

The Texas Section of the International College of Dentists

A REGULAR RECORD OF I.C.D. ACTIVITIES IN TEXAS ★ FALL 2009

President's Message

Dr. Tommy Harrison

A Great Year for "Great Expectations" & the Texas Section

As president of the Texas Section of the International College of Dentists (ICD), it's my honor and privilege to provide the Fellows an update of current activities. One of the objectives of the College and this Section is "to endeavor to unite outstanding members of the dental profession of the United States of America for the purpose of fostering growth and diffusion of dental knowledge, and to encourage an exchange of goodwill among the members of the profession throughout the world."

To that end, Dr. Leighton Wier from San Antonio completed his year as president of the USA Section of ICD at the Annual Session held in Hawaii. His leadership during a time of transition at the national office has been exemplary. We are all indebted to him for his service. Dr. Richard Smith serves as Treasurer of the USA Section and Dr. Paul Stubbs serves as Regent for District 15. Texas Fellows are proud of the leadership provided by these dedicated individuals.



Dr. Thomas C. Harrison

The Great Expectations (GE) Mentoring Professionalism Program that began at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas is entering its third year of existence. The program began under the leadership of Dr. Moody Alexander with inspiration from Dr. Art Dagoni and the dedicated leadership of Dr. Mark Gannaway, Dr. Bill Birdwell, Dr. John Chandler and others. Great Expectations at the University of Health Science Center at Houston, Dental Branch, is enjoying its second year and is led by Dr. Phil Pierpont, Associate Dean of Student and Alumni Affairs. Last but not least, Dr. Risé Lyman, president-elect of the Texas Section of ICD has organized a group of Fellows from the San Antonio area to initiate a GE Program at the Dental School at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

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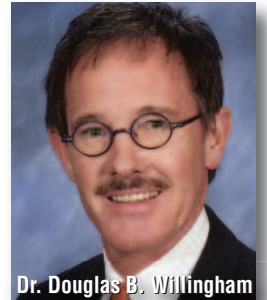


Editorial

Dr. Douglas B. Willingham, Editor

A Seed Is Planted

"Great Expectations": A title, a vision and a mission for a program of mentoring dental students to encourage professionalism, mutual respect and collegiality was born here in Texas and has spread nationally and indeed internationally in the last two years. The Texas Section of the International College and Baylor College of Dentistry were instrumental in conceptualizing this award-winning program and have remained vital participants in translating the concept into action.



Dr. Douglas B. Willingham

A "Great Expectations" program now exists at all three Texas dental schools and is spreading to other campuses nationwide. The U.S.A. Section's Leadership Initiative Committee has taken the ball and run with it, developing a brochure and a template to follow in organizing activities, recruiting mentors in the practicing and academic communities and in providing a safe haven for dental students during the storm of their tough education.

In the past, dental schools have made efforts to welcome their students to the profession. In my experience at Baylor, I remember a luncheon for incoming freshmen. The dean and a few others made some comments. A gentleman, a Dallas practitioner, tearfully recounted the first time he sutured an extraction wound. It was all

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All three programs provide Fellows in the three metropolitan areas an opportunity to interact with undergraduate dental students. The mentoring of the dental professionals of tomorrow with an emphasis on leadership, ethics and professionalism has been embraced by the student population and the ICD Mentors.

In closing, make plans now to attend the annual ICD Breakfast in Dallas held in conjunction with the Southwest Dental Conference (Saturday, January 23, 2010). In addition, the Texas Section ICD will be hosting the annual ACD/ICD Breakfast in May in San Antonio at the Texas Meeting (Saturday, May 8, 2010).

Please make a point to attend one or both of these breakfast opportunities as it gives us an opportunity to see one another, renew friendships as well as welcome our new Fellows. Let us all take the individual responsibility to sponsor one of our deserving colleagues into the college during the year ahead. Remember the pride you felt when you were invited to become part of the College? Share that wonderful feeling with a colleague.

