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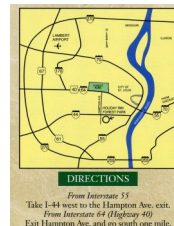
This will be the last Fraterneyeser before the convention in St. Louis. It won't be long now until the dates will be here. You have read the itinerary and other events that Dr. Meister has arranged for us. This sounds like a very good chance for us to both represent SDA optometry to the world and be with our General Conference brethren. I hope that many of you who have not attended a ASDAO convention will make plans to be with us. We have become a family in Jesus Christ and have had a good chance to come close to each other for our time on this earth. If you haven't decided to come it isn't to late. We still have some rooms blocked off for us at the Holiday Inn. However, they need to be reserved by May 30. You also need to let Dr. Lowell Meister know that you will be attending. See you there.

JUNE 30 BASEBALL ST. LOUIS CARDINALS VS. COLORADO ROCKIES

If you are in St Louis to help with the General Conference Vision Booth or are in town early for the ASDAO convention or just attending the General Conference session we will be going to a National League Baseball game on June 30. The game starts at 7:10 and all of you are invited to be there with us. The cost will be \$25.00 per ticket. **You need to let Dr. Lowell Meister know** in advance so that he will be able to purchase the tickets.

We hope that many of you will be in town early for the convention and help with the vision booth and fellowship that we will all be having.

SEE YOU THERE



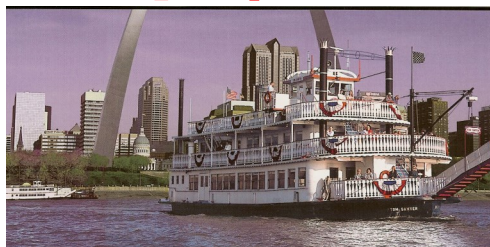
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\$119 + tax per night/2 Queen beds
\$119 + tax per night/ 1 King & sofa
\$103 + tax per night/ 1 Queen bed

All rooms are non-smoking. Please make reservations before the deadline of **May 30**.

Pre-Convention Fireworks Cruise July 4, 2005



Enjoy the live music and sumptuous sit down dinner in air-conditioned comfort, with a nice view of the fire works. The Cruise is \$45.00 per person. I have been told that there will be a large Fair in the same vicinity. This means parking will be further away and there will be approximately a fourth mile hike to get to the boat dock. However I feel that it will be worth the effort.

Tickets are to be picked up from Lowell by 3 p.m. at the hotel lobby on July 4. *Note that this Cruise is the day before the start of our convention at the Holiday Inn.* So please plan appropriately. Those going will be charged for this in your registration fee.

I do need to know how many of you will go. I have asked for 70 tickets to be held until May 15. SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION

PLEASE LET LOWELL KNOW ASAP

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John W. Eaton, O.D.

GHG With the GC session drawing near it has been a busy time for the GC Health Ministries Department. Dr. Roberts and Dee along with their staff are working on the booth and planning for screening. We will get to meet some of their staff who will be assisting in the visual screening.

GHG We have ordered name tags for those who we know will be working the booth but could use more volunteers still. Please let us know if you would be willing to assist in this endeavor. You will get to meet people from countries around the world. Will try to post the work schedule on our web site soon. If you see any problems will your scheduled time please let me know.

GHG I had the privilege of meeting with a recently organized Pre-Optometry club at Southern Adventist University. The six members in the club have organized themselves with most having a desire to be of service to the mission program of our church. It was a pleasure to see energetic young people who have a desire to take Optometry and share their mission of caring with others.

GHG This year at the convention I will be looking forward to seeing you at either ASDAO or at the GC booth. Our Association is supporting the GC session with time and our funds. Thank you for your loyal support.

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**VISION SCREENING
BOOTH AT GC**



Dr. Bob Roberts from Siloam Springs, Arkansas has taken on the responsibility of setting up the visual screening booth at the General Conference session in

St. Louis. He is looking for as many O.D.'s as possible to help with the booth during the session. O.D.'s will be needed from June 29 on through the end of GC July 9. Let Dr. Roberts know if you can help at bonee72761@yahoo.com

**DR. MARC STICKLE FAMILY GOES
TO MISSION IN THE PHILIPPINES**

It's been a long time since I sent any info in for your newsletter (like never-is that a long time?) Since many in our association know my situation and have been praying for our family I thought it would be relevant to let you know how God has been working.

