



# The Texas Section of the International College of Dentists



A REGULAR RECORD OF I.C.D. ACTIVITIES IN TEXAS ★ FALL 2013

## President's Message, Paul E. Stubbs, D.D.S.



Dr. Paul E. Stubbs

What a privilege to have been President of the USA Section at this significant time in the Section's history ! I appreciate each of you in the 15th District for your constant energy and support of our projects and activities, and your input as to the direction this organization should progress. Thanks to so many of you, our membership has met the challenge to increase our 2013 Fellowship Candidate Class – substantially greater than previous years. And, as a result of your efforts in both membership recruitment and project involvement, District 15 was one of the three recipients of the "Model District Award". I was especially proud to greet the 30 new Fellows from Texas during the Convocation ceremony in New Orleans.

I remain grateful for the hospitality extended to me as I visited the many district functions and meetings. From the first meeting (15th District/Texas) – officer evening dinner and breakfast presentation in Dallas, to Boston for the luncheon (and previous night's officer dinner), then to Chicago Mid-Winter for their luncheon and attending the first ICD sponsored Seminar on Volunteerism, our most enjoyable cruise and continuing education excursion on the Foundation sponsored adventure to Alaska, then later in the year to Columbus for a hospitable gathering of Fellows.

.. I could not have been welcomed more graciously or been provided a more honest welcome than those given to me. I suspect my final official visit to New York ICD meeting will be equally pleasurable.

Following the Spring Board of Regents Meeting in Albuquerque, I realized my year was approaching mid-way, and progress on "Action Plans" established by the 2012 Applied Strategic Plan fortunately was ahead of expectations. We had, by mid-year:

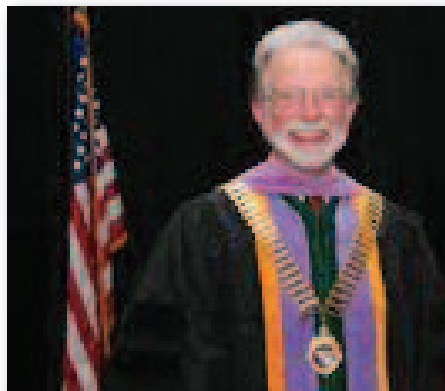
- Identified an excellent slate of Honorary Fellowship designations for 2013
- Increased non-dues revenue for publications through congratulatory ads in the Key
- Completed the ICD Video for the Fellowship Orientation Program
- Assigned Fisher House Project contact Fellows for assisting wounded veteran's families for emergency dental care
- Made ICD banners and flags available for display at all ICD events
- Established the New Model District Awards – 2013 winners to be announced in New Orleans (Hint – Texas is one of the recipients~!)
- Received initial Corporate Sponsor contribution from Coca-Cola for International Collaborative Initiative Committee activities
- Received USA Section Foundation Bylaws revision
- Presented or scheduled Seminars on Volunteerism in 4 sites for 2013
- Revised Candidate Sponsor and Candidate Information Forms enabling electronic submission)
- Initiated potential purchase of the USA Section home office building

As summer approached, we were made aware of the unfortunate demise of the National Dental Museum, housed at the Baltimore School of Dental Medicine. Many of the vital holdings of historical importance will be saved, however, and preserved in our new building location in Gaithersburg, MD.

Needless to say, the most significant event in my term as President is the purchase of the new Section Headquarters at "610 Professional". This new facility will provide space to accommodate present staff members as well as their growth in future years, and will, after our planned short payment of debt, stabilize our annual building expenditures.

For many reasons, I regret my term is so short. There are still activities and domestic projects I would prefer to see through fulfillment. I am confident, however, that the new officers will guide the Section in seeing these, and future projects, are completed to perfection. I will enjoy, however, returning to the annual breakfast in Dallas - just to be one of the Texas Fellows.

