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# Regent's Report

By Linda Himmelberger, D.M.D.

t was the *most* wonderful time of the year—Convocation in Orlando on October 8, 2010—when we recognized and celebrated the accomplishments of Pennsylvania's thirteen new Fellows! Please take a moment to read the brief biography of each of these Fellows. Their leadership, accomplishments and commitment to the profession and their communities is inspiring. In addition, Dr. Theodore Croll ("Ted" as he is more affectionately known!), has written an engaging piece about his experiences in Orlando. Congratulations to all of our new Fellows!

Orlando also brought recognition of a different kind to our District. At the Deputy Regents' luncheon on Thursday afternoon, we were presented with a plaque for "Outstanding District Publication". Kudos to Dr. Rich Galeone, our newsletter editor, and the design firm of *Galeone Design*. Putting together this publication is a time consuming and labor intensive task; we are grateful that for Rich, this is also a labor of love.

Leadership has long been a hallmark of our organization. Several years ago, the College instituted a *Dental Student Leadership Award* which recognizes the senior dental student who has shown outstanding leadership and academic and professional improvement during their academic career and who has the great potential for continuing to be a leader in the future. Chosen by their faculty, this award is given at each U.S. dental school. This year the recipients at each one of our Pennsylvania dental schools were given a plaque by the ICD-USA, as well as a plaque and a monetary award by our District. We are proud of their accomplishments to date and look forward to their continued involvement in their new profession.

As I mentioned in my previous Regent's Report, we will be rotating Counselors between the odd and even PDA districts. The following Fellows have agreed to serve as Counselors for 2011: Dr. Thomas Howley, Jr. (2); Dr. Ellen Boran (4); Dr. Jon Johnston (8); and Dr. James Tauberg (10). Each has been tasked with identifying and nominating two persons for fellowship. They can use your

help! If you would like to nominate a colleague for fellowship, please send a brief letter to our Deputy Regent, Dr. R. Don Hoffman outlining the



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person's qualifications and he will take it from there!

On a final note. Your leadership team has been busily engaged in making sure that the Pennsylvania Chapter of the International College Dentists, U.S.A. Section passes muster with all of the applicable IRS regulations for small nonprofit organizations such as ours. We have applied for and received our new E.I.N. (employer identification number). We have been incorporated as a nonprofit organization. We have nearly finished writing the bylaws. (Anyone who wants a copy of that document should contact me at *himmelberger@msn.com*. (It is not *War and* Peace, and could well serve as a sleep aid for anyone suffering from insomnia!). Hopefully by the time this newsletter has gone to press, the application for recognition as a tax exempt organization will have been filed and acted upon and we will be in full compliance.

And lest we end on too heavy a note with all this talk of taxes and the IRS, remember:

KNOWLEDGE is knowing a tomato is a fruit; WISDOM is not putting it in a fruit salad.

# Student Leadership Awards

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All now dentists, the following individuals were the recipients of the 2010 Student Leadership Awards in Pennsylvania. We wish them all the best of luck as they begin their professional careers.

**Christopher Heck** of the Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University

**Daniel Marshall Cummins** of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

**Kathryn Ricks Marks** of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine

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# MEET PENNSYLVANIA'S NEW 2010 ICD FELLOWS



Pennsylvania's ICD Class of 2010: Back Row: Drs. Amid Ismail, Constance Killian, Bernadette Logan, Thomas Petraitis, Edwin Slade, Jr., Donald Wells, Dennis Zabelsky and O. Jack Penhall. Front Row: Drs. Carl Bowser, Barry Cohen, Theodore Croll, Karl Geiger and John Hankle.

Carl Bowser has been practicing general dentistry in York since graduation from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry in 1981. He is a third-generation dentist; his grandfather, Dr. E J Bowser, Sr. practiced from 1924 to 1974, and his father, Dr. E J Bowser, Jr. from 1951 to 1986. Dr. Carl's two sons, Brian and Robert, graduates of Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry, '07 and '10 have

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joined him in the East York office, and his nephew, Dr. Dan Bowser, is presently in an oral surgery residency in Cleveland, Ohio. Carl is proud of the professional family legacy, and had mentored many patients toward careers in dentistry. He has served on PDA sub-committees and in almost all offices of the York County Dental Society, presently acting as the "New Dentist Liaison."

