



The Texas Section of the International College of Dentists

A REGULAR RECORD OF I.C.D. ACTIVITIES IN TEXAS ★ FALL 2010

President's Message, *Risé Martin, D.D.S.*



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What a great and busy year for the Texas Section of ICD. Our ICD principles of mentoring dental students to encourage stronger ethical values and professionalism standards have been excellent guidelines for all of us. After hearing Dr. Kevin Seidler speak at our ICD/ACD breakfast in San Antonio and feeling the enthusiasm of the students that accompanied him on his mission trip overseas, I was inspired to reach out more than ever to students. San Antonio Great Expectations had a Bar-B-Que to celebrate the successful completion of our first year. In July, San Antonio had a Burgers N Beer event for the incoming freshmen and mentors with 130 in attendance. Great Expectations at Baylor and Houston dental schools are going strong as well. ICD was represented at each dental school for the award ceremonies to present the ICD scholarship to the selected students. Wow, what great potential for our future. Forming a networking community such as this can only be beneficial for our profession. I am very proud to announce that the San Antonio District Dental Society won the Golden Apple Award for their efforts implementing the Great Expectations program at the UTHSCSADS.

The excitement builds as the ICD in Orlando approaches with Texas being well represented by members and ready to welcome into the ICD fellowship many excellent Texas dentists of exemplary qualifications.

This has been a wonderful year and I have personally enjoyed representing you as your President for 2009-2010. Thank you very much for the confidence that you have shown me and the honor you bestowed upon me. Dr. Kevin Seidler will be installed in Dallas at our breakfast meeting on January 15. I look forward to seeing then if not before in Orlando.

Blessing for another great year.

President-Elect's Message, *Dr. Kevin Seidler*



Dr. Kevin Seidler

As the leaves begin to fall and the smell of turkey and pumpkin pie fill the air we are reminded of Thanksgiving, a special time set aside to give thanks with family and friends. I wish to also thank each of you, our esteemed members for your dedication and passion towards a great profession and our International College of Dentistry.

As a general dentist I can not imagine where I would be without my colleagues, my personal staff, my professional friends, my laboratory technician and I could list so many more. These relationships are paramount in orchestrating the intricacies of a sophisticated dental practice. In fact, if even one piece is not working our lives can be turned upside down. We really do rely on each other and need each other.

In the past three years our organization has been involved with a program called, "Great Expectations", a mentoring program for first year dental students in each of our three Texas Dental Schools. A special relationship is developed with these students, our youngest colleagues, one that will exceed your expectations. I have found it very interesting to relive dental school through another set of eyes. On one occasion when demonstrating a crown preparation I was reminded that although now it is quite simple how tenuous it was for

me thirty-two years ago. I have also been able to experience a mission trip to Romania with my second year students where we shared many new experiences. I have learned so many things just being with these students and encourage each of you to be involved. You will not regret it.

As we embark into a New Year let's all do what we can to help each other, making our lives richer. I recently heard Dr. Charles Lowery, a psychologist say, "Do you want to know when you are really living? You are really living when the all the kids leave home and the dog dies." I guess I have to wait a bit, the dog is still alive.

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Donations Needed for Great Expectations

The Great Expectations program is mentoring approximately 1200 dental students in Texas. Remember being in school and how you wanted to attend the events that had FREE FOOD!

Well, we try to provide food for different events and it takes funding. We appreciate your donation of time and effort with the program, but please reach a little deeper to help with money. You can send your donation check to Dr Michael Stuart, 192 S. Collins, Ste 100, Sunnyvale, TX, 75182.

If you want to specify a school, please make a note of Baylor, Houston or San Antonio.

We really appreciate the many dentists who are involved now. Join them today by sending a check!

Thank you,

Risé Martin

TX Section President



UTHSCDSSA's first year wrapped up with a BBQ at an office building patio on April 8, 2010. The students involved were outgoing freshmen. Their student mentors, faculty mentors and local dentist mentors were all invited. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Since this was the first class involved in Great Expectations, each group was given a name having to do with dentistry. The Maxilla group won first place for the most involvement for the year and was mentored by Dr. John Andrews (faculty mentor) and Dr. Craig Wright (local dentist mentor) and Lauren Edwards (student mentor). Everyone in the winning group was awarded a \$20 StarBucks gift card. *See -- it pays to play!*



Past President's Message

Leighton Wier, DDS, FICD

As I near the end of the 8 years I have served on the ICD-USA Section Board of Regents, I will have to say serving the Section has been one of the most rewarding times of my life. I would like to thank both the Texas Section and the USA Section for the confidence they placed in me. I especially want to thank Sam Rogers for giving me the chance to get involved in the College leadership. It has truly been an honor.

I have seen the Section grow during this period. The Fellows elected to the Board are fantastic people and have been wonderful to work with. Your staff in Rockville also works hard for you and have been tremendous assets for me.

The USA Section is the Section all the other Sections in the world look up to. We are working hard to become more relevant both to our members and to the people who are the beneficiaries of our many programs and projects.

The Texas Section should be proud of the positions our members are holding in the College. Bill Clitheroe is finishing his term on the International Council where he served as Treasurer. Bill also serves as Treasurer of the USA Section Foundation. Richard Smith has been doing a tremendous job as Treasurer of the Section. Paul Stubbs was just elected Vice President of the USA Section and Bill Birdwell is our new Regent. I am presently serving as a Councilor of the International ICD Council. Some of you reading this will be taking our places in the future.

I look forward to seeing you in Dallas at our annual breakfast meeting. Thanks again for your support!



