Fund for Research and Innovation Created

The School of Dentistry received a gift of $500,000 from the estate of Gerald E. Hanson, DDS ’73, MPH. With that gift the School has established the Gerald E. Hanson Fund for Research and Innovation. “Gifts of this magnitude have a substantial impact on our school,” stated Dean Charles J. Goodacre. “This gift will provide annual income to fund high quality research in dental clinical and basic sciences, develop state-of-the-art electronic media, support research designed to evaluate new technologies and treatment modalities to place Loma Linda University School of Dentistry at the forefront of dental education.”

Dr. Gerald (Gerry) E. Hanson of Las Vegas, and Clarks Fork, Idaho, passed away on January 23, 2009, after a courageous battle against malignant melanoma. Following his childhood in Minnesota, and a short detour to serve Uncle Sam in Washington D.C. in the late ’60s, Gerry found his calling in dentistry and ultimately, in oral and maxillofacial surgery. His practice on Jones Boulevard in Las Vegas grew to be one of the most successful in the Western states, not only because of his fine surgical skills, but because of his uncompromising standards of excellence and compassionate care of his patients.

Gerry loved his chosen career path and was determined to give back what it had given him. He spent countless hours in selfless service to organized dentistry and oral and maxillofacial surgery, serving as president of the Clark County Dental Society 1982-83, president of the Nevada State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons 1983-85, president of the Nevada Dental Association 1987, secretary-treasurer of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

“Gifts of this magnitude have a substantial impact on our school.”
–Charles J. Goodacre

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His final and most enduring tenure was on the board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation, where, as chair from 2005 to 2007, he created and spearheaded an innovative annual giving campaign that brought unheralded success in funding research for his specialty.

“It is fitting that Loma Linda University School of Dentistry establish the Gerald E. Hanson Fund for Research and Innovation,” further stated Dr. Goodacre. “Research was important to him as a dental professional and his gift will fund research and innovation at the School which launched him into a successful career.”

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held Wednesday, November 10, to mark the completion of the Loma Linda University Center for Dentistry and Orthodontics at 159 W. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino.

The three-story treatment, research, and teaching facility brings together the Advanced Education Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics faculty practices, and Faculty Dental and Specialty Practices, creating the most comprehensive oral health care center in the Inland Empire outside the School of Dentistry.

With the arrival of these practitioners—40 of whom are teaching faculty in the University’s School of Dentistry—the Center is equipped to provide fully integrative oral healthcare, including general dentistry, periodontics, pediatric dentistry, orthodontics, prosthetic dentistry, endodontics, oral surgery, sleep apnea therapy, dental implants, head and neck pain management, and treatment for temporomandibular joint dysfunction (TMD).

“Our patients have the advantage of multiple dentists, specialists, and auxiliary healthcare providers working in a true team effort to achieve better treatment outcomes,” says Joseph Caruso, DDS, MS, MPH, associate dean for Strategic Initiatives and Faculty Practices, who spearheaded the Center’s development.

“Our goal was to bring to this community a fully integrated practice where patients needing any dental treatment—from routine cleanings to complex surgeries—could find care that
is specialized, coordinated, and convenient.”

The move to the 9,000 square-foot first floor represents an enormous relief to faculty practitioners who for years have worked in a 3,500 square-foot building. Unlike the older location, which was dated, cramped, and perpetually short on parking, the new facility offers more places to park, more room to move, upgraded technology, and updated décor.

The Center is equipped with closed-circuit TV monitoring—from patient waiting rooms to operatories and hallways—and has been wired throughout for state-of-the-art Internet connectivity. Its custom-designed tele-dentistry mobile unit displays patient images in real time, allowing for consultation as needed with instructors at the School of Dentistry or elsewhere. And its video conferencing capabilities can include up to 35 participants joining from up to four locations, facilitating guest lectures and conferences with people anywhere in the world.

Judi Penman, chief executive officer of the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce, presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony for three orthodontic department areas, each named in honor of a man who figures significantly in the department’s history: 1) the J. Milford Anholm Graduate Orthodontic Clinic, 2) the Alden B. Chase Classrooms and Video Conferencing Center, and 3) the Thomas J. Zwemer Conference Room.

