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2011 ASDAO CONVENTION JUNE 15-20 LOUISVILLE, KY

The 2011 ASDAO conference will be held in Louisville, KY June 15 through June 20. Events will include a tour of Churchill Downs, Museum Row (which includes world-class centers such as the Louisville Slugger Museum, The Fraiser Arms Museum, Glass Works, 4th Street Live and others). In the plans is an evening of Shakespeare in historic Louisville and plenty of opportunities for shopping, antiquing and golfing during the rest of the week.

Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express at 1620 Alliant Avenue. Rates per night are \$99.00 + 15.1% tax (double room). Reservations are being held under "ASDAO". You can book online or over the phone at: (502) 240-0035; hiexpress.com/EXLOUISVILLEKY.

More details about events and schedules will be forthcoming in February. We look forward to seeing each of you soon. If you have any questions or have a particular request for an event/activity, please contact Liz Muhlenbeck, Conference Hostess, directly at lbmuhlenbeck@yahoo.com.



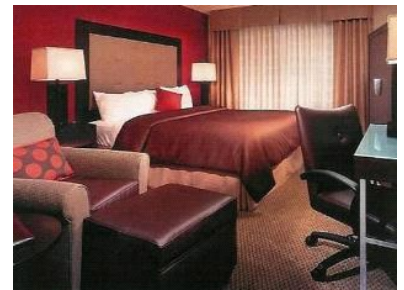
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Louisville Louisville (KY) is a 2 star hotel located at 1620 Alliant Avenue in the city of Louisville (KY), .

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Louisville offers you a

wide range of facilities for your comfortable stay including: Non Smoking Rooms, Air Conditioning, Daily Newspaper, Hair Dryer, Internet Access (wireless), Internet Access, Ironing Board, Television, Bathtub, Microwave, and many more.



Registration Counter



Suite



Lobby



Dinning area

See You In Louisville

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**HELP FOR HERI ADVENTIST
HOSPITAL IN TANZANIA
AFRICA**

My husband has asked me to tell you about Heri Adventist Hospital in Tanzania where there is a newly trained optometrist. He is a national doctor trained and graduated and now needs equipment to do this specialized work. This is a cash-strapped hospital, as they all are, and the need for equipment is critical. Some equipment will be available in Africa but it would be great if you were able to get some equipment to Heri. We do not have funds to pay for any containers but if there was a way to send some smaller items, it could be helpful. OR, if you were willing to help raise funds to buy such equipment here in Africa, that would be very helpful too.

In December there will be a group of students from Southern Adventist University coming to do some volunteer administrative work in Tanzania for a few weeks. Some will go to Heri Hospital. It could be that they might be willing to bring some items with them. I will make contact with their coordinator, Braam Oberholster, to see if this is possible.

Thank you for your concern and ongoing support for Adventist Health System in Africa.

JOY

International Conference on

**Mental Health
Loma Linda University Lo-
ma Linda, California, USA
October 12 to 15, 2011**

The General Conference Health Ministries Department, in conjunction with the Departments of Family Ministries and Educational Ministries of the General Conference, and in association with Loma Linda University Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology are planning an international conference on issues in mental health as viewed from the Christian perspective.

This conference will be of vital interest to all Adventist health professionals, as well as other individuals working in the area of mental health—especially if they are of a Christian background.

When: The conference—voted as an authorized meeting by the General Conference Executive Committee—will be held October 12 to 15, 2011.

Where: Loma Linda University will host this meeting, and will provide the venue.

Those of you who enjoyed the Geneva Conference will enjoy, yet again, another high-caliber meeting, this time focusing on an often-neglected aspect of health—that of our mental well-being.

Speakers are being selected who are world leaders in their field. Representatives of the World Health Organization, through its Pan American Health Organization Division, have already indicated their willingness to participate.

As you have previously supported the Global Conference in Geneva, we are giving you this first notification in order for you to make plans to attend this conference. Those of you in Division or Church employ should include this meeting in your 2011 budget.

From the Auxiliary President



Carol Stickle

I have been thinking these last few days about our convention in Louisville this coming summer, and how I want to be there to experience your friendship, what the convention planners are preparing for our enjoyment as well as the sights and sounds again of a southern city.

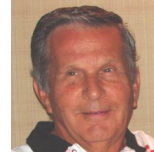
Our grand daughter Jamie (Marc and Jill's daughter) will be graduating with her BS in Nursing from the University of BC, the Okanagan campus in June and I was so afraid that it would be at the same time in June, however it is the second weekend. Is there any thing you need to plan for and/or pray that it will not be the same time as our special time together? We need to have each of you attend, we would love to meet you if you are new to the auxiliary and as I told a new person at church the other Sabbath that we will love you to death and she said I already feel that.

Of course it is never too early to start planning for our auction and what fun that usually is – can you think of something that you would like to have and bring that. I did that last year, someone else wanted the item as well, so I had to pay dearly for it.

Have you found that life is so uncertain, what with the money crunch but also the devastating illnesses our friends seem to be experiencing, and so many other problems. What a wonderful opportunity to connect with our optometric friends each year and share our concerns and know that they care and that we have that wonderful Christian bond that makes us feel uplifted and blessed.

