



NASDAD NEWS

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Join NASDAD at Lake Las Vegas for Convention '06

October 14-18 will find NASDAD members and their families attending this year's convention exploring the stronghold of pirates and mariners of old.

Morocco, the ancient land controlling the African side of the Gibraltar entrance to the Mediterranean Sea, is the theme of the Lake Las Vegas Hyatt Regency Resort. While named for its famous (or infamous, depending on your orientation) neighbor 16 miles to the west, Lake Las Vegas Resort is located just north-east of Henderson, Nevada and is only a short drive from Hoover Dam, the Colorado River and the Nevada-Arizona state line.

The professional, spiritual and recreational activities planned for this year's get-together promise something for everyone. Golfers will enjoy one of two challenging courses. Visits to local scenic areas, expositions and other attractions will offer something for everyone.

The daily convention activities will include registration and a welcome reception on Wed. evening. Registration will continue Thursday morning and evening and Friday morning. Any members wishing to participate in the Convention activities,



whether staying at the Hyatt Regency Resort or not, will need to be registered with NASDAD to purchase tickets for meals and special events. Registration fees collected help to offset NASDAD's expense in staging the event. The \$65.00 registration fee is inclusive for entire families and is waived for active dental

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Dental Mission Assignments

The following individuals are either new dental mission appointees, dentists returning after furlough, or short term (1-3 months) volunteers.

Drs. Kenneth and Crystal Pierson are new, Regular, mission dentist appointees serving in the Saipan Adventist Dental Clinic.

Dr. Perry Burtch has permanently returned from Regular mission service in Yaounde, Camerouns.

Dr. Michael Stafford and family have completed their furlough and returned to the clinic in Lusaka, Zambia.



Dr. James Trott has returned to the St. Vincent clinic.

Those dentists serving in the Adventist Volunteer Corp are **Dr. J. Howard Sprague** (3 months in Nairobi, Kenya), **Dr. Alan Latta** (1 month in Trinidad/Tobago), **Dr. Kenneth Trefz** (1 month in St. Vincent) and **Dr. George Wonenberg** (3 months in Lusaka, Zambia).

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missionaries, students, and recent (2006) dental and hygiene graduates. Registration forms for down-loading can easily be accessed by visiting the NASDAD website at NASDAD.org.

Thursday is reserved for relaxation and/or group activities. Probable activities include a visit to the Bellagio Resort Botanical Gardens and other interesting sites away from the glitter of "The Strip."

Thursday evening is devoted to a joint meeting of the NASDAD Missions Committee and Board. Anyone interested in joining in the discussions about the Dental Mission program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and/or the future involvement of NASDAD is welcome to attend. Future meeting dates and sites, as well as the future focus of NASDAD will be on the agenda. Friday morning is reserved for a Continuing Education course of interest to all health professionals, with CE credit offered through Loma Linda University School of Dentistry Department of Continuing Education. Friday afternoon is set aside for individual activities or relaxation. The spiritual emphasis begins with

the Friday evening vespers and continues at the 11:00 am Sabbath service. The Sabbath School time is devoted to reports from our world-wide dental clinics and from the Service Learning program at the School of Dentistry.

For those interested, a nature outing to Red Rock Canyon via off-road rigs or hiking is planned.

Our program will wind up with our Saturday evening banquet and business meeting and the "changing of the guard."

Resort room reservations for this year's convention should be made as soon as possible to take advantage of the very special NASDAD meeting rate of \$209.00 plus the usual taxes for a standard room. When calling for reservations at 1-800-233-1234 or the hotel direct at 702-567-1234, be sure to ask for the NASDAD room block, since another dental group with a higher negotiated daily rate will be there at the same time. A \$10.00 daily resort fee covering valet parking and use of other Resort amenities is a good value while reducing the add-on costs usually associated with resort properties. Handling of luggage is done by the bell



1. The Lake Las Vegas entrance traffic circle features a desert diorama with palm trees and Big Horn Sheep.
2. The palm lined approach to the Lake Las Vegas Hyatt Regency Resort is our first welcome to the 2006 NASDAD Annual Convention.
3. The spacious lobby and reception area have various levels and visiting areas for informal chats and live piano music in the evenings.
4. Lake side rooms afford a restful early morning view of the desert looking toward Hoover Dam and Arizona.

service for a one time \$7.50/person charge and a \$2.00/day room charge covers gratuities for the housekeeping staff.

Website Registration

For the first time forms for registration for NASDAD's annual convention is will be available for downloading and printing on-line at WWW.NASDAD.org.

Resort room reservations must be made by individuals with the Lake Las Vegas Hyatt Regency Resort by calling 1-800-233-1234 or the resort directly at 702-567-1234.

Make your reservations as soon as possible. Upgrades to pool view, lake view or mini-suites are available for an additional fee.

For Golfers Only!

