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**The Academy of Prosthodontics
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at the
Buena Vista Palace**



Buena Vista Palace

Scientific Session

The Program Committee is pleased with the outstanding speakers that have consented to make presentations at the annual meeting. The Thursday through Monday scientific program will provide a wealth of updated information on many topics. Highlights of some of the presentations follow.

The session immediately following the opening ceremonies is specifically designed with spouses in mind. Ms. Marianne Hockema, a communication specialist at the Mayo Clinic, will discuss the "Power of Listening", and Dr. Marc Heft, a geriatric specialist from the University of Florida, will discuss "Successful Aging." Please encourage all spouses of members and guests to attend. They will be upset if they miss these speakers.

The Thursday session will also include two presentations by the International Circuit Course speaker, Dr. William Murphy of Cardiff, Wales.

The Sunday session will be totally devoted to the "Application of Electronic Technology in Prosthodontics." Howard Landesman and Jack Preston have put together an exciting program to bring us the latest advances in the use of computers in our practices. The program will offer state-of-the-art advice for novice as well as the seasoned user of computers.

The Monday session is devoted to Implant Prosthodontics with many interesting topics. Tom Taylor and H.P. Weber will discuss single stage endosseous implants during this session.

Gerry Barrack and Baldwin Marchack will present "Highlights of Orlando" at the conclusion of the scientific program on Monday. Their summary of the Vancouver meeting was outstanding. All of the members, guests and spouses are invited. You will want to stay until the very end.

Each morning of the program is packed with a wealth of information. **YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS A SINGLE PRESENTATION.**

Ron Desjardins, Scientific Program

Social Events

Let the Adventure Continue for the Academy's 76th anniversary year in the Orlando, Florida area. There will be much more than just something for everyone! Professional enhancement, family enrichment, social activities, entertainment bonanza, different experiences, sport activities: tennis, golf, swimming, jogging, walking, preferred relaxation, etc. to name a few. Excellent amenities in the conveniently located Buena Vista Palace, a ladies' outing to renowned Winter Park, a couples outing to fabulous Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven in addition to our usual receptions, dinners, and banquet are in the offing.

You will be mailed an informative "planning kit" which will include topics from Arrival to Weather. The Local Arrangements folks eagerly await your arrival in the Alma Mater state of President Swoope and Lynne. **GO GATORS!**

Davis Henderson, Local Arrangements



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Perspectives *from the Editor*

The CHICAGO Tea Party?

The Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations (FPO) met in Chicago this past February. The weather was unusually warm for a winter day in the "windy-city." Lake Michigan had started to thaw early and the water was not its usual blue color. During the meeting a variety of issues were openly discussed or became self-evident without discourse. It would appear that the FPO will no longer exist after 1994 — at least not in its current form. The reduction in the FPO dues collected for 1994 will have a curtailing effect upon planned activities. This shortfall may underscore for some the perceived demise and lack of need for organized prosthodontics by discreet individual prosthodontic interests.

The idea of a Forum of Affiliated Organizations (FAO) was conceptualized and presented to the FPO in September of 1993. The motion to dissolve the FPO during that same meeting sailed through the Reference Committees and the House of Delegates

without as much as a torn jib. Was it because it might be possible to have a voice in prosthodontics through the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP)?

The concept that the ACP could have FAO members who were not prosthodontists is somewhat bewildering. The original thrust of the ACP was that it should be the sponsor and spokesperson for Prosthodontics because it was the sole group that represented only prosthodontists and had the greatest membership numbers. The ACP is under no obligation, morally or legally, to include outside prosthodontic interests in their organizational structure in any form. Nor should the latter impose their presence or wishes upon internal ACP issues. Nevertheless, the ACP acknowledgment of the Forum concept appears to be genuine except for the issue of voting.

Fear of a potential "block-vote" seemed to be a concern. The ACP House of Delegates operates on a simple majority, therefore, a single vote could potentially determine the outcome of an issue if it were equally divided.

While this may concern some, it would be more of a concern that the issue was equally divided. A compromise is being explored whereby three FAO member organizations might have one vote within the ACP-FAO structure.

The outcome of the dissolution of the FPO and its impact (or vacuum) upon member organizations allows various scenarios to be imagined. Some organizations may march off indignantly into the sunset never to be heard from again or may seek a "voice" through other organizations. There will be other organizations with a deep rooted sense of purpose, direction, and self-actuation that will continue to be strong leaders in prosthodontics and will likely be the proactive driving force to further the specialty and the discipline.

The risks are minimal with a FORUM concept while the benefits are excellent for everyone. However, a forum without a vote is not a FORUM at all, and might as well not exist.

Jonathan P. Wiens, Editor ❖

Secretary-Treasurer Notes

The Fellowship Breakfast was attended by some 35 Life, Active and Associate Fellows. Chet Perry sent regards and regrets that he couldn't join us in Chicago, but hopes to be with us in Orlando. Chet relayed news that Ralph Boos is in a nursing home in Florida. Howard and Ann Payne forwarded a written update on Local Arrangements for Tucson in 1995.

