

# NASDAD NEWS



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## IN RETROSPECT 67<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

Many NASDAD members began their journey on Wednesday, October 13th to attend the annual convention in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The Southern Union of Seventh-day Adventists invited NASDAD to join their 23rd consecutive biennial Medical Dental Retreat at the Park Vista Hotel. It is amazing to know the retreat has been taking place for 46 years. The programming for the young people, the golf tournament, the speakers for the continuing education courses, and the speaker for the spiritual aspect of the weekend all demonstrate what a finely tuned machine this retreat has become over the past 46 years!

NASDAD is so pleased the Southern Union invited us to again join them in 2010! The Park Vista Hotel is located on a high point in the town of Gatlinburg and has views of the city as well as breathtaking scenery of the Smoky Mountains! The trolley which runs throughout the town also makes a stop at the Park Vista so for \$.50 per ride (or \$2.00 for an all day pass) you can make your way about town while never worrying about fighting traffic or finding a decent parking space! The aquarium, the wax museum, one of the many pancake houses, or the craftsmen fair at the convention center might be where you spent some of your time. And if the hustle and bustle of the town and crowd was more than you could handle, you could whisk

yourself into the Great Smoky Mountains for a scenic hike. These are just a few of the activities many NASDAD members were able to enjoy at the recent convention.

The NASDAD office would like to thank the individuals who so generously shared their photographs from the weekend for possible inclusion in this newsletter. Thanks to William Heisler, Ron Fritz, Doyle Nick, and Stuart Yoon!

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Southern Union for organizing such an amazing event! We enjoyed getting to know new people as well as reconnecting with friends of yesteryear.



# GATLINBURG

## NASDAD BOARD CONSIDERS BUSINESS AT ANNUAL DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The annual meeting of the NASDAD Board of Directors convened on Friday morning at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

After calling the meeting to order and asking God's blessing on the meeting and on NASDAD, President Ken W. Pierson, DDS, called for a review of the minutes of the February Board Meeting, which were approved. Treasurer Sharon Boggs, RDH, presented the financial report as of September 30, 2010. Dues income to date is only 78% of the budgeted \$30,000. However, expenses to date are well below the projected \$29,000.00 budget for 2010, so NASDAD should end the year with a positive budget balance even after the convention expenses are paid.



Executive Director William Heisler, DDS, reported to date there is a net increase of one Paid Member over year end 2009 for a total of 281. Adding the Life, Mission and Student members brings the total membership to 764. It is anticipated there will be several more paid members by year end. A lengthy discussion followed about how to stress the value of NASDAD membership, especially to

more recent dental and dental hygiene graduates. In connection with the budget and membership discussions, the Board voted a dues increase for regular members to \$115 annually.

Pres. Elect. Doyle Nick, DDS, presented the Missions report and the YAMM requests for funding for the coming year. The requests include a variety of support areas for the existing dental clinics around the world that function under the direction of the Heath Ministries Department of the General Conference Seventh-day Adventists. The requests total approximately \$105,000. As in the past, requests will be funded as funds become available and on a priority basis. Not all projects are ready for funding in a given year, and so many of the requests are "roll-overs" from previous years. The "YAMM" (Year Around Mission Money) fund started the fiscal year with over \$62,000. Funding for projects for this year will amount to approximately \$43,000. The balance of \$19,000 will be added to YAMM fund income for the coming year to fund projects as approved by the Board. The Mission offering at the meeting on Sabbath morning totaled over \$5,000 with additional funds anticipated from our annual YAMM fund mail appeal.

Several Board members have been to the Maasai Clinic in Kenya. There was enthusiastic discussion about the operation of the clinic, upcoming Loma Linda University School of Dentistry student involvement, and funding for the operation of the clinic. It is anticipated that the first two School of Dentistry students will be at the clinic in February 2011. Look for wonderful reports on the activity at the Maasai Clinic in this and future issues of NASDAD News.