Barry Cohen graduated from University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in 1980. He has been the Director of DKU Continuing Education for the Dental Society of Chester County and Delaware County for 21 years providing Society members with internationally known speakers at an affordable fee. He has also frequently served as a committee chair for the Valley Forge Dental Conference. In addition, he is the Dental Director for the AIDS Care Group, a non-profit agency providing care for those living with HIV. Finally, Dr. Cohen has hosted the Give Kids a Smile and Children from Chernobyl dental programs for the last several years in his private office.

**Ted Croll** is a 1973 graduate of Temple University School of Dentistry. He then served three years as captain and major in the US Army Dental Corps in Hanau, Germany. In 1978, Dr. Croll completed pediatric dentistry specialty training at the University of Connecticut, under Dr. Cosmo Castaldi and Dr. James Rule. That year he opened his pediatric dentistry practice in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Dr. Croll is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He served on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine for 25 years, resigning as Clinical Professor of Pediatric Dentistry in 2004. Currently, he serves as Adjunctive Clinical Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio and Affiliate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Washington School of Dentistry (Seattle). Besides his private practice. Dr. Croll has been a family man, teacher, writer, inventor, articles reviewer, and first baseman for the Buckingham Bucks of the Doylestown Over 35 Modified-Fast-Pitch Softball league.

**Karl Geiger** of York is a 1974 graduate of Temple University School of Dentistry. His practice emphasizes Cosmetic and Neuromuscular dentistry. Karl has been active in organized dentistry and has held several offices in his local dental society. He has two daughters, five grandchildren and his hobbies include tennis, skiing, golf, reading and gardening.

**John Hankle** resides in York and has practiced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for 35 years. His passions include multiple dental missions to Ecuador and involvement in Rotary International.

Amid I. Ismail, BDS, MPH, DrPH, MBA, is the Laura H. Carnell Professor and Dean of Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry. Before joining Temple University, he was Professor and Director of the

Detroit Center for Research on Oral Health Disparities and Director of the Detroit Oral Cancer Prevention Project at the School of Dentistry, University of Michigan. He currently directs the ADA Community Dental Health Coordinator project and the AAEGD Master of Public Health program at Temple University.

Dr. Ismail has been an actively funded researcher since the early 1980s with expertise in populationbased studies, caries research, and interventions to reduce health disparities. He has received over \$15 Million in funding throughout his research career. His expertise is in the field of measurement, outcomes assessment, design and planning for complex statistical analyses, survey methods, and organizational management. Dr. Ismail played a significant role in developing the field of evidence-based dentistry and has been a key consultant to the ADA in this area. He also developed the model of the Community Dental Health Coordinator project for the ADA. He has also served as the Chair of the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs. He has published over 90 articles, several book chapters, and presented at national and international meetings. He has received the University of Michigan Regents Award for Community Service and the H. Trendlev Dean award from the International Association for Dental Research.

Dr. Ismail received his dental training at the College of Dentistry, Baghdad University. He graduated first in a class of 112 students. He has Master and Doctorate degrees in Public Health from the University of Michigan. Dr. Ismail also received an MBA from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan where he graduated with distinction. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health.

**Connie Killian** is in private practice of pediatric dentistry in Doylestown. She has served in various roles in organized dentistry – as a trustee of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, as a consultant for the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the ADA, and as President of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. She is a clinical affiliate at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where she works with post-graduate pediatric dental residents, and is also an Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania. She is one of four faculty members of a national review course for pediatric dentists. On the local level, she works with Doylestown Hospital hospice and has been active in Community Theater and various art programs.