The Executive Council meeting was productive and many committees made good progress on their agendas. Please have your final committee reports to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than April 20.

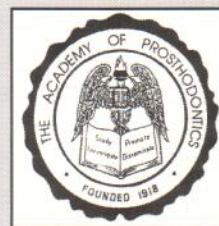
President Swoope, Recording Secretary Plekavich and I flew from Chicago to the Buena Vista Palace in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The hotel setting, located in the Buena Vista Village area is superb. One can walk to shops, restaurants and an amusement area, which includes theaters and night life. The DisneyWorld® Resort, Epcot® Center is a shuttle bus away. Bring the children and grandchildren for a great time! Tennis is available on the premises and golf

is nearby. The hotel has an exercise and jogging facility within the resort.

Scientific Program Chair Desjardins and committee have put together an outstanding program, from implants, TM disorders and fixed prosthodontics to computers. After stimulating the mind, the rest of the body will have an opportunity to enjoy the careful planning of the Local Arrangements Committee chaired by Davis Henderson, Hart Long and spouses. The Cypress Gardens outing is a must!

You should have received a preliminary letter from the Local Arrangements Committee regarding the meeting, use of United Airlines as the official carrier and room registration cards for the hotel. If not, please notify me. The Welcome Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 11 and the program will conclude around noon on Monday, May 16. The printed program booklet along with the Social Events sign-up form should have arrived. If you haven't already done so, invite a guest to enjoy the "Magic" of Orlando! Secretary Treasurer Graser ❖

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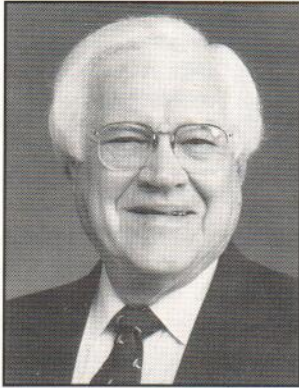
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News of the Fellowship



Dr. Kenneth Rudd

Dr. Kenneth D. Rudd, Professor Emeritus, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, has been elected President of the American Prosthodontic Society and was installed at the organization's recent scientific meeting in Chicago. After serving for many years as Associate Dean for Continuing Education, he was named Professor Emeritus for distinguished and honorable

service, outstanding leadership and excellence in contributions to prosthodontics and continuing education. He also received the Federation of Prosthodontic Organization's Carl O. Boucher award at the February FPO meeting. He succeeds Dr. Alan C. Keyes, Glenview, Illinois. **Dr. George E. Smutko**, was named President-Elect and **Dr. Charles C. Swoope**, is the new Vice President-Elect.



Associate Fellows will be meeting on Friday May 13 immediately following the Scientific Session with Drs. Grisius and Wiens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 1995 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Prosthodontics will be held May 19-24, 1995 in Tucson. The Program Committee is now planning the Scientific Program. The Committee welcomes any members suggestions for topics and/or speakers. Please forward your suggestions as soon as possible to:

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The Chronology Leading to the Dissolution of the FPO by Ed Plekavich

This sidebar information is provided in reference to the current FPO Resolutions. Ed.

December 1992- ADA Council on Education approved the application of the ACP to sponsor the American Board of Prosthodontics.

September 1993- The FPO House of Delegates directed the Officers to develop a plan for the transfer of FPO functions to the ACP. The House of Delegates approved the 1994 budget.

February 1994- The FPO Executive Committee reduced the 1994 budget because of a shortfall in dues collected (\$26,000 less than last year). There will not be a 1994 FPO House of Delegates, Newsletter or Directory. The present Officers will serve until December 1994. There will be a mail ballot to vote on:

Resolved, that on December 31, 1994, the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations be dissolved, and be it further

Resolved, that any FPO assets that remain be transferred to the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation specifically for support of the Prosthodontic Research Symposium.

Resolved, that there is support for the FORUM concept by the organizations. However, the lack of representation in the American College of Prosthodontists House of Delegates is unacceptable. This body recommends that the College re-examine the Delegates issue and propose an alternative method of voting representation by FORUM members within the House of Delegates of the American College of Prosthodontists.

Academy Outreach

Reaching Out in Ada by Bob Gillis

In September of 1993 I boarded an airplane for Ada, Oklahoma. I had not given it much thought the previous May when Ed Plekavich had asked me to sign-up for a volunteer project for the Foundation. I had just as quickly said "yes" when in June I received a call asking me to prepare for the trip. Now as I sat on the airplane and looked at the *list* of my fellow volunteers. I asked myself, "what did I say yes to...?"

On the list was some of the most reputed prosthodontists in the country. Initially, I felt like I had when I took the Board exam.