Hawaii Convocation Re-Cap *by Dr. Paul Stubbs, ICD District 15 Regent*



Dr. Paul E. Stubbs

I am pleased to report another successful ICD Convocation this past October 2 during the annual session of the ADA in Hawaii. President of the USA section, Leighton Wier, of San Antonio, inducted 200 new candidates into Fellowship – 16 of whom are from Texas. This excellent group included:

- James S. Bone, Kerrville
- Richard F. Ceen, Dallas
- Thomas Bradley Crump, Dallas

- Benge Robert Daniel, Jr., Ft. Worth
- Michael Lynn Ellis, Dallas
- Lee Fitzgerald, Plano
- Ralph Eugene Hassell, Pflugerville
- Philip H. Hunke, McAllan
- Stephen Robert Matteson, Sr., San Antonio
- Danette McNew, Rockwall
- James Randall Mellard, Houston
- Mary B. Mellard, Houston
- Arthur Charles Morchat, Kilgore
- Tomina Beth Vance, Weslaco
- Carolyn B. Walker, San Antonio
- R. Lynn White, Austin

I know each of you look forward to officially welcoming these new Fellows at the ICD Breakfast in Dallas, January 23, 2010.

I would be remiss if I failed to urge sponsors of candidates for next year's convocation in Orlando to complete the process

a.s.a.p.! There were several deferrals from this year's class to 2010 which may have the effect of reducing those accepted into this next group. The nomination process has not changed, and an outlined guide is on the ICD website www.usa-icd.org. Early submission is essential – probably before February!

The USA Section continues to support the various projects and outreach programs of the ICD in Kikuyu clinic, Kenya, the Tanzania clinics and the continuing education in Cambodia and Laos. Partnering with other entities (USA Section Fellows, the Presbyterian Church, the ADA) they have provided equipment for dental operatories, funding for staff to deliver dental care and fluoridation of water supplies. Thank you for your continued support of these humanitarian projects.

My pride in Texas' "Great Expectations" initiative grows with each new expansion to additional section dental schools now moving into Florida and Pennsylvania. Thanks to the efforts in all three Texas dental schools, this mentoring program serves as the benchmark for fostering the future leaders in dentistry.

I remain honored to serve on the ICD Board of Regents as your representative from District 15 and look forward to seeing you at our annual breakfast in Dallas in January. Current USA Section President, Ted Roberson, will attend along with other officers (Leighton Wier, Immediate Past President and Dick Smith,



Linda and Leighton Wier

Treasurer).
See you in Dallas!

PHOTOS COURTESY OF DR. LEIGHTON WIER AND DR. PAUL STUBBS



ICD Treasurer Richard Smith of Amarillo shares a word with Mike Kenney, new ICD Vice-President from Baltimore



ICD President Leighton Wier shows the required "Hook-Em Horns" gesture to incoming president, Ted Roberson of South Carolina



Dr. Paul Stubbs instructs his nominee, Gene Hassell of Pflugerville, on convocation etiquette while Benge Daniel of Ft. Worth listens in



Dr. R. Lynn White of Austin, left, newly-elected Fellow, is congratulated by Dist. 15 Regent Dr. Paul Stubbs



Dr. Bill Birdwell, Texas Section Vice-Regent, joins Their Honors, Leighton Wier, Paul Stubbs and Richard Smith at the convocation



Congratulations to the new 2009 International College of Dentists Fellows!



President-Elect's Message: *Great Expectations Mentoring Program Kicks Off the Future*

Dr. Risé Lyman



Dr. Risé Lyman

The UTHSC Dental School in San Antonio embraced the Great Expectations Mentoring Program and had the kick-off Burgers-N-Brew event on July 16, 2009. The location, meal and entertainment were sponsored and financed by six specialists: Dr. Eric Rindler, Dr. Bloyce Britton, Dr. Rick Davis, Dr. Clint Falk, Dr. Rick Schwartz and Dr. Tyler Ferris. It was a great turnout. The entering freshman class is 100 students, and 96 were in attendance at the kick-off. The mentors include 12 upper class dental students, 14 faculty members and 16 local dentists. Dr. Risé Lyman is the coordinator for the program which is incorporated in the Ethics dental curriculum offered to all four classes. We hope to see G.E. expand to all four class levels in the future. Great Expectations is now incorporated at all three Texas dental schools to encourage professionalism and high ethical standards while networking with peers and colleagues, forming friendships and having fun.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DR. RISÉ LYMAN

Congratulations!

THE FOLLOWING TEXAS SECTION ICD FELLOWS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN HONORED:

Dr. Kenneth L. Kalkwarf received the ADA Distinguished Service Award, the ADA's highest honor.
Dr. Stephen F. Schwarz received the TDA Gold Medal Distinguished Service Award, the TDA's highest honor.

