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The Academy of Prosthodontics Celebrates 75th Anniversary



Photo by Dr. G. Rogoff

The Executive Council

Drs. Plekavich, Graser, President Swoope(93-94), President Lang(92-93), Dr. Smutko, (front row l-r);

Drs. Desjardins, Landesman, Bell, Lord, and Smith, (back row l-r).



"The Chase"

President Brien Lang and his wife Jo welcomed us to the lush gardens, beautiful city, and mountain-framed port of Vancouver. The Executive Council worked diligently to meet their goals under the direction of an experienced and seasoned President. At the Business meeting President Lang profiled new and expanded horizons for the Academy to contemplate. We thank you for your organizational skills and guidance during the 75th Diamond Anniversary of the Academy of Prosthodontics and look forward to the further development of the Academy's goals and objectives.

Program Chair George Smutko and his committee prepared an excellent program. We were stimulated from the opening speakers on: the social and economic factors in prosthodontic practice and education; effects of diet and lifestyle — to the "state of the art" for color reproduction; all ceramic restorations; considerations in treatment planning for sectioned molars; and, rotational path removable partial denture designs.

Significant information was imparted on the many factors of wound healing, guided bone regeneration, augmentation, and delayed versus immediate implant placement.

Brian Toolson and Richard Grisius should be recognized for organizing the Table Clinics, as well as the individual efforts of the clinicians which added to our meeting. Another substantially important function is photography of essayists, Officers, Fellows and guests by Gerald Barrack. A-V Coordinator Ron Jarvis, assisted by Ed Riley and Roy Yanase, should be applauded for making their efforts appear transparent.

Local Arrangement Chairs, Richard and Mary Frank and, Honorary Co-Chairs Chuck and Mamie Bolender and committee are to be congratulated for planning the exciting social activities beginning with the grand Scottish bagpipe entry. The background information of art symbolism and local native folklore provided by Sandra Stevenson-Moore set a mood of mystery and magic in the air as the week began. The commissioned Indian art work "The Chase" by Danny Dennis, a Tsimshian Native of the Frog Clan from the Gitskan Village of Kitwanga, was an exceptional commemoration and apropos memento to celebrate our anniversary.

Gary Rogoff presented an excellent recounting of the history and evolution of the Academy of Prosthodontics. The archive treasures will be long remembered.

The Presidents' Reception was a warm opener with the select wine and Dave Wands' nice touch of home-smoked salmon that is quickly becoming an Academy custom. The calming waters, aquatic life and education of the ocean floor at the Vancouver Aquarium were a piscine delight. The excitement was further contrasted and heightened by the cable car ride to the top of Grouse Mountain. The *lifts and dips* produced simultaneous responsorial vocalizations and wet palms of the gondola passengers as the city descended below. At the top the air was thin, but the fellowship was abounding as we watched the sun set and seemingly embrace the world's best kept secret. The realization of our rich heritage was further recognized during the Annual Banquet in the grand Pacific Ballroom. The keepsake reprint of the Third Annual Meeting Program was appreciated by all. Finally, the week-long activities were captured on film and choreographed beautifully by Baldwin Marchack, aided by George Murrell and Jack Preston, to make this 75th Anniversary unforgettable! ❖

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Perspectives *from the Editor*

The Talking Stick, the Conch, and the Gavel

In Vancouver we learned about the local native custom of the "talking stick." The mystical power of a *talking stick* was intriguing and the guidelines for its use were as basically fundamental as to be unrefutable. According to custom the talking stick was passed along and each holder was afforded the opportunity to speak his mind, while others "held their tongue" rendering respect for the stick-holder's opinion on the compelling issue.

One has to wonder how many times the stick completed full circle only to start around again if the issues were unresolved. Logic would suggest that eventually the answer to the issue became self-evident as a consensus was achieved, or the elder-chieftain-CEO obtained a supporting mandate.

When thrust into a situation where a constitution or by-laws do not exist, the potential for those more influential by height, bright or might can occur as in William Golding's novel *Lord of the Flies*. The author leads the reader into a simple understanding of human frailty as the marooned young men place value in a rare solitary *conch* shell. The conch shell was perceived by all as being beautiful in contrast to living on the rugged island and thus was given extrinsic power.

Like the talking stick, the conch was passed around. Each was given an opportunity to speak his mind as to the best way to lead and survive on the lawless untamed desolate island. The talking stick and conch had minimal intrinsic monetary value, yet had a priceless inherent endowment for the future hope of achieving structure out of chaos.

Organizations today have a talking stick in the form of a *gavel*. Interestingly, these similar instruments are made out of wood, yet can work differently. The gavel is used to maintain order and suppress overheated or unsupported arguments, while the talking stick is used to procure the wisdom or commentary from those who may be too reticent to speak.

