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Final Call for the 50th ASDAO Convention In Puyallup, WA June 27- July 1

Nancy and I are looking forward to seeing all of our OD friends this June. Not only can you get gobs of CE at the AOA Convention in Seattle, you will also get three hours of excellent education at Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute on Sunday morning, the 29th. Entitled "8 Ways to Preserve Your Patient's Vision" this presentation will be a mix of "rapid fire" topics as well as "hands on" experience. Our speakers will include SDA MD's who are surgeons at PCLI. At noon, a tour of the facility and a hosted luncheon for all Dr's and their families will conclude our time there.



Next, we are off to see the world famous Dale Chihuly Museum of Glass where we can see his students learning their trade. That night is the Auxiliary Banquet and Auction at the Fellowship Hall of the church. Our optometry students are counting on you!

Monday will be a full and busy day which will include a business meeting and visits to the Museum of Flight and a cruise to the Locks on Lake Union in Seattle. We will be meeting at a local restaurant for our last dinner together that evening.

Since 1963, locals and visitors alike have enjoyed the 2-1/2 hour Locks Tour. The cruise connects the salt water of Puget Sound and the fresh water of Lake Union via the Hiram Chittenden Locks. Enjoy live narration of Seattle's history, while viewing the historic waterfront. View the spectacular city skyline one of the world's largest shipping terminals, the majestic Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges and the "Sleepless in Seattle" houseboat community. The overland loop is connected via Gray Line of Seattle motor coach. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase on board. Please come to this historic ASDAO convention. Besides, where else are you going to have the opportunity to see the World Class Giant Pumpkin Patch of Stan Pugh? Recently rated as the 16th best grower in the world, Stan's patch is a thing of beauty.....well, perhaps if you like gardening. While the pumpkins will be very small at the end of June, by mid August they will be growing at the rate of 30-40 pounds a day.

Dr. Stan & Nancy Pugh

ASDAO 2008 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY June 27

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration
6:00 p.m. reception Dinner and visiting time
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. OD and Auxiliary Business meeting
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Vespers

SABBATH June 28

Breakfast at hotel
9:30 a.m. Leave for Puyallup SDA Church, Our own O.D.'s will lead out in the SS and worship services
9:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Sabbath School Lesson
11 a.m. – Noon Church Service
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Dinner at church
2:30 p.m. leave for Point Defiance Park/Zoo
7:30 p.m. Supper at church
8:15 p.m. Vespers at church

SUNDAY June 29

Breakfast at hotel
8:30 a.m. Doctors leave for PCLI for education
9:00 – Noon Education for O.D.'s

LUNCH for O.D.'s & family at PCLI
1:00 p.m. Leave for Glass Museum
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. O.D. & Auxiliary Business meeting
7:00 p.m. Banquet and Auxiliary auction

MONDAY June 30

Breakfast at hotel
8:15 Joint business meeting
9:15 p.m. Leave for Museum of Flight
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tour Museum of Flight
Lunch on your own
3:00 p.m. Arrive at Argosy Cruises
3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Locks Cruise
Dinner together at a local restaurant

TUESDAY July 1

Breakfast at hotel
Farewell and see you in Michigan next year

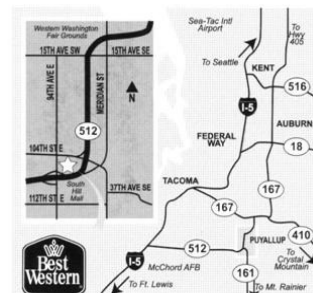


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FROM HIGHWAY 167:

Going North or South, exit onto 512 West towards Puyallup, exit off Highway 512 at the South Hill/Eatonville Highway 161 exit. Turn right off the exit, and turn left onto South Hill Park Drive.

FROM DOWNTOWN PUYALLUP:

Travel South on South Meridian Street. Go past the fairgrounds and continue up the hill. Keep to the right. Turn right, heading over the freeway. Turn left onto South Hill Park Drive into the hotel parking lot.

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Rate is \$36.00 to \$39.00 per night.



OPTOMETRIST EDUCATION

Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute

The Director of Optometrists at PCLI said that the SDA M.D.'s are looking forward to giving some of the three hours of presentations. I have worked very closely with the staff at PCLI since its inception 20 years ago. I am quite sure that all will be impressed with PCLI. They are a fine representative of the SDA church. Nearly all of the surgeons are SDA and offer to have prayer with the patients before surgery.