Bernadette Logan enjoys giving back to her community as a member of a local non-profit organization; as a youth soccer coach; as a member of local, district, and state dental access committees; and as an organizer of local Give Kids A Smile events. An integral part of all these activities is the opportunity to teach life skills to children and adults, as well as serve as a positive role model. Being part of each of these teams has many challenges and even more rewards.

After serving as founding Director of the Greene County Dental Clinic for Indigent Children, O. Jack Penhall established his Family Dental Practice in Greensburg. He has practiced in that location for 38 years and has taught at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Penhall has served as a Judge for the ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician Research Program for 30 years and for the last ten has been Chairman of Judges in the Clinical Research and Public Health category.

Thomas C. Petraitis's life's goals and accomplishments have been very simple. He has tried to do his best as a father, husband, dentist, friend, gentleman, and golfer. With many successes and some setbacks it continues to be a work in progress, with the exception of golf, which unfortunately is a lost cause.

Edwin W. Slade, Jr., D.M.D., J.D., received his dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Connecticut/Hartford Hospital. He received his law degree *cum laude* from Temple University School of Law. Dr. Slade is Board Certified by the American Board of Dental Anesthesiology. He is the Past President of the Pennsylvania and Delaware Valley Societies of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He served as District 2 Trustee and is presently the Treasurer of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS). Dr. Slade is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Pharmacology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.

A practicing Board Certified Endodontist in State College and Williamsport, Donald W. Wells spent 21 years in the US Army Dental Corps culminating his career at the rank of Colonel serving as the Dental Commander, Chief of Professional Services. Fort Drum, New York. While stationed in Germany and New York, he served as the Neighborhood Commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America and coached for the Post Youth Sports program, earning the Commander's Community Service Award for his contributions. For the past 16 years, he has focused his efforts on the Seventh District Dental Society, Pennsylvania Dental Association, serving as a member, secretary and PDA Delegate/Alternate. He has continued his professional leadership through contributions to dental literature and lecture presentations.

**Dennis Zabelsky,** a graduate of Temple University School of Dentistry, is a general practitioner in Munhall. He is active in the Steel Valley Rotary Club and has held several offices, including that of president. In addition, he has been active in the Steel Valley School District, serving as the district dentist and volunteering as a tutor for more than 20 years.

We are sorry that George Hamm had to defer until next year. He will be inducted at the ICD Convocation in Las Vegas.

# Congratulations!

**Alvin H. Arzt** has completed his third year as a volunteer dentist with the Chester County Children's Dental Clinic in Coatsville, and he intends to continue.

Alan Borislow, Orthodontic Chairman and Program Director, Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia received the American Board of Orthodontics 2010 Special Recognition Award at the Annual Meeting of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics in Washington, D.C. in May, 2010. The Special Recognition Award was conceived in 1984 and given at the discretion of the Board. This award is given to individuals who have significantly contributed to orthodontic education and furthered the ideals of the American Board of Orthodontics.

**James Boyle** was inducted as President-Elect of the Pennsylvania Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons at the recent AAOMS meeting in Chicago.

Congratulations to **Jack Brent** of Harleysville who retired on December 3, 2010. Jack intends to now devote more time helping children with cleft lip and palate anomalies with Rotoplast.

Mary Ann Davis, outgoing president of the Dental Society of Western Pennsylvania, hosted an Honors dinner. Robert Runzo and Ray Lancione were honored for their many years of dedicated service to the Dental Society of Western Pennsylvania.

Robert H. Fredrickson of Williamsport is a 2010 recipient of the prestigious Lifelong Learning & Service Recognition from the Academy of General Dentistry. The LLSR is presented only to AGD members who have gone above and beyond earning the association's highest honor of Mastership. To accomplish this recognition one must complete at least 1,600 hours of CE in 16 different dental disciplines and complete a minimum of 100 hours of dental-related community volunteer service.

**Richard J. Galeone** was welcomed into Fellowship of the American College of Dentists in Orlando. In addition, the International College of Dentists journalism award for the 2010 Outstanding ICD Newsletter went to Dr. Galeone for his work as editor of *The College Call*.

