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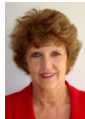
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2009 ASDAO Convention Holland, MI July 3 - 6

It's time to make plans to attend our annual convention in Holland, Michigan.

Chicago O'Hare airport is 168 miles (about 3 hours driving). Detroit Metro airport is 180 miles (about 2 hours 50 minutes driving). Gerald R. Ford Airport in Grand Rapids is 20 miles (about 35 minutes drive).



Dr. Dennis & Eddy Benedict
Convention Hosts

For those who would like to play golf, I am planning an outing on Thursday before the convention. Please let me know before May 1 if you are planning to golf on Thursday.

Our convention will begin Friday, July 3:

4:00 – 5:00 Welcome and Registration
5:00 – 6:00 Supper
6:00 – 7:15 Business meeting for O.D.s and Auxiliary
7:30 – 9:00 Vesper Music Concert

Sabbath, July 4:

7:30 Breakfast
8:15 Leave for Battle Creek Tabernacle for Church
12:30 Lunch at Church
1:00 Tour of Adventist Historical Village and Pioneer Cemetery (Oakhill)
6:00 Supper in Holland
8:45 Vespers at the beach (weather permitting)
9:30 Ice Cream



James & Ellen White
Home

Sunday, July 5:

8:00 Breakfast
8:30 O.D. Education
11:00 Business meeting
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Leave for Dune Rides
5:30 Banquet and auction



Dune Rides

Monday, July 6:

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Leave for Dutch Village
12:00 Lunch
Convention ends with lunch



Dutch Village

Optional Activity planned for Monday July 6 and July 7:

1:00 Drive to Mackinaw City (about 4 hours)
Tour Mackinaw City in the evening. Some may want to drive across the Mackinac Bridge to St. Ignace (Upper Peninsula)

Tuesday, July 7:

Ride Ferry to Mackinac Island for the day

If you would like to stay in the Holland area and enjoy the beaches and water sports, we will have more information available later.



Mackinac Island

Some may want to drive to Grand Rapids to the Gerald R. Ford Museum, or go shopping in Grand Rapids.

We need to know how many are planning to go to Mackinac Island so we can reserve a block of hotel rooms in Mackinaw City Monday evening July 6. Please e-mail or call me before May 1, 2009, dhbenedict@yahoo.com or you will be responsible for making your own hotel arrangements. Remember this is the busiest time of the year for tourists and hotel accommodations are sometime difficult to arrange.

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Reading Glasses for India

I would like to suggest a better approach for providing reading glasses to the Women's Ministries Adult Literacy Program in India.



Hepzie Kore Director has stated she can get one pair of reading glasses for \$3.00. There is an Adventist Optician who has his own business there and can supply glasses

for her. This is a little more than we are now paying but would eliminate custom charges. It would also insure that Adult Literacy Program would receive their reading glasses.

Mrs. Kore thinks 1000 pair would be adequate per year. We have fulfilled our commitment made in April 2006 of



more than 1000 pair of reading glasses. I would like to see the ASDAO raise \$3,000.00 a year for the Adult Literacy Program in India. We can do this by private donations and special projects. Thank you for your past support and may God bless you for your generous gifts.

Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle in Primary Care

July 6-8, 2009 Geneva, Switzerland
The Seventh day Adventist Health Ministry Department is involved with the World Health Organization which is part of the United Nations. The program in Geneva is plenary addresses about Health life style and caring for the physical needs of the world meetings are scheduled at the University of Geneva.

July 8-11 Collonges-sous-Saleve, France

The program in Collongue is scheduled at the Adventist University. There are presentations and discussions on the needs of our church members and out reach into the community. There will be workshops at each conference. Health is a fundamental human right for all humans. Complete details can be found <http://www.ealthlifestyleconf.com>. I have been asked by Dr. Allan Handysides Director, Department of Health Ministries GC of SDA to attend these meetings. We need to support this program showing our willingness to cooperate with the WHO in providing health care to the world.

Lowell Meister, OD
ADVA Health Ministries, GC.

**Double Tree
Hotel
Holland, Michigan**



25 rooms with 1 King size bed, and 25 rooms with 2 Queen size beds. The rates are \$99 + Tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling: **(616) 396-0710** and give the group code ASDAO. **Reservations must be made before 06/02/09.**



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Dee Roberts



It's always nice to be planning summer trips this time of year !!!! Bob and I are excited to see all of our ASDAO friends again this summer

in Michigan. On behalf of the auxiliary I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of our auction and looking forward to another great time together. We hope and pray that our organization will be able to reach out and help those in need. God has blessed us all in many different ways and it is always nice to look for ways to serve and help others. See you all soon ---love Dee

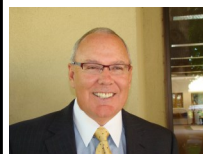
**START PLANNING
FOR
AUXILIARY AUCTION**

It won't be long now until the next convention, and the highlight of all our conventions has been the auction. You can bring anything you want to be auctioned off.