At noon, the Faculty Dental and Specialty Practices’ ribbon-cutting took place with Penman again presiding and Mayor Patrick J. Morris welcoming the Center to the City of San Bernardino.
One Million Teeth: An Update

Remember our lead story in the summer edition of CONTACT, “One Million Teeth!” The Universidad de Montemorelos received 9,000 sets of those acrylic teeth for dental prostheses. This letter was just received from Dr. Hector Manuel Hernandez Navarro, Dental Program Coordinator.

. . . . . “The teeth are already benefiting patients in marginalized and impoverished communities in the northeastern part of Mexico through our charity-care program. It will be an honor if someday you and your colleagues who made this donation possible could not only see with your own eyes the impact that this gift has had on patients, but also experience the gratitude of our faculty and students who participate directly in the charity care program. May God continue to bless you in your work.”

The M. Webster Prince Society recognizes those who share Dr. Prince’s vision and are committed to sustaining the School of Dentistry in its mission of education, service, and advancement of the dental profession. Membership in the Society is for those who have made a special commitment to assure the future of the School of Dentistry through a planned gift, will or trust.

The following are members of the M. Webster Prince Society:

- Margaret Alai, DMD
- Michael P. Boyko, DDS
- Robert L. Darby, DDS (Joann)
- Nancy Davidson
- Lowell C. Dobyns, DDS (Beverly)
- Charles J. Goodacre, DDS ’71, MS (Ruthy)
- *Gerald E. Hanson, DDS, MPH
- *Wilburn (Bill) Ingham, DDS ’58 *(Norma)
- Arlene Klooster, RN ’48, BS DH ’71
- *Hugh Love, DDS *(Dollie)
- Harold A. Mathiesen, DDS (Marjean, RN, MSN)
- *Edwin Rudolph Nelson, DDS
- Clyde Roggenkamp, DDS, MS
- R. David Rynearson, DDS, MS
- Willis L. Schlenker, DDS, MS (Doyleen)
- Ted L. Stephens, DDS
- Ronald & Joni Stephens
- Junko Yamamoto, DDS

*Deceased

There are undoubtedly others of whom we are not aware. If you have included the School of Dentistry in a planned gift, will, or trust, we invite you to let us know and join the M. Webster Prince Society. Please contact the Office of Development at (909) 558-4754 or by email sdgiving@llu.edu.

The years come to us but once, and swiftly pass on, bearing the ineffaceable record we put upon them.

– Booker T. Washington
One “Sent”

“At a [dental school] graduation party, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Mitchell gave each graduate a small jewel box. Of course, everyone wondered what would be inside. When they opened their gifts they each found a brand new, shiny copper penny sporting a sign that read, “One Sent.” It was the Mitchell's unique way of emphasizing the purpose of their education.” – Service is Our Calling, p. 6

If you’ve read the history of the School of Dentistry as documented in “Service is Our Calling” you are very aware that the Mitchell brothers were key players in the early history of the establishment of the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. They both led out in creating the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD) in 1943, along with M. Webster Prince.

Unfortunately, Dr. J. Russell Mitchell died in 1950 before his dream of a new school became a reality. His brother, Dr. Gerald A. Mitchell, picked up his torch and assumed leadership of NASDAD. Since 1999 scholarships have been awarded to dental students from the J. Russell Mitchell Fund. Now, with a generous gift through the son of Dr. Gerald A. Mitchell, at the passing of his stepmother, a scholarship fund has been established for dental hygiene students. The fund will also carry forward the tradition of the annual dental hygiene Mitchell Award.

Stated Dr. Mitchell, Jr. in a recent letter, “I, too, am pleased that this bequest from my father and stepmother can be used to further the oral hygiene education of worthy students. I was proud of the role my dad, Dr. Gerald A. Mitchell, and my uncle, Dr. J. Russell Mitchell, played in the establishment of the School of Dentistry in the early 1950s. I felt that I was almost a part of that effort as I was so close to my dad’s activities in those days . . . I’m grateful that my dad’s memory can be perpetuated in this way.” – Gerald A. Mitchell, Jr., DDS

