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BRANSON CONVENTION ENJOYED BY ALL



If you are not in the picture above you missed a great time enjoyed by all. Our stay was well organized and we all had a good time being together, meeting new friends and seeing our regular friends. The accommodations at Rock Lane Resort was very comfortable for all in attendance.



A special thank you to Dr. Bob Roberts and his wife Dee for making all the arrangements for this great time together.



The first evening was spent together with registration and fellowship, followed by business meetings to get things started off.



Large meeting rooms location

Wednesday morning started off with the O.D.'s education given by Dr. Bob Roberts on the use of the CTS in retinal evaluation. Afternoon was free time to visit.

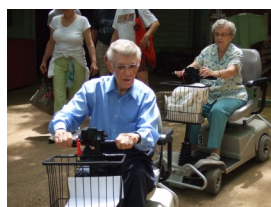


Dr. Bob Roberts lecturing

One of the highlights of the convention was going to the Soji Tabuchi show and hearing and seeing a great show with music and entertainment. If you are ever in Branson you don't want to miss this. Don't forget to visit the bathrooms for a luxury place.



Soji Tabuchi



Dr. Clarie Omans and his wife June got around with no trouble

Thursday was spent at Silver Dollar City which was enjoyed by all. Even our older members had a good time. There were rides and entertainment for all. I don't think anyone got sick from the rides, even though some rode the roller costar at least seven times. It wasn't even to bad when the rain began to fall during the evening program. Everyone dried out and was ready to go. Fellowship was a very important part of the convention.



Thunderation

FRIDAY—The final business meetings were finished up in the morning. Discussing the mission goal for the association and planning for the future were the main subject. Help with the establishment of the school of optometry at Montemorelos University in Mexico and supplying reading glasses for the mission program were the main subject.

There is a need for more O.D.'s to go to the mission field. Sipan is very much in need of an optometrist at this time. If you or anyone you know would be interested contact Dr. Lowell Meister our Assistant Director of Vision Affairs for the General Conference of SDA. 918-273-1280 or email at lmeister@fullnet.net.

Friday afternoon was spent on the Showboat Branson Bell as we toured around Table Rock Lake and enjoyed a nice dinner meal and musical program.



The vesper service Friday evening was most inspiring as we heard the story of Carlos & Nancy Pardeiro tell their story about how they met. He was a Rock star from Uruguay and she was Miss Centennial Nebraska. They met in Hawaii and gave their life over to Christ. Carlos is now the President and CEO of Safe TV. With an outreach to non SDA's to witness them to Christ. Carlos is also a very accomplished guitar player and played several numbers for all of us.



Nancy & Carlos Pardeiro

Sabbath was a high day with Sabbath School and Church. We had the privilege of hearing Dr. Gary Hopkins, the Assistant Director of Health for the General Conference of SDA gave our church service on how to keep our children in the church. We must all be evolved in their lives and willing to spend time with them. Keeping them active in church things will make them feel wanted.



Dr. Gary Hopkins



Sabbath evening was spent having a nice barbecue followed by a very good program by the Palmetto State Quartet, who sang many songs that help all of us to come a little closer to Christ. If you ever hear of this group in your area, make sure that you attend their concert. You will come away feeling good.

The convention had to come to a end for another year, good byes were said and we returned to our homes on Sunday. Until next year in Puyallup, WA where we hope to see many more of you there.

USCCO STUDENT ATTENDS CONVENTION



It was nice to have Dustin Krassin attend our convention this year. Dustin is a 4th year student at USCCO. He was accompanied by his grandmother, Anna Krassin who we know, as her late husband Charles Krassin, was a faithful member of the ASDAO and attended many of our conventions. We hope to see Dustin at many more of our conventions.

FUTURE ASDAO CONVENTIONS

It was voted that the 2009 convention would be held in Michigan with the location to be determined by Dr Dennis Benedict and his wife Eddy who will be the host.

The 2010 convention will be in conjunction with the General Conference Session in Atlanta, GA. The GC has requested that we conduct a visual screening booth like the one we had in St. Louis at the last session.

www.sdaoptometrists.org

If you haven't checked our 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.

PRESIDENT

HELAINA'S COLUMN



Helaina Boulieris, O.D.
ASDAO President

I am home from the last ASDAO meeting in Branson, Missouri with many good memories and much to think about. The members are like family to me, having known many since I was a girl. As a result I feel like I have been to a family reunion. We celebrated high points in each other's lives like weddings, graduations, new children and grandchildren. We shared prayers and sorrows for John and Marian Eton who had to race home to be at her mother's bedside. New to the family was Dustin Krassin, an Optometry student from SCCO. He attended with his grandmother, Anna whose husband was ASDAO secretary/treasurer in 1968-9. What a small world.

ASDAO is a family made up of generations of men and women who are committed to serving the Lord in their communities and around the world. We have the opportunity to get involved in so many ways. I personally love hearing about the mission trips many of you do throughout the year. My kids are getting old enough now that I will probably go on one next spring. Lowell Meister keeps us up to date on our full-time mission stations around the world. There are openings right now in several clinics for someone who wants to serve 24/7. We also have to opportunity to participate in bringing reading glasses to students in India, Optometric education in Mexico, and AIDS screening and education in Africa.