## CONTINUING EDUCATION, SPIRITUAL SPEAKER AND GOLF

The Southern Union coordinated spectacular events and programs for the Medical Dental Retreat weekend. A few highlights of the weekend include the golf tournament, separate continuing education courses for dentists, medical doctors, and optometrists, and a blessed speaker to bring the spiritual messages for the weekend.

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Dr. Charles Goodacre, Dean of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and an outstanding Prosthodontist, presented the six hours of very informative continuing education between Thursday evening and Friday afternoon. Dr. Goodacre stressed the necessity of proper diagnosis of the cause of a patient's dental condition before attempting definitive

treatment. He spent some time on assisting the patient with understanding and controlling dental caries with the use of Caries Susceptibility Tests. This was followed with a discussion of all ceramic single crown restorations. Dr. Goodacre pointed out that a skilled laboratory technician can produce porcelain margins and finish equal to good metal margins. The second subject discussed dealt with adequate diagnosis and treatment planning of dental implants. With proper diagnosis and planning a myriad of problems and treatment complications can be avoided. With his outstanding expertise, experience and practical approach to dental treatment Dr. Goodacre is a much sought after lecturer and it was a distinct advantage to have him as the CE presenter.

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Dr. Michael Hasel, Professor of Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology at Southern Adventist University was the featured speaker of the weekend for the spiritual emphasis. One might think Archeology is boring. Maybe to some it is, but those who attended Dr. Hasel's meetings in Gatlinburg, Tennessee at the Southern Union/NASDAD Medical Dental

Retreat, found themselves captivated as he told

how archeology confirms and supports the Bible. The stories of how the serpent of ancient Egypt was utterly defeated by Moses' rod, of how Southern Adventist University miraculously acquired its archeology museum, and of how the site where the Israelites camped when David faced Goliath has been located and partially excavated, held everyone spellbound. It is exciting to learn that even the skeptics who are trying to say that the Bible is just a collection of fables are finding these archeological finds hard to explain unless they acknowledge the validity of Bible. Dr. Hasel reminded the group of the exciting times we are living in and how important it is to confirm and reaffirm our faith in God and His word.

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Dr. Robert Deery, a NASDAD member as well as the Associate Dental Secretary for the Southern Union, again organized a very successful golf tournament! With the help of Dr. Robert Addison, Associate Dental Secretary for the Southern Union, they were able to collect prizes for the raffle, all of which were donated by the very generous businesses in Gatlinburg! Here is a short list of what was donated ... One free night at the ParkVista Hotel; local merchant donated a framed painting valued at \$160; local Gatlinburg restaurants gave free dinner; and multiple boxes of candies & fudge from a variety of local merchants. There were cash prizes for 1st place through 3rd Place in each flight! Here is a list of those who came out on top of the tournament!!

- Championship flight - 1st place Stanley Knight & Ryan Knight
- First Flight - Dan Busch & Rob Deery
- Second Flight - Danny Chacko & Darryl Wilkins
- Third flight - Dick Miller & Myron Gottfried



## MAASAI UPDATE



In July NASDAD officially began operating the Maasai Dental Clinic in Kenya which is owned by the World Health Dental Organization (WHDO). Dr. Kenneth W. Pierson, Dr. Kirk Hunt, Dr. Doyle Nick, and many others have worked hard during this time of transition. Dr. Pierson spent the month of June at the clinic, with Dr. & Mrs. Damazo, to meet the local contacts and become acquainted with how things work on the ground at the clinic and surrounding areas. Dr. Nick has also visited the clinic and been very involved with many people on a fundraising effort. Yearly operating expenses as well as an endowment fund must be raised to ensure smooth and proper continuation of the clinic and the service it provides. Dr. Kirk Hunt has committed much of his time to recruiting volunteer dentists to provide coverage in the clinic. He not only recruits but over the last year he & his wife have spent about 6 weeks working in the clinic! Katie Andreassen and Rachel Terwillegar have donated hours on the project. Of course, there are many more people involved, too many to mention, but each one is valued and appreciated beyond belief! Thank you!