NASDAD
National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists

- Missions Prayer Breakfast — February 11, 7:00 am, Fellowship Hall of the University Church with Doyle Nick, DDS ’78, MS, associate director for dental affairs, Health Ministries Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
- 68th Annual NASDAD Convention will be held in Henderson, Nevada, October 13 – 15, 2011.
- Membership Dues
  - DDS Membership: $115.00
  - RDH Membership: $58.00
  - Dental/Hygiene Student: Complimentary
  - Current Missionaries: Complimentary
- A major project of NASDAD continues to be Maasai Dental Clinic. (see article on page 8)
Dean’s Circle

Student Membership
Patrick Ferguson, DDS Class of 2012 became the first student to accept the invitation of Dean Charles J. Goodacre to become a member of the Dean’s Circle with a gift in April of 2010. A graduate of Pacific Union College, Patrick is attending the School of Dentistry through a scholarship with the U.S. Army. “I’m fortunate to be able to give while I’m in school,” he stated.

John Fierce, DDS Class of 2014, became the second student to become a member of the Dean’s Circle, the first from his class. A graduate of Kettering College of Medical Arts, John is excited about his new educational journey and wants to be at the top of his class in every way, including the example he is setting for his class by embracing philanthropy as a part of his professional experience.

Rachel Tambunan is the third student to become a Dean’s Circle member, the first from the DDS Class of 2013. In making her gift, she said, “This is something each student should do. I’m going to challenge my class to have the highest number of Dean’s Circle members, but I will do so after I make my gift.” Rachel invited her parents to become members of the Dean’s Circle, too!

Although the annual gift required of alumni and friends to become a Dean’s Circle member is $1,500, students at any year of their educational career, including students in advanced degree and certificate programs, may participate with an annual gift of $150. Once a student graduates, the amount increases by $150 each year until at 10 years out, the annual gift becomes $1,500.

“It is important that our students recognize while they are in school that their education will provide special opportunities giving them a life that few others will ever have. When we are given special opportunities, we also have special obligations,” stated Dean Goodacre. “I certainly appreciate the leadership example set by these students.”

New Members
Qualifying gifts for Dean’s Circle membership must be received by the Office of Development by December 31, 2010.

In addition to those listed in the August issue of Contact, the following are new members to the Dean’s Circle for 2011. A complete list of returning and new members will be published in the Spring issue of Contact.

- Roger Martin Anderson, DDS ’71
- Lloyd Baum, DDS
- Carla R. Lidner-Baum, DDS ’90
- Bernard C. H. Chang, DDS
- Aleta E. A. Cheek, DDS ’95, DH ’85
- Sung M. Chung, DDS
- Heather A. Crouch, DDS ’03
- Byron E. Diehl, DDS ’02, MS ’06
- Michael J. Fillman, DDS ’74, MS ’84
- John Fierce, DDS Class of 2014
- Edward K. Higa, DDS ’87
- Natalie A. Lenser, DDS ’97
- Bruce C. McArthur, DDS ’82
- Arun Nayyar, DMD, MS
- Larry P. Reed, DDS ’71
- Philip L. Rudy, DDS ’71
- Rachel Tambunan, DDS Class of 2013
- Mr. & Mrs. Tim Tambunan
- Michael D. Teichman, DDS ’87, MS ’91
- C. Duane Vitelle, DDS ’61
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*Rates recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities, effective 2010. NOTE: Two-life rates are less due to added life expectancy.
Dean’s Alumni Reception

The School of Dentistry family extends far and wide. Alumni receptions are one way we keep in touch.

The American Dental Association Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida provided an opportunity for alumni to travel while obtaining continuing professional education.

Held on 10/10/10, the evening reception was hosted by the dean of the School of Dentistry, Charles J. Goodacre, DDS ’71, MSD, and Maynard Lowry, PhD, director of Gift Planning and Special Gifts. Alumni reconnected with friends, classmates, School faculty and staff.

The food and the fellowship were unbeatable.

Maasai Dental Clinic

To raise operating funds for the Maasai Dental Clinic, Dr. Ray Damazo, founder of the Clinic, developed the Maasai Dental Club. With a gift of $1,000 each, the following are members:

- James D. Anholm, MD ’76
- J. Milford Anholm, DDS, MS ’62
- Leif K. Bakland, DDS ’63
- Patricia G. Benca, DDS
- Paul Brilhart, DDS
- Robert Carpino
- Shirley Chapman, MD
- Raymond Damazo, DDS
- Ronald J. Fasano, DDS ’60, MS ’64
- Robert Hasselbrack, MD
- M. B. Henley, MD
- Charles R. Johnson, MD
- H. Maynard Lowry, PhD
- Hercules D. Morphopoulos, DDS
- Suzanne Pertsch, MD
- Kenneth W. Pierson, DDS ’71
- Stuart H. Rich, DDS ’87 (Kirstin)

Seize the Day!