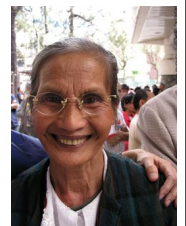


First of all we are all (our family of four-Marc, Jill, Jamie, and Chet) headed to the Philippines March 15 on a mission trip. Our Academy here in Kelowna has a group of 53 going with The Quiet Hour and we will be doing a building project and medical clinics as well as helping Jody Melashenko with his series of meetings. There is a group of 19 from the dental school at LLU and I will be working with students and a local Philippino OD to provide an eyecare team—thanks to the help of Dennis Benedict.

We have just returned from the Philippines where we were working with the Quiet Hour on a medical missions/evangelism trip and what an experience it was. Manila and the Philippines certainly do not have the modern level of conveniences we are used to and we are now more thankful for flush toilets, hot water, and safe food. We went with a group of over 35 students from our academy and joined

others from Blue Mountain Academy and else ware when we arrived. Before our week was over we had been exposed to meningitis, we were under a travel advisory from the US Embassy for terrorism/retaliation, and there was a 8.9 earthquake not far from where we were in Thailand.(Where we visited after we left the Philippines) Aside from those stresses we had a rewarding time. We saw over 800 patients in 4 days of exams and dispensed over 500 pairs of glasses. Apparently there is very little myopia in the Philippines--we saw maybe 50-60 patients with myopia. We were thankful Dennis Benedict had sent over 400+ pair of readers that we used for distance as well as near. We used between 12-15 students in our eyecare group and gave the kids a lot of responsibility which they love and thrived at. There are a number of budding Optometrists and Ophthalmologists in the group and they got a great experience learning to prescribe, fit glasses, and recognise cataracts, pinguecula, and pterygium. The worst case we saw was a 50 year old lady with a squamous cell carcinoma that had destroyed here lower lid and had had no treatment. We were fortunate to have an Optometry student from the Philippines and a local Philippino Optometrist help us with finding referrals for a few of these cases. A number of you have been on these trips and understand the conditions and needs overseas and I would highly recommend everyone do this (at least once) at some point in your career. We feel thankful and blessed to be home. "O Canada".

The picture is a little Philippino lady who got some glasses and was very pleased. The Philippino Optometrist that helped us had been living in Tacoma Park, Maryland the last 10 years and had just returned to the Philippines. He was building his house at the time, but was kind enough to help us with all of our clinics. He did not have an email yet, but I will forward it as he promised to send his new address and email to me.



Once we return from the Philippines I will be headed off to Ontario to attend Queen's University, as I have been accepted into their MBA for Science and Technology. This is a very exciting opportunity and we have seen God's hand in this decision. It will be a difficult year-as I am going to try to commute (when possible) and Jill and the kid's will be staying in Kelowna. Jamie and Chet will be in grades 11 and 9 next year and are very involved and in a very good school, so we did not want to move them at this time. The Queen's program is specifically for leadership and management in the high tech science and medical fields and was ranked by Business Week in the fall of 2004 as the best program in the world for business schools outside of the US. We are very thankful that God is leading and opening doors, and hopefully are learning to faithfully follow. It is always interesting to see what He has in store for us.

Thank you all so much for your prayers. We will miss you at convention this year, but will send my parents in our place.
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**ASDAO CONVENTION
2006**



Dr. Tom and Linda Sanders are already making plans for the 2006 convention which will be in the Sacramento, California area. We are anxious to again return to California. It is nice to be able to visit different parts of the US and Canada. The Sanders will be giving a presentation on the 2006 Convention in St. Louis. You should be there and find out in advance just where and what date in 2006 we will be meeting.

www.sdaoptometrists.org

ASDAO now has a web site. Check it out and learn more about ASDAO. If you have anything that you would like to have listed under the classified area send a email to Dr. Dennis Benedict at dhbenedict@yahoo.com



ASDAO CONVENTION 2005

St. Louis, MO, June 30-July 9

ST. LOUIS CONVENTION ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY – June 29, 2005 General Conference Booth & Meetings