**John Hankle** has retired from full-time practice but will continue to work part-time as an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon with Susquehanna OMS.

R. Donald Hoffman, ICD Vice Regent and PDA Treasurer, was awarded the prestigious Dr. Albert R. Pechan Award of Excellence for his years of dedicated service to the Dental Profession. Don has also been awarded the "2011 Award of Appreciation" by the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine for his commitment and dedication to the School, organized dentistry, alumni and development initiatives.

**Stephen Kondis** has been elected to a two year term as President of the Medical Bureau of Pittsburgh.

**Steven J. Kukunas,** a practicing prosthodontist and part time professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, has been appointed 2011 Chair of the Western Pennsylvania branch of the American College of Dentists.

**Raymond Lancione** was elected a Director of the Medical Bureau of Pittsburgh.

**Robert Runzo** is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Western Pennsylvania Section of the American College of Dentists. He is also serving as a Director of the Medical Bureau of Pittsburgh.

**Philip Siegel** has been elected Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry.

### William Spruill,

President of the PDA, has earned the 2010 Lifelong Learning & Service Recognition (LLSR) from the AGD for his commitment to lifelong learning, volunteering his services to communities in need,



Lillian Wong and Bill Spruill

mentoring associates and new dentists, and participating in organized dentistry. Fewer than 150 of the AGD's more than 35,000 members have received the prestigious LLSR recognition. Bill and his wife, Dr Lillian Wong, practice dentistry in Carlisle.

**Eli Stavisky** received the Lycoming College Angela R Kyte Outstanding Alumnus Award, given in honor of a lifetime of service to humanity and whose life exemplifies those qualities encouraged and fostered at Lycoming.

**Donald Stoner** has been elected a Director of the Medical Bureau of Pittsburgh.

**James Tauberg** has been elected Vice Chair of the Western Pennsylvania Section of the American College of Dentists.

**Charles R. Weber,** ADA Trustee from Pennsylvania, serves on the Board of Visitors of the National Museum of Dentistry. His ADA trustee assignments this year include liaison to the Council on Communications.

On July 9, 2010, **S. Rand Werrin** celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his patent for the Dental Bite Tray. Over 100 million Triple Trays have been sold worldwide making them one of the most popular impression trays in the world. An interesting article about its development appeared in the July, 2010, issue of Dentistry Today.

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, **Dr. Richard J. Galeone** and it will be included in the next *College Call* and the *KEY* on a space available basis.

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# **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.

John W. Staubach

# How it Felt Becoming a Fellow of the ICD

By Theodore P. Croll, D.D.S., F.I.C.D.

## Wow! Look Mom! This is really something!

How much better could it have been than to come to Florida and have two colleagues and dear friends from my hometown inducted on the same day?

Drs. Connie Killian and Ed Slade, my pediatric dentistry and oral surgery pals from Doylestown, PA enjoyed the whole experience with me.

Dr. Richard Galeone, our Editor, asked me to jot down some thoughts about the induction experience. A whirlwind of things went through my mind during my three day visit to Florida. Foremost in my thoughts was my partner in this life-dentistry journey, Debbie. I met her at Temple University School of Dentistry. She was a dental hygiene student. I married her on April Fool's Day, 1973, and that night flew to Germany for my three-year-hitch in the US Army Dental Corps. Marrying her was the best move I ever made in my life. I'm not so sure that it didn't turn out as a 38-year-long April Fool's joke on her, but we'll see, as more years go by.

I focused on how lucky I was even to get into dental school. I was a "B" student and an English Major at that. The sciences were difficult for me, but I studied with the smartest kids in the class at Temple University, and learned enough by cerebral osmosis and memorization to get my "B's" and even some "A's" in the sciences. I thought of my Calculus II teacher at Temple U., who gave me a "mercy "D" in his course, after I begged for it. I explained to him that I was an English major who wanted desperately to become a dentist for children, and in that quest, couldn't fail any courses. I assured him he was a fine teacher. He was not the problem. However, whatever it takes in a human brain to understand calculus sure didn't exist between my ears. I offered to write him a poem, wash his car or babysit his children. He understood and gifted me with the "D." After that, I

always thought "D" stood for "Darned lucky."