The endowment fund campaign is entitled “Seize the Day!” With a gift or pledge of $5,000 for the Maasai Dental Clinic Endowment Fund, a donor can choose a day and know that every year on that day operating expenses into perpetuity will be paid. Seize the Day! pledges can be paid over several years. The following have Seized the Day!

- Dr. & Mrs. Ray Damazo (20 days)
- Virgil Heinrich, DDS ’61, MS ’64
- Chip A. Ingraham, DDS
- Rachel Terwilliger, CFRE
- David L. Johnson, DDS ’69
- Ryan Watkins, DDS ’03
- Kenneth W. Pierson, DDS ’71, MPH ’71
- Stephen R. Libby, DDS ’82 (1/2 day)
- Clyde Roggenkamp, DDS ’70, MSD, MPH ’05 (5 days)
- Marcelo V. Bada, DDS ’04
- Joseph M. Caruso, DDS ’73, MS ’75, MPH ’75
- Michael P. Boyko, DDS ’75A, MPH ’75A (2 days)
- Frank Baughman, DDS ’67

Volunteer Service

All the dates for 2011 are scheduled for volunteers to serve at the Maasai Dental Clinic, except November. Applications for volunteer service for 2012 and 2013 are being accepted now. Contact Dr. Kirk Hunt at (209) 712-3909 or by email at: kirk.worldtraveler@kirkhunt.com to volunteer.

NASDAD dentists who have already served as volunteers include: Ken Pierson, Kirk Hunt, Greg Sprague, Bob Darby, Graham Grabowski, and Frank Godfrey.
Plan now to attend!

For more information about ASC 2011 or any of the events, call (909) 558-4399 or email JLFowler@LLU.edu
Alumni Association Phonathon

The Alumni Association phonathon was held Monday and Wednesday evenings each week from October 4 through 20. During this time 44 callers made 577 calls to classmates and alumni. More than $20,000 was pledged during this event. Pledges from these calls can be made by the end of the calendar year.

Many alumni could not be reached by phone and callers enjoyed writing personal notes, which many of you may have received in the mail.

Faculty and alumni callers approach this event with mixed emotion and some with fear and trembling about making phone calls. But soon the room buzzed with conversations, laughs, memories, and great connection with alumni. This is the true benefit of a phonathon. Callers could be overheard discussing grandchildren, traveling and even current economic and business situations of dental practices.

Several enthusiastic callers, such as Tommy Thompson, DDS’60, MS‘64, committed multiple nights to calling. More recent alumni and faculty members, Kevin Kuniyoshi, DDS’07, Andrew Ordelheide, DDS ‘08, and Holli Riter, DDS’98, added a new element of fun using texting and Facebook to connect to alumni.

We would like to extend a thank you to all the callers who gave their evening to support the School of Dentistry. A very special thank you also to Mark Carpenter, DDS ‘80, MPH ‘75, (pictured above) who came and went many nights while dealing with a serious family health concern. His dedication and loyalty for the School was evident.

Please keep this fall event in your mind and join in the fun next year to contact your classmates and alums.

Giving is just making Christmas out of every day that comes with an opportunity to help. Giving makes a holiday for the soul.

–T. T. Frankenburg
Meet the DDS Class of 2014

This class will be the 57th graduating class of the School of Dentistry program in which the first class started in 1957.