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Treasurer's Report by Dr. Michael Stuart

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$9,440.04	<i>Highlights of moneys spent:</i>
DEPOSITS	\$13,369.46	Student scholarships - \$900
EXPENSES.....	\$10,888.73	Sponsorship of Great Expectation Programs - \$4500
BALANCE 10/18/10	\$11,920.77	Texas Meeting Breakfast - \$1750

Great Expectations Mentoring Professionalism

Dr. Tommy Harrison



Dr. Thomas C. Harrison

Year Four in Houston

At UTDB Houston, the Great Expectations (GE) is based on mutual respect between all parties involved in the program. The underlying idea is the second year dental students are students for a short time but colleagues for life. With these principles as our foundation, we work together to mentor the sophomore class at UTDB Houston as they prepare to enter the clinics to see their first

patients.

Perhaps the biggest compliment of GE in Houston is that the program has been incorporated as an adjunct to the curriculum. The second year students are already organized into color groups of about seventeen students. There is a Primary Bay Instructor (PBI) assigned to each color group and the color groups begin to meet during the fall semester to prepare the students for their first patient encounters in the spring semester. Great Expectations utilizes the same color groups with their

PBIs and adds two Texas Section ICD Mentors (per color group) along with a third and fourth year dental student to serve as student mentors.

The Kick-Off Event took place at UTDB Houston on Wednesday, October 20. Italian food was served and the program was a big success. Follow up meetings at the individual ICD Mentor's dental offices will take place in November with a Year End Wrap Up Event in April, 2011.

Texas Section ICD Mentor Dentists include, Doug Bogan, Bill Birdwell, Rita Cammarata, Shelley Canada, Lee Clitheroe, Ron Collins, Jim Condrey, Kathy Gibson, Tommy Harrison, Greg Oelfke, Boyd Shepherd and John Valenza. The heart and the sole of the Houston GE Program is Phil Pierpont, Assistant Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs, University of Texas Dental Branch, Houston. The funding for the program comes from The UTDB Alumni Association, The Greater Houston Dental Society (GHDS) and the Texas Section of the International College of Dentists.

The program provides an excellent opportunity for dental students to speak on a more equal footing with practicing dentists about issues with an emphasis on ethics and professionalism.

NOTICE

Reserve your space today for the Annual ICD-Tx Section breakfast and installation of new officers, Sat., Jan 15, 2011, 7 a.m. at Adolphus Hotel in conjunction with Southwest Dental Conference in Dallas. Mail your check of \$35 for breakfast to: Dr. Michael Stuart, 192 Collins Suite 100, Sunnyvale, TX 75182. Please add any donations for the Great Expectations program to your check at that time.

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Dr. Patricia Blanton Elected 2nd Vice President of ADA



Dr. Patricia Blanton

Dr. Patricia Blanton was elected 2nd Vice President of the American Dental Association during its 2010 Annual Meeting in Orlando. As 2nd Vice President of the ADA, she will have the responsibility of representing the House of Delegates, the policy making body of the organization, before the Board of Trustees. She tells us;

"My opportunity for service in this capacity comes at a time of challenge for our association, our profession, and the practice of dentistry. By adhering to our traditional values and insisting on best practices, I am confident that dentistry is positioned to reach new heights. However, it will take an informed and concerted effort on the part of all dentists to assure that the future of the profession is bright. I am committed to my task as Vice President and I am confident that our leadership and membership will commit to advance our profession and our practices, as we advocate for our patients."



Congratulations to Dr. Blanton from all Texas ICD members.



Mentoring in Romania

Sarah N. Percy, BS - Third year dental student, Baylor School of Dentistry

For the past four years, Baylor College of Dentistry has matched up first year students with dentists from the Dallas area as part of the Great Expectations Mentoring Program. Students get the opportunity to build a relationship with an established dentist who can share their experiences, both good and bad. The practicing dentist in my mentoring group, Dr. Kevin Seidler, established an international medical and dental mission organization, ServingHIM, in the late 1990's. Dr. Seidler leads a team from Dallas every year to Braila, a small town in southeastern Romania, where ServingHIM recently built a four-story clinic. The first time my mentoring group met with Dr. Seidler, he told us about his passion for international missions and invited us on his next trip. This simple invitation eventually changed the lives of five Baylor dental students.

In the summer of 2009, after completing our first year in dental school, we traveled to the other side of the world with Dr. Seidler. Other dentists not affiliated with Baylor College of Dentistry were also members of the team. In Romania, he mentored us on the basics of dentistry and patient care in its purest form. We each felt the thrill of victory in extracting our first tooth and giving our first injection. It was an experience that far exceeded our expectations for summer break. We were able to experience a vastly different culture from our own and learn how that culture plays into the dental needs of the citizens. Above all, we learned that dentistry is a profession of service. It is not just about crown preparations or restorative materials; it is about treating the needs of that individual, both physically and spiritually. Dr. Seidler showed us that in order to properly treat someone, you must meet the deeper need of your patient, which may go beyond their dental health. He taught us that we treat human beings who have hardships and pain, not merely teeth.

We experienced mentoring in its most genuine form. Not only did we learn about dentistry and how to perfect our skills, but we also learned about life, relationships and using our abilities for the benefit of a community. By just doing what he loves, Dr. Seidler helped us establish a drive to serve those in desperate need of care. That drive is something each of us will carry with us throughout our careers.



Kathy Hardy (wife of Dr. Hardy), Dr. Bob Hardy, Shawn Smith, Amanda Muns, Sarah Percy, Dr. Kevin Seidler, Tiffany Gillum, Ore Koyejo, Dr. David Ku, Dr. Cam Nelson



Dr. Seidler guiding Tiffany Gillum in extracting her first tooth.