Stan Pugh, O.D.

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Please let me know so that you will continue to receive the newsletter.

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ASDAO CONVENTION REGISTRATION

2008 ASDAO CONVENTION
PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON
FRIDAY, JUNE 27 - TUESDAY, JULY 1
Name _____

Children/Ages _____

Guests _____

Arrival Date _____

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Spouse _____

Would child care be helpful to you? _____

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ARRIVE EARLY OR STAY LATE, CALL TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM SOON !!!

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GHG Glasses for India seem to be back on track. We will send another shipment of 144 pair of reading glasses soon. I have pictures of the Adult Literacy classes wearing the reading glasses we mailed.

GHG I have had correspondence with Herb Giebel, MD medical director for the West Central African Division, who in times past has given some thought to an optometrist in one of the hospitals in Nigeria. Dr. Giebel says, I have recently received a request from Dr. Jason Lohr, the medical director of our hospital in Ile-Ife, Nigeria requesting the following eye equipment. They are wanting to begin to provide eye services at our hospital. Do you have any leads as to where we may be able to find these items in good condition and well functioning either donated or at a reasonable price?

1. Trial lens set
2. Slit lamp
3. Operating microscope

I have requested information to what make and model they prefer but have not received response as yet. I have requested assistance in finding these items by two Nigerian optometrists Dr. Ifeanyi Onuoha and Dr. Sylvester Edomwonyi. They are having difficulty finding a place to purchase equipment in Nigeria. We could buy these in US and ship them but we do not know if it will arrive safely or at all. Still working on this. Sounds like a good project for our association in 2008-2009.

GHG Letter from Dr. Onuoha Ifeanyi in Nigeria. He says that he has given the issue of forming an optometric group in Nigeria a lot of thought and he thinks the project would be good. He would start by getting the phone numbers and email addresses of all the current practicing Adventist optometrists in Nigeria and those that are still studying. Since he does not have an agenda on what we would be doing as a group he would like to at least, hold the group together by circulating information of articles in optometry and ophthalmology journals. The one major obstacle is that he does not have access to these journals. He is wanting assistance in getting the journals. If he could get them on the internet them.

GHG Nigeria Africa is the place where I am receiving e-mail. Two Optometrists and an optometric student. The student is interested in the auxiliary scholarship. The application was e-mailed today. I have suggested to these two Adventist optometrists that they form an Association of SDA Opt. in their country. We do have a hospital in Ile-Ife Nigeria and there has been some thought of starting an eye clinic. Herb Giebel, M. D. is the Division Medical Director and a Loma Linda graduate.

GHGDellene and I are looking forward to the meeting in Puyallup. Hope to see friends and make new friends. It looks like Stan and Nancy have put together a great program. See you there.

Lowell

Lowell Meister, OD

**AOA Convention
Seattle, WA
June 25-29
FUTURE AOA
DATES**

2009 Washington, DC June 24-28
2010 Orlando, FL June 16-20,
2011 Salt Lake City, UT June 15-19
2012 Chicago, IL June 27-July 1

**2009 ASDAO
CONVENTION IN
HOLLAND, MI**

Dr. Dennis & Eddy Bennidict will be hosting our convention in 2009. It will be in Holland Michigan in middle to late June. More information will be presented at the convention in Puyallup, WA this June.



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ADVERTISING
AVAILABLE ON WEB**

Classified advertising is available to any member of ASDAO that has something to sell or is looking for something to buy. There is no charge for this and you may find one of our members out there that may be looking for what you have.

Send any advertising to our web master, Dr. Dennis Benedict, 5690 Horton Road, Jackson, MI 94201 or email him at: dhbennidict@Yahoo.com.

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.

**BRING YOUR
ITEMS FOR THE
AUXILIARY AUCTION**

This event is one of the highlights of our convention. Many items are auctioned off to raise money for the mission projects and student scholarships handed out to optometry students.

I will be bringing some of my woodworking items again this year.



We find that items that are made by one of the members go over real good.

A great time is enjoyed to everyone. I hope there are some items for the kids to bid on also.

