



The College Call

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Regent's Report

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I am writing this note to the ICD Fellows of Pennsylvania on Decoration Day, or as it is now known, Memorial Day. Perhaps, as we enter the summer months, some time for reflection is called for in order to bring today's perspectives into reality with the history that has molded our past. So, bear with me as I editorialize.

As a kid, May 30th was always an important day to me since WWII had just

ended and there was an extreme amount of patriotism throughout York County, PA. My uncles, who had been on active duty in the military during the war, were safely at home, peacetime activities were resuming, and we were living the "good old days" by today's standards. On this day, we always took time to remember those who had lost their lives defending the freedoms we cherish. There were parades, graves of veterans were decorated with American flags (thus Decoration Day), speeches were given by the politicians and the first picnic of summer was held. Since I played in the now defunct Glen Rock Band, I had to march in two parades on May 30, listen to two speeches,

and I was usually drenched in perspiration by the end of the second parade. But, more importantly, it was a day off from school since the holiday was always celebrated on May 30. It was a day when the country literally stopped to remember the sacrifices our armed services had provided for us so that we could enjoy our freedom. It was a day when we all bought replica poppies to remember those who offered the supreme sacrifice on Flanders Field and we proudly wore those poppies. All businesses were closed and you couldn't buy gas for \$.25 a gallon and, God forbid, you ran out of milk since the milkman didn't work that day either. That was the late 40's and 50's.

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This Year's Convocation will be in San Francisco

Here are some reasons not to miss this year's ICD meeting in San Francisco: cable cars on Nob Hill; eating pot stickers and much more in Chinatown or dim sum on Sunday morning at the Hang Ah Tea Room; strolling around North Beach and shopping for ceramics at Biordi, art at Vesuvio, or coppa, mozzarella, marinated red peppers and salami at Molinari's deli; taking a picture of Alcatraz from Fisherman's wharf and then barking back at the sea lions on the west-side docks; seeing the Golden Gate Bridge; touring the wine country or heading south and visiting Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula. San Francisco is one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

In keeping with tradition, the ICD annual 2007 ICD-USA meeting and Convocation will be held just prior to the ADA meeting. All ICD activities will be held at the Hilton San Francisco Hotel located at 333 O'Farrell Street, just off Union Square in the heart of the city's restaurant, theater and shopping district.

The new Fellows Orientation Program will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, September 27. The Convocation will be on Friday afternoon, September 28. Candidates will report to the robing room an hour prior to the ceremony. On that evening, following the Convocation, there will be a reception honoring the new inductees followed by the annual gala dinner dance which is black tie optional and always well attended.



(Above) Palace of Fine Arts. (Background) Night Skyline. San Francisco photos courtesy of SFCVB by Phil Coblenz.

If it's been some time since you've been to an ICD Convocation, this is surely the year to go. Come support those worthy dentists receiving Fellowship this year. Renew old friendships and meet ICD Fellows from around the country and around the world. Come to San Francisco! For further information call the central office at (301) 251-8861.

(Regent's Report, continued)

Fast forward to today and there has been change. First of all, I can buy anything I want today, and on a pre-summer sale. Gas at \$3.00 plus per gallon is no problem. I don't know of any local parades today (I no longer march but continue my musical activity by playing concert music) but there are some ceremonies being staged in local cemeteries where the politicians continue to remember our fallen heroes. Last night, during the Allentown Band concert at a local middle school, we concluded the concert with an "Armed Forces Salute", a medley of tunes from all branches of the military. I thought it was a fitting tribute to those who we honor on this Memorial Day. I remember my uncles, now all departed, who lived the good life after the war and served, along with my father, as my mentors as I was growing up.

So what does all this have to do with the ICD? I personally think reflection is good for the soul and as we reflect on the history of the ICD, I remember the names of many Fellows who guided our organization to the prominence which we enjoy today. These Fellows were our mentors and, if we reflect on their lives, we realize the sacrifices they endured so the ICD could grow to become the pre-eminent organization that it is today. Their names are too numerous to list but you all knew them and I'd like to ask you to pause and reflect upon the influence each of them had on your professional and personal life. Personally, the impact of their lives cannot be measured since many of them have affected my life and my professional ethics more than they could ever know. If only I could, I would like to "decorate" them on Memorial Day for the initiative which they demonstrated in promoting our profession and our involvement in the ICD. Bless them to eternal rest.

