

The Texas Section of the International College of Dentists

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President's Message

Dr. John D. Chandler

And The Beat Goes On!

My year as your president has been rewarding for me. The Texas Section of the International College of Dentists has instituted something that appears to have caught the eyes of others across the USA Section of the ICD. It has also received recognition from the ADA. I can recall when Dr. Bill Birdwell asked what we do in the ICD in our state besides having a slate of officers and two meetings a year. Why not develop a purpose and develop a reason for being? Here is the "rest of the story". . .

There is no doubt others heard Bill and began thinking what the Texas ICD could do that was worth the effort and would have significance. There began talk about developing a leadership program for dental students, but we felt that we might duplicate what others were doing. Two very dedicated members began thinking of a program for dental students early in their first year, introducing them to different aspects of dentistry. Dr. Mark Gannaway and Dr. Moody Alexander of Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas began the process of developing what is now called "Great Expectations".

The "Great Expectations" program at Baylor is a collaborative effort of mentors from Baylor faculty and upperclassmen, the Dallas County Dental Society, ICD Fellow volunteers and the first year class.

Baylor has begun its second year of "Great Expectations." On October 2nd, during the dinner, introductions and breakout sessions, our ADA Trustee, Dr. Jerry Long, presented the Dallas County Dental Society with the ADA's prestigious "Golden Apple Award" for their "Great Expectations" program, represented by Dr. Mark Gannaway.

The obvious benefit of the program at DCDS, the Texas Section, and Baylor has lead to a "Great Expectations" program at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Dental Branch. The program at Houston would not be possible without the belief and dedication of Texas ICD president-elect, Dr. Tommy Harrison, and associate dean, Dr. Phil Pierpont. The program at the Dental Branch begins with the sophomore class and is also a collaborative effort of the Greater Houston Dental Society, the UT Dental Branch Alumni Association, UTDB faculty, senior dental students, and ICD Fellow practicing dentists all working to develop strong two-way communication to educate and mentor dental students.

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Dr. John D. Chandler

"Great Expectations" Program Recipient of ADA's Golden Apple Award

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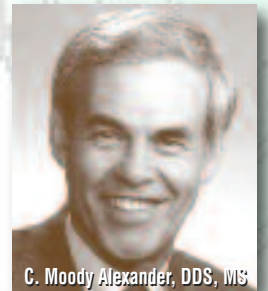
The Texas Section of the International College of Dentists figured prominently in the 2008 ADA Golden Apple Awards, recognizing outstanding achievement in leadership.



The 20th Annual Golden Apple Award for "Achievement in Dental School/Student Involvement in Organized Dentistry" went to the Dallas County Dental Society for its "Great Expectations" program, which brought students, faculty and dental society members together through a partnership between DCDS, the Texas ICD and Baylor College of Dentistry.

"Talk about a 'team effort'!" said Dr. Moody Alexander, immediate past-president of the Texas ICD and a driving force in the "Great Expectations" program.

Moody, who now serves as ICD's Regional Leadership Coordinator, is quick to give credit to his partners in the program, Drs. Mark Gannaway, Will and Lynn Gerlach, John Chandler, Tommy Harrison, Phil Pierpoint and Larry Herwig, among numerous others who have worked hard to make the "Great Expectations" program such a success.



C. Moody Alexander, DDS, MS

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Texas Section Fellow Installed as USA-ICD President

Editors's Note: The following is Dr. Wier's report as newly-installed USA-ICD President

What an honor to represent Texas as president of the USA Section of the ICD. It is amazing to me, and I'm sure to many of you, that I have ended up in this position. I'll never forget back in 1991 when Sam Rogers and the late Donnie Brunson collared me in the hall at the TDA meeting and asked me to take the job of Deputy Regent. When I asked what was involved in the job, Sam said, "Not much. It is pretty easy and shouldn't take much of your time." Right! I will say the last 17 years has been a rewarding experience, and I have had the great fortune to make many new friends around the country and indeed, around the world. Thanks, Sam, for putting your trust in me.

