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REGENT'S REPORT

I would like to congratulate our 35 new Fellows that were inducted at the convocation in San Antonio on Friday, October 17, 2008. District IV had the largest number of inductees in the USA Section. Our District has had a 10% increase in our number of new Fellows each year for the last three years. Needless to say the quality of our candidates has been outstanding.



I would also like to thank all our Fellows for their support in nominating excellent candidates for Fellowship. Special kudos goes to Col. Priscilla Hamilton, DC, USA, our Deputy Regent for the Army, who had 10 new Fellows. Dr. Margot Culotta-Norton, our Deputy Regent for DC, had 9 new Fellows and deserves kudos as well. Sincere thanks goes to all of our Constituents, their Deputy Regents, and officers for all of their efforts and support.

Next year the ICD Convocation will be in Hawaii on Friday, October 2, 2009. I encourage all of our Fellows to nominate candidates for Fellowship that are deserving of this honor. I would suggest that you submit all of your CIFs as early as possible to your Deputy Regents.

This year the ICD is awarding recognition pins to 15 and 25 year Fellows. The pins can be attached to your ICD lapel pin. This recognition is usually given at one of the local functions of your Constituent Chapter. Congratulations to all of our Fellows who have reached these plateaus.

ICD CEC in Baltimore, April 19-20, 2009

Our District has been selected as the site for the BOR meeting, CEC, and post trip in April, 2009. This is a real honor for our District. The CEC part of the meeting will be at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in the Inner Harbor of Baltimore on Sunday and Monday, April 19-20, 2009. We have excellent speakers and there is no charge for Fellows to attend the scientific lectures. We plan to visit the new Dental School at the University of Maryland and have cocktails and dinner at the National Dental Museum. Brochures will be sent out in a few weeks with details and registration information and an article is planned for the next edition of the *Key-Mail*.

The CEC will be followed by a post trip to Annapolis and the Naval Academy and to Washington, DC. The headquarters for the post trip will be the Gaylord Hotel on the Potomac in the National Harbor area of DC. This is a vibrant new area and is located close to many interesting attractions and shopping. The dates for the post trip are Tuesday to Thursday, April 21-23, 2009. Please mark the dates in your calendar. Complete details and itinerary will be available in the near future.

I wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Yours in Fellowship,

W. Michael Kenney, DDS, MS

Regent, District IV

AIR FORCE



Col. William J. Dunn with Regent Mike Kenney



New Air Force Fellows: from left to right: **Col. J.P. Fancher, Col. Mick McConnel, Col. Thomas Schneid, Col. Thomas Grace, Col. Craig Fowler, and Col. Phil Sandefur**

MARYLAND

The Maryland Chapter of the ICD completed its annual activities for '08 with the General Membership Meeting held on Thursday, November 13th in Columbia, Maryland. The Maryland Chapter presents an award each year to the University of Maryland dental student who achieved the highest academic standing in last year's freshman class. The award is the Dr. George B. Clendenin Award, named for the former President of the USA Section of the ICD. This year's



winner was Ms. Alisha Motl.

In addition, three new Fellows were welcomed into the Maryland Chapter:



Introduction of new Fellows:

**Deputy Regent Ed Morris, John T. Modic, Robert. S. Maupin, Regent Mike Kenney
(Lawrence Wang was unable to attend)**

We also acknowledged those members who have been members of the ICD for 15 and 25 years. We are proud to note that the two most senior members of the Maryland Chapter are Dr. Harry Dressel, a member for 43 years and Dr. Joseph Cappuccio, former ADA President, and a member for 52 years.



Mel Kushner and John Patterson receive 15-year pins.

The Maryland Chapter also held its annual Forum with the Junior Dental Class of the U of MD. This event is a component of the Dental School's course in Ethics and Professionalism.

The theme was “Leadership” and its purpose was to encourage the students to become active and involved in their community and in their profession.

As I am sure all are aware, District IV is the host of the 2009 CEC in Baltimore, MD. I encourage everyone to reserve the dates in your calendar now. Let’s make the ’09 CEC the most successful event ever.

Edwin L. Morris, DDS
Deputy Regent

MEMORIES

In 2008, the Maryland Chapter lost two members who, over many years, were tireless contributors to organized dentistry, a reflection of the criteria for selection into Fellowship in the International College of Dentists. It seems appropriate to include personal memories of these two Fellows, and as Editor, I greatly appreciate the emotional task that each family member took to express the following recollection of their Dad:

Sheldon Silverman – Dentist, Humanitarian, Mentor

by Jonathan E. Silverman, DDS

I was blessed with the great privilege of having Sheldon Silverman as my father. As I grew up seeing him go off to work each day and return home so tired each night, I could never really conceive of what it was that he spent all day doing. Sure, as a kid growing up in the 60’s, I had teeth he had to restore, but that did not give me a real sense of what he spent his full time doing. I could not conceive of the challenges of running and producing in a full-time dental practice until I started actually working with him in 1985. His intense energy, productivity and drive, kept the practice humming along as a well-oiled machine. This was only one facet of this great man. My mother, sister and family dearly miss this man of great presence. His contributions far exceed what he gave to his patients and myself.

