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MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE ASDAO 50th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION JUNE 27 - JULY 1, 2008 PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON



2008 Convention Host's
Dr. Stan & Nancy Pugh

While it may seem difficult to grasp, our organization has been around for fifty years! The 2008 convention in the Pacific Northwest will celebrate our Golden Anniversary. Everyone who has ever attended one of our conventions needs to attend this one.

My first convention was in 1966 in Eugene, OR. Being the only SDA in my class at Pacific University, I found it to be a welcome retreat to meet my fellow SDA OD's for a wonderful Sabbath

together. Back in those days, I thought that those pioneer OD's could "walk on water"! Many of my dear old friends are now gone; however, fewer of the younger OD's have come on board to replace them. Last year's attendance was down to seventeen OD's. There were more than that back in 1966! For an organization to thrive, it must have goals that are shared by all of its members. When the goal of a SDA optometric school at Loma Linda University faded from reality some twenty years ago, much of the impetus that drove our organization also faded. With the passing years, most of the recent SDA graduates seemed to have other goals than staffing a mission hospital.

Many organizations never reach their 50th year. Ours has done it through the perseverance of a few faithful souls. Beginning in the late 20th century, individualism has taken over in America. Organizations such as Kiwanis, Elks and Shriners have had a dramatic drop in membership. The Tacoma Elks club, once one of the largest in America, will soon be closing its doors. Can our ASDAO remain viable? This summer, we need to come together not only to celebrate what we have done in the past, but also to consider our future.

Our 2008 convention in Puyallup, WA will piggyback with the tail end of the AOA Convention, June 25-29, twenty miles north in Seattle. Our convention will begin with a June 27, Friday evening vesper service in our local church. As in the "old days", most of our Sabbath services will be conducted by our fellow members. I am praying that we will have a real spiritual feast.

Our continuing education will be conducted at and brought to us by the staff at Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute. The foremost SDA owned eye surgery facility in the United States with thirteen offices spread throughout Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho and Montana.

A visit to the world-famous Dale Chihuly Museum of Glass will be among our first stops. If easily bored, you will also be adjacent to the Tacoma Art Museum as well as the Washington State History Museum.

The next day, we will drive to Seattle to visit the Boeing Museum of Flight and then on to an Argosy Cruise on Lake Washington through the Chittenden "Ballard" Locks which connect with Puget Sound.

Our Best Western Park Plaza motel (253-848-1500 \$129) is adjacent to the Puyallup South Hill Mall with its 120 stores for those who love to shop....or enjoy walking out of the rain. Oh....did I mention that it has been known to rain in Western Washington? However, I have already put in my order for good weather. The Majestic RV Park is a 5 minute walk from our home(253-845-3144 \$34.00 majesticrvpark.com)

In the next issue of The Fraterneser, I will list more nearby attractions to entice you to our area.

HOLIDAY GREETING
THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, NEW YEARS

ASDAO MEMBERS HAVE MET IN MANY LOCATIONS IN LAST 50 YEARS

1	1959	Yosemite, CA
2	1960	Squaw Valley, CA
3	1961	Denver, CO
4	1962	San Francisco, CA
5	1963	Minneapolis, MN
6	1964	New York, NY
7	1965	New Orleans, LA
8	1966	Battle Creek, MI
9	1967	Eugene, OR
10	1968	Banff, AL, Canada
11	1969	Durango, CO
12	1970	Honolulu, HI
13	1971	Houston, TX
14	1972	St. Louis, MO
15	1973	Loma Linda, CA
16	1974	Victoria, BC, Canada
17	1975	Gatlinburg, TN
18	1976	Las Vegas, NV
19	1977	Toronto, ON, Canada
20	1978	New Orleans, LA
21	1979	San Diego, CA
22	1980	Jackson Hole, WY
23	1981	Battle Creek, MI
24	1982	Bolton Valley, VT
25	1983	Hayden Lake, ID
26	1984	Kauai, HI
27	1985	Marrietta, GA
28	1986	Hope, BC, Canada
29	1987	St. Augustine, FL
30	1988	Glacier View, CO
31	1989	Leoni Meadows, CA
32	1990	Cuhutta Springs, GA
33	1991	Arlington, TX
34	1992	Nakoda Lodge, Calgary
35	1993	Aneheim, CA Cruise
36	1994	Arden, NC
37	1995	Durango, CO
38	1996	Lincoln City, OR
39	1997	Fredrick, MD
40	1998	Sun Valley, ID
41	1999	Eureka Springs, AR
42	2000	Burlington, ON Canada
43	2001	Leavenworth, WA
44	2002	Nashville, TN
45	2003	Cody, WY
46	2004	Kelowna, BC Canada
47	2005	St. Louis, MO
48	2006	Auburn, CA
49	2007	Branson, MO
50	2008	Puyallup, WA

Look over the above list and let me know how many of these that you have attended. We have several that I know of that have been an many. One member, Dr. Clarie Omans has attended all of the above except the 2006 convention.

As you can see, attending the ASDAO convention allows you to see many places within the U.S. and Canada. I am sure that we have met places that I would not have seen if it wasn't for ASDAO.