This money goes to help the auxiliary with their scholarship program and several mission projects. Start making something for them.

It is always a fun time to see what everyone brings.

**PRESIDENT
BOB'S COLUMN**



Bob Roberts, O.D.
ASDAO President

Greetings from a cold snowy Arkansas... Thankfully spring is only 2 months away. Tomorrow we leave for Florida!!! This is the time of year that Dee and I really look forward to a trip to Florida to visit the grandchildren and our kids.

I enjoyed visiting with many of our ASDAO officers while discussing a little business long distance. We voted to fund Lowell Meister's trip to Geneva Switzerland to represent our organization, and the general conference while attending the SDA world health conference and the United Nations world health meetings. I'm also excited to be planning a mission trip with Dennis Benedict, and looking forward to hearing about more of our missionary endeavors at our convention this summer. I would encourage all of us to be making plans to be at our convention this year. Hope to See you then----- Bob

**ASDAO CONVENTION July 3-6,
2009
Holland, Michigan**

Name _____

Spouse _____

Children name and ages

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Telephone # _____

e-mail address _____

I am planning on going to Mackinaw Island. Yes _____ No _____

I plan to play golf Yes _____ NO _____

Return this information to
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**IMPORTANT THIS BE RE-
TURNED AS SOON AS POSSI-
BLE**

WANTED !!!

We are looking for any Group Pictures, both of O.D.'s and family pictures from past ASDAO conventions for a history book. Can use either slides, prints or whatever you have. If at all possible please give a description of what year, location and names of people in pictures. Send them to Dr. Dennis Benedict, 5699 Horton Road, Jackson MI 49201. Let him know if you want them returned.

**FUTURE AOA
CONVENTION DATES**

2010 Orlando, FL June 16-20

E-mail Address

I know most of us have a email address. Send me your e-mail address if not listed below, also send me any correction if yours is not correct . It would be nice for the ASDAO members to be able to contact each other. Send to wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net

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THERE MUST BE MORE THAN THESE. We have added a few since the last news and I have had some return undeliverable. Lets keep this up to date.

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READING GLASSES IN USE

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We have conducted one day Refresher Training program and semi Christmas on 21 st December at Athmakuru center. 10 facilitators and 02 supervisors attended the training program. We started the program at 9:30am. Pr. Chinniah has taken the morning devotion for 30 minutes. From 10:00am onwards till 02:00pm we had three sessions. In the first session I have taught the facilitators and supervisors how to make teaching aids and demonstration of some teaching aids. And in the Second session I have instructed them how to prepare the monthly reports and the life changing stories which we have learned at Khammam and in the third session I have taught them about personal hygiene also we have emphasized the need of literacy classes in our Churches and encouraged them to carry out their responsibilities honestly. We also have reminded the supervisors about their responsibilities and sending the reports on time.

We have distributed **reading glasses** at two centers Athmakuru and Kyathuru. All the learners who received the **reading glasses** are conveying their sincere thanks to you and the donors.

we have closed the training program by afternoon with seasonal prayers. After the lunch we paid their stipends and we dismissed the members to the respective places.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your ministry in SUD.

ThankYou
N. Uma Chinniah, NRR, Kurnool.

COLLEGEDALE, TENNESSEE:

Sammy Howard Litchfield died Jan 17, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. Some of you will remember Mrs. Sammy Howard Litchfield attended ASDAO when she was married to Ralph Howard before he died in 1998. In 1968 she went with Ralph and 15 students to



Neil and Sammy Litchfield attending the ASDAO convention 2003 in Cody, WY

Haiti for one of the first ASDAO's first health mission trips. She also gave assistance to Ralph in 1981 when they volunteered to Honduras, Thailand and Cambodia . In 1999 Sammy met a friend at Camp AuSable, Mich. that she knew from Florida by the name of **Neil Litchfield**. They were married later that year, and they have been to a few of our meetings. They have been living in a condo in Collegedale, Tennessee. Sammy died at home on Sabbath January 17 at noon and unfortunately Neil died the next day, Jan. 18 at about 3:30 about 24 hours apart. Neil was 95 on December 26, 2008 and Sammy would have been 95 on January 26, 2009. They have lived a good life and will be missed.

