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## 2011 CONVENTION IN LOUISVILLE LOTS OF FUN



SABBATH AFTER CHURCH GROUP

Those you that missed the convention in Louisville missed a very organized and wonderful time together.

Our thanks go out to Liz Muhlerbeck, the daughter of Dr. Wilma Boulieris and sister of Dr. Helena Boulieris for a very good time that we all had. Thanks again Liz.

Our education was a fun game of

Jeopardy by Dr. Lee S. Peplinski with questions about each item that was discussed according to the subject.



We were off to Churchill Downs in the afternoon. the home of the Kentucky Derby. It was interesting seeing some of the horse races that took place that day.



The banquet and auction followed with a good meal and fun bidding on the items at the auction. About \$1,600 was raised to help the Auxiliary with there mission projects.



we were off to visit and tour the Louisville Slugger factory and museum. A few had to take there turn trying to hit a baseball. We saw how they can make a baseball bat in about 30 seconds.



We enjoyed a sacred concert Friday night by Paul Penny A member of the Middletown SDA church. Paul sings at many events in the Louisville Area.





Sabbath was at the Middletown church where we had a spiritual sermon by Dr. Ella Simmons, Vice President of the General Conference. She said that things have to change in our approach to winning soles for the Kingdom.

The afternoon was spent at the Louisville ZOO. It was nice being able to walk around and see many animals.



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vided for our conven-

Pictured at right is at least three on the elephant. Many other wilder animals were visited and enjoyed by all in attendance







John and Teri Reeve, daughter of Dr. Rolland and Carol Stickle presented and answered question about the new Andrews Study Bible.



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While we were at the recent convention in Louisville, Kentucky, we came to the hotel restaurant to have breakfast. We were greeting many friends we have known for years when my eyes turned to a table of three. They were asking God's blessing on their food. As I turned away to get breakfast and find a table I looked back at the trio and saw on their table a carton of soy milk. I thought these might be new to ASDAO. What a pleasant surprise. Here was Dr. Ross Collins, his wife Kristin, with their child Michael from Kettering, Ohio, first time in attendance. It is great to have these new members of ASDAO.

From the stand point of Visual Affairs I gave a report on the recent General Conference Health Ministries Advisory Meeting held March 27-31, 2011, Silver Springs, Maryland. Representatives from every Division were there. The meeting is very Christ centered. Reports from every field are given. One goal of the Health Ministry Advisory is- Every church a community nealth center/Every member a health minister.



## FIRST TIME TO ATTEND THE ASDAO CONVENTION

Louisville, KY: This is a southern city with an austere affinity for horse racing, Papa John's pizza and baseball bats the size of buildings. And it was my family's very first to an ASDAO Dr. Ross Collins, Michael & Kristin convention. Anxiously I awaited the Lord's divine appointment for me in Kentucky. Not only

was it going to be a well-deserved time away from the office, but I would finally meet another optometrist who shared my biblical beliefs and was a member of the Seventh -Day Adventist Church. Upon arriving, immediately I was introduced to this year's convention hostess, Liz Muhlenbeck, who successfully organized every detail from meetings, to meals and nap times for the baby and me. After a family prayer and carton of soy milk, our family was instantly a part the association. Fearing that bringing our infant son would be a distraction, I could not have been more wrong with this family-friendly group. Whether it was experiencing the thrill of a horse race, swinging his first baseball bat, or being nearly sold at the dinner auction, our son Michael had a

Sabbath services were uplifting and powerful. Our association was treated to a quest speaker sent directly from the upper offices at the General Conference. Dr. Ella Simmons' unraveled the relationship between physical light, spiritual light and the personal mind and character. This sermon can be listened via the internet at http:// www.friendlychurch.com/podcastlist.php.

I have found this group of dedicated men and women to be deeply spiritual and driven to the work of advancing God's mission here on Earth. Encouraged and uplifted I left this year's ASDAO convention refreshed and spiritually revived to minister unto others and advance God's cause through the field of Optometry.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again next year in Chicago. Until then, we emain resting in the blessed hope.

## **CONVENTION 2012 CHICAGO**

Next year's convention will be held in WESTCHESTER, IL., about 23 miles from CHICAGO and about 3 miles from HINSDALE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

We are planning to see many interesting things in Chicago Education can be obtained from the AOA.

ASDAO dates: Thursday evening the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, Registration through Monday July 2.