His immense contributions to organized dentistry made him a giant in the field. As I worked with him to put his Curriculum Vitae into electronic format I had to struggle for hours to shrink fonts and squeeze all of his activities into two crammed-full pages. When I was young he served his dental fraternity, Alpha Omega in many ways. The University of Maryland Dental School Alumni Association was his passion and seeing the divided alumni association reunited gave him great pride. Baltimore City Dental Society was another passion of his; through this organization he provided great service to the MSDA. Truly, organized dentistry has suffered a great loss with the passing of Sheldon Silverman.

My father’s nomination to the State Board of Dental Examiners was a great honor to him and it was one that he worked tirelessly to fulfill. His served the state in many capacities. His extensive contributions won him a governor’s citation that I proudly display. Yes, despite his high level of service to the citizens of the State of Maryland, he never abandoned his compassion for the hard-working; formerly known as wet-fingered, dentist in all of his dental board activities. He brought a

sense of sanity, reason and true caring to the board that has not been seen with any consistency. Yes, this was a man whose contributions will live as a permanent legacy of his greatness.

As the dentist son of this man I have studied his ways in private practice extensively. I asked him for advice so many times that I got to the point where I could recite his answers even before I asked him the question. Each and every piece of wisdom he shared with me was a gem, and I use each of them extensively even today. His support made everything more fun and rewarding and I will miss him greatly. To each of you who knew him, I thank you for the fulfillment you brought to his life and I strive to be qualified to represent his name. I want to personally thank the dental profession for all that you gave to Sheldon Silverman. It was his pleasure to give to you!

D. Michael Brown, DDS

by Wendy Brown, DDS

When asked if I would like to share some thoughts and words about my father, Dr. D. Michael Brown, I immediately said yes. Getting these words on paper, however, was more difficult than I had anticipated! It's not that I didn't know what to say; there's so much to tell. It's just that I couldn't get through my thoughts without tears welling up in my eyes as I reflected upon the most incredible man I will ever have the chance to know.

So many of you knew Mike Brown the professional; the private practitioner, the Dental School faculty member, the leader in Organized Dentistry. The kind words that so many of you sent our way were most comforting and right on the mark. Here are just a few; he was a true gentleman/ a dear friend and colleague/ the type of person many of us would like to emulate/ he led by example/ he was a mentor/ he was a quiet leader/ he stood for what he believed was in the best interest of others/ he talked to me before I was "anyone"/ he respected everyone around him/ he will be truly missed. I could go on and on!

I'd like you to know a bit about the Mike Brown that I knew. He had just turned 16 when he started college, the Great Books Program at St. John's College in Annapolis. He was bright, intuitive, and welcomed the demanding curriculum of such a unique educational program. He maintained a private dental practice for many years, and eventually decided to become a full time faculty member at the Dental School. He was very active in Organized Dentistry, and in his community. I remember his going to many meetings, but some of my most vivid memories are of my two sister and I sitting on the floor of the bedroom, watching in awe as my parents would get ready for Southern Maryland and MSDA events. He was so handsome in his tuxedo, my mom so beautiful in her gown. Wow, I would think, this dentistry thing is pretty cool! He taught me to do so many things- from diving through the waves at the beach; to cutting the lawn and planting a garden; from skiing down big mountains to putting up drywall; from catching fish to doing plumbing; from riding a bike to rebuilding the water system at the house. And if we did something wrong (and what kids don't) he did not yell, or spank, or take away privileges. He disciplined us through dialogue, asking us to think about what we did, and what we might do differently the next time. For whatever reason, I usually thought my explanation of "I didn't do it on purpose" was sufficient. It was indeed sufficient enough for me to have some extra time to think about it!

He did not compare me to others, nor did he allow me to compare myself to others either. With each of his daughters, he asked that we be the best that we could possibly be. He encouraged us to challenge ourselves, to seek the road less traveled, to take whatever opportunities we had and to make the very best of them. He taught us to be honest and respectful, that nothing worth having is just handed to you but rather earned through hard work and effort, and that saving up for that special thing, or event, makes it that much more gratifying.

He was someone's husband, father, grandfather, brother, colleague, neighbor, friend. I had the honor and privilege of knowing, loving, and admiring Mike Brown as a father, a teacher, a mentor, a confidant, and a friend. I know that you will not think of him as many times as day as I do, but I do hope that when you think of D. Michael Brown you will do so with a smile on your face. Miss you, Dad!

From the Editor:

Planning a newsletter begins with a fear of not having enough information that will be interesting to the readers in District IV, yet this issue became longer than anticipated. The Maryland Chapter has no desire to dominate a document such as this, and it is hoped other Chapters will submit their news for future editions. Pit Johnson, Editor