Handysides asked me to send you the following dates of meetings you might be interested in attending:

**Global Healthcare Conference** GC October 18 to 21, 2012 (immediately following Annual Council)

**European Health Conference** Prague April 29 to May 4, 2013

**Global Conference on Health and Wellness** Geneva July 5 to 12, 2014

As more information becomes available on any of these, I'll share it with you. Thanks.

**MISSION TRIP PLANS  
FOR ASDAO**

Quiet Hour Trips:

India - February 8-23, 2013

Cusco Peru - February 28-March 13, 2013

Cuba - March 15-30, 2013

Phillipines - March 15-30, 2013 (with Jackie & Bill Tucker)

Far Out Missions to the Amazon, Brazil

Other possible locations discussed, but no definite dates or locations were determined

Maybe we can get more information about the other opportunities for the Fraterneyeser in November

If you have any mission ideas or wish to go on a mission please let Dr. Dennis Benedict know by email [dhbenedict@yahoo.com](mailto:dhbenedict@yahoo.com) or phone 517-206-5259.



ASDAO members in Chicago



ASDAO auxiliary in Chicago



**From the Auxiliary President  
Carol Stickle**

**OUR HEARTS BURNED**

So much like the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus with Jesus, it is said that their hearts burned within them, this is how we felt after such a spirit filled Sabbath at convention. I wished that you would have been there with us to hear a love story of a Catholic young men, who had learned to love God as his personal friend from Pastor Mark Findley and a Catholic young women who just could not understand this strange religion. Yes, she did join our church and the two were married. She loved her husband but something was still so lacking in her life, until she observed a friend who was so joyous. This friend shared with her just how much Jesus loved her and what unfolded was the plan of redemption and righteousness by faith.

Knowing how much God loved her, set her on a life path to share that with as many people as possible and what a joyous way she does that. This was so much reflected in her life that soon she was asked to be a Bible Worker for her church in Colorado. She told the story of how the children of the local church school loved to play soccer and wanted to join a league but the games were on Sabbath. She approached the soccer league and asked if there was any way they could play, the answer was yes, and they could play against the other teams on Tuesday evening as they practiced. Their team spirit and love did not go on noticed by some of the mothers. Soon one single mother asked if her two boys could attend church. Sensing that perhaps it was the mother that really wanted to attend, Karen Lewis invited her to join her at church the next week. Soon the mother was asked if she would like to have Bible Studies and she so happily agreed. Then Karen started looking for prepared Bible Studies on just how much Jesus loves us and His plan for us. This led to God giving her just the right words to write lesson after lesson.

This young single mother had recently been divorced with a settlement of 29 million dollars. This money gave her the opportunity to build a new church for a church plant of which she became a member.

God so much wants us to have wonderful experiences in sharing our love for Him with others. This is just one of many stories that I heard over the weekend. Our friendships with each other are so important to us that is why we attend the convention but our friendship and love for God is the most important. Why don't you plan to come to San Diego next year, there will be a blessing for each of us, Tom and Linda Sanders are planning a wonderful program for us.

Carol

**AUXILIARY AUCTION  
SUCCESS**

This years auction raised \$2,353 with the help of our auctioneers Drs. Dan Beckner & Bob Roberts, who gave us a interesting show while getting people to pay



more than the article was worth, however it worked. Plans are being made for next years auction.



This year the auxiliary will be giving scholarships to optometry students enrolled in optometry school. This is a ongoing project to help SDA student as they take optometry.

## FAR OUT MISSIONS

My greetings to all the OD's of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists.

My name is Denny Grady, and I am the founder and director of Far Out Missions. For the past 24 years. Far Out Missions has been serving as an extension of the adventuresome had of God, building churches and schools, conducting children's programs, and providing for the medical needs of the river-aide inhabitants in the Amazon basin of Brazil. During that time, a few optometrists have managed to join our teams. And though few of the local inhabitants complain about not having clear vision, they always smile the first time they put on a pair of corrective lenses. They realize how much they have been missing because their vision hasn't been clear.

