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CONVENTION NEWS!

An early registration query indicates that our group will be small this year. Therefore, our convention will be quite casual. We will not be having an auction or banquet. There is such a variety of interesting and entertaining activities, we will have a brain storming session at registration and plan our activities by consensus. Our main object of course, is to have FUN!

As usual we will be minding our Vision Booth at the Convention Center We will also be able to attend the evening meetings in the Alamodome to hear the many inspiring speakers. One of our favorite features of GC is the focus on the world church with delegates from around the world appearing in national dress and giving reports from their divisions. This puts wonderful faces to our mission giving and always makes me determined to increase my mission offerings. Of course, one of the highlights of GC is the selection of officers with the elected President giving the Sabbath Sermon. General Conference is always a dynamic experience!

Tom Sanders, O.D.

2015 ASDAO CONVENTION SAN ANTONIO TEXAS IN JULY

Make your plans to attend the ASDAO Convention along with the General Conference of SDA. We hope to have a good turn out for both the convention and help with the ASDAO booth at GC. Booth dates July 6-10 with plans for our convention July 8-11.



Our headquarters will be at the Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport - Quarry Market, 7615 Jones-Maltsberger Rd San Antonio, TX 78216, 1-866-539-8122 Was able to reserve 16 rooms under 2 reservations. Since it is not a group I had to put down a different name for each room reserved. I know, it sounds crazy but this was the only solution I could come up with since most hotels were already booked. Any questions contact for information Dr. Tom Sanders, office 530-671-2822 or cell 530-635-0879. Please let Tom know when you make your reservation. General Conference dates July 2-11, 2015. The dates for the ASDAO booth will be July 6-10.

Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport

Booking confirmation #8042554973877 Contact Dr. Tom Sanders.

This **San Antonio** hotel is within a mile of the **Quarry Golf Club** and 2.7 miles from **San Antonio International Airport**. The **Marion Koogler McNay Art Museum** and **Trinity University** are within 3.3 miles, and the **San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium** are 3.6 miles away. The **Japanese Tea Gardens** are 4.4 miles away.

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2016 ASDAO CONVENTION SIGHT

It was voted at the 2014 convention to have our 2016 convention in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Dr's Dennis Benedict and John Eaton will be making the arrangements.

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC CONVENTION DATE 2015

Seattle, Washington
June 24-28
2016 Boston, MA June 29-July 2

IMPORTANT QUESTION

The Fraterneyeser is published four times a year and sent to you. The question is do you want to continue receiving it??

If you no longer want to receive the publication please send a email to:

wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net
I would also like to know
of any optometrist you
know that might not be receiving the Fraterneyeser.

DR. LOWELL MEISTER RECEIVES METAL OF DISTINCTION FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE



Dr. Lowell Meister, Former Assistant Director of Visual Affairs, Health Ministry Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist receives a metal of distinction April 14, 2015, from Elder Ted Wilson, President of the

GC. Dr. Peter Landless, Health Ministry Director made the presentation. Dr. Meister has represented the Association of SDA Optometrists in this capacity for ten years, visiting eye clinics in Africa, Guam and Saipan. He also has practiced optometry for fifty four years In Nowata, OK. "He said this award was greatly appreciated and accepted on behalf of the thousands of volunteers that support their home churches."

Thoughts on Pathways to Health-San Antonio, TX

Dennis Benedict, O.D.

Amazing long lines of anxious needy people
Many thankful smiles for our service
Hugs of gratitude
Some disappointment that not all in need could be served
Good feelings of mission service
Goals accomplished

After talking with several O.Ds who attended, the consensus was they were happy they could serve those in need. When asked if they would attend another Pathways to Health mission, they all said "yes". ASDAO is trying to get more O.D.s involved with our association and attend our conventions. I asked several ODs who had never attended an ASDSAO convention if they would participate in our convention activities if it were at the same time as a Pathway to Health mission project. Each person replied with an enthusiastic "yes". Are USA missions important to our ASDAO? Does our ASDAO need to re-define our mission and goals?