*In Fellowship,  
Paul E. Stubbs, D.D.S.  
President*



Paul Stubbs with his Presidential Chain  
photo by David Houten

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## ICD-TX Regent's Report, *Dr. Bill Birdwell*



Dr. Bill Birdwell

The 2013 fall meeting of the USA section Board of Regents was held October 29-November 2 in New Orleans. All meetings and events were held at the Sheraton on Canal Street. I was very proud to accept the 2013 Model District award for our Texas District. The Award was given to only 3 districts, and was based on fellowship recruitment, the commitment of our officers to membership enhancement and projects, and the quality of our newsletter in improving communication with our fellows. During the Convocation the College welcomed 298 new Fellows with 28 from Texas (District 15) *in alphabetical order*: **John Baker - Dallas, David Bonner - Dumas, Henry Chu - San Antonio, Scott Coleman - Houston, Gerald Crouch - San Antonio, John Dominici - Houston, Joan Dreher - San Antonio, Scott Ferguson, Jr. - Richardson, Richard Finlayson - San Antonio, Lily Garcia - San Antonio, Marshall Johnson - Plano, Mark Kogut - Dallas, David Ku - Lewisville, Anne Lyon - Austin, Chris Mack - Longview, Lisa Masters - San Antonio, Chris Miller - Plano, Philip Nauert - Bellaire, Daniel O'Dell - Austin, Steven Pratt - Atlanta, John Regan - Plano, Boyd Shepherd - Houston, Joel Shields - Sunnyvale, Elizabeth Tomlin - Dallas, Danny Watts - Austin, Thomas Wilson - Dallas, Stephen Wright - Bryan, Joe David Zayas - Brownsville**



A very special honorary fellowship was awarded to Connie Sonnier, Executive Director of the Texas AGD. Connie was recognized for her many years of commitment to excellence through her leadership role with those dentists who represent the best of the best in our profession.

All the new Fellows were inducted in the afternoon convocation and honored that evening at the dinner dance. Our very own Paul Stubbs presided as President of the USA Section and has provided great leadership during his year in office. Paul's accomplishments for the year were integrated with the new applied strategic plan adopted in 2012, and thanks to him and our ICD leadership we are well on our way to becoming the premier honorary dental organization in the world. I believe it is our emphasis on leadership development and our mission of global service that will define our future.

Speaking of leadership I continue to be amazed at the dedication of Richard Smith, Leighton Wier and Rise' Martin. Richard serves as Vice Regent, treasurer of the USA section, International Councilor and will soon assume the duties of treasurer for the College at Large. Leighton has served in every capacity of leadership for at least 20 years and is currently an International Councilor and chair of the awards committee. Rise' continues to take her position as our deputy regent to the next level. She has such great ideas for increasing and enhancing membership.

In mid July, we held our annual summer leadership event in Bryan at Miramont Country Club. Our Texas officers and USA leaders and spouses all shared in fellowship and recreation during the 3 day meeting. We spent several hours planning our calendar for the year and brainstorming strategies to improve membership development, communication and recruitment.

Finally, I hope to see everyone in Dallas in 2014 for our breakfast at the Omni Hotel during the Southwest Dental Conference. You will be receiving registration information from our secretary-treasurer, Mark Gannaway. And of special interest to all of us, there will be a ½ day program on Friday, July 31st from 1:30-4:30, sponsored by our ICD: "Volunteering Changes You and the World", by Dr. David Frost. Admission is free, but you have to register for the course. Dr. Frost will be our special guest and speaker at our breakfast on February 1st. I'll see you there!

*Bill Birdwell*  
Regent, Texas District

### ***2013 Officers***

**Regent, Dr. William R Birdwell**

**Dr. Richard M. Smith, Vice Regent & ICD Treasurer**

**Dr. Rise' Martin, Deputy Regent**

**Dr. Mark E. Gannaway, Sec./Treasurer**

**Dr. Jay C. Adkins, President**

**Dr. Russell H. Schlattman, President Elect**

**Dr. Linda C. Niessen, Leadership Coordinator**

**Dr. Stephen R. Matteson, Editor**

**Dr. Paul Stubbs, President ICD USA Section**



Jay C. Atkins

## President's Report

The collection of projects and programs sponsored by the ICD USA Section are the reason I am most proud to be a Fellow of the International College of Dentists. The Fellows of the ICD are all dental leaders. Our right and responsibilities as fellows is to identify emerging leaders to join us in developing and improving these

humanitarian activities. Recently at my father's memorial service one of the attendees had on a lapel pin that I recognized. I asked if that was the pin that my father gave to the boys in his Sunday School Class. This man is 57 years old. My father was his teacher forty-five years ago. "Why did you keep that little pin all these years?" I asked. "Your father made me feel important; I will never forget him for making me feel special!" What a legacy! At the ICD breakfast last January our speaker Alan Walworth praised fellows for doing what we do with passion and selflessness. He told a story about his wedding night twenty plus years ago. Following the ceremony the Walsworth began their wedding evening with a nice meal. During the meal the new bride stated that she had to tell him something that she should have told him earlier. Alan thought to himself, "Oh my goodness, here it comes. What could it be on our wedding night?" Reluctantly Connie told Alan that she had a massive toothache. It was just a nagging soreness beginning the week, but graduated into a terrific throbbing