The following Texas Section ICD Fellows were recently honored: • *Dr. John D. Findley* was honored for his successful years as ADA president in Hawaii • *Dr. Leighton Wier* presided at the Hawaii convocation as I.C.D. – U.S.A. president • *Dr. Matthew B. Roberts* was installed as president of the Texas Dental Association • *Dr. Stephen R. Matteson* was elected editor of the *Texas Dental Journal* • *Dr. Ralph A. Cooley* was named "Texas Dentist of the Year" by the Texas Academy of General Dentistry • *Dr. David A. May* was named president-elect of the Texas Section of the American College of Dentists • *Dr. Jim Chancellor* was appointed to the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners • *Dr. Jon W. Williamson* received his Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry • *Dr. Ronald L. Rhea* was named president-elect of the Texas Dental Association • *Dr. Mark E. Gannaway* was appointed to the I.C.D. Great Expectations Mentoring Professional Subcommittee along with *Dr. Moody Alexander* who was also appointed to the I.C.D.'s Leadership Initiative Committee.

Other officers and leaders among our Texas I.C.D. Fellows include *Dr. Jerry S. Long*, A.D.A. Fifteenth District Trustee, *Dr. Bill Clitheroe*, I.C.D. Foundation Treasurer, *Dr. Richard Smith*, U.S.A. College treasurer and *Dr. Gerald Glickman*, president of the American Association of Endodontists.

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.



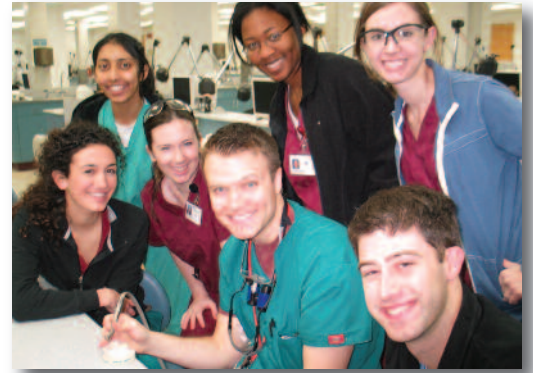
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very fine, but I never saw that speaker again, and I do not remember another moment in school when an organized effort to mentor me or my classmates occurred.

Now, we see a real and a very active effort being made to show care and respect to the many dental students in this country - to not only welcome them into the profession at a luncheon or two but to provide continuous care and mentoring throughout their dental school years and beyond. So, from this once nervous and overwhelmed dental student and especially for all current and future students nationwide, thank you Dr. Moody Alexander, Baylor College of Dentistry and the Texas I.C.D. leadership for the "Great Expectations" program.

An informational brochure on the Great Expectations program is available at: http://www.usa-icd.org/information/PDFs/Great_Expectations_mentoring.pdf

Drill & Chill: Collin Kraus (4th year GP Mentor) and Sarah Parker (3rd year GP Mentor) help 1st year Baylor students cut preps for the first time with their high speed handpiece. Students from left to right: Lauren Clevenger, Payal Patel, Fatima Kamara, Stephanie Sharp, and Roderick Castello. Photo courtesy of Dr. Moody Alexander.



THE I.C.D. CONVOCATION IN HAWAII

A Little Business . . . A Lot of Fun!



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DR. LEIGHTON WIER



Dr. Michael Stuart

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

We continue a strong financial position, although expenses for the Great Expectations programs at our three Texas dental schools have resulted in a small dues increase for 2010. Several dentists in the San Antonio area, at the urging of Dr. Risé Lyman, have donated start-up money for the new Great Expectations program at UTHSCSA Dental School. Thanks so very much!!!

The Texas Section also awarded outstanding student awards for \$300 to the following students:

- Shelby Jean Nelson – Baylor
- Teri Marek – UTHSC, San Antonio
- Tiffany Tredway-Ransom – UTHSC, Houston

Our bank balance as of Oct. 15, 2009 - \$13,042.32

Mark your calendars!!!

The annual Breakfast meeting of the Texas Section of ICD will be held at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas during the Southwest Dental Conference, 7:00 am, Saturday, January 23, 2010.

For registration and hotel information contact: www.swdentalconf.org.