I thought of my "wonderful-good" Mom who single-handedly got my two older sisters and younger brother (U. Pitt. Dental-1974!) *and me* through college while slowly losing her vision to Retinitis pigmentosa. She just celebrated her 88th birthday but insists that she is "31 Celsius." *There's* a metric-Mom for you, and a terrific one at that.

Then I started thinking about all my teachers. The dear ones like Dr. Egidio Torreti, who, after doing a buccal amalgam repair on a mandibular molar for my sister, teaching me, every step of the way, gave me an "A" for the work. "Who did it doesn't matter, Teddy...you always do "A" work for your mother and sisters," Dr. T. told me. His sweetness was infectious and every dental student learned something about how to be from him.

I thought of all my pediatric dentistry teachers (including part-timer Richie Galeone!) in Dr. Bill Binns's Oral Pediatrics Department at Temple. They let me know that you can have a lot of fun in dentistry being serious. That was a stunning revelation and that legacy continued full speed at University of Connecticut after my military service. That is where Dr. Jim Rule and Dr. Cosmo Castaldi and their staff of teachers, taught me about needing eyes, brains, hands, and heart to do what dentists do. They never said it like that, but it was obvious to the residents. Dr. Castaldi taught me you need not be a dental researcher to publish a worthy paper and made sure I learned how to write one. "Pick a topic in the profession that bothers you and write about how to make it better," he advised. Little did he, or I, know how much bothered me.

I think of all of these people and others close to me, virtually every day. I also thought that every colleague of the 260 inductees in that auditorium has a

life of memories, like mine, but unique to their own experiences. I thought of all the good that had been done and will be done in the future by the 260. How pleasing it was to sit and stand with all of them. Samuel L. Clemens noted that the biography of a person cannot be adequately recorded for it exists truly only within the mind of that person. How lucky we are to have all those great influential people in our lives, as part of our own life stories, deep in our thoughts.

In 1958, on Hymes's lot in Utica, New York, when picking teams for one of our usual after-school or weekend baseball games, one of my pals would make sure that he picked me near the beginning of the "choose-ups." On other nights, I would make sure I picked him. A vote of friendship like that meant a lot to a ten-year-old. What meant even more was learning later that social dynamics did influence team picks, but my friend also thought that I was a good player.

Knowing that your colleagues think of you as a friend and a good player is a deeply fulfilling feeling. When Dr. Richard Galeone nominated me for induction into the International College of Dentists, it was like an old pal wanted me on his team. It was a particularly high compliment for me because I consider Richard, long time Editor of the Pennsylvania Dental Journal and now Editor of the USA ICD Section one of dentistry's most entertaining and best writers. He will certainly be embarrassed publishing this comment, but I will insist upon no editing.

My final thoughts about induction into the International College of Dentists are of gratitude for the ICD's recognition of my work since the 1970s. I very much appreciate the honor and compliment of being selected for this remarkable worldwide team and my pride at being a member is just beginning.



# **COLLEGE CALL IS RECOGNIZED**

The USA Section of the International College of Dentists recognized our own *College Call* newsletter with its Award in Journalism as the **2010 Outstanding ICD Newsletter.** Pennsylvania Regent, Dr. Linda Himmelberger, accepted the award from USA Section President, Dr. Ted Roberson, in Orlando.

## WHAT IS THE ICD?

The International College of Dentists (ICD), established in 1927, is an honorary dental organization with over 11,000 Fellows in 100 countries throughout the world. Fellowship in the College is by invitation only and is granted in recognition of an individual dentist's "outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind." Additional information on ICD governance and humanitarian projects may be viewed at **www.icd.org**.

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