abscess on her special day. "Ok, what should we do?" he queried. They decided to call her dentist at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night. After visiting with Connie about her symptoms he decided he would call an endodontist to get some advice. The endodontist was in a theater with his wife. Not knowing the patient but hearing the situation this caring specialist asked them to meet him at his office as soon as they could get there. The dentist's wife and Alan Walworth spent his wedding night together in the waiting room while his new bride and the doctor did an endodontic procedure. Alan Walworth told this story to ask the question, "Why do dentists do things like this?" This story of compassion and caring illustrates the loftiest tendency of humankind. After the meeting a group of Fellows were around our speaker telling him it was one of the best they had heard and congratulating him on the message delivered when a dentist from the back of the group began making his way to the front. "Mr. Walworth, Mr. Walworth" he called, "Excuse me Mr. Walworth, I am the dentist that worked on your wife that night." Our Fellow Dr. Justin Aurbach, in attendance that Saturday morning, left a legacy that Alan and Connie Walworth would never forget. Not surprising that he is an ICD Fellow.

District 15 Fellows are all able to be involved in the ICD activities such as: The Fisher House Project assisting wounded veterans' families with dental emergencies, Great Expectations mentoring programs at each Texas Dental School, and recognizing and nominating deserving dentists to join our community of leaders. Help someone feel special by getting involved this year!



Steve Matteson

## STEVE'S COMMENT: Thinking about Leadership

World history teaches us about the importance of leadership, good and bad. Leaders with evil hearts take countries into uncalled for wars, illegal acts, ill-advised social policies and personal gain. Leaders with ethically based values promote social justice, fair legal judgments, care for the poor and hungry and fair treatment for all.

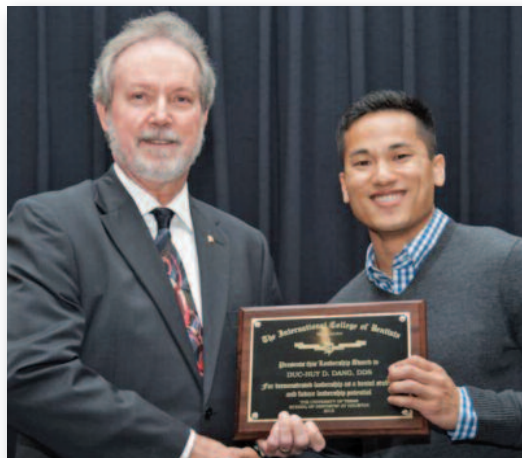
Here in Texas right under our noses, ICD develops and nurtures leaders who take the high road. As you read this issue of the *Newsletter*, think about the many excellent leaders the Texas Section has and continues to produce. Quite remarkable! Good for you. - Steve Matteson, Newsletter Editor

## ICD 2013 Student Leadership Awards

Wade O. Barker, DDS

Duc-Huy "Michael" Dang, DDS

Jason H. Peck, DDS



The IDC Leadership award is for: "Demonstrated leadership as a dental student and for future leadership potential." Dr. Barker received the award from Baylor Dental School, Dr. Dang from Dr. Jesse "Jay" Welch at the Houston Dental School and Dr. Peck from Risé Martin at the San Antonio Dental School.



Risé Martin, DDS

## District 15 Deputy Regent's Report

We are pleased to have 29 new Texas Fellows and one Honorary Fellow presented this year in New Orleans at our meeting in New Orleans. As members, we have the privilege and honor to sponsor other worthy candidates for Fellowship in the ICD. Remember, San Antonio is the destination of our next ADA meeting. If you have someone that you would like to nominate, please email their name to me [dr.rise@lakehillsdental.com](mailto:dr.rise@lakehillsdental.com) so I can help you complete the nomination process.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered to provide care for our Fisher House wounded warrior's families. We have seven Fisher Houses in Texas located in Dallas, El Paso, Ft. Hood, Houston and San Antonio (3 locations) which provide emergency/palliative care only for no charge. If you would be interested in helping a wounded warrior's family please email me at [dr.rise@lakehillsdental.com](mailto:dr.rise@lakehillsdental.com). Mark your calendar now for our annual breakfast meeting on February 1, in the Omni Hotel during the Southwest Dental Conference in Dallas. - *Risé Martin, D.D.S.*