The breakfast cost is \$35 per person. All 2009 Fellows are our guests at no charge. Invitations to the breakfast will be mailed separately, but one may also send checks to: Dr. Michael L. Stuart, 192 Collins, Suite 100, Sunnyvale, Texas 75182.

From Texas to Transylvania:

Dr. Kevin Seidler

“Great Expectations” Goes International



Dr. Kevin Seidler

We are back!!!! The five members of our Baylor Mentoring Group came back from an awesome experience in Romania. Traveling half way around the world, leaving our places of comfort in north Dallas, we experienced a different culture, meeting hundreds of people with many medical and dental needs.

Each of our students shared their lives with citizens of eastern Romania, a poor agricultural community in the city of Braila. We were able to work in the new facilities recently completed, offering “state of the art” medicine and dentistry. The second floor of the medical complex has 12 dental chairs, and we kept them busy. On our team we had four hygienists armed with cavitrons and sharp instruments, a plaque control/oral literacy station, manned by our own Baylor students, four dentists providing restorative and surgical dentistry and a dermatology team removing skin lesions by the hundreds.

Our 5th annual medical health fair was attended by over 750 people arriving as early as 5:00 AM for an 8 o’clock start, and our students were engaged in providing assistance with dental screenings, blood glucose/cholesterol testing, tobacco and alcohol cessation and much more.

We had a hot dog extravaganza on Wednesday night for hundreds of kids of all ages to celebrate a new \$25,000 playground, and then on Thursday evening, after the last patient was seen, we invited the community to a victory service to end our time in Braila.

Each Baylor student had his or her first opportunity to remove a hopeless tooth and enjoyed the moment of victory when the tooth with roots and all came away from the bony socket.

The next morning we were on our way to Bucharest to prepare for a national revival with all the evangelical churches of Romania. We met up with 250 teenagers from Dallas, a choir from Prestonwood Baptist Church, who sang later that evening. The teens as well as our team were on the streets handing out several thousand TDA bags filled with Mary Kay products. These bags are the cloth bags we use at our dental meetings and are perfect for

the ladies to reuse each time they walk to the market and carry food back home. Each student had the privilege of sharing with citizens of Bucharest and inviting them to the revival later that night.

We each enjoyed an awesome and significant experience. I know my life is personally richer for sharing these past 10 days with my mentoring group.

Thanks to the International College of Dentists president, Dr. Richard A. Slick, and chairman of the I.C.D. Leadership Initiative Committee, Dr. Christine Benoit, 41 members of the medical/dental team, 57 chaperones for the choir members, 28 businessmen, 22 others and translators.



“Pardon me boy, is this the Transylvania Station?”
The Great Expectations group from Dallas are on their way!
From left: Cathy (Mrs. Bob Hardy), Dr. Bob, Shawn Smith, Amanda Muns, Sara Percy, Dr. Kevin Seidler, Tiffany Gillum, Ore Kayejo, and Dr. David Ku.

Dr. David Ku and Baylor student Ore Kayejo assess a patient while Sara Percy looks on.



Shawn Smith gets “down in the mouth” for a Romanian dental patient.





It's Not Too Late --- But Close!!

**DEADLINE IS
DECEMBER 1ST**

**International College of Dentists - Section I - USA
CEC XXVII Caribbean and Panama Canal Cruise**

Cruise the Panama Canal and beyond!



The Officers and Trustees of the International College of Dentists USA Section Foundation would like to welcome you aboard the ms Zuiderdam departing Fort Lauderdale on March 3, 2010. The occasion is our Continuing Education Conference XXVII, during a 10 day educational FUN trip.

Forget the stress of daily life and join us for a family adventure to the exotic tropics while enjoying the good life aboard this Holland America luxury liner. This ICD USA Section Foundation event will be unique because this time you may also invite your non-ICD dental or non-dental friends to join in the fun.

For more information:

1. Go to www.usa-icd.org.
2. Click the CEC XXVII link, "Registration details here". This takes you into the Foundation's web site.
3. Click on the blue box that reads, "The International College of Dentists USA Section Foundation Southern Caribbean/Panama Canal Cruise" to be linked to the details about the cruise, CEC, and the registration forms necessary to join us on this exciting CEC-FUN event.

I, along with the travel agency, will be available anytime to be of assistance to you. You may contact me at:

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