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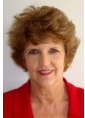
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## 2010 ASDAO CONVENTION ATLANTA, GEORGIA JUNE 29-JULY 3



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at GC and helping with the  
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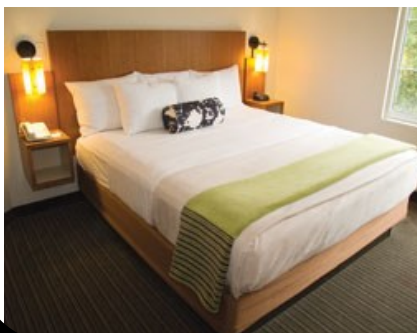
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More on the convention  
Schedule will be available  
In the May issue of  
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up go to # 4 and it should take you  
to the hotel we will be staying at.

**THERE WILL BE A  
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YEAR GET YOUR  
STUFF READY**

## ASDAO AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP FOR 3rd & 4th YEAR OPTOMETRY STUDENTS

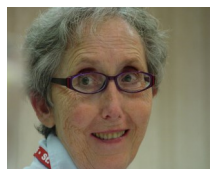
The purpose of the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship is to recognize excellence in scholarship and encourage Seventh-day Adventist individuals with potential to complete their educational requirements in the field of Optometry.

Qualified Seventh-day Adventist students enrolled in an accredited school of optometry in either the US or Canada and completing the 2nd year are eligible may apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists. This scholarship is for the Jr. & Sr. year. You must apply for each year.

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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### From the Auxiliary President



Carol Stickle  
Auxiliary President

.We now have definite dates for our convention this year in Atlanta and a time for our banquet which is always a highlight. This is also a time for the auction of the items that you have made or purchased. For those of you that are new, this has been an excellent way for the auxiliary to raise money for scholarships and to help with mission projects. This past year at convention we made a decision that perhaps was not well thought out, the motion read that we would not have an auction this year because of everything that was going on. In talking with several of you we have decided that this motion is one that should be rescinded and have decided to go ahead with the auction. Start planning now what you would like to bring to Atlanta, it is always exciting to see what comes to the auction. Sometimes we find something that we would really like and sometimes we take home items that we hope that our families would like, but we do it in the spirit of doing something for others.

Please come and join us in our banquet and the fun time that we always have at the auctions.  
Carol

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING AVAILABLE [www.sdaoptometrists.org](http://www.sdaoptometrists.org)

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 webmaster, Dr. Dennis Benedict, 5690 Horton Road, Jackson, MI 94201 or email him at: [dhbenedict@Yahoo.com](mailto:dhbenedict@Yahoo.com).

#### NEXT FRATERNEYESER DEADLINE

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **May 1, 2010**. Please send me your information by the deadline.  
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### 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.

## PRESIDENT BOB'S COLUMN



Bob Roberts, O.D.  
ASDAO President

Greetings ASDAO family, Atlanta convention and the General Conference will be here soon. Dee and I are looking forward to seeing you again. I'm looking forward to working with many of you in the vision booth at G.C. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve our world wide SDA family. I am working on having some OD'S from the Georgia area lead out in setting up our booth. I will need all the rest of us to be willing to help work in the booth. I am putting together a schedule of doc's and for their spouses that are willing to help. Please call if you know which dates would better suit your schedule. Thanks to Dr. Beckner for already volunteering to work Monday & Tuesday of G.C. Dr. Handysides needs a list of names who will need exhibitor credentials. This will allow us to enter the display area, as a worker, when it is not open to the general public. I will forward a partial list of those who I expect to be at our convention. However it would be best if all of you who plan to help with the G.C. booth to contact me. This way I won't forget anyone who intends to help.

I recently had a terrific experience with a patient. I won't have space to share much of this story in this column. I will be happy to share the entire story at our convention. This story just reminded me that God & His Holy Spirit are working on the hearts of many people, most of whom, we have no idea that they are ready for the truth. We need to be sure we are ready to be used by God when he presents opportunities to us. This story starts with a lady coming to my office with a slight chemical burn & terrific pain from ciliary spasm. After treating her she left the office with no discomfort. One hour later she comes back to see me having a hypersensitivity to either the topical anesthetic or the cycloplegic drug. Her face felt numb & she was swelling in the face & neck and beginning to have difficulty breathing. Thankfully this story had a happy ending. Better yet her family attended church with Dee and I two weeks later. We also had them over for lunch with some Church family. Carlos Pardeiro entertained all of us after the meal with his guitar. -- God never ceases to amaze me.-- See you in Atlanta, Bob p.s. I'm looking forward to sharing "the rest of the story" with you.

### THANK YOU TO ALL THAT SENT CARDS CELEBRATING MY 50 YEARS IN PRACTICE



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All eyes are beginning to turn to the GC Session in Atlanta, June 23 through July 3, 2010. ID tags will be required for all who work in the ASDAO booth. Contact Dr. Bob Roberts if you are interested in helping in the Glaucoma screening.

We may be needing an optometrist in Guam. Dr. Christian is considering retirement. Any volunteers? An optometrist is still needed in Saipan. Personal donations for Woman's ministry literacy program are needed. We provide eye glasses for those who want to learn to read their Bible. They appreciate the \$1000.00 we voted in our July meeting. The check has been sent, received and cashed. What will we be asked to do in Haiti? As you can see there are projects we can get involved with. May God Bless you as you consider what to do for God's Children.  
Lowell Meister O.D.

