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ASDAO CONVENTION 2005 ST LOUIS, MO



Drs. Lowell Meister, John Crane, Alden Curtis, Tom Sanders, Dan Beckner, Chuck Reeve, Duane Curtis, Roland Stickle, Dennis Benedict, John Eaton Urban Negre, Seated Tasha Coulter, Wilma Boulieris, Helaina Boulieris. Missing from picture are Drs. Bob Roberts and Clarie Omans.

The 47th annual ASDAO convention was held July 5-10 in St. Louis, MO. It was hoped that we would have more O.D.'s in attendance, however those that were there had a great time. We also had the opportunity to attend some of the General Conference meeting along with manning a visual screening booth.

The thanks for this has to go to Dr. Lowell Meister and his wife Dellene for making all the arrangements and making it all run smoothly.

Before the convention those that were there early attended a baseball game between the St Louis Cardinals and the Colorado Rockies. (editor note: the Colorado Rockies won 7-0). Also on the 4th of July we were served a delicious meal on the Becky Thatcher river boat as we cruised the Mississippi River. This was followed by one of the most spectacular fireworks displays that most said they had ever seen.

One day was spent by those who wanted to play golf, other events were going to the Botanical Gardens, St Louis Science Center, St. Louis Zoo and the St Louis Art Museum.

The banquet and auxiliary auction was a highlight that is always enjoyed. Again we had a profitable return for the auxiliary.

Sabbath was spent at the General Conference.

The hardest thing is saying good by until next year. I hope that we will have a large attendance in Sacramento next year.

DR. LOWELL MEISTER ELECTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/ VISION AFFAIRS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE



Dr. Lowell Meister of Nowata, OK was elected to replace Dr. John Eaton as the Assistant Director/Vision Affairs for the General Conference at the annual ASDAO

convention in St. Louis.

Dr. Meister will be the link between our organization and the General Conference. He will also help set up mission projects and placement of doctors in the mission field.

If you are interested in missions, let Dr. Meister know. There are several places that optometrists are needed.

You may contact Dr. Meister by phone at 918-273-1280 or 918-273-0486. by email at lmeister@fullnet.net Also P.O. Box 627 Nowata, OK 74048.

VISION SCREENING AT GC BIG SUCCESS



Thanks to Dr. John Eaton, Dr. Bob Roberts and his wife Dee along with six girls from Dr. Roberts office. Through their organizational skill we were able to have a very successful screening program at the GC Session.

We screened over 2,000 people. The referral rate was approximately 25% of those screened. The most common disorders that needed follow-up were reduced visual acuity, cataracts

and ocular hypertension including glaucoma suspects. It was particularly rewarding to have diagnosed approximately 10-15 advanced cases of primary open angle glaucoma. Without treatment most of these people would have lost their eyesight within five years.

Those from Dr. Roberts office, Lisa Valdez, Becky Laster, Melaine Yeager, Reta Wilkins, Michele Sizer, and Gina Turner along with the many ASDAO doctors that spent their time in the booth.

**ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR
VISION AFFAIRS FOR
GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF SDA**

John W. Eaton, O.D.



GHG This has been a busy year planning the details for our involvement in the eye screening for the GC session and supplying of information for the Health Ministries booth.

GHG Thanks to Dr. Bob Roberts, his wife Dee and staff, the booth design and screening details have been cared for and we owe them a great debt of gratitude. Their help has made the booth possible.

GHG I am somewhat disappointed that as of this writing we do not have a permanent replacement for the Saipan Clinic. If any of you have the calling to do some mission eye work please make this known.

GHG The Swaziland Eye Service has just received a wonderful award from the Foundation for Excellence in Business Practice. This award is the Gold Medal for Excellence in Business Practice. This award was given June 24, 2005 in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. & Mrs. Urban Negre feel humbled by this since there are many large corporations and institutions that are near to them. We praise the Lord for the Negres and their service to the people of Swaziland.

GHG I have had the privilege of serving the GC Health Ministries Department as the Assistant Visual Affairs Director for the past five years. Because of personal reasons and other interests, I would like to phase out my work in this area and am requesting the ASDAO select a new person to be recommended to Dr. Handysides and the Health Ministries Department to take over this responsibility. Thanks each of you for your support. I plan to remain active with our goals in Optometry and am willing to aid in this transfer to another.

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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



**2007 ASDAO
CONVENTION
BRANSON,
MISSOURI**

**MISCELLANEOUS PICTURES
ASDAO 2005**



**See additional pictures on
the ASDAO website.
Go to www.sdaoptometrists.org.**



**OPTOMETRY
STUDENT
ATTENDS
ASDAO
CONVENTION**

Tasha Coulter grew up in a small town in Texas panhandle called Texline. Graduated from high school there in 1995. Attended Southwestern Adventist University in Keen, TX for her undergraduate studies. She majored in Biostatistics with a minor in Chemistry. After graduation in 1999 she took a job teaching 8th grade math/algebra at the Medina Valley Middle School in Castroville, TX. She went back to school to receive her teaching

Her best friend and roommate from college, (who was a optometry student at the time), convinced her that she would enjoy optometry. She was encouraged to visit different optometrist's offices, and she was right. She enjoyed what she saw. The optometrists were very encouraging and supportive, and she was hooked. Tasha was accepted to Northeastern State University College of Optometry in Tahlequah, OK and began attending there in the fall of 2002. She is currently in her 4th year, and will graduated in May 2006. During her 2nd year she applied for, and was selected to receive, a Health Professions Scholarship from the United States Army. This scholarship covers her tuition, books, equipment, along with a small living stipend. She was commissioned in April 2004 as a 2nd Lt., and will change to Captain upon graduation. At this time she will owe the Army 3 years of active duty service. He plans are unsure as what she will do after getting out of the army.

