

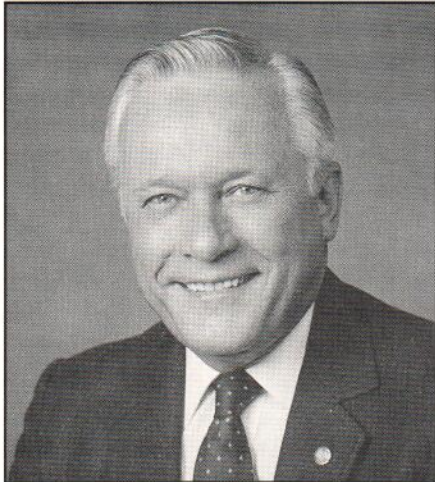
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The President's Message



President Charles C. Swoope

I would like to thank all of you for the confidence you have placed in me as your President. It is an honor and privilege to work together with you this year. We have celebrated our 75th Anniversary and the Foundation has assumed an active role in our activities. This year will continue to change the focus of our Academy. There will be an increase in service to others and changes in our relationships with other organizations within our prosthodontic family.

The Native American Health Project, under the leadership of Ed Plekavich, was a great success. Our Fellows provided care to many patients in desperate need. This outreach project is described on page three and will continue under the direction of Eric Rasmussen. We look forward to continue sharing our efforts and expertise, to help those with unmet prosthodontic needs.

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The Annual Meeting is in Orlando and has an emphasis on family activities. The Buena Vista Palace hotel is adjacent to Disney World and EPCOT. Local Arrangements Chairpersons Nana and Davis Henderson and Ginny and Hart Long, together with their committee, have been working for over a year. An exciting program has been arranged for families, including a visit to Cypress Gardens. There will also be free time for you to enjoy Sea World, MGM and other nearby attractions.

Vice-President Ron Desjardins and his Program Committee have assembled an outstanding Scientific Program. The subjects will provide a comprehensive update, from basic research to clinical practice. Dr. William M. Murphy, from Cardiff, Wales, will present the International Circuit Courses Lecture. It will deal with the delivery of dental services in the U.K., as it has evolved in recent years. A special segment of the program will have topics of interest to spouses and guests, including "Power of Listening" and "Successful Aging."

This will be another pivotal year for our Academy, as various organizations redefine their mission and need to exist. The FPO will end and we will need to decide how to interface with other prosthodontic organizations. I have been asked by the FPO to encourage your support with dues for this year. We were instrumental in the formation of this group and have some obligation to our specialty. A hallmark of our Academy has always been sharing. We have shared talents and efforts to form the FPO, shared projects such as the Glossary and Principles, Concepts, and Practice documents, and we have shared symposiums. These innovative projects, along with new and expanded scientific and outreach programs, will continue to be our heritage.

Committees have an initial charge to continue their work to revise and update their mission to meet the needs of a rapidly changing prosthodontic environment. In addition, new charges have been assigned to expand our role in new areas.

Projects are being developed and your help will be needed. A great source of satisfaction to me, has been the willingness of our Fellowship to serve. I have never had anyone decline a request for assistance or participation. Committees will work with a variety of complex programs. Their recommendations will be coordinated by the Policy Committee, Chaired by Brien Lang, and the President's Advisory Committee, Chaired by Doug Wendt. They will organize these global concerns into action plans for consideration by the Executive Council and Fellowship. This will prevent good ideas from being lost as committees change each year.

"This will be another pivotal year..."

As we pass into the 21st Century, our Academy will grow stronger. It will change to meet the future needs of our dental community and the patients we serve. Other groups will remain static and will be passed over. Our Academy strengths of personal relationships and commitment to goals will allow it to provide dynamic leadership for the future.

Enclosed is a supplemental insert Report to the Fellows of the Academy of Prosthodontics Concerning the FPO by Dr. William R. Laney.

Perspectives *from the Editor*

Something Happened on the Way to the Palm

It's a short brisk walk: north four blocks, turn right, and up half a block toward Lake Michigan. A lot can happen in that time span, in a city where daily life transactions occur as in a frenzied stock market pit. The exchange, however, was not a tangible asset as it defied simple measurement. It was tacitly understood for having tremendous value while its scarcity made it even more special. As we entered the **Palm Restaurant** one is taken by the sound of people having a great time. The maitre d' immediately recognized Dr. Kenneth Adisman and escorted us (Bill Laney, Glen McGivney, and myself) to our dressed table. Once seated the ambiance of the panoramic caricatures embracing the walls of the large room flooded your senses. One hunts for famous personalities among the collage of painted faces — then you realize that the

restaurant patrons, in their jovial mood, were another set of more interesting caricatures.

The days activity at the FPO House of Delegates September, 1993, weighed on the mind. While our dinner was being prepared we shared several life experiences, noting that some of us had more time than the others to acquire them. My curiosity could no longer be contained, knowing that last year Dr. Adisman received the Carl O. Boucher Award recognizing his many contributions to the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry and organized dentistry — the fruit of a successful professional career and unselfish commitment, — I wanted to know more.