The ICD had a great meeting at the American Dental Association session in San Antonio. Texas was well represented at the convocation and meeting, with Bill Birdwell as the flag bearer, Ken Kalkwarf as convocation speaker, Richard Smith as treasurer, Paul Stubbs as Regent and Bill Clitheroe as College and Foundation treasurer. The Texas Section was in full force at the dinner dance. Over 130 of you showed up to show your support, possibly the largest state group

ever at an ICD banquet. You were loud, and Linda and I loved every decibel of it! President John Chandler and I presented Stetson hats to outgoing USA Section president Newell Warr and outgoing College president Norinaga Moriama. I'll bet he wore the hat on the plane back to Japan. You have never seen anyone so excited in your life.



Dr. Leighton Wier

This will be an exciting year as we gear up for the planned separation of offices of the Section and the College. I want to stress this is not a hostile separation. It is being done to expedite the efficiency and progress of both groups. As of now, the plan is to be in the same building with close cooperation between the offices. Dr. Robert Brady is retiring on Jan. 1, 2010, the day the separation is effective. The USA Section has already contracted with his replacement as USA Section registrar. She is Dr. Carol Turner. Carol has recently retired from the Navy, where she was a Rear Admiral and Chief of the Navy Dental Corps. We are excited to have Carol "on board." She brings many strengths to the position.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Dallas in January.

President-Elect's Message: *An Exciting Future for "Great Expectations"*

Dr. Tommy Harrison



Dr. Tommy Harrison

Following the lead of the "Great Expectations" program that began in Dallas last year, the Houston program held its kick-off on Tuesday, September 2. The evening meeting took place on campus at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Dental Branch. The sophomore class was chosen to compliment the transition of the dental students into the clinics for their first experience in direct patient care.

In this, the inaugural year of the mentoring program, many challenges have been encountered, but still the program is off and running. It should be pointed out that September 2 was the day after Labor Day and came on the heels of Hurricane Gustav. Our keynote speaker for the evening, Texas Section ICD president, Dr. John Chandler, was caught in a traffic jam and had difficulty getting to the dental school due to so many people on the road returning to their homes after fleeing from the Category I hurricane. In spite of these obstacles, the night was a success as ICD Regent, Dr. Paul Stubbs, drove in from Austin to provide words of inspiration to the sophomore dental students and their mentors. UTDB Houston Dean, Dr. Catherine Flaitz, represented the Dental Branch in welcoming those who attended the kick-off event.

The class of 84 students was divided into five groups of 17 dental students. Each group was matched with two UTDB Faculty Dentists who work in the Operative Department. In addition, two ICD mentor dentists and two dental student mentors (one junior and one senior) were matched, making five separate groups of approximately 22 individuals.

After an opening program, the students and their mentors enjoyed a buffet-style Italian dinner while they got to know one another within their groups. As discussions continued, each group developed

its own set of goals and established a plan to visit one of the ICD mentor's dental offices.

Since the September 2 meeting at the dental school, Houston and the surrounding area was hit by Category II Hurricane Ike. Landfall of this historic storm occurred on Sunday, September 14. Due to the devastation that took place in the Houston area, the dental school was closed for a week, and many dentists and dental students alike endured hardships including damaged homes, apartments and dental offices. Through it all, the ICD "Great Expectations" Mentoring Professional Behavior Program has survived. The groups are beginning to meet in the ICD mentor dentist's dental offices.

The Houston program represents a collaborative project of the Houston area ICD dentists, the Greater Houston Dental Society (GHDS), the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Dental Branch, and the UTDB Houston Alumni Association. Dr. Phil Pierpont, Associate Dean of Student and Alumni Affairs and Professor, Department of Prosthetics, has been integral to the initial success of the Houston mentoring program. His leadership and support have provided the inspiration for the program, much like Dr. Moody Alexander and Dr. Mark Gannaway have served in the Dallas program.

The synergy that has taken place between these first two "Great Expectations" programs has served as a catalyst to take each individual program to a higher level than they could have obtained on their own. The ICD, faculty and student mentors, as well as the dental students who are interacting with the teams of mentors, have been the beneficiaries of the program. All those involved are committed to providing the dental students with positive role models, stressing the importance of professionalism and the ethical practice of dentistry.