Here are some points to consider:

If we combine our annual convention with Pathways to Health, our convention will most likely not be in June anymore. The Pathways missions are planned in the spring and summer each year (March and August)

Our conventions will last about the same number of days, Wednesday thru Sunday

Excellent spiritual programs with good music talent in the evenings and Sabbath conducted by Pathways

We will no longer need a "host" to plan the conventions

No continuing education credits will be available

ODs will likely bring their whole family even during the school year to work on the mission project

New OD families will have access and input into our association New ODs will be available for over seas mission projects Our association will grow in active membership resulting in more people receiving humanitarian optometric service

O.D.s NEEDED FOR MISSIONS IN CHINA

Pastor and Mrs. Falkenberg are managing this program and are very interested in having ODs provide services.

Places in both urban rural China are in need of and have expressed the desire for health professionals to come to their communities and provide care and share information on living healthier lives. Not only will you be serving our members, but you will be helping our members build stronger relationships with their neighbors.

As you prayerfully consider coming to China, we invite you to visit www.kgrowth.org and view the "Current" e-newsletter and under the "Archive" tab, view previous issues. Sign up for future issues as well so that you can be aware of what is happening with our church in China and can keep specifics in prayer.

If you could communicate with us what dates you prefer to come to China in the coming year, that would be great. We can then begin to make plans for your trip in consultation with our churches in China and develop a more specific itinerary together. We look forward to hearing from you! Once again, thank you for your interest in China - our church's largest unreached territory!

ASDAO DUES? MISSION PROJECTS

Money Is needed to help continue our mission clinics and trips overseas. We to supply them with equipment and support so that God's work can continue in these areas.

We want you to become active also in the fellowship of SDA optometrists throughout the country. We have a great time each year when we get together.

Support your ASDAO this year.

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 and may apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists. The scholarship application is for a one-time scholarship given in either the Jr. or Sr. yr. of Optometry School.

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

VISIT THE ALAMO



REPORT OF PATHWAYS TO HEALTH APRIL 2015, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Nineteen optometrists, 3 ophthalmologists, many volunteers worked for two and a half days performing approximately 2000 eye exams. Service was the password and so, both doctors and patients were blessed.

The day started with long lines outside of the Alamo Dome. Some people waited most of the night before. When they got to the vision section they were given an autorefraction and medical history was taken. The next step was basic exam and refraction.

Most patients needed new glasses and were sent to pick out frames. Some single vision glasses were edged on site in the VSP van but most were ordered and sent to the nearest SDA church of patient's choosing to be dispensed. All medical conditions, diabetics, cataracts etc. were referred to an ophthalmologist. Any medical condition that needed more care or surgery was referred to a representative of the local medical society who scheduled them for further donated care.

This is the second time I have volunteered for the Pathway to Health program (San Francisco 2014 was the first). Both programs were exceptionally well organized and any doctor who wants to give and receive a blessing should plan to participate in the next planned (ASI) Pathway to Health in Spokane Washington in August 2015. Go to the ASI website and register to help. Tom Sanders, OD

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Our association will grow in active membership resulting in more people receiving humanitarian optometric service.

Our annual convention is just around the corner in San Antonio, TX. We need your ideas and comments before we have our business meeting at the convention. The future looks bright and promising for ASDAO if we make changes to meet the needs of ODs active in missions and encourage all ODs to participate in homeland missions in what ever capacity they are able.

URGENT: Please send your ideas and comments today to Tom Sanders, or Dennis Benedict.

Reece and Meister honored for their service to their denomination and the healthcare profession in the United States and abroad

May 06, 2015 | Silver Spring, Maryland, USA | ANN Staff



Two Seventh-day Adventist physicians were awarded the denomination's Health Ministries Medal of Distinction for their decades of extraordinary service to the Church and in the communities they have served.

Dr. E. Albert Reece, distinguished professor and dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and Dr. Harold Lowell Meister, Jr., were awarded during Spring Meeting, an annual meeting of executive officers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church last month.

Reece, dean of Maryland's School of Medicine, serves as a professor at the university's departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medicine, and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. He is also member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

In October 2014, Reece was appointed as an honorary associate Health Ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist world church. In his role as honorary associate director, he consults for the department on chronic diseases. The key, he said, is to focus on breaking the chain of inter-generational rates of obesity and diabetes among mothers and their children.