Yes, we are a family who love to sit together eating Krispy Kreme doughnuts and talking about our practices, kids, and homes. We are also a family energized to be God's hands and feet in our world. Those of you who missed Branson were sorely missed. Please plan to join us next time.

ODE TO BRANSON

(a limerick of gratitude)

We stayed at the Rock Landing Yacht Club.
The beds felt as nice as a back rub.
The grounds were sure pretty.
To leave is a pity.
We thank you for hosting our hub-bub.

Palmetto State gave us a song.
We wish they had sung on and on.
The tenors and basses
showed us what God's grace is.
Not to thank them would just be wrong.

If you want kids in your church, be nice!
Give them a hug once or twice.
Gary Hopkins, you said it
so we won't forget it.
Thank you for your good advice.

The Pardeiros said "ready, shoot, aim."
The Holy Spirit in you is a flame.
The station that's clean
and Nebraska's queen.
We are so happy you came.

A disease of asymmetry
That's what glaucoma is, you see.
The convention was fun.
And now that it's done
many thanks we give Bob and Dee.

Respectfully submitted by the resolutions committee to remember a fun convention—
Helaina Boulieris and Alden Curtis

NEXT FRATERNEYESER DEADLINE

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **November 1, 2007**. Please send me your information by the deadline.
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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN PUYALLUP

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**Gorgeous Place to Work
for the Lord**

GHG There are three dentists and no
Optometrist working at the SDA
Dental and Eyecare Clinic on the
beautiful island of Saipan. This eye
clinic has three complete refracting
lanes, a small lab, and dispensing
are waiting for some one to help.
Ken Pierson, D.D.S.. has made an
informative DVD concerning this
practice available. Please let me
know and I'll send the adventurous
DVD to you by mail. Ken's address:
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GHG **Branson Convention**
In Branson, MO. we attended the
Annual ASDAO Convention. We
raised \$3,995.00 for a new minus
cylinder phoropter. It was voted that
this phoropter be given to Montemo-
relos University Eye Clinic. Plans
are to begin a two year Optometry
School at the University. We will
also be sending their school 100
pair of glasses frames. I would en-
courage you to send me ten usable
frames that could be used to help
their optical students learn dispens-
ing. These frames can be discontin-
ued frames.

GHG **India OTC Reading Glasses**
There is still a need for OTC read-
ing glasses for the India Woman's
Literacy classes. We can buy these
glasses for \$15.00 per dozen.
Please plan to sponsor one dozen
pair for \$20.00 (this includes the
postage). So for the cost of \$100.00
we could send 60 pair of OTC read-
ing glasses so these people can
read their Bibles. Send all money to
the Treasurer Eddie Benedict. This
past year we have raised enough
money for 1000 pair of OTC reading
glasses. Lets set a new goal for
10,000 pair in year 2008 - 2009.
Please pray that God will guide in
these projects.

Lowell Meister O.D.

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**The Pacific North-
west Beckons
June 27-July 1
2008**

It's been a few years since Nancy and I
hosted the convention at Lincoln City, OR. It
was there that we all got to see the famous
killer whale, Keiko. She might still be alive
today if it wasn't for the "wackos". To my
knowledge, there is not killer whale arriving
to an aquarium in Washington anytime next
year. However, you may wish to take a
whale watching excursion out in Puget
Sound while you are here.

We are planning on our group going to see
the Boeing Museum of Flight as well as the
Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and Gardens
aka Ballard Locks. Both are outstanding
attractions in the Seattle area. Sabbath
afternoon, we plan to visit the 700 acre Point
Defiance Park and Aquarium. See web sites
below.

There will be a lot of post graduate educa-
tion available at the AOA National Conven-
tion beginning July 25th in Seattle as well as
the usual convention display hall.

Plan on attending an "old fashion" conven-
tion here in Puyallup as our group will have
much of the church and SS program as the
majority of the members will be at camp-
meeting. See you next year!

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[http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/page.php?
id=24](http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/page.php?
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Dr. Stan and Nancy

**AUXILIARY
ANNUAL
AUCTION**



**Alden Curtis O.D.
ready to auction off items**

\$2,255 was raised at the auction
this year. This will help with the
mission projects and scholarship that
was awarded at the convention in
Branson. It will also be used to help
purchase a phoropter for the optome-
try school that is in the process of
getting started in
Montemorelos, Mexico.



**Drs. Alden & Duane Curtis
auctioners**

GET NEXT YEARS PROJECTS READY

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Send me your e-mail address if not listed
below, also any correction if what we have is
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would be nice for the ASDAO members to be able
to contact each other.

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IMPORTANT SURVEY ENCLOSED

PLEASE fill out the enclosed survey. We would like to know just what you would like to see the ASDAO do and where you see it going. A few questions have been added since the last one. We need to hear from all of you.

We would like to see its organization be one that you would be proud to attend, therefore we want to do what you would like to see done. Thank you for your input.

ASDAO DUES July 1 thru June 30 each year

2007-2008 O.D. Dues	35.00
2007-2008 Auxiliary Dues	10.00
2007-2008 1st Year Grad	10.00
2007-2008 2nd Year Grad	10.00
Optometric Student	1.00

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

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ASDAO AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2nd, 3rd & 4th YEAR OPTOMETRY STUDENTS

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.

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WHY SHOULD I PAY ASDAO DUES?

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

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

GHG 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.

GHG 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.

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