She said she learned of the ASDAO while in her first year of school, and was very excited to know that there are other Adventist Optometrists. She said she completely enjoyed her time getting to know everyone in St. Louis at the annual ASDAO Convention and is very proud of the organization, its fellowship, and its mission mindedness. "I really appreciate the accepting nature of everyone involved, and the open arms with which they received me." She plans on making the convention a yearly event.

**AUXILIARY
AUCTION
SUCCESS**



A successful auction with \$2,090 raised from the things that members had made or brought to help raise money for the Auxiliary projects.

This years auctioneers were Drs. Alden Curtis, Duane Curtis and Wilma Boulieris.

One good money maker was the ASDAO T-shirts that most everyone attending ended up with.

It isn't to early to start planning for next year. Hand made objects are a big money maker at the auction.

Start now for next year.

MEMBERSHIP TO ASDAO UP

Thank you to all who have sent in their dues to help support the ASDAO. Our membership of paid dues is higher than it has been for several years.

We hope that all of you will plan on attending our convention in the Sacramento area next year. It would be nice to have a record attendance.

Dues run from July 1 thru June 30 each year.

ASDAO 2006 SACRAMENTO, CA LAST WEEK OF JUNE

We are looking forward to the 2006 Convention in the Sacramento area. We are still finalizing details and will get that information to you ASAP.

Although subject to change, plans include: a 1/2 day whitewater raft trip on the American River (the father-in-law of Dennis Hanson, OD from Auburn, was taken on this trip kicking and screaming at age 70 something, but came back raving about the fun!); a trip to Coloma where the discovery of gold by John Sutter started the 1849 California Gold Rush; the State Capitol; Old Sacramento; the Train Museum; an Auto/Truck Museum that even women and children will enjoy; and hopefully breakfast cooked by the OD's followed by a family baseball game (The Cataracts vs the Astigmatics--this could become a tradition!)

We may have to add on a day to fit in all the fun! The real gold, of course, is the renewing of precious friendships, the delight of making new ones, and the plans made by all to promote Optometry and to use the means and manpower of the ASDAO to help others see Jesus more clearly! We hope all of you will not make commitments for the end of June that will prevent you from joining us for our annual ASDAO Convention!

Sincerely, Tom and Linda Sanders

WE NEED YOUR HELP READING GLASSES AVAILABLE FOR MISSION TRIPS

It was voted to acquire an additional 10,000 pairs of reading glasses that would be available for use by those who are going on mission trips.

The cost for these glasses would be \$1000 and we are asking for anyone that could help out with this project for a donation in whatever amount you can give.

We are able to get these glasses for 10 cents a pair from a company that is closing out their supply.

If you are needing reading glasses for your mission trip, there is no charge except for the postage to send them to you. Call Dr. Dennis Benedict 517-784-6090.

Any donations should be made out to the ASDAO and sent to the Treasurer of the ASDAO, Eddy Benedict, 5600 Horton Rd., Jackson MI 49201.

Make sure you designate that it is for the mission glasses.

ASDAO DUES July 1 thru June 30 each year

2001-2002 O.D. Dues	35.00
2001-2001 Auxiliary Dues	10.00
2001-2002 1st Year Grad	10.00
2001-2002 2nd Year Grad	10.00
Optometric Student	1.00

We need your support in both money and by being active in ASDAO to help continue carrying on Gods' work for optometry.

Send your dues to:

Eddy Benedict
ASDAO Treasurer
5600 Horton Rd.

E-mail

Send me your e-mail address if not listed below, also any correction if what we have is not correct so we can publish it in our directory. It would be nice for the ASDAO members to be able to contact each other.

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ASDAO GOLF SHIRTS FOR SALE



For those who were not at the ASDAO convention in St. Louis, the shirts are all white with the SDA logo and

ASDAO embroidered on each. We have 1 large, 12 extra large and Five XX large golf shirts that we will be glad to send you. The cost of the shirts are \$20.00 each plus postage. All proceeds from the shirts goes to the Auxiliary for their mission projects.

Send requests to the ASDAO Treasurer Eddy Benedict, 5600 Horton Road, Jackson, MI 49201 or email eddieb_49201@yahoo.com,

ASDAO WEBSITE INFORMATION

www.sdaooptimetrists.org

If you haven't checked out the new web site, you should do so. There are a few things that will change from time to time. I believe we have a very nice site to represent our organization.

The good news is that we were able to get it for around \$300 instead of the \$2,500 that we were first quoted. There will be a yearly fee of about \$100 to keep it active. This is also a great savings over what we were first quoted.

I want to thank Dr. Dennis Benedict

WHY SHOULD I PAY ASDAO DUES?

Each year you receive a statement from the treasurer requesting you to send in dues and become a member of ASDAO.

First you should know that the dues are only a small part of what is used to continue the support of the ASDAO.

Money is needed to help continue our mission clinics overseas. We supply them with equipment and support so that God's work can continue in these areas.

We want you to become active also in the fellowship of SDA optometrists throughout the country. We have a great time each year when we get together.

Support your ASDAO this year.

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.

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Steve Bordlee	e-mail returned
Donn Carroll	e-mail returned
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Margie Recalde	e-mail returned
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.

CHRISTIAN ONE LINERS

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you.

It's safer to be in rough water with Jesus than in calm water without Him.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE

There is classified advertising available to any member that has something to sell or is looking for something to buy. There is no charge for this and you may find a member out there that is looking for what you have.

Send any advertising to our web site webmaster, Dr. Dennis Benedict, either using the web site or email him at dhbenedict@yahoo.com.

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.

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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