While it is true that socialized medicine provides for vision care, few can afford to travel the distance to where help is available. For this reason, I'd like to extend a personal invitation to the service-minded members of ASDAO, to consider joining me on one of my excursions to the remote places of the Amazon. Over the years, many doctors have joined our team, bringing with them not only their expertise, but also their families and members of their church youth group. Recently Troy and Janice Bailey participated in one of our excursions. Through their ministry a military base commander was befriended, which open up for our group some great opportunities.

For more information about our trip, I invite you to visit [www.faroutmissions.org](http://www.faroutmissions.org) where you can see pictures, watch videos, and learn much more about our ministry.

I look forward to hearing from some of your adventure-minded OD's who want to serve God in a place where the river is wide, the jungle I thick, and the fish have teeth!!

Blessings,  
Denny Grady, Director Far Out Missions

## FAR OUT MISSIONS REPORT

Dr. Troy Bailey and Janice Bailey  
Enterprise, OR



We participated March 2011 in the well executed **Far Out Missions** trip hosted by the Potomac Conference. This 12 day outreach was coordinated with an end of an evangelistic series. We took part in building a church for the village, hosted VBS twice a day, offered medical, dental, and eye care to the village of Moura. We also took a 16 passenger boat up and the down the river each day and took our medical/dental/eye teams to other villages along the Rio Negro portion of the Amazon.



Dr. Troy & Janice Bailey This was the first time we had our eye services coordinated with an evangelistic series! How wonderful that was? The people of Moura were learning about Jesus, and then we came and met some of their physical needs as well as built them a church. As a result, there were 44 baptized! What a blessing it was to us!



The food was delicious, the accommodations close - with our hammocks about 18 inches apart from each other, but all got along and we would do it again in a heart beat! Please feel free to call us or email us if you are interested and want more details, or go to the website: <http://www.faroutmissions.org>



The youngest attendee to our 2012 convention, Attending his second convention was Matthew Collins the son of Dr. Ross & Kristin Collins of Beavercreek OH We hope more children will attend next year.

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## VISION TEAM 2020

Mission Accomplished! The "Vision Team 2020" along with physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and other allied health care professionals recently returned from our annual Medical Mission trip. Our destination: Saint Catherine, Jamaica. This year's travel marks the 5th anniversary that the "Vision Team 2020"



has partnered with United Hands, Inc. (non-profit organization based in Ocala, Florida) in providing free vision screening to countries with minimal access to health care. We also had Dr. Daniels, Director of "Vision Team 2020", extend her stay for an additional 5 days to volunteer with "New Steps Health Expo", another community wide screening program. We dispensed over 1300 pairs of prescription glasses and depleted our entire inventory (600 pairs) of UV-400 protective sunglasses! Only prayers made it possible for us to have enough supplies to last for the entire time.



Custom printed brochures were given to help educate when eye conditions were diagnosed. Several people had undiagnosed Glaucoma, visually impairing Cataracts and most adults suffered from Dry Eves and Pterygiums as a result of the intense sun and heat in Jamaica. Virtually everybody could benefit from the bottles of artificial tears.

With great anticipation, we prepare for our Mission in 2013! Our inventories must be restocked (sunglasses, artificial tears, antibiotic drops, prescription glasses). If you would like to support our services please visit our website: <http://www.visionteam2020.org/>

"Serving Whole heartedly"  
Dr. Gayle Daniels





## 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 Junior or Senior 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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## 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.

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### FUTURE AOA

#### CONVENTION DATES

**2013** San Diego                      June 26-30  
**2014** Philadelphia                  June 25-29  
**2015** Let me know if you have date  
**2016** or location for these

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Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **November 1, 2012** Please send me your information by the deadline.  
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## 2013 ASDAO CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO

Tom and I just returned from our first scouting trip to San Diego to prepare for our 2013 convention. Wow! What a beautiful place! When we left Yuba City it was 107 degrees with 25 percent humidity. In San Diego, everybody was wilted and complaining of a heat wave--the temperature was 85 degrees with about 35 percent humidity!

We had such a nice walk along water's edge, watching sail boats with their crisp white sails, and being energized by the cool ocean breeze--I can hardly wait until we go back!  
 More news about the convention later!                      Dr. Tom and Linda Sanders

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