**DDS TOTAL ............ 104**

**Gender:**
Female .................. 38
Male ................... 66

**Ethnicity:**
Asian Pacific Islander .... 52
Caucasian ................. 42
African American .......... 4
Hispanic .................. 6

**Religion of Record:**
Seventh-day Adventist .... 67
Latter Day Saint .......... 8
Catholic ................... 4
Jewish ..................... 4
Other ....................... 22

Meet the Dental Hygiene Class of 2012

**Gender:**
Female .................. 38
Male ................... 4

**Average Age .................. 23**

**Marital Status:**
Single ...................... 37
Married .................... 5

**Ethnicity:**
Caucasian .................. 26
Asian Pacific Islander ... 5
Hispanic .................... 8
African American .......... 3

**Religion of Record:**
Seventh-day Adventist .... 20
Christian ................... 12
Catholic .................... 4
Lutheran ................... 2
Methodist ................... 1
Other ....................... 3

Left: Guest of the Careers in Dentistry program tries her hand on a mannikin in the Nobel BioCare Advanced Technology Laboratory.
Allergy Testing Study

During the week of October 18, School students, faculty, and staff participated in an allergy testing study. The study had multiple purposes, first and foremost, to help each individual identify allergies and thereby avoid contact with items that could lead to long-term significant reactions.

“This is particularly important for younger individuals to know this information early in their careers so substantial allergies that could limit the length of a career can be avoided,” explained Dr. Goodacre. “Being able to prolong a career has much better financial and psychological benefits than having to depend on disability insurance.”

Information obtained from this study is the first of its kind and it will be a significant contribution to the dental profession. The study will be repeated for at least two or three consecutive years. This will help the School of Dentistry identify factors or materials present in the School environment, which could be eliminated, or changed to ensure the most ecologically kind environment for students, staff, and faculty.

“On a personal note,” Dr. Goodacre continued, “the study identified two materials to which I was allergic, one very significant and one moderate. Had I known this years ago I would have been able to avoid skin reactions that have at times been bothersome.”

Special thanks to Drs. Curt and Beth Hamann of SmartHealth, who funded the research performed under their direction, and for School staff and employees of the Center for Dental Research who worked together as a research team.

BELOW: Research team with Dr. Yiming Li and Dr. Charles Goodacre, Joni Stephens, and Drs. Curt and Beth Hamann (center).
Commemorations

A commemorative gift is an excellent way to honor a special person in your life (birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, special occasions, etc.). You may also pay tribute to a friend or loved one. The following are commemorative gifts made from July 1 through November 2010.

In Honor of:

Lloyd Baum, DMD, by
  Dr. & Mrs. Charles W. Beckett, Jr. (Barbara)
Dorothea Cheek, by
  Dr. Arleta E. A. Cheek
Kenneth E. Wical, DDS, MSD, by
  Dr. & Mrs. Charles W. Beckett, Jr. (Barbara)

In Memory of:

Violet Bates, RDH, by
  Dr. & Mrs. Charles Goodacre (Ruthy)
  Dr. & Mrs. Roy H. Morita
  Joni Stephens, EdS, MS
  Kristi J. Wilkins, MA, RDH
Steve A. Beglau, DDS, by
  Dr. David A. Etchell
Ronald Paul Blank, by
  Drs. Christian B. & Heidi J. Pahls
Andy Blount, DDS, by
  Margaret K. Davis
  Drs. Mathew Kattadiyil
  & Seena Boby
Joelle Emery, by
  Jeanette Renee Emery
Amy Feldkamp-Jacobson, by
  Dr. & Mrs. Irving Feldkamp (Pam)
  Sherryl J. Gibson
  Dr. & Mrs. Charles Goodacre (Ruthy)
  Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Stephens (Joni)
  Kristi J. Wilkins, MA, RDH
Henry S. Holand, DDS, by
  Jeanne Murray
Robert Kinzer, DDS, by
  Dr. & Mrs. Ron M. Ask (Jeanine)
  Dr. & Mrs. Craig A. Kinzer (Dena)
  Dr. Alisa Ann Ladringan Roda
Lisa Loa, by
  Shirley Pope
Erwin A. McDonald, DDS, by
  Pearl P. McDonald
Wilfred A. Nation, DDS, by
  Dr. Audrey T. Sheu
  Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Stephens (Joni)
Fern S. Nelson, by
  Mr. & Mrs. William Nash (Clara)
Kenneth B. Sanford, DDS, by
  Dr. & Mrs. Fred Bunch (Judy)
  Dr. & Mrs. Irving Feldkamp (Pam)
  Dr. & Mrs. Charles Goodacre (Ruthy)
Mrs. Bernice A. Wipt, by
  James A. Bartley
  Mary Carruthers
  Carol F. Tindel
Robert L. Wilkins, PhD, by
  Dr. & Mrs. Charles Goodacre (Ruthy)
  Drs. H. Maynard and Jean Lowry
  Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Stephens (Joni)
  Mr. & Mrs. Randy Terwillegar (Rachel)
  Kristi J. Wilkins, MA, RDH
Edward R. Zbaraschuck, DDS, by
  Gary D. Lange
News Notes