The Houston area ICD mentor dentists are: Craig Armstrong, DDS; Doug Bogan, DDS; Shelley Canada, DDS; Jim Condrey, DDS; Cindy Flanagan, DDS; Kathy Gibson, DDS; Tommy Harrison, DDS; Jerry Long, DDS; Greg Oelfke, DDS; and Steve Schwartz, DDS, MS.

Share what you know ...

*Become
A
Mentor*



The Annual ICD Convocation & Dinner Dance

was held during the American Dental Association's meeting in San Antonio, and was a great success.



TWENTY-FOUR TEXAS DENTISTS WERE INDUCTED INTO THE COLLEGE

Terry B. Adams - Dallas
 J. Moody Alexander - Arlington
 Steven A. Astute - Amarillo
 Jean Evelyn Bainbridge - Dallas
 Lorin F. Berland - Dallas
 Barry J. Currey - Lubbock

Jeryl D. English - Pearland
 Dale W. Green - Dallas
 Kelly W. Keith - Austin
 J. Kavim Kelp - Austin
 Edwain A. McDonald III - Plano
 Susana B. Pasoloski - Houston

Tyler L. Pendergrass - Amarillo
 Wayne C. Radwanski - Austin
 Hedley Rakusin - Dallas
 Gregory Ward Rashall - Liberty
 P. Emile Rossouw - Dallas
 John K. Rugeley - Austin

Lance Vandohrn Sanders - Austin
 Glenda Fisher Smith - Austin
 Douglas A. Terry - Houston
 Robert Amory Wiggins Jr. - Abilene
 Larry M. Wolford - Dallas
 Prentice Wayne Woods - Dallas



Linda and Leighton Wier gear up for a big year ahead.



Steele Zinser joins his wife, Dr. Beverly Zinser, at the dinner-dance. Beverly has been a leading organizer of the Texas Dental Association's charitable "Smiles Foundation" for many years.



Carol and Doug Willingham are all smiles at the ICD Dinner.



Mr. & Mrs. Paul Webster enjoy the excitement of Mary Jo's honorary ICD fellowship. Mary Jo is ICD Central Office's office manager & executive assistant.



Dr. and Mrs. Richard Smith enjoy a moment at the dinner dance. Dick is USA College treasurer and named TAGD's "Dentist of the Year" for 2008



Dr. Bill Clitheroe, ICD College & Foundation Treasurer, expresses his University of Texas feelings strongly.



Don Lutes, Hilton Israelson, Dan McCauley and Michael Stuart, demonstrate their esprit de corps at the College festivities.



Texas ICD president Dr. John Chandler (left) joins newly-installed USA-ICD president Dr. Leighton Wier (far right) in presenting Stetson hats to outgoing USA president, Dr. Newell Warr, and outgoing College at Large president, Dr. Norinaga Moriyama.



MORE CONVOCATION PHOTOS . . .



Vice Regent Bill Birdwell, President Elect Leighton Wier, Treasurer Richard Smith, Regent Paul Stubbs at the convocation rehearsal.



New Fellow Glenda Smith, Leighton Wier, Convocation Speaker Kenneth Kalkwarf



Wier and ICD President Norinaga Moriama from Japan

“Great Expectations” In Action – Lots of “Fish” To Fry!!

Photos by Larry Herwig, honorary “Fish”



“Host with the Most” - Dr. Larry Herwig held a “Great Expectations” party for Baylor freshmen at his ranch last April. Is that a real fish, Larry??



Baylor freshmen enjoy Dr. Herwig’s hospitality, assisted by Drs. Moody Alexander, Mark Gannaway and Ms. Moira Alley, Director of Baylor Student Affairs.



This “fish” looks remarkably the same ...

as this ...

this ...

this ...

and this!