Carol Stickle, Auxiliary President

**PRESIDENT
ROLLAND'S**



Rolland Stickle, O.D.
ASDAO President

Well class, I trust you've had a good summer, that the crops are all in and everyone is ready to bed down for the winter. This is the time of the year when the good memories of our Atlanta "fun fest" are fading and the anticipation for our next adventure in Louisville has not begun to keep us awake nights – in other words- the Fall doldrums. So let's perk up and get with it!

My concern today is to make certain that you are doing your homework! You forgot? – You don't remember what it is? - Well for the last time (actually maybe the next to the last time) – it is to talk to your fellow O.D.'s, Optometric Students, prospective students promoting : - being part of the ASDAO; - considering optometry as a career; -attending our convention in Louisville. And of course encouraging other members and should-be members to do the same.

The auxiliary president and I had a short visit with Curtis and Pam Burghart – they have promised to 'consider' attending. We plan to make more "passionate appeals" in our corner of the continent.

Rather than continuing this lecture I will assign the reading of Article 2 of the ASDAO

Constitution stating the purpose of our organization. Consider if this is something worthy of being involved in –then do it!

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

SECTION 1. MISSIONARY

- A. To aid in spiritual development of members and promote greater Missionary activities through our offices and through our churches.
- B. To provide Optometric eye care for needy patients.
- C. To encourage active participation in foreign missionary service in the field of Optometric health care

SECTION 2. SOCIAL

- A. To provide for common fellowship and social activities.

SECTION 3. EDUCATION

- A. To promote greater interest in the profession of Optometry among educators and students in Seventh-day Adventist academies and colleges.
- B. To stimulate interest in current scientific developments and to encourage attendance at recognized scientific meetings.
- C. To encourage support of sound scientific objectives at schools and colleges of Optometry.
- D. To inspire other members by personal enthusiasm to attain high professional standards, the establishment of study groups, post-graduate courses and original contributions to the profession of Optometry.

SECTION 4. PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT

- A. To give guidance, encouragement, support and aid to Seventh-day Adventist students and graduates
- B. To encourage established Seventh-day Adventist Optometrist to consider the Mutual benefits derived from the association of another Optometrist with them in their practice.
- C. To provide liaison between Optometry and other professions. To provide information concerning Optometry to the editors of various Seventh-day Adventist periodicals.

Rolland Stickle, O.D.

EDITORIAL:

A big concern of mine is the future of the ASDAO. I started attending the Association of SDA Optometrists in 1961 in Denver CO because I believed that it would be nice to get acquainted with other SDA optometrists.

Over the years this will be my 33rd convention in Louisville. I have planned this time as a family vacation, and my children still to this day talk about the good times they had at the ASDAO convention. They have returned from time to time to attend the convention that they remember, even though they are grown and on their own. I know we have visited places both in the US and Canada that we would have never gone to on our own.

In the days that I started attending the convention we had a lot of younger optometrist in attendance, today this is not the case. We still have some of the same optometrists that have attended for years, but not many of you younger O.D.s have started attending.

I hope that you will take it into consideration that in these closing days, SDA members need to be together at these events and get to know each other. We can learn from each other at the educational meetings that we have. Have fun with each other at the activities each year. We even gain some great friends that we look forward to see at the convention each year.

I hope that you will plan your vacation time either as a couple or as a family to start attending the ASDAO conventions.

Duane E. Curtis, O.D.

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, 810 Bellevue Ave., Jackson MI 49202. Let him know if you want them returned.

A efficiency expert is a person who's smart enough to tell you how to operate your business, and too smart to start one of his own.

MISSION O.D.'S NEEDED

We need O.D.s to contact me for mission trips next year.

Air Care International -

Peru March 3-14

The Quiet Hour -

Phillipines March 4-19

The Quiet Hour -

Malawi - August 5-20

We can't do both the Peru trip and Phillipines trip at the same time, so the O.D. who volunteers to go in March can pick which trip they want to go on. I need to know as soon as possible so we can notify the mission trip coordinator.

I don't have anyway to update the website until we move and I get internet connection set up, so I won't be able to use the newest information.

Contact:

Dr. Dennis Benedict at
dhbenedict@yahoo.com

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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WORRY When you worry about what you don't have, you won't be able to enjoy what you do have. Worry is assuming responsibilities that you cannot handle. The truth is, they are responsibilities that God never intended for you to handle, because they are "His!" "I say to you do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"
Matthew 6:25

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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.

For information contact: Dellene Meister, P.O. Box 627, Nowata, OK 74048, Phone 918-273-1280, email: lomeister@sbglobal.net

ASDAO DUES July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011 each year

O.D. Dues	35.00
Auxiliary Dues	10.00
1st Year Grad	10.00
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.

Also donations are needed for the mission projects and trips that the ASDAO has planned.

Send your dues and donations to:

Eddye Benedict
ASDAO Treasurer

FUTURE AOA CONVENTION DATES

2011 Salt Lake City, UT	June 15-19
2012 Chicago	June 27-July 1
2013 San Diego	June 26-30

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