

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. Booth dates July 6-10 with plans for our convention July 8-11. Business meeting, banquet & auction being planned. Details next Fraterneyeser.



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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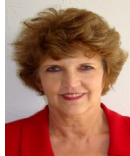
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2016 ASDAO CONVENTION SIGHT

It was voted at the 2014 convention to have our 2016 convention 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:

wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net

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

"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 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.

"ALL Optometrists will be used!!! Those without a Texas license will be able to refract as long as the final exam is signed off by a Texas licensed Optometrist and that is the plan. We have 13 refracting lanes will be used for the 3 days. Retired Optometrists will be used in triage (determining next station of care based on pre-screening results) or at station one for history/sign-in or in the final station of consultation (explaining preliminary results and assisting with referrals to a local facility willing to take all follow up patients)...anywhere they feel comfortable to serve!!! At this time, we have VSP, Essilor Foundation, Prevent Blindness Texas and Haven for Hope participating. I would ask everybody to bring their own hand helds (fully charged retinoscope and ophthalmoscope). If anybody has access to sample boxes of tears and allergy drops, that would be very helpful! Lastly, I am working on having a Daytona Optos unit there to take retinal images of diabetic patients....pray with me on this one (smiles)." Lastly, I am working on having a Daytona Optos unit there to take retinal images of diabetic patients....pray with me on this one (smiles)."

**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 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 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!

**ASDAO DUES?
MISSION PROJECTS**

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 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.

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Hello from Wyoming,
We are finally starting to unthaw in our part of Wyoming. It seems forever since the temperature has stayed above freezing. The ice and snow are starting to melt and it is getting easier to navigate around the side streets in town. And with the warmer weather, it is time to start thinking about summer!

Think about planning on attending the ASDAO convention in San Antonio this coming summer. This General Conference session is poised to be a historic one. 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, O.D.

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.

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PRESIDENT:
ASDAO Auxiliary
 Janice Bailey

Hello ASDAO Members and Friends! Happy New Year to each of you!

What would happen if each one of us asked ourselves this question each morning before we embarked on our day?

“What Would Jesus Do?” (WWJD) What would our lives look like? Would our faith grow? Would our lights shine brighter as a result of doing “His bidding” each day?

At the end of 2015, will our lives look any different than they do today? What changes do we hope to have happen? Is it a personal goal to bring at least 1 person to the truths we hold dear before the year ends? Do we pray relentlessly for those in our sphere of influence, whether it is family, friends, employees, patients, neighbors, or our church family members? Do we thirst to KNOW Jesus and His saving love? Do we choose to speak of the positives in our lives? Are we purposeful to hand write a note of encouragement to a discouraged soul? Will we choose to eat healthier? Will we ask Jesus to help us be consistent with our exercise plan? Will I learn a new skill that will bless others?

Will I choose to visit the shut-ins? Do others see that we spend time with Jesus daily because of our actions, words, and facial expressions? There are many other questions we could ask! But this is a start for contemplating how to make a difference for God in 2015.

May your 2015 be FULL of wonderful ways to serve our Lord and Savior and may you be BLESSED as you seek to BLESS others!

IF ATTENDING ASDAO 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



Cabins also available



Make your plans now to attend the ASDAO Convention along with the General Conference in San Antonio. There are many things to see and do in San Antonio. Fill out the registration form on page 9 of the Fraterneyeser get it sent to Dr. Tom Sanders as soon as possible so plans can be made. We need you for both the ASDAO booth and our Convention.

Dr. Peter Landless,
Health Ministry Director,
GC of SDA

Dear Peter:

Congratulations on the presentation of the 2nd Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle and on your new trim figure. Your example with the many comments about our health message, and obesity has driven me to desperation. So I got out my iPad and looked up Councils on Diets and Foods and it was not long until I was thrown into depression. However after a few minutes of reading I again began to understand the benefits of our health message. Thank you for the blessings I received from this conference. Please extend my appreciation for a job well done to all your staff and helpers.

As you remember I had told you that it is time for me to retire from Assistant Director of Visual Affairs. The past nine years at this position have been beyond any of my expectations. To see God working in the world and getting to know a few of his faithful workers has been a wonderful experience for Dellene and me. Thanks to Beth Pettit and Dr. Handysides for their tender loving care.

The Association of Seventh-Day Optometrists has recommended the name of Bob Roberts, O.D. to fill my vacated position. He is well qualified for this assignment. He will bring a wealth of knowledge about modern optometry and will have an enthusiastic attitude. His wife Dee supports him in accepting this position. Until his appointment has been accepted I will be available for any need you may have.

The chairpersons for the booths at the General Conference Session in San Antonio will be Dennis Benedict, O.D. and Tom Sanders, O.D..

Now as to this ophthalmologist from India who did 450 cataract surgeries in six hours and then left town by train has a lot to explain about his pre and post op care, and the outcome of his patients. The benefits to these patients is great even if they had substandard vision after surgery, one power ocular implant fits all may meet the needs in India, but not the modern world.

Lusaka Eye Hospital, is a very well organized hospital. Dr. Yoo is to be complimented. However I feel like being a hospital they are looking for medical problems and may be missing a nice revenue increase by not having a more aggressive vision or eye glasses department. The ophthalmologist down town is making a bundle with a first class dispensary. There is good money in eye glasses. Dr Collins O.D. a good friend of Dr. Yoo DDS has been to Lusaka on mission work and could be of valuable help.

Again thanks to all., Lowell

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE SAN ANTONIO

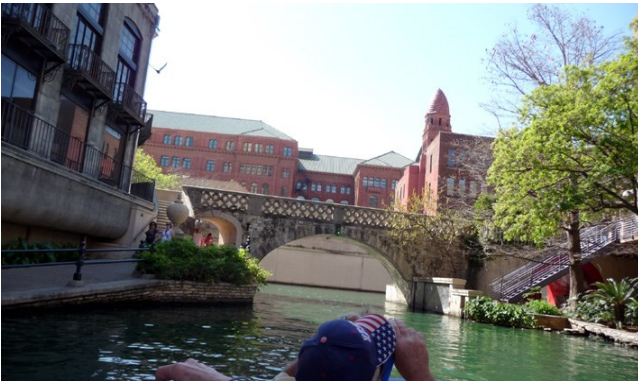
Volunteers Needed: San Antonio Texas

July 2015 General Conference ASDAO 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.

THINGS TO DO IN SAN ANTONIO



**RIVER WALK OR BOAT TRIP
DOWN THE CANAL**



**SERVAL MISSIONS ARE THERE
TO VISIT**



ALAMO



**THIS 3 POUND CONNAMPN ROLL
AVABLE AT Lulu's bakery and Café
718 N. MAIN**



SAN ANTONIO ZOO

**Many other places of interest to see.
Check them out on the internet**

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
2016	Gatlinburg, TN

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 **May 1, 2015**

Please send me your information by the deadline.

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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 webmaster, Dr. Dennis Benedict, email him at: 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

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

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) _____

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

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

Do you have special meal requirements that we can accommodate?

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

Thanks SO MUCH!