Dr. Michael Stuart

Treasurer’s Report – TX Section of ICD by Dr. Michael Stuart

Current Balance = \$9,168.30

Expenses include: Student Awardees – \$300 each to:

Melissa Lent – UTDB, Houston

Jon McClure – Baylor

Brett Shirley – UTDB, San Antonio

Sponsorship of Texas Meeting Speaker = \$600

Sponsorship of Great Expectations at Houston and Baylor = \$1,500 each

DUES WILL BE INCREASED \$10 FOR 2009 AS APPROVED BY BOARD



A Great Year Revisited – A Great Year Ahead

Dr. Paul Stubbs, ICD District 15 Regent



Dr. Paul E. Stubbs

It is hard to imagine that the Texas Section of ICD influence could be better! Leighton Wier is our new USA Section President, Dick Smith is Treasurer, and our “Great Expectations” project is the envy of the entire USA Section – not to mention that Texas brought 24 new Fellows into the College at the October Convocation in San Antonio. Thanks to everyone who has been part of these great efforts!

The Board of Regents met in Phoenix in March, prior to the Continuing Education Conference, and again prior to the Convocation in San Antonio in October. ICD Fellow, Dean Ken Kalkwarf of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Dental School, presented the Convocation address before a capacity crowd. The Board of Regents has taken great interest in the Great Expectations project, generating interest to incorporate this program into individual dental school communities. Moody Alexander and John Chandler presented an outline of the program to the Leadership Committee during its recent committee meeting, and the reception was overwhelming. Consequently, Moody has been appointed to the Leadership Committee to foster the program within the USA Section.

It was my pleasure to be invited to both UT Houston and Baylor initial meetings of the Great Expectations mentoring program to bring greetings to the participating dental students on behalf of the ICD. As many of you know, the Dallas County Dental Society won the ADA’s Golden Apple Award for its work in fostering this

program with Baylor. What an honor! I anticipate the initiation of the program in Houston will likely receive similar recognition. So ... get ready San Antonio! I look forward to continuing the program there to complete our goal.

Of particular interest from the Board of Regents meetings is the election of replacement of the “soon to retire” registrar, Dr. Bob Brady. Dr. Carol Turner was unanimously elected to follow Dr. Brady when his term ends December, 2009. Dr. Turner is the retired Chief of Naval Dental Corps.

I must remind you all of the fantastic ICD Continuing Education Conference for 2009 which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel April 10-20. The post convention trip (April 21-23) includes visits to Annapolis, Maryland, and to Washington, D.C. Remember that the tuition for the CEC is free to ICD Fellows. Information for registration will be coming to you soon. *And* the 2010 CEC will be a cruise in the Caribbean (February). This one is a MUST!

I urge each of you to begin the nomination process for new Fellows in the College for the Hawaii Convocation. (See flow chart on page 6.) Help make Leighton’s year as president a banner show of new Fellows! Use the website (www.usaicd.org) for the “Fellowship Process,” or call either Dick Smith, Deputy Regent - (806) 353-4361, or me (512) 863-8559 if you need help in the nomination process.

I remain honored to serve as the 15th District Regent, and assure each of you my best efforts as your voice to the Board of Regents. I look forward to seeing you in Dallas at the ICD Breakfast, January 24, 2009. District president John Chandler and president-elect Tommy Harrison have aligned a fantastic program for us ...

See you there!

Congratulations!

THE FOLLOWING TEXAS SECTION ICD FELLOWS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN HONORED:

• **Dr. John D. Findley**, installed as president of the American Dental Association • **Dr. Leighton Weir**, installed as president of the International College of Dentists, USA Section • **Dr. Richard Smith**, named 2008 “Dentist of the Year” by the Texas Academy of General Dentistry • **Dr. Patricia L. Blanton** received the Lucy Hobbs Taylor “Woman Dentist of the Year” from the American Association of Women Dentists • **Dr. Christopher F. Anderson**, editor of the *Texas Dental Journal*, received the “Golden Pen Award, Division One”, in the ICD’s annual journalism competition • **Dr. Glen D. Hall** received the President’s Award from TDA president Dr. David May for extraordinary leadership as Speaker of the House of Delegates. • A special “Congratulations” also goes to the 2008 winner of the Texas Section’s Annual Literary Award, **Dr. Kim Freeman**, for his quarterly column in the *Texas Dental Journal*, “Dental Artifacts”.