**PRESIDENT
HELAINA'S COLUMN**



Helaina Boulieris, O.D.
ASDAO President

They say Spring is here but we haven't seen it much in our neck of the world. Last Sabbath we got an exquisite glimpse of the season to come. The day was warm enough for the Earliteen families to have a picnic outside and then the first hike of the year. No jackets required. Popsicle's appreciated. Ticks transported.

How quickly things change. Today is Friday and I am bundled up in a sweater and jeans. The wind is howling. The kids don't want to spend much time outside. We are even supposed to get snow tonight...again.

This has been a year of great stories for our family. Weird Spokane weather is only one. Brennan and I completed our first mission trip a few weeks ago. My sister had a new baby. I'm learning to speak Greek for a trip in June. I saw my first bear on a backpack trip.

What are your stories for the week? Did you survive the earthquake in the Midwest? Did you get stuck in traffic because the Pope was in your city? Did your grandchild play in her first piano recital? Did tax day make you want to eat an entire box of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts?

I can't wait to see everybody here in Washington State in June. What a fun time to catch up on each other's stories for the year. We will also be able to plan our mission objectives for the next year and network with students and new grads. Stan Pugh keeps telling me more and more things he has planned for us to do near Seattle. For those of us who are going to the AOA meeting it will be easy to come down and join in on Sabbath. What could be better?

I'll see you in June. Bring your stories.—Helaina

**NEXT FRATERNEYESER
DEADLINE**

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

Dr. Duane Curtis, Editor

MOVE TO WYOMING

Looking for an optometrist interested in practicing in a small, rural community in Wyoming. Ideal for mission minded individual with a growing church and church school already established. Many opportunities for outdoor recreation as we are located near the Big Horn Mountain range, Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park. Contact Kirby Treat, O.D. by email katreat@hotmail.com or 1096 N Ponderosa Lane, Worland, WY 82401 See you in Puyallup at the convention.

Wanted: Associate leading to Partnership: send resume and personal mission statement to danlboon@gmail.com or 66724 Brooks Road, Imbler OR 97841

Hi,

It has been so long since I've seen any of you, but I enjoy seeing the news letters. My son here in Portland sees and SDA Optometrist - Mel Mac- phee- I told Brian he should stop by and encourage him to attend the Con- vention this summer.

It is hard to believe Milton has been gone so long - I miss him so much. The Lord has been very good to me and considering that my next birthday will be the big 90 I am still living inde- pendently and I'm told that I'm still a good driver - helps me to be independ- ent!! and feeling quite well in spite of the fact that in February I had to start Chemotherapy for a Lymphoma that was found in my intestinal tract. So far (three session) all has gone well and I've not had any really bad side effects other than to have lost all my hair - that is quite traumatic for a woman, but they tell me it will grow back.

If any of you will be coming through Portland, Oregon on your way to Con- vention this summer I would just love to have a visit from you. I live in a large Retirement Village - all independent living apartments and fourplex or duplex units. It is built on 13 acres that Portland Adventist Hospital owns and is very close - just blocks - off Interstate 205. My address is 1802 E 107th Ave. Unit D and the phone number is 503 265 0152.

Greetings to you and others at the Convention,

Fedelma Ruhl

Editor note: I know that many of you remember Milton and Fedelma who

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

The purpose of the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship is to recognize excel- lence 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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TALL SHIPS SAIL INTO TACOMA



32 "Tall Ships" will be sailing into Tacoma on Thursday July 3rd. More than 200,000 people come from all over the West Coast to see these ships. There are tours, etc. They will all be sailing from nearby Vashon Island into Commencement Bay (Tacoma's Port) on Thursday morning. This is a fan- tastic sight as hundreds of local smaller yachts & boats are on hand to watch as well. This last happened in 2005. Here is the site showing the ships that will be coming. http://www.tallshipstacoma.com/site_ships

GOD ANSWERS YOUR PRAYERS

When you pray do you wonder how God is going to answer them? I received a email the other day that made a lot of since to me. It gave three answers that God gives.

1. Yes
2. Not Yet
3. I have something better in mind.

IT'S NOT TO LATE to make your plans to attend this historical 50th anniversary ASDAO convention. If you have not decided to attend, think of the good time you will be having with other SDA optometrists along with a good vacation. Also a chance to attend the AOA convention. If you attend you won't want to miss another one.

SEE YOU THERE

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