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## 2012 ASDAO CONVENTION JUNE 28 -- JULY 2 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

### ATTENTION Convention Update ITINERARY

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

If you want to see a CUBS base ball game the only time is Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 1:20 pm. The CUBS play the METS.

Ticket cost is \$55.00, Tax \$ 5.00, Transportation \$15.00, \$75.00 per person I feel like the \$55.00 seats will give us the best seats for our money.

This is the plan: Leave Hampton Inn at 11:30 am. and travel by 12 passenger van to the green parking lot at Wrigley field to attend the game. We will then return to Hampton Inn.

I must have your money in advance for purchasing tickets. Please send Eddy your \$75.00 per person before April 15, 2012.

If you need financial assistance with the cost please let me know. Part sponsorship is available.

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Evening Registration 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Dinner on your own

Friday, June 29, 2012 Trip to Downtown Chicago for Trolley Tour

The Plan: We leave the Hampton Inn at 8:20 am for the Metra Station Western Springs. Catch the 8:50 train for Union Station. You will arrive at Union Station about 9:40 am. Leave Union Station, cross the Jackson Street Bridge and arrive at Chicago Trolley Tour stop # 14 (About 300 ft.). Get on the top deck of the Trolley for the best view. There are 15 stops. Stop # 12 has a free Hershey Bar and Stop # 3 has a free Garrett's Pop corn. Stop # 9 Navy Pier is a good stop for lunch, shopping and fun games. Go to the internet and look up Chicago Navy Pier for more details. Go to WWW.Chicagotrolley.com for more info on down town tour and 15 stops. Ride where you want to get off where you want to but be back at Union Station to catch the Metra. The Metra leaves for Western Springs at 4:02, 4:35 and 4:48 called the AURORA train. It takes about 35 minutes to get back to Western Springs stop where your car would be parked.

Group tickets need to be purchased in advance.

Cost for Metra \$8.00, Trolley Tour \$29.00 (Child rate ages 5-14 \$13.75)

\$37.00 per person \$21.75

This \$37.00 or \$21.75 needs to be paid in advance.

Send your check to Eddy.

Dinner is on your own.

Friday Evening Vespers 7:30 – 8:30 pm at Hinsdale SDA Church

Pastor Ron Schultz,

Sabbath, June 30, 2012, Morning Hinsdale Adventist Church 9:30 – 12:00 noon

Lunch at the church

Afternoon Chicago Botanic Garden Cost pre-paid

1000 Lake Cook Road

Glencoe, IL. 60022

[www.ChicagoBotanic.org](http://www.ChicagoBotanic.org)

Evening Vespers 7:00-9:00pm

ICE CREAM 9:00-10:00 pm

Sunday July 1, 2012

Convention Business Meeting 9:00-12:00 am

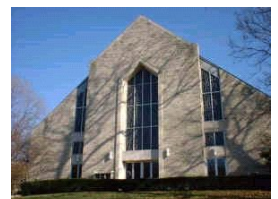
Auxiliary Business Meeting

Lunch 12:00-2:00 pm

Afternoon Final Business Meeting 2:00-3:30 pm

Evening Elegant Yugoslavian SDA church Banquet – 6:00pm

DRESS UP Auxiliary Auction to follow



Hinsdale SDA Church

# See you in Chicago

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I received a report from Hepzibah Kore in regards to the eyeglasses the ASDAO provided for Women's Literacy classes in India. She is requesting another \$1,000.00 for additional glasses for her Bible Literacy classes. If you would like to sponsor this worthy cause please send Eddy Benedict (treasurer) your check. Join me in sending a check for \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00 for this cause.

You will have more pictures and report in the next few week. One of the directors who was distributing the glasses yesterday told me that a few of the ladies who received the glasses are in their fifties and sixties. They were so thrilled to see clearly. Some of them even read the Bible. It is amazing what the reading glasses can do to make a difference in people. I will definitely pray for the success of the project. Thanks a million for supporting our cause voluntarily. I can never forget the first time you met me and assured me of your support. It is wonderful working with you. I pray that God will continue to use you for His glory.

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**PRESIDENT  
DAN'S COLUMN**

Dan Beckner, O.D.  
ASDAO President

**Mission and Purpose Part 3  
Networking**

I remember my first days after opening up my practice as a new doctor. I wished I had somehow found the ideal mentor and was able to share in his/her wisdom in my early years. Yet I found comfort in knowing that God was my partner. He was the one whom I knelt and asked often for wisdom when the case before me at that moment was not easy to diagnose or treat.

My optometry education was more than adequate to get me started down the path to "practicing Optometry" but I knew I needed the wisdom that only years of practice would give. The investment of 3 years of small business management along with operating a cleaning business while in undergrad paid big dividends.

There is another source of wisdom that I feel is largely untapped. It is the ASDAO doctors I have made friends with. These ladies and gentleman have a variety of experiences and are only an email away. Seldom have I send a friendly email or made a telephone call to discuss a particular question. This could easily bless both the giver and the receiver but is somehow not utilized much by myself. I would like to ask you at our next meeting whom you call when you have a patient care, ethical, financial, or staff management question.

PS: I'm needing a computer network manager off-site. Any experience with such a company?

Dan Beckner, O.D.