A native of Jamaica, Reece has had an impressive academic career in research, teaching and administration. He received post-graduate training at Columbia University and Yale University. At his home church, he enjoys participating in Sabbath School, and co-chairing the health ministries outreach.

Dr. Harold Lowell Meister, Jr. is a retired optometrist with decades of optometry expertise.

In 1959, Meister and his wife, Dellene, moved to Nowata Oklahoma, where he started a practice that served the community for 54 years. He was also a member of the Nowata Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president for one year. He also served the Nowata community as a member of the Nowata School Board.

For more than 50 years, Meister served the denomination through various roles, including his time on the Oklahoma Conference Committee and Southwestern Union Conference Committee.

Meister also served as the assistant director of visual affairs of the Health Ministries Department for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As Assistant Director of Visual Affairs, he visited eye clinics in 6 African countries where he acted as an advisor to eye care professionals who operated the facilities.

Meister attended Southern Missionary College near Chattanooga Tennessee. He also attended Southern College of Optometry in Memphis Tennessee where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in optical science and a doctor of optometry. Both of the honorees were surprised to be presented with the award. Their highest service and vigorous energy remains dedicated to the God they love, and to the Church they cherish.

RECONSTRUCTED WEB SITE

Check out the new constructed web site. Dennis has made several changes. It will also show some of the past Fraterneyesers, along with other changes.

www.sdaoptometrists.org

Check out: Officers, Conventions, Pictures, ASDAO History,

GC Assistant Report, Auxiliary, Mission Reports, Mission

Projects, Archived Newsletters, Classified Advertisements, Links, Or even can contact the ASDAO.

Give it a look and see how you like it. Let Dennis Benedict know if you have any ideas or changes you know of such as color schemes and opinions.

YOUR BEST PATHWAYS TO HEALTH MISSION TRIP TO SAN ANTONIO, TX 2015

My family and I had the privilege of participating is this fantastic event in San Antonio, TX along with several of you. The free mega health clinic was organized under ASI (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries) and set up in the Alamodome. The total number of patients seen in all areas were 6,192. Over \$20.1 million in health care services were provided to the San Antonio community over a three day period.

Services provided included vision, dental, primary medical care, women's health, and several other specialties including neurology, wound care, podiatry, gasterointerology, and more. Other services included lifestyle counseling, food preparation classes, chaplain services, and even haircuts and 500 men's suits were also provided free of charge.

The event served lunch each day to all 1,700 volunteers and the patients who were in the clinic over the lunchtime. There were 4 lines outside the Alamodome for patients to choose from: dental, vision, medical, and surgery. On the first day, I had a patient who was about 60 years old.. I saw him around 4 o'clock in the afternoon. When I asked him "how are you?" when he first came into my exam room he said, "better, now that I'm able to see someone." I could tell he was tired and a little frustrated. I was tired too by that time, but I prayed that the Holy Spirit give me the words he needed to hear. He told me how he had waited since early in the morning (I think around 4 or 5 am) in the dental line. Many others in front of him had waited all night in line. The line was so long that around noon they counted off the number of people in line that could be seen the rest of the day in the dental clinic, and he was turned away along with hundreds of others. He was offered other services at the clinic that might be able to see him. He chose to try the vision line in hopes he could get in there because he needed new glasses. He waited all afternoon and finally got to see me by around 4 pm. He told me of how he had been diagnosed with stage 4 bladder cancer 4 years earlier and was given only 2 years to live at that time. He continued to tell me some more about himself and his story. He believed in God and the Bible, and I was able to remind him about the hope of Jesus' second coming, how he would be healed then, but I prayed with him for healing now if it was God's will, and peace and strength. We talked about other things that only the Holy Spirit could bring to my mind to tell him for those few minutes. When he got up to go, he told me he was so blessed by our conversation that all the waiting he had done all day in both lines was worth it just to talk to me. I praised God I could be used by Him to refresh this man's soul that he so desperately needed, and that he waited in line and didn't leave after he was turned away from the first service he thought he needed, and that he waited in line and didn't leave after he was turned away from the first service he thought he needed

I talked with the other 37 people that went to San Antonio from my hometown of Greeneville, TN, it seems like everyone who participated in this event had multiple stories like this too. We were all so greatly blessed to be used by God as a tool in His toolbox for just the right job He had for us to do. We were also convinced that this method of mixing the gospel message with the medical work is so effective in reaching others, that truly it confirmed yet again, that "Christ's method alone" will bring true success in reaching the world.