If you have any news of our Texas Section Fellows, please email our editor, Doug Willingham: willingham@vvm.com. He apologizes for missing any news of Texas Section Fellows.

Other officers and leaders among our Texas ICD Fellows: • **Dr. Hilton Israelson**, president of the Texas Dental Association • **Dr. S. Jerry Long**, ADA Fifteenth District Trustee • **Dr. Bill Clitheroe**, ICD College and Foundation Treasurer • **Dr. Richard Smith**, USA College Treasurer • **Dr. Chris Anderson**, VP of the American Association of Dental Editors • **Dr. Gerald Glickman**, President-Elect of the American Association of Endodontists.



Texas ICD Fellow, Dr. John Findley, New President of the American Dental Association Expresses Views on New Dentists

In a recent interview for *ADA News* ADA President John Findley, who had spoken at the Commencement Exercises at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Dental Branch, told *ADA News*: “After dental school, you tend to take [your education] for granted. I tried to emphasize that their future is in the choices they make ... I told them that I hope they make the right choices for their patients. The most important thing is how you care for people. It is quite a privilege to care for another human being.”

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President's Message continued from front page

There will be several objectives for each program, some of which are an introduction to the profession by highly respected dentists who will remain available for communication and introduction to organized dentistry, describing aspects of professionalism, ethics, leadership, integrity and how they can observe what it means to be valued and respected by those we serve.

So when Bill Birdwell asked the question, "Can we have an obvious purpose?", I believe we have answered his question. Has it been worth the effort? I believe so. When we have others who want to know what we have begun and how can we help develop similar programs, it does show that it's a significant and worthwhile program. It can only get better and grow. "Great Expectations" is a multifaceted endeavor from different viewpoints for the future of our students, and of the students' expectations themselves. If we are a part of a positive development in dentistry's future, instilling the virtues we all value, then we will have achieved significance.

My long term desire is that programs like this will give future dentists a reason to belong and strive to be of value. Why would you not want to be an active part of such a profession?

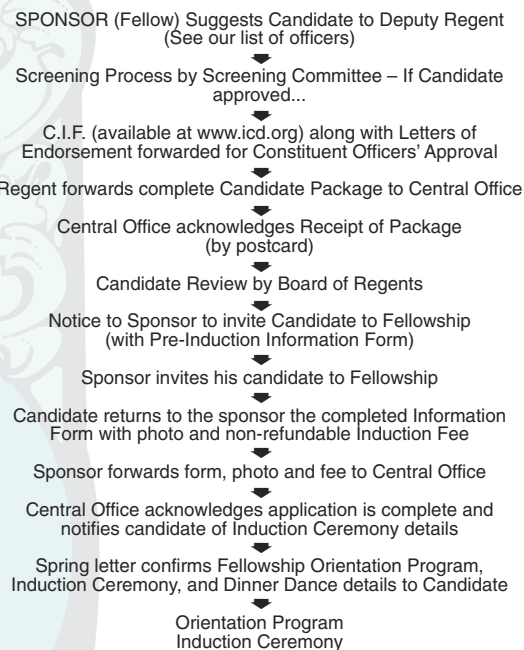
I appreciate the opportunity to have served as the president of the Texas Section of the ICD and leave the year believing we have accomplished a worthy goal. I believe that we have sent the Texas ICD in a purposeful direction, and when anyone asks, "What do we do?", we can say we have great expectations for the future leaders of our profession.

Register for the Southwest Dental Conference

On-line registration for the annual Southwest Dental Conference to be held January 22-24 in Dallas is available at: www.swdentalconf.org/ with a pre-registration deadline of 12/12/08; hotel reservations deadline is 12/18/08.

Our annual Texas Section breakfast will be held at 7 a.m., Saturday, January 24th, at the Adolphus Hotel. The cost is \$35. Please send your check to: Michael Stuart, D.D.S., 192 S. Collins Rd., #100, Sunnyvale, TX 75182

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