## MONEY TALKS, *Richard M. Smith, Treasurer USA Section ICD, International Councilor, USA Section*

As the year draws to a close, the annual meeting of the USA Section of the International College of Dentists will take place in New Orleans in conjunction with the ADA meeting. This year there have been several financial events that have impacted the USA Section. Most notable is the purchase of new office space for the central office. The office space is a condo space located in the general area of the present office. This space was found by a committee that was charged with investigating the possible options for new space. However, this space when viewed by the committee was deemed to be an extremely good opportunity for the Section. The space has over 3200 square feet which is three times bigger than the present 940 square feet available at the existing office. In addition, this property was considerably under priced. When first built, the value of the office was in excess of \$1.2 million. It was carried on the tax roles at \$945,000. The asking price was considerably lower and after some negotiation the purchase price for the space was \$475,000. The Board of Regents voted to purchase this property and a contract was written. Financing the office utilized using \$300,000 from reserves and arranging a bank loan for \$275,000, which included up to \$100,000 for remodeling the space to fit the Sections needs. At this time the remodeling has begun and the expected move in date will be in late December or early January. This office will allow the staff of the central office to have enough room to work and allow for expansion of staff as time goes on. In addition there will be a meeting space for Executive Committee meetings or one of the other committees that might be able to meet at the central office.

Another item of interest, the International College Council will vote on and probably pass an increase in the capitation fee charged to the sections. This vote will take place at the Council meeting in 2014 and go into effect for 2015. The increase will be five dollars per Fellow. The capitation fees are the main source of income for the International College, just as dues are the main source of income for the USA Section.

The USA Section had a positive financial year in 2012, with a small surplus at the end of the year. For 2013 it is still too early to tell what the final outcome will be, but since there were additional costs in purchasing the new office space and with the costs of the Annual Session ahead of us, it will more difficult to finish in the black this year.

## MODEL DISTRICT OF THE YEAR TO 15th DISTRICT



*Deputy Regent Risé Martin, Regent Bill Birdwell, USA Section President Paul Stubbs, and Vice Regent / USA Section Treasurer Richard Smith accept the Model District Award at the National Convocation.*

## THE PLEDGE, *Risé Martin, DDS*

Our International President, Dr. I. Leon Aronson recently sent an e-blast with the following information. The Pledge that new candidates take when being inducted into the College is very important, and while the message may vary somewhat from Section to Section, it is basically the same. I believe the Pledge is necessary for anyone worthy of becoming a Fellow in the International College of Dentists, but I recommend that an additional line be added to every Section's Pledge. That being, "I pledge to be vigilante and sponsor worthy dentists for Fellowship in the International College of Dentists whenever I have the opportunity." Why is this important?

### The primary reason is that there are too many worthy candidates who are overlooked.

There are hundreds of thousands of dentists around the world, and surely more than approximately 12,000 are worthy of this high honor. That percentage would be infinitesimal. Someone took the time to sponsor us, and we must do the same for others. I have attended many convocations, and I am in awe at how many older, well-known dentists are just coming into the College. Many are deans of dental schools, well-known academicians or researchers, and authors of textbooks; yet they enter the College at an older age. Fortunately, this group was not totally overlooked, but I feel for the others out there who are worthy but never get noticed.

### The Texas invitation process is a simple one.

It is required that only a letter of recommendation and a supporting letter with the candidates application be sent to the Deputy Regent, Rise' Martin, and she will move the process forward. We must all realize that worthy candidates cannot apply themselves, we must take the initiative, single them out and invite them for Fellowship. If you have a name of someone that you would like to consider for fellowship, send that name to Dr. Martin at [dr.rise@lakehillsdental.com](mailto:dr.rise@lakehillsdental.com) and let her walk you through the process. Remember, the ADA in 2014 is in San Antonio and very convenient for our Texas peers to attend the ICD convocation.