I would encourage all of you who ever has a chance to participate in one of these events to do so. You will be blessed. Their next event is in Spokane, WA from August 2-4, 2015. See www.bigcitybenevolence.org for more details.

Brad Emde, O.D.

Greetings!

By Gayle Daniels, O.D.

Again, I want to share what a blessing I received in seeing God's love, care and compassion flowing within the Alamodome....among the thousands and His presence was apparent !!!!

Below find attached the most updated list of volunteers I had for the Eye care Department.

"your best Pathway to Health"

Eye Care Department Summary Report

Alamodome, San Antonio, April 8-10, 2015

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise, the fruit of lips that confess His name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifice God is pleased." Hebrews 13: 15, 16 (NIV)

A. Total Registered Eye Care Volunteers

Optometrists 16
 Ophthalmologists 3
 Opticians/Ophthal Assts 15

B. Partnerships/Sponsors:

- Alcon
- Association of Seventh-Day Adventist Optometrists (ASDAO)
- D & B Ophthalmics
- Daniel Migael Foundation, Inc (DMF, Inc)
- DRS Retinal Camera
- · Essilor Foundation
- Everaginations
- · Home Depot
- I Care San Antonio
- Major Optical
- Niche Optical
- OPTOS
- Prevent Blindness Texas (San Antonio)
- Vision Service Plan (VSP) Mobile Clinic

C. Affiliations Represented:

- · National Optometric Association
- Vision Source
- Vision Works
- D. Patients Seen in Eye Care Department: 1892

E. Prescription Glasses: 1,440 pairs of glasses in process .

Single Vision 804 pairs Bifocals 333 pairs

DMF,Inc

Single Vision 330 pairs Bifocals 306 pairs

(Readers) 77 pairs over 3 days

F. Approximately 200 Diabetic Patients Surveyed:

Hispanics 79% 12% Whites 8% **Blacks** 80% **Females** Ages 41-55 54% Diagnosed> I0yrs 53% Not on Medications 25% **Admit Poor Control** 59% 47% Admit No Previous Eye Exams 47% Diabetic Retinopathy Diagnosed (at this event with the retinal imaging)

G. Approximately 150 Continued Care Referrals for:

Diabetic Retinopathy

Glaucoma

Cataracts

Pterygium

3 Emergency Retinal Detachments detected with Retinal Imaging

It was very important to have local facility available for referral of patients requiring firther follow up care and treatment. This allowed providers to detect, diagnose, educate the patient and then refer to a specific clinic for continued care.

(Referrals for Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma will requiring frequent appointments to monitor and maintain the health of the eye so establishing this connect with a local facility is imperative.)

Henrietta Stumpf



Henrietta O. Stumpf,94, of Hot Springs, Arkansas passed away March 20, 2015. She was born November 12, 1915 in Port Allen, to Henry and Sophie Burcham Oncal. Henrietta was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many. She loved children and teaching. She taught

several grades in school, but 1st and 2nd grades were her favorite. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death, by her parents, by her husband, Dr. George Stumpf, long time member of the ASDAO. Funeral services were held March 23 in the Chapel of Gross Funeral Home in Hot Springs AR. "Dearie" as she was known will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Dr. Chuck Stumpf and family also ASDAO member.

NO AUXILIARY AUCTION THIS YEAR

It is requested because of the GC schedule in leiu of an auction that the O.D.s send a donation to the Auxiliary Treasure to help with their scholarship and mission projects.



PRESIDENT: ASDAO Auxiliary Janice Bailey

Hello and Happy Spring to each!