**From the Auxiliary President  
Carol Stickle**



Are you feeling that the world is rushing on and on at a faster pace than you would really like it to? Sometimes we all feel that way, especially now when I bring up the idea that you make plans right now to be in Chicago in June. You may want to cover your ears and eyes and just plan to enjoy the rest of the winter without thinking about summer.

I am actually looking forward to being in Chicago, just to spend a little time seeing the sights instead of just rushing though on the freeway. I have heard so much about the food that is *just* Chicago style. Those tall buildings, the waterfront and so many other activities that we can do together. Just to be with each one of you, and to see what you have brought for the auction, I count as a blessing each year.

I am the kind that likes to have things planned out and to I know where and when I am going somewhere. I look forward to making our reservations at the Hotel that the Meister's are planning for us. Why don't you start thinking about that right now, plan your vacation around the convention, our family enjoyed doing that for so many years and that is some of our adult children's fondest memories. Make memories for your family, whether it is just the two of you or if you have children to bring. We will make you all feel welcome, you will know that you are loved and appreciated.

Carol Stickle

**HAVE YOU MADE YOUR  
HOTEL RESERVATION?**



Call the Hampton Inn Chicago-Westchester 708-409-1000 and tell them that you want your room for the ASDAO convention June 28 -July 2. Give them the registration code (ASDAO).

Room rates for Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th are \$109.00. Friday 29th, Sabbath 30th and Sunday 1st are \$79.00. Then Monday the 2nd will be

\$109.00.

You can check out the hotel at [www.hamptoninnwestchester.com](http://www.hamptoninnwestchester.com) and see what the rooms ect. are like. They have a continental breakfast each morning.

Make your reservations soon for the best rooms. We will be looking for you this year. If you have not attended before, I know you will be welcomed and have a good time with the rest of us.



**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, email him at: [dhbenedict@Yahoo.com](mailto:dhbenedict@Yahoo.com).

**AUXILIARY AUCTION**

Don't forget the Auxiliary Auction that will be held at the banquet Sunday Evening.

Bring you crafts or other thing to be auctioned off. All the money raised will be used for mission projects.

This time is the highlight of the entire convention and a lot of fun trying to out do the person next to you. Plan for a good time.

**2013 convention will be in  
San Diego, CA**

**Nadine Wilcox**  
4207 Kyle Dr.  
Wellington, NV 89444

Dear Friends of Fraterneyeser

I have sad news to let you know that member, Hollis Wilcox died August 31, 2010. August 27 he lost balance and fell breaking his neck.

Born March 30, 1917 in Santa Ana California 8 years in the military, last 4 in the Pacific war, in WWII.

We were married 51 years and being without him is not my choice

He practiced optometry from 1952 until 1994 and retired at the age of 77;

God bless all of you  
Nadine Wilcox

### IN APPRECIATION

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us.....

Your sympathy will always be remembered.

Many of you sent wishes and condolences.

All the monies received individually or as an association was sent in the Suzette memorial fund. Thank you.

Les York, 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 or email: wrlicurtis@rtconnect.net

### WITH SYMPATHY

Janice Curtis, wife of Worland WY optometrist Dr. Alden Curtis passed away January 8, 2012 from a brief battle of pancreatic cancer. Janice was at her son's home, Pastor Barry Curtis in Bozeman MT at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband Alden, son Barry (Becky), daughter Shelley (Jerry), and six grandchildren. She is the sister-in-law of Dr. Duane and Bette Curtis also of Worland.

A memorial is set up in Janice's name for Mt. Ellis Academy in Bozeman MT. Donations may be sent to Mt. Ellis Academy, 3641 Bozeman Trail Road, Bozeman Mt 5971. Make sure to specify it is for the Janice Curtis memorial.

### IMPORTANT QUESTION

The Fraterneyeser is published four times a year and mailed to you. **The question is do you want to continue receiving it? ?** The expense of publishing has risen and we want to know for sure if you like receiving it. We would appreciate any donations to help with cost and expense of publishing the Fraterneyeser.

You can send a check to our treasure Eddy Benedict. 156 Gigi Ln. Loudin, TN 3774. **If you no longer want to receive the publication please send a email to: wrlicurtis@rtconnect.net**

### MISSION TRIP DOCTORS NEEDED

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 and other mission possibilities.

**SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION TODAY**

## Pre Registration Form

Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name and Age \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I will attend CUBS ball game. Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$75.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I will take the Metra Friday. Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I will take the Trolley Tour. Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$29.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Age 5-14 Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$21.75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

These expenses MUST be paid by April 15, 2012. Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send your check to Eddy Benedict  
156 Gigi Lane  
Loudon, TN., 37774

Thursday June 28, 2012, Registration Hampton Inn 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration Fee per Doctor \$25.00

Banquet cost Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sabbath supper Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ (Not Sure)

The next Frat will include Museum Tour Thursday, Golf Monday, and special Monday evening surprise. More details coming later.

## 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, thru June 30, 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  
156 Cigi Lane  
Loudon, TN 37774

### FUTURE AOA CONVENTION DATES

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>2012</b> Chicago      | June 27-July 1 |
| <b>2013</b> San Diego    | June 26-30     |
| <b>2014</b> Philadelphia | June 25-29     |

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

If you haven't checked our NEW web site, you should do so. If have information you would like to see there let Dr. Benedict know at [dhbenedict@yahoo.com](mailto:dhbenedict@yahoo.com).

### NEXT FRATERNEYESER DEADLINE

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **May 1, 2012**. Please send me your information by the deadline.

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