Those who hold the gavel are recognized and respected for their opinions as they were appointed in a discerning selection process by those they represent. The gavel provides direction and structure to achieve orderly outcomes while those in the quorum are provided the opportunity or are "given the floor" to interject ideas for the betterment of the whole. The discussions and transactions that follow may allow direction to be perceived and ensuing vote to be achieved.

Talking Stick continued on page 4

Secretary-Treasurer Notes by G. N. Graser

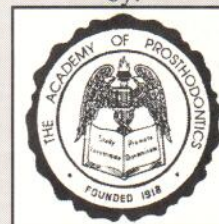
The 75th Anniversary Meeting was a special occasion for the Academy of Prosthodontics. President Lang (92-93), Program Chair Smutko and Local Arrangements Chair Frank and their committees, along with others, helped to make the Vancouver meeting a great success.

President Swoope (93-94) and the Officers of the Academy met on Camano Island in Washington to keep the ball rolling (photo on page 4). Many fruitful discussions were held along with good fellowship. Charges to the committees will be forthcoming. The Preliminary 1994 Scientific Program has been assembled by Program Chair Desjardins' committee and will be distributed. Please personally contact potential guests and tell them about the meeting in Orlando, May 11-16, 1994 at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel. Send me the names of all interested individuals so they can be sent a formal guest registration form later in the year.

Now is the time to consider nominating potential new Associate Fellows. To date, nominations have been received for Dr. Izchak Barzilay, Dr. Carol Lefebvre and Dr. Kenneth Malament. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary-Treasurer and should be received by **November 11**. Also, a reminder to all committees that Associate Fellows are full voting members of committees.

Negotiations are under way for the 1997 meeting site in Halifax. Please send suggestions for the 1998 Central-Midwestern-North American site. Locations most frequently mentioned include Colorado Springs, New Orleans, San Antonio, Nashville and Houston. The traditional Breakfast Meeting of the Academy of Prosthodontics, followed by the Executive Council Meeting will be held Sunday, **February 20, 1994**, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago. Committee Chairs present should give mid-year reports at the Council Meeting. ♦

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News of the Fellowship

Dr. Ken Rudd received the Carl O. Boucher Award during the FPO House of Delegates meeting in September. Dr. Rudd was also recently installed as President-Elect and **Dr. George Smutko** as Vice-President of the American Prosthodontic Society.

Dr. George Zarb was awarded the IADR Research Prize for Prosthodontic and Implant Research.



Bridge to beautiful Stanley Park in Vancouver.

Drs. Dale Smith and **John Young** were voted into Life Fellowship at the Vancouver meeting and will be installed at the Orlando meeting. Their contributions to the Academy are many. We look forward to their continued interest, support and guidance in the future.

Dr. Tom Taylor was elected to serve on the American Board of Prosthodontics beginning September 1, 1994. Dr. Taylor is an Assistant Editor for the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry* and an Abstract Editor for the *International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants*.



Announcements

- Please contact potential guests for the 1994 Orlando, Florida meeting and provide names and addresses to the Secretary-Treasurer.
- The deadline for nominations of potential Fellows is November 11, 1993. Please review the 1993 program for other potential nominees.
- President Charles C. Swoope has a new FAX number: ☎ (206) 455-2194.

In Memorium

Lynn C. Dirksen

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Foundation Report

Foundation Sponsors Outreach Program

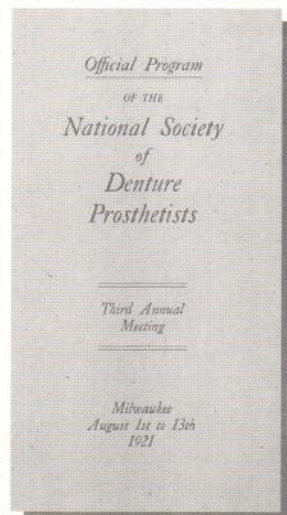
by Clifford W. VanBlarcom
APF Secretary-Treasurer

The Foundation continues to expand its efforts in promotion of prosthodontics through several outreach programs and activities. During late September and early October, nine Academy Fellows traveled to Ada, Oklahoma where they rendered care to Native Americans at the Carl Alpert Public Health Service Hospital and Outpatient Facility. Accompanied by Gary Rogoff's laboratory technician, our Fellows treated many who needed complete denture care. The entire project was underwritten by the Foundation, with help from many dental manufacturers who supplied materials and financial assistance.

Special Projects Chairperson Ed Plekavich said the project was "perfect" and a great first event toward

outreach in more remote locations next year. Possible itineraries may include Montana and Alaska.

Also, the Foundation will provide major financial underwriting for our 1994



meeting to support honoraria for guest speakers, audio-visual needs and facilities.

