



District XIII International College of Dentists California News summer 2022



District 13 Regent Craig Yarborough with ICD student awardees Monica Duarte and Luisito Huang Chen

Regent's message

Be proud

You can be proud of your membership in the International College of Dentists. You are one of fewer than 6000 members nationwide, just over three percent of American dentists, along with 12,000 members worldwide. We represent great value for our profession in service, ethics, and education.

Dr. Amir Kazim, who will be a 2022 inductee in Houston, is already proud. He used his Facebook page to attest that "one of the greatest honors is recognition by your peers."

If you have not yet paid your 2022 dues, remember the Pay Dues button is always available on our website until your dues are paid. The central office can also arrange quarterly payments and automatic payments.

Spring awards for ICD/ACD in Anaheim

A welcome return to in-person awards ceremonies

Nearly 50 attendees were at our annual awards breakfast on May 13, 2022, including ICD USA President Rise Martin from Texas, and five student award recipients. Eight of the attendees will be inducted as Fellows on October 14, 2022, in Houston.

Keynote speaker Dr. Jean Creasy gave a stirring and cogent presentation on *What the Ancient Greeks Can Teach Us about Dental Ethics*. Creasy helped us explore what the ancient philosophers can teach us about contemporary dental ethics, focusing on the Stoics. A 'stoic-calm' or 'equanimity' allows a balanced state of freedom from despair, regardless of circumstance. A basic tenet is recognizing that though we cannot control what life brings us, we can always control our responses to life events. A stoic mindset can help all of us to cope with the demands of modern-day dentistry.

Congratulations to the five student award winners. Thank you to Drs. Donna Klauser and Luke Iwata, who together with the staffs, put the breakfast meeting together. And everyone put May 19 on your calendar for next year!



Fellow Jean Creasy delivers keynote address in Anaheim May 13, 2022

More from awards ceremonies:



*Student awards:
left to right:
Jeanine Khoury, LLU
Seema Prakash, Western
Corbin Clark, LLU
Monica Duarte
Luisito Huang Chen
missing:
Scot Hirose, UCLA*



*clockwise from lower left:
Janice Sugiyama, Judee Tippet-White,
Karen Irani, Ariane Terlet, Janice
Sugiyama with Donna Klauser, group
ICD/ACD members with CDA executive
director Peter duBois, Jean Creasy with
Tom Stewart*

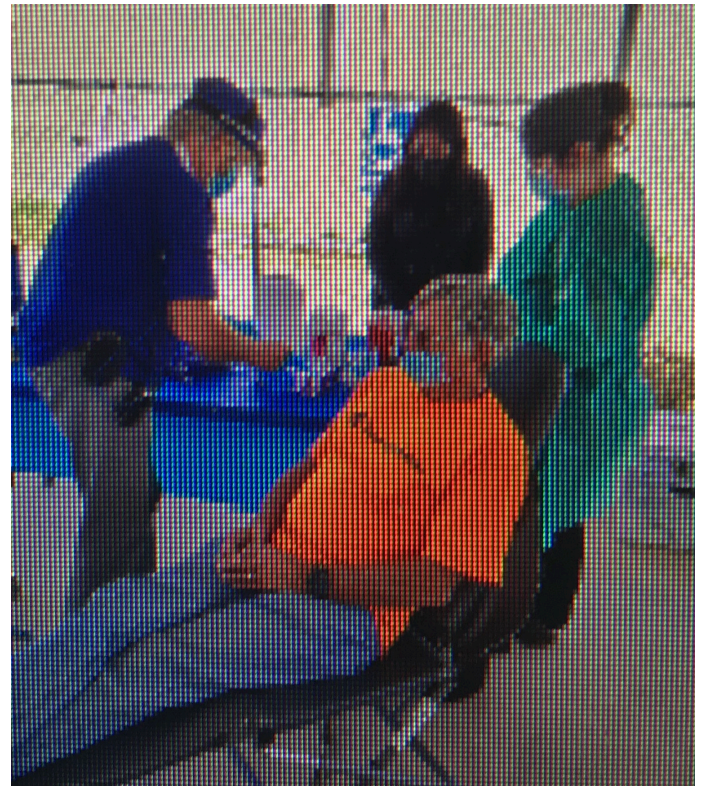


Desert dentistry for veterans

Dr. Ronald Fritz joined other volunteer colleagues on a mission project for veterans in the Morongo Basin area of the higher desert in southern California on March 12, 2022. Volunteers from Flying Doctors, Healing California, and the International College of Dentists joined forces at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7264 in Joshua Tree, California, near the Twentynine Palms Marine Base. Perfect weather with blue skies, enthusiastic dentists, and grateful patients made for a

spectacular day. Dr. Fritz thanks his colleagues in Los Medicos Voladores, their organizers and pilots for making such an event for veterans possible. He hopes such satisfying service will inspire others to get involved.

Dr. Fritz, shown at right with wife Vicky, also attended his LLU School of Dentistry 50th reunion event during the same week. He is shown wearing their medallion.



clockwise: Each veteran patient receives an examination and is put in charge of their own decision-making; private volunteer pilots fly their own planes for Flying Doctors (Los Medicos Voladores); four dentists, three hygienists, and local dental assisting students provided treatment. Vision specialists also provided treatment.

The comfort of ICD membership

Sometimes I need a boost to combat Weltschmerz, world-weariness. Economists and historians say that the current time period is always judged worse in real time than it is at a later date. I suppose that this is true.

But lately the external world is particularly worrisome: persistence of COVID, inflation, uncertainty with multiple supply chains and other shifts in the economic winds, the brutal invasion of Ukraine now past its 100-day mark, an ex-president's behavior while still in office.....

Maybe some of these conditions could not have been helped. But most of them could have been. The social theorist Niall Ferguson in his book, Doom, the Politics of Catastrophe, makes a good case that even our weather-related disasters are frequently man-made, a result of human activity and human failings.

People should deal with each other through peaceful trade, negotiation, and legally enforced contracts. Throw in a little good will, and we should all be able to get along. Shoulda, coulda, right? It simply doesn't always happen this way.

No wonder I get a boost from being a member of the International College of Dentists. Here we are a worldwide organization that practices the virtues of peaceful collaboration, exchanging educational and professional knowledge, and helping each other.

I feel better already.

See you in Houston!

Donna B. Hurowitz, editor



annual meeting and convocation

October 14, 2022

Houston, Texas