LOTS MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



## **PRESIDENT DAN"S COLUMN**

Dan Beckner, O.D. ASDAO President

## What's ASDAO? Part 1

The ASDAO has a purpose to help Adventists Optometrists become Missionaries:

It's just amazing and heart warming to see what's happening in the \*missions section\* of our web site. To understand my message, Please log onto http://www.sdaoptometrists.org. Thanks to our web master for bringing us these reports in color! I sense a number of our members are dedicated to making a difference through action and sacrifice. You must know that these special members of our association gave much to make a small difference in the part of the world they chose to visit to share their time, skills, and finances. Truly this is something we can all applaud and support. While these missionaries were not able to attend the social functions of the association, yet they are the backbone of what ASDAO stands for: \* Mission. \* Thanks to those who made a sacrifice to help these missionaries find \$\$\$, frames, lenses, and medications to enable them to have supplies for the trip. Your support is very helpful in making these trips possible. Additional funds or donations of glasses or lenses are needed for future

ADSDO is dedicated to helping make your next mission trip possible. Please contact Dr. Dennis Benedict who will help in the work of preparing for the successful mission adventure.

Way to Go ASDAO! Dan Beckner, O.D.

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A traveler was describing his latest adventure to a friend. "And I was scared to death! Surrounded by natives in odd clothing. They beat their chests, the pounded the ground with their strange clubs, they yelled in a savage tongue!"

"Wow!" said the friend. "What were they called?"

"Golfers," said the traveler.

## WHERE ARE CLAIRE AND JUNE?

Submitted by Heleina Boulieris,

O.D.

"Where are Claire and June?" "Are Claire and June here yet?" "Shouldn't Claire and June be here by now?"

This was the buzz on the first afternoon of the Louisville meeting



of .the ASDAO. Louisville was the 53rd annual meeting of the organization. We have met in the U.S.A. and Canada, from sea to shining sea, and on the high seas as well.

Throughout our times together, we have had a few consistent things. We sponsor missions, encourage Adventist students in optometric education, maintain a network of SDA optometrists in practice. AND we see Claire and June **Omans** 

As pioneers in the ASDAO Claire and a fellowship of optometrists at national meetings cast a vision for what we have accomplished over the decades. Could we start an optometry school? Could we start mission clinics throughout the world? Could we partner with the General Conference to promote optometry?

Over the years the vision grew. Lets facilitate practicing doctors going on short term missions. Lets provide scholarships for SDA students in optometry school. Etc.,

Claire jumped in with both feet to make the vision a reality. He recruited missionaries to staff clinics in Africa and the Pacific. He went on a mission trip to Guam. He was the Assistant Director of Visual Affairs for the General Con-

Best of all, at the age of 96, Claire is still driving June to the ASDAO meetings. We were all smiles when the car finally pulled into the hotel parking lot in Louisville --- for the 52<sup>nd</sup> time.

## **MISSION TRIP DOCTORS NEED-**ED

Mission projects for The Quiet Hour: Tacna, Peru, June 15-30 2012 Contact Dr. Dennis Benedict dhbenedict@yahoo.com

Check out the web site for additional information.



**Auxiliary** President

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Several years ago we welcomed the ASDAO to Kelowna for the annual convention. We just wanted to make everyone feel welcome so the title of the weekend was the ASDAO Family reunion. While a few thought that perhaps we made it to much of a social occasion and not a more serious educational experience even though we did offer the usual amount of educational hours.

Every time we go to the convention, no matter where it is, it is a very real relational experience. For so many of you, who have been going every year, it is a time of friendships renewed, a time to honor those who have spent their lifetime promoting Optometry and in particular the association of Seventh day Adventist Optometrists such as Clarie and June Omans. What a blessing it was to see them at their advanced age, still desiring to see each of you and input ideas for the good of Optometry and the work in the fields around the world.

What I enjoy so much is that we can explore new ideas both professional, in our church life and in our personal life's as well. We learn how others are witnessing for Christ just where they are and the talents that the Lord has blessed them with. Over the years several of us have spent many late nights just exploring how one another thinks and what has been happening in all phases of our lives.

When we have the auction to raise funds for mission work and scholarships, it is such a fun time and this year was special as we had Dan and Barb Beckner having fun as they showed the items that we were to bid on. We appreciate each of you for doing your part in both bidding on the items and bringing so many nice things. From letters we have received in the past we know that many of you felt the scholarship was a blessing to your life. Now, it is time for each one to have a part as they tell students about the money that is available to them.

Please mark June next year on your calendar as a time to join us in Chicago where we will have a fantastic time and an auction to remember (with your nelp)

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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 or email: wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net

See you in Chicago

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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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 June 27-July 1

 **2013** San Diego
 June 26-30

 **2014** Philadelphia
 June 25-29

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