"You know Jonathan, that I did not intentionally start in dentistry. I was enrolled in the Forestry Service program at Michigan State University and I was very involved in sports: football, fencing, and track." His looming upper body strength is readily ap-

parent but seemed dwarfed by comparison to the sincerity and genuine tone in his words and demeanor. *"However, I developed a severe allergic reaction to poison ivy while on a college field trip and had to change my major. I switched majors pursuing a pre-dental curriculum which required that I complete the necessary courses in a short period of time and eliminate any thought of sports. I was accepted to The University of Buffalo Dental School."* Emerging from the dinner conversation was interesting information on Bill Laney's extracurricular participation in basketball and Glen McGivney's semiprofessional baseball career. How fascinating to discover aspects of Academy Fellows lives which add richer meaning to their careers in dentistry and accomplishments in prosthodontics.

We all shared in the house's "half-and-half" (cottage fries and onion rings-Chicago Style-

see The Palm on page 4

Secretary-Treasurer Notes

A happy and healthy 1994 to all. President Swoope has sent out all committee assignments and the Secretary-Treasurer's office has forwarded the necessary forms to be completed before the February and May Council meetings. Your committee's active participation and prompt submission of reports will allow the Council Notebooks to be collected and distributed in advance of the **February 20** meeting. The Committee Chair should contact committee members and he, or one of his designated committee members, should meet with the Council to discuss the report as necessary.

If you haven't already done so, please make sure your Academy dues are current. The new fiscal year started December 1, 1993. Senior Life Fellows have 25 or more years in the Academy, while Junior Life Fellows have 20-24 years, according to the new policies that will be in this year's Roster. Please check to see that you have paid accordingly. Senior Life Fellows pay only for the JPD subscription (\$49.50), while Junior Life Fellows pay half the normal dues (\$190).

Please provide the names and addresses of all potential guests for the Orlando meeting to be held May 11-16 at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel. Ron Desjardins and committee have put together a great program. Dave Henderson and Hart Long and their committee are going to show us what southern hospitality is all about. Invite a colleague or two, and share the *MAGIC* of Orlando!

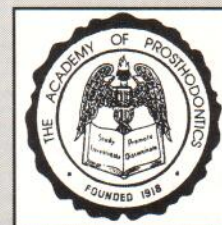
Applications for Associate Fellows have been received for: Drs. Izchak Barzilay, Steven Haug, Carol Lefebvre, Kenneth Malament, Mira Edgerton, Terry Tanaka and Leslie Young, Jr. Support letters should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer by **February 10, 1994**.

•All contributions to the **AP Foundation** should be made payable to the APF and sent directly to Dr. Clifford VanBlarcom.

•Please send address, telephone or photo updates to Dr. John Young. The Photo Roster will be updated this Spring.

Secretary-Treasurer Gerald N. Graser ❖

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News of the Fellowship

Academy Outreach a Great Success

by Edward Plekavich
Recording Secretary



l-r: Drs. Kramer, Lang, Drs. Lepley, Rasmussen; Governor Bill Anoatubby; Drs. Rogoff, Smith, Drs. Plekavich, and Gillis

On September 26, 1993, two Life, four Active, two Associate Fellows and one dental laboratory technician traveled to Ada, Oklahoma, to begin the Academy out-reach program.

Ada is a small western town of 14,000, and is the site of the Carl Albert Indian Hospital and headquarters of the Chickasaw Nation. The Academy Fellows took the hospital by storm and transformed a quiet well-equipped dental facility into a beehive of activity.

The patients from the area diabetic treatment program had been screened and scheduled by Lyn Page, the Indian Health Service prosthodontist stationed in Ada. Some patients had been edentulous and without prostheses for years. In four and one-half days, 58 dentures were fabricated for 29 patients. To achieve this, the Fellows and our dental technician, along with the dental technicians on staff worked from early morning until late at night. The quality and cooperation of the entire staff was outstanding.

During the week the visiting team was treated like celebrities. A newspaper article announced our arrival. We were honored with a Native American Ceremony and a luncheon hosted by Mr. Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. The local television referred to us as "a group of special doctors from the Academy of Prosthodontics" on their six and eleven o'clock news.

Admiral Robert Harry, U.S.P.H.S. medical director, came down from Oklahoma City to bring greetings from the Indian Health Service. The local paper covered the week in a long article.

The Project was underwritten by the AP Foundation with substantial contributions from the Editorial Council and Academy Fellows. Equipment and supplies were donated by Hanau and Austenal.

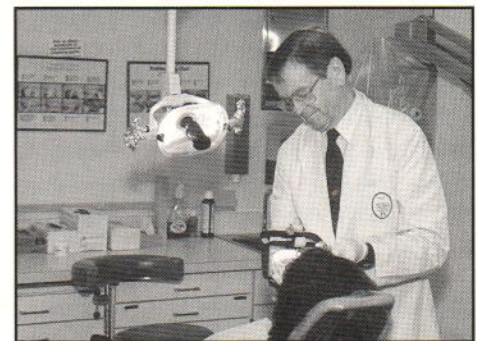
The Fellows feel that the program was a success. Like every Academy activity the work was hard, the food was good and the fellowship was the best.