Reflections Bay Golf Club, adjacent to the Resort, is a 7,261 yard, par-72 Jack Nicklaus designed course along the tranquil shores of Lake Las Vegas. It is the first course in Nevada to be designed by the golf legend and was recently

named to Golf Magazine's "Top 10 You Can Play" list.

At par-72, The Falls Golf Club designed by Tom Weiskopf, plays 7,250 yards. It offers challenging elevation changes with views of Lake Las Vegas, the surrounding mountains and the Las Vegas Strip in a unique, natural setting.

Come early and play both courses! ▲

NASDAD Sponsors Centennial Walk Paving block

The Loma Linda University Centennial Walk will feature a paving block for each day of the 100 years since the establishment of the Institution, originally (until 1964) as The College of Medical Evangelists.

The NASDAD block in the historical events section will commemorate the founding of the organization in 1943 by several SDA dentists in attendance at the American Dental Association Annual Meeting. ▲



5. "Sally Rovers" (electric boats accommodating up to 6+ persons) can be rented for a quiet, relaxing tour of the Lake Las Vegas Resort area to view the golf course, luxury homes and hotels as well as shopping at Monte Lago Village. The protected beach play and swimming area "Riyada Beach" can be seen across the lagoon. Kayaks and paddle boats are available to explore the protected waters.



6. The Hyatt Regency Resort Hotel as viewed from Lake Las Vegas shows the extent and variety of the property with several swimming pools and spas, including a water slide through the landscaped grounds.



7. and 8. Golfers will enjoy the vistas of the area from the Reflection Bay course while playing.



Mission Accomplished in Argentina

by Per Houmann, past president
NASDAD

After the Sabbath School mission presentation at our NASDAD meeting in Washington, D.C. this past October, Dr. David Baasch and I were talking together about missions and we agreed that some time in the future we would join our efforts and work together on a short term dental mission. We didn't realize how soon the Lord would open up an opportunity.

Since my older daughter, Petra, is attending school at Riverplate Adventist University in Argentina this year, my family and I were making plans for a visit and a vacation there. However, we wanted to somehow make the trip more productive for the Lord, so, we prayed that He would show us what to do. One of the members of our SDA church here in Frederick, Maryland, by the name of Walter Alonso, is a son of Argentina and is very active in helping to spread the Gospel in his home country. When I asked him if he had any ideas of what we could do in Argentina, he was delighted to hear that we wanted to help. Walter has spent the last two years working to establish an SDA church in Monte Casseros, a medium sized blue collar town in the province of Corrientes, Argentina. As a result of the Lord blessing his efforts, a brand new church was recently finished in the center of the town with about one hundred church members. Plans are in the early stages to expand its outreach to include a community center, which would provide health education and eventually medical and dental facilities.

To provide an expanded opening to the town, Walter suggested that we could donate our services during the day in conjunction with a series of evening health talks that would point to our Creator. I was very excited about the opportunity, so I called Dr. Baasch in Vermont who was ready with his answer. "We're going!"



Per Houmann's daughter Martina was interviewed by the local media.

With Walter's numerous connections, he was able to get all of our necessary paperwork taken care of including personal invitations from the mayor of Monte Casseros and the Senator from the province of Corrientes. As is customary for all mission trips, we ran into our fair share of complications and roadblocks, but the Lord was always there and quietly removed every obstacle. Our clinical setting was at the new church using two rooms and the lobby for staging, operatory and sterilization. Three American ACA (Adventist Colleges Abroad) Students from Riverplate SDA University (including my daughter, Petra), helped with translating. Dr. Baasch and I, with our daughters (Deanna and Martina) as assistants, provided exams and extractions on the first day. Working with mostly the poor people of the community we saw lots of end stage dental problems. During the day we were visited and interviewed by the local television stations and by a group of mostly amiable local dentists. In the evening, at the first health talk, the mayor and the local dentists presented warm welcomes to us and expressed their appreciation for our help.

We had to curtail our services on the second and third day due to a snag with a not so amiable member of the local dental community, who put up a seemingly insurmountable barrier for any further work. However, in the Lord's eyes this was not a roadblock. As a result of this dentist's actions, we were able to set up a wonderful relationship with the rest of the dental community and a member of the mayor's office, that created even more opportunities for the spreading the Gospel than we had anticipated. Both the Baasch family and our family praise the Lord for working through us to help hundreds of people who would otherwise be unable to afford dental care and in the process to open hearts to the Good News of God's love. ▲

Per Houmann and his daughters Deanna and Martina take care of a patient using two rooms and the lobby of the new Adventist church in Monte Casseros, Argentina.





A new Seventh-day Adventist church is under construction in Gaborone, Botswana.

Botswana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists holds a “campmeeting” each year.