Can we continue the legacy which they began for us? We can and we must if our influence on the future of dentistry is going to have a lasting impact. How, you ask, is this possible? Very simply by continuing your involvement in organized dentistry at all levels- local, state and national. All of you have demonstrated your leadership capabilities and I respectfully request that you continue that leadership role. It may involve moving up through the chairs at the various levels; it may be serving as a mentor to a new dentist in your community; it may be the promotion of organized dentistry to our nonmember colleagues and to non-dentists alike when we have the opportunity to speak to them; or it may require you to evaluate the credentials of dentists for consideration as prospective candidates for the ICD Fellowship process.

Yes, these are your roles as a Fellow of the ICD and I challenge you once again to consider individuals for potential Fellowship. That process has been outlined by me in previous College Calls and I ask you to assist us in the important process of identifying worthy candidates for our evaluation. So, on this "Decoration Day", let us pause, remember those who mentored us, and act by sponsoring a dentist for ICD Fellowship. Dentistry has given us much and for our legacy to be perpetuated, our responsibilities to our profession and the ICD cannot be allowed to wane. Have a great summer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Section I United States	San Francisco, CA 77th Convocation	September 27-28, 2007
Section III Mexico	Mexico City Annual Meeting & Convocation	November 1, 2007
Section IV South America	Sao Paulo, Brazil SA Induction/Convocation	November 10, 2007
Section I United States	Phoenix, AZ Continuing Education Conference	March 29-31, 2008
Section V Europe	Athens, Greece Annual meeting & Convocation	June 11-15, 2008

ICD Helps Refugees in Tanzania

In the last months of 2006, the ICD-USA Section became aware of a desperate need for dental equipment by Tanzanians serving groups of Burundian and Congolese refugees living in two camps in northwestern Tanzania. Earlier that year, a small team from the ADA, CDC and Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) visited Tanzania to assess the need for a dental volunteer program. They found that the need for assistance was great.

The guidelines of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees do not include dental care. However, as refugees are not allowed to leave the camps except for emergencies, and since some refugees have resided in the camps for up to ten years, the lack of adequate dental care is now viewed as critical by the Tanzanian Red Cross Society.

The Burundian camp has a population of over 81,000. There are over 59,000 in the Congolese camp. A medical assistant and two nurses had been providing extractions on a limited schedule. Those in need of more involved dental care due to pain, infection, trauma or tumors are either transported to the dental school in Dar es Salaam, which is on the other side of the country, or to one of two local hospitals in the towns of Kasulu, or Kabanga which is located an hour south of the camps.

The ICD-USA Section was able to participate in this effort through a donation of \$22,000 from its Humanitarian Outreach Program. The money was used to replace two manual dental chairs at Kabanga Catholic Hospital. This allowed old equipment to be transferred, one each to the Mtabila II camp and the other to the Nyaragusu camp.



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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

Alvin Arzt was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the American Endodontic Society at the recent annual meeting of the organization in Las Vegas.

The University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine Alumni Society presented seven alumni, including **I. Stephen Brown**, with an Alumni Award of Merit in May.

Ronald D. Bushick was awarded the prestigious Pennsylvania Dental Association Annual Award recently at the 139th Annual meeting.

Thomas W. Gamba of Philadelphia was elected to the office of President Elect of the Pennsylvania Dental Association at their annual meeting in Hershey.

Ronald B. Gross was the recipient of the Pierre Fauchard Academy's Honor Award which was presented to him at the PDA meeting in Hershey this past April.

After completing a stellar year as President of the Pennsylvania Dental Association

Linda Himmelberger is the Immediate Past President. She is presently serving on the ADA Task Force on the Commission on Dental Accreditation. In addition, on May 30, she testified at the hearings held at Drexel University regarding HB 1257, which would allow independent practice of dental hygienists.

R. Donald Hoffman has been elected Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Dental Association.

Jon J. Johnston has assumed the mantle of President of the Pennsylvania Dental Association.

Steven J. Kukunas was appointed Interim Chair, Department of Prosthodontics, University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine.

Rochelle Lindemeyer has just completed a very successful term as President of the Philadelphia County Dental Society. She has also had a busy year having published four scientific articles including one entitled *Management of a Patient with Combined Autoimmunity: Evans Syndrome, A Case Report*.