Finally, the Foundation in conjunction with the Academy, will be publishing the 6th Edition of the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms this winter. This is a major revision of the document and promises to provide more comprehensive definitions and more depth with respect to our specialty language, while providing the Foundation with a source of revenue to augment its other programs.

With the winding down of the E&R Foundation, our new Academy Foundation promises to take all of the best efforts of those Fellows who over the years, have nurtured our earlier Foundation into the twenty first century with new vision and direction! ♦

House of Delegates Votes to Dissolve the FPO

The 1993 FPO Executive Council approved the concept of conducting a Goals and Objectives workshop prior to the September 1993 House of Delegates meeting. Each member organization prepared a position paper stating their organizations' thoughts relative to the future of the FPO in view of the new relationship of the ACP with the ADA. Each member organization was requested to send their president or designee to the workshop. The four Reference Committees reviewed the recommendations from the workshop and voted to dissolve the FPO during the full House of Delegates meeting. Representatives from the ACP abstained from the voting process placing the outcome upon the balance of the remaining member organizations.

The ACP is evaluating the feasibility of including other member organizations within their structure.

A transition year is needed to complete or transfer the current FPO activities that are in progress. This will require that we act responsibly by assisting the FPO by paying our 1994 dues in a timely manner. Hesitation may delay the transition during this delicate time period and could be detrimental to the specialty. The FPO and Mr. Peter Goulding have given prosthodontics 27 good years — lets show our support in return! ♦



Officers meet on Camano Island.

Talking Stick, continued

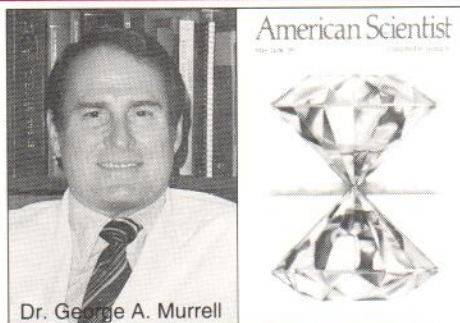
These inanimate objects that we empower can also be our downfall. Occasionally it may be too easy to refrain from speaking or from holding the "talking-stick" possibly affecting a different consequence. This may be labeled "*unanimous converging complacency*" — the disease of apathy where everyone outwardly appears to agree. This is an insidious process that undermines structure and whose beginnings defy location.

Opposing viewpoints should not be perceived as confrontational but rather directional stabilization. They also correctly frame each issue bringing us closer to truth and equipoise — a state of balance. It is important for all to be heard, including those who may dissent, as it may bring health and strength to any organization. The next time someone offers you a chance to hold a "talking stick" seize it and speak your mind! The talking stick, conch or gavel will be empowered in the process bringing about the mystical energy of organization and purpose. ♦

One-on-One with Dr. George A. Murrell Sigma Xi - An Opportunity

Several years ago, my patient, a somewhat aloof science professor was reading 'my' copy of **American Scientist**. I casually mentioned I hadn't realized I brought my copy into the office, to which he responded, "*This is my magazine, ... oh, you're in Sigma Xi too?... I thought you were just a Dentist.*" The Science Professor was never aloof again. This was a prevalent attitude towards dentistry some years ago. I can remember when I first started teaching in Dental School in the mid 50's, a student remarked that he couldn't understand why he had to take all those science courses, they would never do him any good, and anyway, in technics they already knew everything you had to know to be a good dentist. I was aghast! Fortunately, not too many others shared his feelings or where would we be today?

Since that time, dental science has experienced an extraordinary growth and sophistication which has made possible many of the



remarkable treatment procedures and equipment we enjoy in clinical practice today. For this to occur, there had to be dental scientists, teachers and researchers to make it happen. It is to these people that this article is directed; an opportunity for membership in Sigma Xi which has meant so much to me.

Sigma Xi is a Scientific Research Society with a membership of more than 100,000 scientists, 150 Nobel laureates and about 500 Society Chapters in major universities throughout North America and abroad. Sigma Xi was founded in 1886 at Cornell University as a scientific honor society for scientists and engineers. Today, Sigma Xi has expanded its role to include enhancing public knowledge among scientists in all disciplines, granting aid to young research-

ers, publishing the **American Scientist** magazine and convening workshops to encourage interaction among science, technology and society.

Membership in Sigma Xi is by *invitation* and is considered a prestigious accomplishment in the University community. One can become very active in Society affairs or enjoy the freedom of minimal participation. Dues are nominal and include a subscription to **American Scientist**, invitations to Sigma Xi functions and all other Society information. Many dental researchers have unknowingly satisfied the requirements for membership with the continued growth and activity in dental academics and science. Those interested in expanding their knowledge in other disciplines of science and enjoying the recognition and prestige of Sigma Xi membership, may contact Dr. Murrell or the address below for further information. ♦

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