## 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: Duane Curtis, OD, 1517 Circle RD, Worland, WY 82401  
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## FUTURE AOA CONVENTION DATES

<b>2010</b>	Orlando, FL	June 16-20
<b>2011</b>	Salt Lake City, UT	June 15-19
<b>2012</b>	Chicago	June 27-July 1
<b>2013</b>	San Diego	June 26-30

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## First Mission Trip Experience Spent in the Dominican Republic

by Marcus Minder, O.D

This was my first mission trip but I had been wanting to do one for several years. After all, God has commissioned us to do this very thing: Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

I don't think anyone who has done a mission trip feels complete in doing just one trip. There is so much need out there in all corners of the earth. The Teen Mission program through Michigan Conference and Elder Dodge is wonderful work that is being done. The Pathfinders receive much exposure to the real world and need outside the U.S.A., help fulfill the commission Jesus has given us, and are exposed/participate in 3 branches of health care - a strong tradition and calling in our church.

Doing eye exams in the mission field is very different to that in your office. Many of their problems cannot even be addressed, like cataracts or pterygia, but dry eye therapy and spectacle correction (mostly presbyopia and hyperopia) are the mainstay of the feasible treatment.

It is very rewarding to help these people who cannot help themselves. Many are God fearing and very appreciative of the help given them.

One place we traveled to (3 hours one way from our base) the church was trying to set up a new congregation. The pastor of that church was very appreciative of our group and noted this will show that the Seventh Day Adventist church has a heart and puts love into action. I am sure that it will give a boost to his efforts.

Don't hesitate if you are considering doing the work of the Lord outside the USA. You wouldn't want to miss that blessing.

## FORMER GUAM OPTOMETRIST

Last minute note from Martha Lighthouse saying that her husband Dallas passed away February 15. He'd had lunch and was taking a nap when the caregiver checked on him. He had gone to sleep waiting for Jesus to come.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need your help to obtain more frames and finished glasses. Send new frames that are full metal or plastic that you don't want. Discontinued or new frames are fine. Try to send small to medium eye sizes in mostly unisex shapes. Please write a letter to each frame company asking for donations. Mention the mission projects we have planned and give them your account number and the tax id number for The Quiet Hour (95-6006642). Specify only full metal or plastic frames to be sent.

We need more labs to cut lenses into frames. Contact your lab and other labs in your area to cut lenses. I can buy uncut SV spherical uncoated lenses for \$1.58 per pair. I asked a couple of competition optical business by my office to cut lenses for us and they agreed to provide between 125 and 200 pairs each per year. I need at least eight more labs to do the same. The most I have to pay is \$1.00/pair for edging, but most of the work is donated. We do have money available to pay the labs if necessary but negotiate the charges. One lab is providing the lenses and edging for \$2 per pair and others are not charging for edging. Our association is providing the uncut finished lenses. Please contact me when you have lab arrangements made so we can provide lenses or money to purchase lenses or services.

Dennis Benedict, O.D. dhbenedict@yahoo.com

## O.D. NEEDED IN GUAM

We are looking for one to two ODs to work full time for the Guam SDA Clinic. We have a wonderful staff and lots of patients who need exams and treatments. We would love to have any SDA OD who is wanting to become a missionary to consider working with us. I am going to retire some-time next year and that will leave the clinic with Dr Jeannette Storey only and she is part time now.

We would like to have three full time ODs if we could and then we would be able to serve some of the outer islands as well. I have really enjoyed my time here on Guam and would recommend it to anyone who wants to serve both as an OD and also to serve the church as well. We get wonderful benefits like 30 work days off for vacation and 5 for CE and another 5 more to do mission trips. We also get one free paid trip back to the states each year. They also have a personal education fund to pay for education or even a new computer. We also get free malpractice insurance. We have a medical staff of about 12 MDs including our ophthalmologist Bob Wresch who has been delightful to work with here. We also have 5 dentists, 3 physical therapists, a pharmacist, and a Dr. of Public Health on our staff.

We have also been preceptoring students from both Pacific and SCCO, that is also enjoyable, and another way to serve our profession. If you have a desire to serve both the church and also as an OD we would love to have you contact me or Bob Wresch. My email is [icguam@gmail.com](mailto:icguam@gmail.com) and Bob is [wresch@guam.net](mailto:wresch@guam.net).

I Have learned how to give the occasional sermon and served in many other ways as well. I serve on a Missions committee that okays all the mission trips off island and also am on the board of directors for KSDA radio, Joy FM. I also help Bob with our Academic Challenge Bowl team from Guam Adventist Academy on occasion. All and all its been a wonderful time out here and I can see how Bob and several others have stayed for over 20 years now. And why not, the weather is great if you like it hot and the ocean is also warm and inviting. There is great golf and diving on Guam. Why not come and be a part of our team here.

Jim Christian



General Conference in St. Louis



Screening booth in St. Louis 2005



## COMPUTER CRASH NOTICE

On January 11 my computer crashed, resulting in my losing all of the Fraterneyeser mailing labels. If you know of any SDA optometrists that did not receive this issue, or if there are any address corrections let me know. I am sure that there are some.

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