## ICD-TX BABES



*Risé Martin, Lisa Masters and Joan Dreher*

# ICD-Texas Section Financial Report



Dr. Mark Gannaway

**Jan. 1 thru Nov 1, 2013**

*Mark Gannaway, Secretary-Treasurer*

January 1, 2013 Bank Balance: 10,052.95

Expenses: 2013

SWDC-D speaker  
 Past President's Award  
 Printing/Mailing  
 SWDC-D Breakfast  
  
 SWDC-D Board Dinner  
 Student's Awards  
 TDA Meeting Silver Sponsor  
 ICD-USA Section Ad  
 ICD-USA Section Flag/Banner  
 Great Expectations-Houston  
 Great Expectations-SA

Deposits: for

\$ 300.00  
 \$ 145.27  
 \$ 290.49  
 \$ 2496.03  
  
 \$ 1943.72  
 \$ 900.00  
 \$ 750.00  
 \$ 180.00  
 \$ 85.95  
 \$ 1500.00  
 \$ 3066.66  
  
 + \$ 350.00 Deposits  
 + \$ 545.00  
 + \$ 573.56 Deposit  
  
 + \$ 2041.58 (Donations)  
  
 + \$ 9870.00

Dues: 2013

Totals: November 1, 2013

**\$ 11,658.12 + \$ 13,380.14**

November 1, 2013 Bank Balance: 11,774.97

## ICD CONVOCATION IN NEW ORLEANS - October, 2013

The 2013 convocation was a wonderful event. Other than induction of new Fellows, highlights were Richard Smith re-elected to 2 year term as Treasurer of USA Section, Leighton Wier re-elected to 3 year term as Foundation Trustee, both Richard Smith and Leighton Wier serving as International Councillors and the USA Section elects first woman as Vice President, Margot Culotta-Norton.

**Hanging out in New Orleans**

**New Honorary Fellow**

**Smiling new Fellows**

**New San Antonio Fellows**



**1.** Past ADA President and Convocation Speaker Robert Anderton, USA Section President Paul Stubbs, and Past USA Section President Leighton Wier (L-R) **2.** Connie Sonnier, (L) Executive Director of the Texas Academy of General Dentistry, was inducted as a Honorary Fellow of the USA Section. Dr Leighton Wier, (R) Past USA Section President and Chair of the Awards Committee, stands with her. **3.** Tom Wilson, Stephen Wright and Joe Zayas (L-R) **4.** Richard Finlayson, Lisa Masters, Lilly Garcia, Gerald Crouch, Joan Dreher and Henry Chu (L-R)

## ICD BREAKFAST IN DALLAS

**5.** Paul Stubbs received the "Official Stetson" award. **6.** Kevin Seidler (R) presented the ICD President's Award to Moody Alexander (L) for starting the Great Expectations Program **7.** Rusty Schlattman, President-Elect could not attend the meeting and was represented by Jerry Katz (C) with a paper bag "mask" so Rusty could be sworn in. **8.** ADA President, Dr. Robert Faiella, guest speaker from Massachusetts. **9.** New President, Jay Adkins (R) exchange plaques with Pierpont (L) as outgoing president.





## GREAT EXPECTATIONS SAN ANTONIO

*July 11, 2013 - Rise' Martin, G.E. Coordinator*

The Great Expectations program in San Antonio just started its fifth year with a kick-off at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Branch. We have great mentors! Thank you to all mentors. One of our mentors, Dr. Kevin Beitchman, recently provided an article for the San Antonio District Dental Society's Newsletter. To quote Dr. Beitchman, "I have personally found the Great Expectations program to be very fulfilling. Not only has it given me another opportunity in my life to give back and help others, but the enthusiasm of these future colleagues is contagious." I am sure that we all need a little "kick" in our life. Give and you will receive!



*Dr. and Mrs. Warren Branch welcome San Antonio students to Great Expectations event. (L-R) Dr. Rise' Martin, Mary Ann Calverley, Dr. Mickey Calverley, Melissa Branch and Dr. Warren Branch*



*Drs. Adrianna Segura (L) and Rise' Martin (R) greet new students*

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS GATHERING AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY at HOUSTON

*Hugh P. Pierpont*

The Great Expectations activity is a mentoring professionalism program for developing processes of ethical decision making and professional behavior. This is the sixth year to conduct the program at UTSD. The "kick off" event is a "get to know you" affair of our D2 students meeting with their Group Practice Directors, Primary Attending, Student Mentors and local practicing ICD dentists. The kickoff was held on Wednesday, October 16th at the UTSD building. (See Photo). Subsequent meetings will occur at local dental offices in smaller groups and at the end of the year an event at the Greater Houston Dental Society Offices.



*share the Honor*