Mission Trip to Peru South America

Alden Curtis, O.D.

I recently returned from a mission trip to Peru. The organization of the trip was in connection with Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman MT.

About 23 M.E.A. students along with a group from Salt Lake City Utah headed up by Jon Jordana flew to Lima Peru, Iquitos and then via boat down the Amazon River to the small Town of Indiana. There has been established a camp at this area to stage a setting for youth up and down the Amazon to come for a week and have a Junior Camp type of experience.

Most of the youth helped the approximately 60 Peruvian youth and their Peruvian counselors. Others would go with the medical outreach groups on small boats to villages up and down the Amazon.

I was joined by David Wilkins, M.D. an Ophthalmologist from Montana and now living in Southern California. He is the father of M.E.A. principal Darren Wilkins. Clinics were held at Iquique, San Louis, Santa Rosa, Timicurillo III Zona, Indiana and the Boris Tribe.

These Clinics were very successful and approximately 500 pairs of glasses were dispensed.



Several pathology cases were treated, one of which was a serious corneal ulceration. It is very satisfying to help in such cases.

After the camp was over and our clinics completed we flew to Cusco, bused to Aguas Calientes they by train to the very interesting sight of Machu Picchu

which is a must see. It is the only Incan city that is known to have survived the destruction by the Spanish Conquistadors. It is believed that they never acknowledged its existence. It was peopled by around 1000 inhabitants abandoned between 1400 and 1500 a.c. Much of the remaining history is a mystery.



The return trip back to Bozeman MT and then home to Worland Wyoming was long and I am still resting up. Go on a mission trip. I have been on several and you will never regret the experience.

Thanks! A. S. D. A. O.

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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: dhbenedict@Yahoo.com.

**59th General
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Atlanta, Georgia
June 23– July 3,
2010**

**NEXT FRATERNEYESER
DEADLINE**

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **May 1, 2009**. Please send me your information by the deadline. Dr. Duane Curtis, Editor
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Deceased: Long time member of ASDAO, Dr. Harry Oster passed away on December 16, 2008 at the age of 90. Dr. Oster practiced in Omak and Tonasket, WA for years. His wife Joan passed away several years ago. I am sure many of you remember Harry, as he had attended several of our conventions.

**PLAY GOLF
THURSDAY
BEFORE THE
CONVENTION**

If you are interested in playing Golf. Arrive a day early. There will be a get together of those who are there for a good game on the links. Let Dennis know that you plan to be there.

**GLASSES NEEDED BY APRIL 1
NO GLASSES RECEIVED
TO DATE**

We need many O.D.s to collect and sort glasses for our mission projects. Hundreds of pairs of glasses are dispensed for every project. The amount of glasses we receive determine how many mission projects we can support. We need as many glasses as possible as soon as possible.

- If you cannot send glasses, financial donations to buy SV reading glasses will be greatly appreciated. SV readers are about 40 percent of all glasses dispensed. If you would rather buy readers and send them to us, please send more pairs between +1.00 & +1.75 and less of higher powers.
- If you know of someone who would like to help sort glasses, or donate money, please involve them in this project.

If you can help sort glasses, here is what we need:

- Any powers with no more than .50 D of cylinder either lens.
- For high plus and minus up to 1.00 D cyl. Is O.K.
- Any Aphakic glasses acceptable
- Same power OU within .50 D (no anisometropia)
- Bifocals preferred over progressive lenses
- Don't send just frames or lenses
- No RX sunglasses or non RX sunglasses
- No Safety RX's

Suggestion of sources of glasses (not sorted or bagged):

- Local Lions Club
- District Lions Club Distribution Centers
- VOSH Distribution Centers

If you get glasses from organizations already bagged and labeled, very few pairs will meet the criteria we need. It would be more productive for your time to get "raw" donated glasses (not sorted or neutralized or bagged).

If you can help sort glasses please do the following:

- Insert each pair of glasses in a small zip-lock lab bag, approx. 3" wide by 7" inches long.
- Use a 2" wide piece of masking tape on one side near top of bag to record RX
- Record RX as -1.50 -1.75 / +2.00 for a bifocal, (don't record cylinder if less than or equal to .50 D)
- When you get a large box full of glasses, please mail them to:

If you are willing to help with this project please let Dr. Benedict know as soon as possible so plans can be made for the future. We will be needing at least 1000 pair. What ever help you can be will be appreciated.

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