Botswana is Calling You

by Quint Nicola
NASDAD

The South Botswana Conference of SDA is asking for an entrepreneurial “tent-maker” dentist to start up a clinic in Gaborone, Botswana. This is one of the best organized countries in southern Africa and the potential is good for economic development as well as for the increasing knowledge of God. They have funds available for equipment and set up, and can arrange a budget for salary during the development period. Botswana has a mild, dry climate and good infrastructure.

Anyone interested please contact Quint Nicola at 909.558.4607. ▲

Botswana’s good infrastructure is demonstrated by this wide road.



An indicator of Botswana’s good potential for economic development is this new shopping mall.



Island Clinics Honor God's Name

A visit in March to Trinidad and Tobago was a reminder of how God's name is honored, and God's work strengthened through Dental Missions. Our dental programs, located in Community Hospital of Seventh-day Adventists in the bustling island country, along with the associated clinic in Tobago, are an integral part of the healthcare outreach in that area.

We reported earlier in this newsletter how this hospital is being rescued from financial ruin through the prayers and efforts of the local constituency and others, and how the dental clinic plays a strong supportive role in the ongoing recovery. Note the sign over the door: "We came this far by faith."

History of Service in Trinidad

Dr. Doug Robertson	1969-1977
Dr. Dennis Wade	1971-1974
Dr. Ernest Stromeyer	1974+
Dr. Mike Boyko	1975-1980
Dr. Gary Chaffee	1976-1978
Dr. Daniel Riggs	1976-1989
Dr. Leslie Brown	1983+
Dr. Ted Flaiz	1980-1981
Dr. Donald Hszieh	1980-1987
Dr. Oichin Hszieh	1980-1987
Dr. Elwin Roy Hutchins	1980-1986
Dr. Stan Ramley	1986-1996
Dr. Robert Stacey	1987-1995
Dr. Mark Porco	1988-1990
Dr. Liana Wolfe	1990-1994
Dr. Howard Munson	1994-1996
Dr. Don Arnett	1996-2000
Dr. Allan Williams	2000-2006

Currently, Dr. Delphina Ovid of Trinidad is carrying the load, with short-term volunteer support from Dr. Rob Wells, Dr. Allan Latta, Dr. Peter Nelson, and Dr. Mark Hansen in progress. Dr. Fred Lee and Dr. Jane Kim, who are slated to graduate from LLUSD in May and to get married in July, will take up their duties there in mission service in September or October.



This is the new entry to Community Hospital of Seventh-day Adventists in Trinidad.



Dr. Delphina Ovid at work in Community Adventist Hospital, Trinidad.

Dr. Alvin Mottley and his wife Lois have served faithfully in the extension clinic in the beautiful little neighboring island of Tobago. By the way there is a need for volunteer relief coverage of the Tobago clinic this fall, from September 18 for about one month. ▲



IDP six-month mission students helped by NASDAD

The Loma Linda University's International Dental Program is helped by NASDAD's contributions to its six month mission students tuition accounts.

These individuals join a special group of missionary dentists from Africa and Asia, including the countries of India and Russia, who have completed the six-month training program at LLU to enhance their service to the world.

The mission dentists' tuition has been fully funded, with half contributed by National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists, and the other half by the School of Dentistry. "This program for international dentists is a wonderful gift to mission service," says Dr. Heisler. ▲

Dr. Heisler is shown presenting an award of tuition funding to Dr. Janet Ang serving in Kigali, Rwanda.

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lake view or mini-suites are available for an additional fee.

“We need each other”

by William Loveless

Presented at Prayer Breakfast, February 2006

No matter how long we live, how wise we become, or how self-sufficient we think we are, we will always need each other. The time will never come in our life when we can say, I don't need anyone else to survive and be productive. This is not true



Dr. William Loveless addresses alumni and dental missionaries at the February, 2006, Alumni-Student Convention prayer breakfast.

of other animals--cats, for instance. As time goes by, cats, following the laws of nature, become completely self sufficient, literally needing no other cat to survive.

Not so for humans. We humans never really grow up. We need the feedback of others to tell us how we are doing, how we are coming across, how we are performing at our job. We mature selectively, at different rates and in different areas of life. Some are "born mechanics"; others excel in writing, some at speaking, while others see complicated math formulas in their heads. A skilled dentist may produce a perfect crown and utterly fail at baking a lemon pie with a flaky crust. Because we are all so different in so many ways, we will always need each other. ▲

Volunteers Needed for Kabul

More volunteers are needed to be part of teams visiting Kabul, Afghanistan on a rotating basis for 2-4 weeks at a time, setting up and running a dental clinic, and training personnel, giving CE lectures. We have physicians and nurses rotating through. Some are returning and staying 6 months to 1 year. The needs are great. Who will rise to the occasion?

Please contact Dr. Quint Nicola at qnicola@llu.edu or at his office 909.558.4607.

NASDAD MEMBERSHIP

All Seventh-day Adventist dentists, dental hygienists, and dental and dental hygiene students are invited to join NASDAD and to be on the mailing list to receive our newsletter, Convention information, and more.

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