- Weston Spencer, DDS ’10 — “I take great pride in my education at Loma Linda and consider it second to none in comparing it to anything else I could have received . . . I am proud to have won the Prince Award and the scholarship funds, too. I look forward to calling myself an alumnus of Loma Linda and look forward to considering myself one of your colleagues. Thanks again for all you did not only for me, but my class as well.”

- Richard A. Simms, DDS, MS ’63 — A note made in sponsoring the Thomas J. Zwemer Conference Room: “I welcome the opportunity to help honor this person who was chair of the department when I was a student, as well as Loma Linda University . . . to both of them [referring to J. Milford Anholm and Thomas J. Zwemer] I owe so much, more than I can repay.”

- Steven Morrow, DDS ’60, MS ’87, has been appointed to the Dental Board of California by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He has been professor of endodontics since 1981 and director of patient care services and clinical quality assurance since 2000. Previously, Dr. Morrow worked in private practice from 1962 to 2005. He was a dental officer for the U.S. Navy Dental Corps in the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1968. Dr. Morrow is a member of the American Dental Association, California Dental Association, Tri-County Dental Society, American Association of Endodontists, California State Association of Endodontists, Southern California Academy of Endodontics, American Dental Education Association, American College of Dentists.

- Retired: Craig Ririe, DDS, MS ’78 retired from his position as interim chair of the Department of Periodontics. Jeffrey Henkin, DDS, MS, has assumed the position of interim chair of the Department of Periodontics and will also continue to serve as director of Advanced Education in Periodontics. Nikola Angelov, DDS, MS will serve as the director of the pre-doctoral program in Periodontics.

- Jaime I. Lozada, DMD is the recipient of the Isaih Lew Memorial Research Award sponsored by the American Academy of Implant Dentistry Research Foundation, October 20, 2010. The award honors an individual who has contributed significantly to research in implant dentistry and who has demonstrated singular leadership and/or responsibility in research that advances the science of implant dentistry.

- Congratulations to Joni Stephens, EdS, MS, BS DH ’69 and Kris Wilkins, MA ’02, BS DH ’80 on receiving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Equipment Grant to Enhance Training for Health Professionals. Amount of Award $296,397 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Service Administration.

- Robin Mossiah, program supervisor for the Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics, received the Spiritual Life Service Award, October 18, 2010. The award is given in recognition of a vibrant faith in God that leads to extraordinary care for the spiritual well-being of others and an effective ability to bring hope and meaning in the midst of educational or health care challenges.

Published Research


- A comparison of the rigidity of five mandibular major connectors for partial removable dental prostheses via load deflection, by Dr. Robert D. Walter; The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, Volume 104, Issue 3 (September 2010)

- Suppression of LPS-induced matrixmetalloproteinase responses in macrophages exposed to phenytoin and its metabolite, 5-(p-hydroxyphenyl-) 5-phenylpyridantoin, by Drs. Nikola Angelov, Ryan Serra, and Salvador Nares, Journal of Inflammation (September 2010)

- Acquired methemoglobinemia revisited, by Dr. Larry Trapp, The Dental Clinics of North America, October 2010, Vol 54, No. 4


Obituaries

- Joseph “Roger” Abrew, DDS ’74 passed away on August 25, 2010. The son of Joseph and Nita Abrew of Vacaville, he attended Golden Gate Academy and graduated from Pacific Union College. Roger worked as a dentist
for 30 years until he retired in 2004. He is survived by his two children: Joseph Abrew, DDS ’00, who has carried on his practice, and Lisa Abrew; and two sisters, Diana Jennings and Darlyyne Michael.

David Iwao Asatani, DDS ’59, MS ’68, of Covina, California passed away on September 29, 2010 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by brothers, Herbert Asatani and Robert Asatani, DDS ’57, MS ’73; nephews Herb Jr., Steve, Paul Michael Asatani, DDS ’93, Dan, and niece Lisa Lynne Iwahasi, MS ’87. David was the consummate fisherman whose skill and passion for the sport known to many.