Here is a partial list of past and upcoming volunteers. Don't miss this amazing adventure of a lifetime, get on the volunteer list TODAY!!

Dr. Ken & Gloria Pierson  
Dr. Greg Sprague  
Dr. Bob & Joanne Darby  
Dr. Graham Grabowski  
Dr. Kirk & Dottie Hunt  
Dr. Frank Godfrey and family  
Dr. Hercules Morphopoulos  
Dr. Clyde Roggenkamp  
Dr. James Libby and family  
Dr. Charles & Janie Cutting



### **NEEDED!!!**

- Volunteers to provide coverage in the clinic. (2011 is nearly booked, sign up for 2012)
- A volunteer who is passionate about this project and is willing to volunteer their time and expertise as the WHDO Secretary
- Volunteers willing to accept responsibility in the fundraising effort. Many hands make light work!!

If you would like to learn more about the clinic or how you can donate to the project, please visit [maasaidental.org](http://maasaidental.org) or you may contact the NASDAD office. To volunteer please contact Dr. Kirk Hunt (209) 712-3909 or [kirk.worldtraveler@kirkhunt.com](mailto:kirk.worldtraveler@kirkhunt.com).

\*Pictures courtesy of Dr. Kirk Hunt



## BANQUET AND NEW LIFE MEMBERS



The banquet took place immediately following the vespers program on Saturday evening. Banquet attendees were greeted by lovely piano music provided by Beverly Kerr. Ms. Kerr continued to provide dinner music up until it was time to conduct a little official business.

One of the most notable items of the evening was the introduction of NASDAD's 5 newest Life Members! Becoming a Life Member sets a person apart and really demonstrates their dedication and desire to support NASDAD and the many projects of NASDAD. Life Membership is attained only after paying membership dues for 25 years! There are now 251 Life Members!! The following individuals were unable to attend the banquet to receive their Life Member Key in person but we would like to acknowledge their consistent and continued contribution to NASDAD!

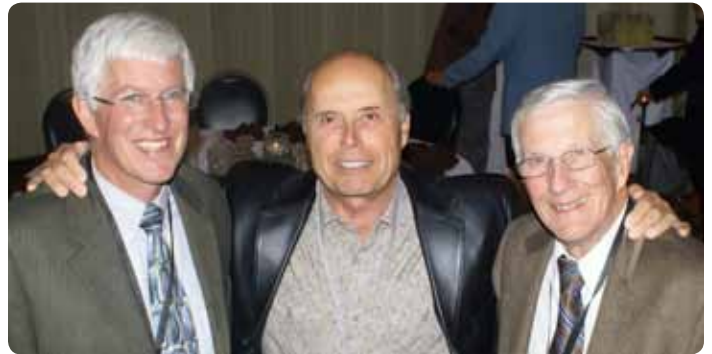
Stanton S. Appleton  
Joseph M. Caruso  
Floyd D. Hansen  
Susan D. Richards  
Richard A. Stimson

After the business meeting closed, the Life Members who were in present gathered for a photograph. What a distinguished group of

wonderful dentists representing the 240 Life Members who were not at the banquet. Wouldn't it be nice to have all of them together in one place at the same time? Hmm, perhaps the banquet next year...

Another fun thing was the celebration of THREE birthdays! Two were on that day and one was the following day. The pianist lead the way by playing the Happy Birthday song and everyone in the room enthusiastically joined in with their voices!

The banquet quietly drew to a close after a few hours of fellowship, after enjoying dinner music, after tending to some official business, and after welcoming the newest Life Members. A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended. If you missed the chance to attend this banquet, we hope you will make plans to attend in 2011 as we return to Lake Las Vegas in Henderson, Nevada!