Make your plans to be a regular attendee each year, and I am sure that you will not want to miss another convention if at all possible. Since 1980 Bette and I have only missed 4 conventions. We have enjoyed every one of them and gained many friends from having been there.

Looking forward to seeing you in Puyallup this year.

Duane Curtis, O.D., Fraterneyeser editor

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AVAILABLE ON WEB

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, 5690 Horton Road, Jackson, MI 94201 or email him at dhbenedict@yahoo.com.

www.sdaoptometrists.org



BEST WESTERN PARK PLAZA

You 22 should make your reservations as soon as possible. Be sure and tell them that you are with the Association of SDA Optometrists.

June 27-July 1, 2008. Deadline for rooms being held is May 27, 2008.

ASDAO rate is \$129.00 per night
Address: 620 South Hill Park Drive
Puyallup, WA 98373
Phone 253-848-1506



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 lose track of you.

Please let me know so that will continue to receive the news letter.

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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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

Is your family like mine? The chaos of the summer is over and we are "falling" into our normal routines. The holidays are on the horizon. For me it is the calm Before the storm. I find myself looking ahead and making plans. Where will we go for Thanksgiving? How about Christmas? I am on call New Year's Eve—what goofy calls will I get that night? My son is going on a mission trip this spring. Should I go, too?

We are even starting to plan for the summer. I know I am going to AOA in Seattle. I am excited for the opportunity to go to AOA and ASDAO on the same trip. Hopefully you all are making the same plans.

Last week my quilt guild had its annual quilt show. Amid the 600 quilts on display one stands out In my mind. It was a wall hanging about 36 inches square called *More For Me*. On the blocks were written words like, artichokes, brussels sprouts, oysters, and oatmeal. The quilter explained that it was a quilt for her father. As a child, when she and her brothers would wrinkle up their noses or complain about food they didn't like, her father would gleefully say, "That's OK. There's more for me."

Well, when it comes to ASDAO with all the friendship, mission service, spiritual rejuvenation and fun, if a person is absent, there is certainly NOT "more for me." Each one is missed. Make your plan to join us in June. We won't even make you eat brussels sprouts!

Ghoti

I don't think you can find the above word in the dictionary, however it can be pronounced like a very common word that I am sure all of you have used.

Think about how the English language is so mixed up and you may be able to figure it out. I caught it the other day while camping.

Send me your idea to ghoti in the another spelling. I will let you know in the next Fraterneyeser so keep working on it until the February edition. Email to editor wrlcurtis@rtconnect.com

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GHG All is quiet here. No response from Montemorelos and no correspondence from Dr. Handysides. We have not heard from our last shipment of glasses to India. We will try again.

GHG We all need to pray we can find optometrist for Saipan.

Lowell Meister O.D.

**13 Reasons
to Smile**

1. Marriage changes passion. Suddenly you're in bed with a relative.
2. I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it. So I said "Implants?" She hit me.
3. How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America?
4. A good friend will come and bail you out of jail...but, a true friend will be sitting next to you saying, "Wow...that was fun!"
5. I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!
6. When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping," now I just "chunky dunk"
7. Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference.
8. Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over? AMEN, AMEN !!
9. Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?
10. Wouldn't you know it...Brain cells come and brain cells go, but FAT cells live forever.
11. Why do I have to swear on the Bible in court when the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed outside?
12. Bumper sticker of the year: "If you can read this, thank a teacher -and, since it's in English, thank a soldier"
13. And remember: life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

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**MORE MISSING
MEMBERS
OUR LIST IS GROWING**

We are trying to locate members in which we have no correct addresses. Our list has grown with returned Fraterneyeser from the last mailing. *If you know any of the following optometrists addresses or if they are deceased please let the bulletin editor know.*

- Dr. Glenn Allouche
- Dr. Leonard Benjamin
- Dr. Bonnie Bradley
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- Dr. Edward Carman
- Dr. Oscar Chung
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- Dr. Crosby M. Davis
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- Dr. Bob Steller
- Dr. Fred Strong
- Dr. Joseph Thormand
- Dr. Dennis Torres
- Dr. Craig Wagoner
- Dr. Ayub Walayat
- Celeste Warner (Student)
- Dr. Kevin Watters
- Dr. William Whitted

Several new names have been added. See if you can help keep this up to date.

**LETS TRY AGAIN
SOMEONE MUST
KNOW ABOUT SOME
OF THESE DOCTORS**

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**NEXT FRATERNEYESER
DEADLINE**

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **February 1, 2008**. Please send me your information by the deadline.

Dr. Duane Curtis, Editor

E-mail Address

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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Duane Curtis O.D., bulletin editor

IF YOU DID NOT SEND IN YOUR SURVEY FROM THE LAST TWO NEWS LETTERS PLEASE SEND THIS ONE ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE NEVER ATTENDED A CONVENTION

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. We need to hear from all of you.

We would like to see is organization be one that you would be proud to attend.

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.

ASDAO CONVENTION REGISTRATION

2006 ASDAO CONVENTION
PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON
FRIDAY, JUNE 27 - TUESDAY, JULY 1

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Name _____

Children/Ages _____

Spouse _____

Guests _____

Arrival Date _____

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