Vincent Brooks, DDS ’72, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, August 24, 2010. Owner of Med-Dent Software Company. Dr. Brooks enjoyed photography, trap shooting, and farming. Funeral services were held at Cookeville, Tennessee Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Donovan H. Shepard, DDS ’67, of El Dorado, California passed to his rest on August 17, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Arlene L. Shepard.

Robert L. Wilkins, PhD, Loma Linda University professor and textbook author of respiratory care, as well as director of assessment services for the School of Dentistry, passed away peacefully on Sabbath, September 11, 2010. Bob is survived by his wife, Kristi (Boas) Wilkins, wife of 36 years, three sons, Nicholas Ryan and Tyler Robert, along with daughter-in-law, Lindsey (Lugo); and grandchild, Easton Tyler. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Robert L. Wilkins Memorial Student Scholarship Fund at Loma Linda University. Please keep Mrs. Wilkins in your prayers at this difficult time.

Roscoe William Webster, DDS, passed away on August 6, 2010, in Sandusky, Ohio. Practicing dentistry for 60 years in Mansfield, Ohio, Dr. Webster enjoyed his occupation so thoroughly that he often referred to it as his hobby. Five of his six children are in the dental field. A total of 17 family members, are dental students or careerists. Dr. Webster is survived by his wife, Marian; three sons, Steve Webster, John Webster, DDS ’82, and Rock Webster, Jr, DDS ’06; and daughters, Jodie McGill, DH ’81; Jill Kerbs, DDS ’85, BS DH ’80, and Susan Staker, RDH. Other family members with dental and/or LLU connections, include sons-in-law, Ken McGill, DDS ’83, James Kerbs, MD ’87, and Rod Staker, DDS; and grandsons, Michael Staker, DDS Class of 2013, and David McGill, Physical Therapy ’12; Steve Webster, Jr., dental student; granddaughters, Amy Staker, DDS ’07, Sara Staker, BS DH ’08, Stephanie Wendland, RDH, Stacie Elkhoury, RDH, and Sandra Webster, RDH; two daughters-in-law, Susan Webster, RDH, and Debbie Webster, RDH; a granddaughter-in-law, Lana McGill, School of Medicine ’12, and a grandson-in-law, Jad Elkhoury, DDS.

Erik L. Wolfe, DDS ’98, a resident of Visalia, California, passed away on September 20, 2010. He practiced as a dentist in Porterville from 1998 until he became a quadriplegic in November 2009. He is survived by daughters Kaitlyn and Lauren Wolfe of Tulare, California, parents Stanford and Donna Wolfe of Springville, California, sister Liana Wolfe, DDS ’90, of Asheville, North Carolina, and brother Patrick Wolfe of Loma Linda, California.

Edward Richard Zbaraschuk, DDS ’74, a longtime Sequim dentist who opened his practice in 1974, died Monday, August 9, 2010, at his home. Dr. Zbaraschuk was diagnosed with signet cell adenocarcinoma earlier this year. He graduated from Walla Walla College in 1964, and worked for several years as an industrial chemist. After graduating from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, he returned to the Olympic Peninsula. He leaves behind his wife, Melvina (Mel), and four children and their spouses: Richard Zbaraschuk, DDS ’89 (Jennifer) of Sequim; Tracy Reynolds, BS DH ’80 (Craig) of Sterling, Massachusetts; Cindy Robinson, BS DH ’82, W. Brent Robinson, DDS ’85 of Murrieta, California; and Lori Thordarson, BS DH ’83, and Smari Thordarson, MD ’87 of La Porte, Indiana.

Ellis Jones, passed away December 5, reported his wife, Marion. Ellis retired from Educational Support Services about 10 years ago. His creative artwork is currently displayed in the School of Dentistry foyer. More information will appear in the next issue of Contact. Please keep his family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Dean’s Circle member, Glen A. Cloninger, AIA, an architect of Spokane, Washington, passed away on December 5 unexpectedly from complications following a minor medical procedure. Surviving are his wife, Pamela and three children: Britney, Brooke Marie Cloninger, DDS ’04, and Blake. Please keep the Cloninger family in your prayers.