Dr. Brien Lang



Dr. James Lepley



Dr. Dale Smith

1994 OUTREACH PROJECT

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

We are all anxious to tell you about our experience and if you are interested please contact either co-coordinator.

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"Working with the Public Health Service and the Chickasaw Nation allowed us to rededicate ourselves to patient care," noted Dr. Eric Rasmussen.

Masks have been removed for photographic purposes.

News of the Fellowship



Dr. VanBlarcom passes the gavel to Dr. King

Dr. Gordon E. King was installed as President at the American Academy of Maxillo-facial Prosthetics 41st Annual Meeting in Palm Springs. **Dr. Clifford VanBlarcom** was elevated to Past-President, and **Dr. Carl J. Andres** to Vice-President-Elect. **Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens** was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

A contribution has been made on the behalf of the Academy of Prosthodontics to the

Ohio State University for the remodeling of a conference room in the name of Dr. Carl O. Boucher.

Dr. Ken Rudd the recipient of the Carl O. Boucher Award at the House of Delegates September, 1993 was elected to Professor Emeritus at The University of Texas Health Science Center at the James P. Hollers Memorial Lecture, October 22, 1993, recognizing his dedication, devotion, and service.

The Palm continued

that only contain good cholesterol) and continued the discussion on the concept of the FPO, its beginnings, its achievements, and the purpose it served so well in representing many different prosthodontic organizations forming a cohesive supporting and interconnecting network. The consensus of the discussion was an uplifting consideration that the Academy of Prosthodontics should grasp the mantle of leadership in prosthodontics to a new and higher level of professional recognition and achievement.

"You know Jonathan," said Ken after some introspective reasoning, "sometimes out of

despair a window of opportunity is provided." This seemed contradictory, yet made too much sense, I thought. Ken continued, "all we have to do is find out what opportunities exist and develop them to further prosthodontics."

Voila! The torch had been passed, but was it that simple? It was as if the tools were provided but the instructions on their use were yet to be printed. The walk back to the hotel seemed all too short as the evening and conversation were drawing to a close. A certain spirit of closeness, fellowship and commonality prevailed as something special had been shared between all.

That pleasant evening has given much food for thought in retrospect. This is a time for redirection. We may consider pursuing those ideas that are right about the FPO and also best for the Academy of Prosthodontics. It is the sum and substance of our Academy and offers continuity of our common goals while providing direction and credibility. We may begin by recognizing what we already do well, to expanding the envelope by pursuing newer avenues such as patient access-community service for the underprivileged, and developing continuing education programs to promote the science and art of prosthodontics. Check your windows as the opportunities appear endless.

APN Editor Jonathan P. Wiens ❖

One-on-One with Dave Wands

Angling at the Correct Depth and Speed

Southeastern Alaska presents the most spectacular opportunity to catch trophy salmon, trout and steelhead for the novice or experienced fisherman. Dozens of quality lodges offer combination packages that include gourmet meals, deluxe accommodations, fly-in guide or wading trips to catch the five different species of salmon using conventional fishing tackle or flyrod angling. Some lodges will customize your trip depending on your fishing preferences. Trips can be arranged well in advance for three to four days or a weekly excursion. Trophy rainbow trout, Arctic Char and Grayling are prized catch and release fisheries for the fly fisherman.

During the last week of June '93, Dale and I joined a group of our friends for the most memorable fishing trip of our lives at **Fishing Unlimited Lodge** on Lake Clark (near Lake Iliamna). This is the most popular week of the season as the return of the Red (Sockeye) and King (Chinook) salmon is at



its peak. Several days were spent catching and releasing the Reds who swam by constantly all day in groups of 10-20. While this species doesn't "bite" in the conventional sense they can be enticed to take a fly presented at the *correct depth and speed*, and once hooked the fun begins. The Reds averaged about 10 pounds and usually took out 50-100 yds of line, taking about 15 minutes to land. A limit can be kept, but most are released.

The following morning our float plane landed on a river bank where a 16 foot kicker boat was waiting, and we traveled to a section of river to catch King salmon on light spinning tackle. In less than two hours the four of us "limited" (16 total) on Kings ranging from 20-35 lbs In the afternoon Dale stood in

chest high cold deep running river water attempting to catch a King salmon on his flyrod. I preferred to stand on the bank in another location for more sockeyes. When we returned Dale was successful in landing a beautiful bright 20 lb King.

Each evening we returned to the lodge at 5 p.m. to find hot snacks waiting in our cabin which we enjoyed before a sauna bath and a visit to the hot tub. Gourmet meals were served each evening family style, and we usually retired for the evening around 8 p.m. Each morning we were awakened by a knock on the cabin door and a smiling hostess brought in juice and coffee as we prepared for a days fishing. After a "loggers" breakfast each group of four decided what type of fishing we would like to do that day — many combinations were available to keep each of us happy.

Our next trip will be in September for trophy rainbow trout ranging 6-12 lbs and better. However, the weather is more unpredictable and colder. We have also made reservations to return to Lake Clark in June 1996 for another memorable salmon trip. A few openings are left if you're ready to join us and experience the trip of a lifetime. ❖