My fears and concerns were unfounded, the week in Ada was one of the best of my life. Yes, we worked hard, staying in the laboratory several nights; but, the outcome was extraordinary. Many of the patients had multiple medical problems and had been edentulous for two or more years.

We truly gave these patients a service, we didn't just make them "teeth"—we changed their lives and in the process they changed ours. An additional benefit was the outstanding fellowship among all the "volunteers" and the gratitude expressed by all the staff in Ada.

This year there will be two Out-Reach Programs: one in **Montana** and the second again in **Oklahoma**. Consider investing in a week of your time.

1994 OUTREACH PROJECT

We invite and encourage fellows to join us for one week in 1994 to continue this worthwhile outreach project.

Please contact either co-coordinator.

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ORLANDO ATTRACTIONS

The world-famous **WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort** is made up of three parks. **Disney-MGM Studios Theme Park** - Experience Hollywood in Florida! Visitors can go behind the scenes and see the magic of motion picture and television production. Don't miss Aladdin's Royal Caravan.

The MAGIC KINGDOM® Park is home to Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and all your favorite Disney Characters. Explore seven lands of fantasy and enchantment.

EPCOT® Center: Future World enables guests to enter the world of tomorrow, while World Showcase features an intriguing variety of international food, music, merchandise and people from 11 nations. Check on IllumiNations time for a symphony of lights, lasers, fireworks at the World Showcase Lagoon.

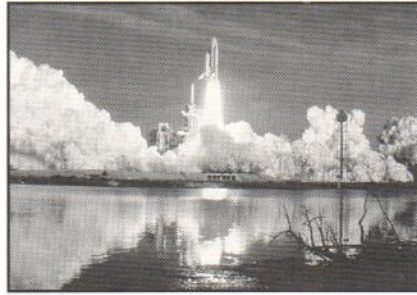


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Disney Village Market-place— is a popular place

to dine in style, find unique gifts and mementos for the whole family. You'll want to see the highly gifted artisans at work. Its just a five minute walk from the Buena Vista Palace.

Pleasure Island— Pleasure Island is an entire island of night time entertainment. In addition to the wide variety of night clubs, shops, theaters, there is a New Year's Eve theme every night. Live entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. It is immediately adjacent to Disney Village Market-place. Don't forget your dancing shoes.



KENNEDY SPACE CENTER'S SPACE-PORT USA is the visitor center at Kennedy Space Center, home launch base of America's Space Shuttle. Strap into a seat and get ready to participate in a simulated lift-off, spacewalk, reentry and landing. Visit the new "Space Mirror" astronaut memorial. (one hour from Orlando).

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cal park. Meet the world's largest collection of dangerous sea creatures ... without getting wet. By car about 10-15 minutes from Buena Vista Palace.



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One-on-One with Clifford VanBlarcom

Building Lasting Foundations

Southwest of Mexico City about two hours drive lies the Village of La Joja. Not to be confused with California, this area provides one with numerous contrasts to America: one rock road up a 30 degree incline, no television, no public transportation, no public water nor sewers; but, there is minimal electrical support. The lights dim whenever one turns on the pump which runs from the cistern filled via the rainwater collected off the roof. This was beside the one room we men sleep in to the roof-top holding tank for the gravity "warm-water" (?) shower. We have had little rain in the past week so the shower is fast and not very warm.

We are here as part of a team of volunteers from the Kansas and Mississippi Conferences of the United Methodist Church to construct a new rural health care clinic. Twenty two members met at the airport in Mexico City. We are all from various walks of life: an insurance salesperson, a physi-

cian, chiropractor, two dentists, several nurses, a minister, auto assembly worker, housewife, school teacher. Our interest is in helping others.

We have been instructed on how we are to prepare the foundation for the clinic. The base will be placed three feet below grade and is to be done their way: by pick and shovel. There are no power tools here....oh, we have access to a concrete mixer if we want to the nearest fuel station and carry it back. Its about one hour each way. Will it work? Perhaps. Our construction team



leader is a local "common laborer" named Bernado. His son, Juan, is 15, not in school, one of six children, and like others, shoeless. He bounds across the rocky terrain faster than we can with our best hard sole shoes. We are to dig out and prepare the footings this week ... 10 hours a day. The going is rough. One rock takes us four hours to demolish. The forms to hold the concrete are of old wood. We wrap them with bailing wire and set in the reinforcing bars we've bent by hand. Hand mixing the concrete on the ground is laborious.

By the fifth day we had the foundations poured and were ready to lay the first bricks for this two story medical/dental clinic. The north wall was completed before we left that night. It was a wonderful sight and a great ending to a perfect week. My son, Andy, and I agreed that this effort was well worth the time and sacrifice. These people are more appreciative than one can imagine. Last year, at a previously completed clinic, I experienced the joy of receiving many smiles of thanks, without pesos, while rendering dental care to these friendly and appreciative people. Quite a contrast to the home town private practice. We will be back this Fall to continue the effort. ♦