This coming convention that is connected with the World Church's General Conference gathering is fast approaching! With that, the Auxiliary leaders have talked and discussed the feasibility of not having an auction this year. It doesn't seem like an easy thing to do with some O.D.'s and their families coming in early to help with staffing the ASDAO booth, and others coming for just the last weekend.

So, we decided that this year, in lieu of hosting an auction, we would ask each of the Auxiliary Members (that is all the spouses of the O.D's – including the guys!) to send a donation for the amount of money you normally contribute at the auction! This way, we would still be able to sponsor some optometry students this year.

Would you be willing to get your checkbook NOW and make a check to the ASDAO?

Please send it to: Eddye Benedict, ASDAO Treasurer 156 Gigi Lane Loudon, TN 37774

With each of us sending a check, we will still be able to support our mission. Thanks for supporting the future O.D.'s with your dollars and prayers!

May you be blessed in the days and weeks ahead as you plan your summer and your ministry efforts!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE SAN ANTONIO

Volunteers Needed: San Antonio Texas

July 2015 General Conference ASDAO Health Screening Booth

- 1) Donate or bring a large Screen TV delivered to the Booth and pick it up after the exhib-
- it. (We can't bring it on the plane)
- 2) Create Graphic design and Display Posters to attract visitors to the booth.
- 3) Design a handout for an 8x11 sheet of paper telling of the value of an thorough dilated eye exam to detect glaucoma, diabetes, hypertension, brain tumors, refractive blindness or vision loss, and macular degeneration. (we can't afford to hand out brochures at 0.35 each by the 1000;s..)
- 4) Doctors who will commit to being there to counsel patients who are watching the eyemaginations video and have questions about eye function and disease.

Dan Beckner, O.D.

PAST CONVENTION LOCATIONS

1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992	Yosemite, CA Squaw Valley, CA Denver, CO San Francisco, CA Minneapolis, MN New York, NY New Orleans, LA Battle Creek, MI Eugene, OR Banff, Canada Durango, CO Honolulu, HI Houston, TX St Louis, MO Loma Linda, CA Victoria, BC Canada Gatlinburg, TN Las Vegas, NV Toronto, Canada New Orleans, LA San Diego, CA Jackson Hole, WY Battle Creek, MI Bolton Valley, VT Hayden Lake, ID Kauai, HI Marrirtta, GA Hope, Canada St Augustine, FL Glacier View, CO Leoni Meadows, CA Cuhutta Springs, GA Arlington, TX Nakoda Lodge, Calgary Canada
1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016	Anaheim, CA Arden, NC Durango, CO Lincoln City, OR Fredrick, MD Sun Valley, ID Eureka Springs, AR Burlington, ON Leavenworth, WA Nashville, TN Cody, WY Kelowna, BC Canada St Louis, MO Auburn, CA Branson, MO Puyallup, WA Holland, MI Atlanta, GA Louisville, KY Chicago, IL San Diego, CA Vancouver, WA San Antonio, TX Gatlinburg, TN

As you can see attending

the ASDAO convention will let you see a lot of places that you

might not otherwise see

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:

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NEXT FRATERNEYESER DEADLINE

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser

is **August 1**,

2015 Please send me your information by the deadline.

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Make your plans now to attend the ASDAO Convention along with the General Conference in San Antonio. There are many things to see and do in San Antonio. Fill out the registration form on page 10 of the Fraterneyeser get it sent to Dr. Tom Sanders as soon as possible so plans can be made. We need you for both the ASDAO booth and our Convention.

Registration! Help us Plan for You!

Please send a reply to Dr. Tom Sanders twsanders@hotmail.com We hope that we are prepared to serve you and to insure that your needs are met so that we all have a wonderful time together. In order to do that, I need just a bit of information.

Your Names Please give me names of those planning to attend in your group. For the children please give us their ages so that we can plan crafts and activities for them as well as special treats throughout.

Name	Age (if child)
Will you be staying with us ir in the area?	n The Hyatt Place San Antonio Airport or elsewhere
Do you have special needs th	nat we can help to accommodate?
Do you have special meal requirements that we can accommodate?	
Will you be able to join us fo	or the entire convention?

Thanks SO MUCH!