**Left to Right: Mark Lund, James Joseph and Melvin Lund, Celebrate their Birthdays**



**Left to Right: Wilbur Bishop, Robert Deery, John Butler, Melvin Lund, William Heisler, Ross Hughes, Herman Montgomery, James Joseph, Mark Lund, Ken W. Pierson, Kirk Hunt**

## FUTURE EVENTS AND DATES

Missions Prayer Breakfast  
Loma Linda, CA  
February 11, 2011 – 7:00 AM

LLUSD Annual Alumni Student Convention  
Loma Linda, CA  
Feb. 10 – 14, 2011

68<sup>th</sup> Annual NASDAD Convention  
Henderson, Nevada  
October 13 – 15, 2011

2011 ADA Annual Session  
Las Vegas, NV  
Oct. 10-14, 2011

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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## MISSIONS PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please join us for this free breakfast in the Fellowship Hall of the University Church! Don't miss on the fun and fellowship readily available at 7:00 AM.



The spiritual presentation is being arranged by Doyle Nick, DDS, MS, Associate Director for Dental Affairs for the Health Ministries Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Dr. Nick assists in coordinating dozens of overseas mission dental clinics for the church.

Dr. Nick is also a professor at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry where he teaches aspiring dental students in lecture and lab. What he is planning is something you won't want to miss!



## OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

### Overseas Missionaries Needed

1. Short term – to cover furlough and CE time
2. Contract dentists for SDA dental clinics in Tanzania
3. Angola – establish a new clinic
4. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan – any length of volunteer service, no financial sponsorship available
5. Entrepreneurial Dentists – Kendu Bay, Kenya; Grenada; Jamaica



### SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT DONATIONS NEEDED

**Urgent:** Many of the world's mission dental clinics are in dire need of some of the items you may have in excess. Please consider the donation of supplies and restorative, endodontic, surgical, orthodontic, hygiene, or pediatric dental instruments. Also needed is small equipment such as radiographic developers of all kinds, curing lights, amalgamators, and large equipment such as chairs, x-ray machines, compressors, and suction. Your tax-deductible donation may be just what a missionary dentist needs! Thank you. Please call or email the NASDAD office for information, 909-558-8187 or nasdad@llu.edu.

### **YOUR YAMM DONATIONS IN ACTION**



Your donation to Year Around Mission Money (YAMM) is very important! YAMM funds are used to support various mission projects. One such project is an upgrading program for a missionary dentist who has been faithfully serving in one of the overseas mission dental clinics. Here is a letter we received from one of the missionaries. Dr. Vincent Dionzon, along with his wife and 2 daughters, is currently in Bangalore, India participating in one of these upgrade programs. Dr. Dionzon has been serving in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo since approximately 2002 and he plans to return upon completion of this program. This nice email was recently received from Dr. Dionzon and we thought you would like to see his words or appreciation. Without YOUR generous donations to the YAMM fund, projects like this would not be possible. Please consider how you might help...

Dr. Dionzon writes...

Dear Dr. Nick,  
Greetings from Bangalore! The weather is fine here and my family is doing well. With regards to my training, few weeks from now will be doing our clinics. Thank you so much for opening the way for me to do my advance training here in Bangalore, India. I'm greatly blessed by this privilege that your office has provided me this opportunity. Dr. Jacob is guiding me personally with all the dental works in this training program.

Best regards,  
Vincent and family





# **68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NASDAD CONVENTION**

## **Lake Las Vegas from October 13-16, 2011**

The convention will be held at Loews Lake Las Vegas. If you are a board member, please plan on attending the Thursday afternoon Board of Directors Meeting. Other events include the golf tournament, Sabbath services, great meals, and a special Saturday evening banquet. We were able to negotiate a fantastic room rate of \$125, which includes internet and scheduled shuttle transportation to the strip! We hope you make plans to join us in Henderson, Nevada at Loews Lake Las Vegas!!

Please contact the NASDAD office if your family requires a suite. There may be a possibility of accommodating a small number of these requests.