THURSDAY – June 30, 2005 General Conference Booth & Meetings

- ST. LOUIS CARDINALS BASEBALL - \$25.00 each ticket
- 5:00pm Meet in the lobby of the Holiday Inn to pick up tickets/carpool
- 7:10pm Game Starts

FRIDAY – July 1, 2005 General Conference Booth & Meetings

SABBATH – July 2, 2005 General Conference

SUNDAY – July 3, 2005 General Conference Booth & Meetings

MONDAY – July 4, 2005

- THE GATEWAY RIVERBOAT CRUISES – (Air Conditioned) \$45.00 per person
- Meet @ 3:00pm in the Lobby of the Holiday Inn, Forest Park, St. Louis to make carpool arrangements.
- Reserved seating, dinner, live Dixieland entertainment & fireworks.
- Board CRUISE @ 7:00pm, Departs 7:30pm, Returns to Dock 9:00pm
- Fireworks Display 10:00pm (seen from the cruise boat)
- Spend the day at the Riverfront Fair (many booths, they expect over 200,000 People)

MENU

- River Boat Tossed Salad, Parmesan Dressing, Vegetarian Manicotti
- Potato or Rice, Seasonal Vegetable, Fresh Rolls and Butter
- Chef's Special Dessert, Coffee & Ice Tea

BOARDING PASSES - \$45 each for those over 2 yrs. of age.

- There will be about 200 people on this cruise. We will meet at the Dock, below the South Leg of Arch at 6:45pm. The name of the Dock is "GATEWAY ARCH RIVERFRONT". Lowell will be there to hand you your boarding pass.

DIRECTIONS TO CRUISE

- I was in St. Louis and walked the distance from the furthest parking lot to the Gateway Arch Riverfront Dock. It was very close to ½ mile to dock. The parking lot closest to the arch is approx. ¼ mile to dock.
- On your downtown St. Louis Map you can see the arch. Our boat dock is at #39 (Gateway Riverboat Cruises) below the South leg of the Arch instead of #33 like the map states (map error).

TUESDAY - July 5, 2005 (Official Convention starting date)

GOLF - Norman K Prebstein Municipal Golf Course in Forest Park, designed by Hale Erwin

- 9:00 am - Play 18 holes, then have lunch at the club, followed by playing the back 9.
- Only four Rental Clubs available. Please bring own clubs if convenient. (27 holes)

OR YOU CAN SHOP - the Galleria of St. Louis, Go to SIX FLAGS, SWIM - & RELAX at the hotel pool, or ANTIQUE SHOP

GENERAL CONFERENCE

- After General Conference - Have some Custard @ Ted Drewes Frozen Custard 6726 Chippewa – Near Holiday Inn

WEDNESDAY – July 6, 2005

BREAKFAST

- 7:30-8:30am On your own

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN (www.mobot.org)

- 9:00am -12:00pm
- 11:30am Lunch @ Garden Café on the porch under the trees
- Narrated Tram tour (optional) Tickets for tours are available @ Tram Station.

ST. LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER (www.sisc.org)

- 1:00-5:00pm James S. McDonnell Planetarium & Omnimax Theater

REGISTRATION

- 5:00-6:00pm Hotel Banquet Room
- 6:00-7:00pm Supper – Garden burgers/Chips/Dessert
- 7:00-9:00pm Business Meeting

THURSDAY – July 7, 2005

BREAKFAST

- 7:00-8:00am On your own

ST. LOUIS ZOO

- 9:00-12:00pm

LUNCH

- 12:00-2:00pm On your own

TOUR GENERAL CONFERENCE BOOTHS

- 2:00-5:00pm

BANQUET & AUCTION

- 6:00-10:00pm at the Holiday Inn

FRIDAY – July 8, 2005

BREAKFAST

- 7:45-8:45am - Holiday Inn

BUSINESS MEETING

- 9:00-10:00am

ST. LOUIS ART MUSEUM

- 10:00-11:30am Docent Tour begins @ 10:30am (www.slam.org)

LUNCH AT ART MUSEUM

- 11:30am

EDUCATION

- 2:00-4:00pm at the Hotel

BUSINESS MEETING

- 4:00-5:00pm

SUPPER

- 5:00-6:00pm on your own

GENERAL CONFERENCE

- 7:00-10:00pm

SABBATH – JULY 9, 2005

GENERAL CONFERENCE

SEE YOU IN ST. LOUIS

ADDRESS CHANGES

One of the biggest jobs is trying to keep track of where all the SDA optometrists are. As you move or change addresses we loose track of you. Please let me know so that we can send you every Fraterneyeser. Also if your e-mail address changes we need to know that.

