

# *California News*

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## **Jeffrey Moses creates Smiles International Foundation**

Dr. Jeff Moses saw the need for children afflicted with facial cleft deformities from his first trips with the Flying Samaritans after finishing dental school at UOP. Funding by the Naval Scholarship and a desire to fly led him to serve with the group's many flying dental missions along the coasts of Baja, Mexico. He discovered that both advanced surgical and anesthesia services were greatly needed by the local children. His navy field experience enabled him to perform



## **Ronald Fritz contributes a mission to Guatemala**

Dr. Fritz's excitement was running in high gear for his first mission to the highlands of Guatemala. A portable dental clinic was set up in the local hospital in Chinaasir in the Chulac area. Some local inhabitants were trained to assist. Rampant dental disease was common. Accompanied by two colleagues, Roy Hammond, also an ICD member, and Richard

## ***Henrik Hansen named District 13 Regent***

Dr. Hansen has had a private practice in Fairfield since 1978. Like all of us, he remembers clearly when he received his fellowship from ICD. Henrik asks all of us to nominate other deserving Californai dentists for fellowship.

Dr. Hansen has served as CDA trustee, ADA delegate, and was on the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs. He invites suggestions and comments about our district any time.



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Hagstrom. Dr. Hammond performed some one-visit bridges and Dr. Hagstrom did some endodontic procedures. Oral surgery was a common procedure.

The Guatemalan patients were very grateful for these services at a nominal cost to them, less than \$4 US dollars. Three recent graduates of the Universidad San Carlos dental school joined them in providing treatment.

All doctors returned home with touching memories of their experiences. They want to give thanks to these other sponsoring non-profit organizations: Crown Council, Choice Humanitarian, Smiles for Hope, Esperanza International, and Smiles for Life.



See picture below of the doctors and their volunteers.



## Changeover for USA Section

President Charles L. Smith announces the appointments of Admiral Elaine Wagner as our new Registrar as of January 10, 2017 and Dr. H. Clifton Simmons III as Section Editor. Dr. Wagner continues the tradition of retired Admirals or Generals serving as Registrars. Dr. Simmons is a past president of the Tennessee Dental Association and the editor of their journal.

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operations in limited conditions. It began a life-long opportunity for him to provide craniofacial service missions.

After becoming American Board Certified in Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery, he used his professional contacts and love for teaching to create the Pacific Clinical Research Foundation, which became the Smiles International Foundation, to gather specialists and funds to provide free charitable service for children afflicted with facial cleft deformities.

After Dr. Moses realized there was more to do in Baja, he set his foundation's task to form several more clinic mission sites internationally, of which two of these focused on completing the coverage of Baja.

Today, along with Rotary International's Thousand Smiles working four times per year in Ensenada, Tecate-Smiles and Cabo-Smiles are now operating three times a year in Tecate and Cabo San Lucas, the entire Baja region is served, completing Dr. Moses's dream, Baja-Smiles.

*All members are invited to join the Smiles International Foundation.*

## *Student Leadership and Humanitarian Award Recipients for*

*2016*

### *Leadership:*

- ◆ *James Fudusenko: LLU*
- ◆ *Kelly B. Nguyen: UCLA*
- ◆ *Nicole LaMantia: UCSF*
- ◆ *Sophie R. Couto: USC*
- ◆ *Adam M. Miller: UOP*

### *Humanitarian:*

- ◆ *Brian Lehigh: UCLA*
- ◆ *Danielle Celia Dallal: UCSF*
- ◆ *Yesenia M. Valencia: USC*
- ◆ *Wesley R. Hollis: UOP*



### **How can you help from your office?**

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**Section 1 USA**

**Annual meeting and convocation: October 16-19, 2017**  
Atlanta, Georgia: Omni Hotel at CNN Center