Judith McFadden has been named one of Pennsylvania's Best 50 women in business.

Edmund J. McGurk completed an excellent term as Vice President of the Pennsylvania Dental Association.

Lauri Passeri has completed a very successful year as President of the Second District Valley Forge Dental Association.



Linda Himmelberger, PDA President, presents a Presidential Citation to Outgoing President of the Second District Valley Forge Dental Association, Lauri Passeri.

Dennis N. Ranalli was appointed as a member of the Advisory Board of the Pittsburgh Albert Schweitzer Fellows Program.

Nicholas D. Saccone received a Frank J. O'Hara Alumni Award at the University of Scranton for University Service. Dr. Saccone can add this honor to a lifetime of achievement. Among many other accomplishments he has served as president of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the Pennsylvania Dental Association, the Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry, and the Dental Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania.

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2007 ICD New Fellows

Our congratulations to the following individuals from Pennsylvania who will be welcomed as Fellows of the International College of Dentists in San Francisco.

Dr. James M. Boyle, III
Dr. David W. Hoffman
Dr. Peter P. Korch, III
Dr. Wilbert H. Milligan
Dr. William J. Weaver

If you have information you would like to share with your Pennsylvania and USA ICD Fellows regarding an honor, achievement, election, publication or other item, please send the information to the editor, Richard Galeone at **RJGDDS59@COMCAST.NET** and it will be included in the next College Call and the KEY on a space available basis. Or mail to: Richard Galeone, DDS, 122 Holly Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446.

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The Peace Corps Project Is a Complete Success

In the last issue of the College Call we told of the new Peace Corps Project which was approved in Las Vegas. ICD Fellows were asked to assist Peace Corps applicants by offering free clinical examinations and x-rays in connection with their Peace Corps application.

Both the Peace Corps and the International College of Dentists have global missions with involvement in many countries. There was an overwhelming national response to the call for volunteers for this project and we would like to thank the following Pennsylvania International College of Dentist Fellows for offering to participate.

- Dr. George A. Kirchner
- Dr. Linda K. Himmelberger
- Dr. William T. Spruill
- Dr. Kenneth G. Miller
- Dr. Edmund J. McGurk
- Dr. Laurence H. Stone
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- Dr. James A. Rinehimer
- Dr. Ronald C. Szish
- Dr. Edward D. Thornblade
- Dr. Gary S. Davis
- Dr. Charles R. Weber
- Dr. June A. Sisson
- Dr. David A. Schwartz
- Dr. David N. Plessett

Student Award Night

The Annual Student Award Night of the Western Pennsylvania Section of the American College of Dentists was held with a reception and dinner on May 16, 2007 at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

The Student Award from the International College of Dentists was given to Ryan T. Hagan and the Student Award from the American College of Dentists went to Jarrette R. Kalp. Congratulations from all of us to Ryan and Jarrette.

After the Awards, Dr. Jane K. Segal spoke on "How to Protect Yourself and Your Future."



Jarrette R. Kalp, Ryan T. Hagan, Dr. Jane K. Segal and Dr. Peter Guevara.
Photo by Michael Rosella.

Necrology

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they've done shall prosper.*

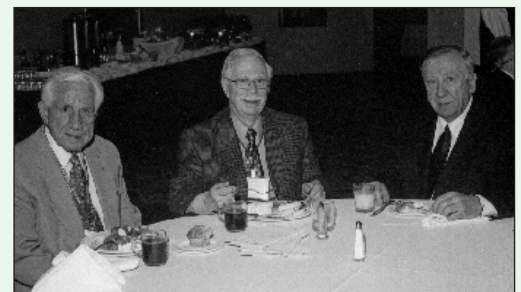
**William P. Hughes
Stephen P. McConnell
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ICD-ACD Breakfast



Gathering for the ICD Breakfast are, from left: Richard Galeone, John Nase, Laurence Stone, Jerrold Axler, Robert Singer and Bernard Dishler

The Combined Breakfast of the ICD and the ACD was held in conjunction with the Valley Forge Dental Conference on February 28, 2007. Twenty-five Fellows attended to hear speaker, Dean Martin Tansy of Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry. Dr. Tansy spoke of the challenges and triumphs experienced by the school over the last thirty years.



Emanuel Ploumis, Alvin Arzt and Dean Martin Tansy enjoyed a hearty breakfast before Dr. Tansy delivered his presentation.