If you have a new address or if you know any new SDA optometrists or recent graduates send me the address.

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Roland Stickel, O.D.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This evening I have talked to John Eaton, Bob Roberts and Lowell Meister regarding our convention and the General Conference. Things are coming together well, everything looks good – and exciting – except for one little detail – It seems many of us have been too busy—counting the days or planning our routes or making airline reservations—to send our registration in to Lowell. We know – (don't we) that many of you are making plans to attend – its not too late – but we don't want Lowell to lose any sleep – or hair – not being able to finalize arrangements – He needs to have some concrete numbers.

So look over the list of Fun and activities – and let him know you're going to be there. Seldom has there been so many fun things, with the bonus of G.C. and a little bit of work – Fun work (in our G. C. booth), – C.E. and best of all – ASDAO Fellowship. It's not too late – but it soon will be!

This is my last chance to remind you to promote ASDAO to non participating colleagues and Optometry as a profession to our students in Colleges and Academies. Some of you will be attending class reunions and graduations in the next few weeks – a good opportunity to promote.

We have discovered that there is a Pre-Optometry club at Southern Adventist University – another good avenue that we could encourage if we know Pre-Opt students at other colleges.

So – See you in St. Louis in a few short weeks – now before you finish reading the rest of this journal – Fill out your registration and put it in your out box.

E-mail



The following email addresses have been returned to me stating that they are no longer in service. If you are listed please send me your updated address. Send your new email to me at wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net.

Violet L. Bjaarias	e-mail returned
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Mel Farnsworth	e-mail returned
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Lisa Hanson	e-mail returned
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Duane Rana	e-mail returned
Luz Romer	e-mail returned
Jason Settlemier	e-mail returned
Cindy Schafer	e-mail returned
Scott Smith	e-mail returned

If you have a email address and have not sent it to me please send it also. We would like to keep our list up to date. I hope to publish a complete list in a near future Fraterneyeser.

PLAN FOR AUXILIARY AUCTION



It won't be long now until the convention will be here and the Auxiliary will be needing your help with their annual auction. This is the only income they have to help with their scholarship program and other mission work.

Start planning now with things you can make or bring with you to help with this project.

This is one of the fun things that take place at our annual convention. You might be surprised at what you may go home with.

ASDAO AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship is to recognize excellence in scholarship and encourage Seventh-day Adventist individuals with potential to complete their educational requirements in the field of Optometry.

Qualified Seventh-day Adventist students enrolled in an accredited school of optometry for at least one academic year are eligible to apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists. This scholarship is for \$1,000.

All documents must be received no later than JUNE 1. The recipient will be announced during the annual meeting of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists held the end of June each year. The scholarship committee reserves the right to suspend the award if no candidates are judged to be outstanding in a given year.

REGISTRATION AT HOTEL

Registration on your arrival at the Holiday Inn will be held in the Grand Sicilian Room.

The last Fraterneyeser stated that a advance payment for the Riverboat Cruise was needed. This does NOT have to be made in advance and will be collected at registration time.

MEAL TICKETS FOR GC

Meal tickets must be purchased in advance. Only a limited number of meal tickets will be available on site. Checks should be made payable to the General Conference of SDA. Meals are served for lunch and dinner. Tickets are \$10.00 per person per meal.

Check the General Conference web site for order form.

Tickets will be mailed only to street addresses in the USA and Canada. All other orders will be available for pick-up on site at America's Center, on presentation of your receipt.

Ticket sales are final. There will be no refunds for lost, stolen or misplaced tickets. Tickets are limited and may not be available at the Conference. **Ticket requests and payment must be received by May 20, 2005.**

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