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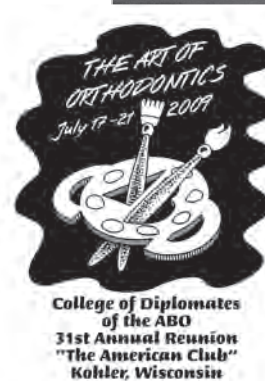
2009 Annual Summer Meeting

By Jim Morrow

THE PLANNING committee for our summer meeting is happy to present "THE ART OF ORTHODONTICS," July 17-21 at The American Club in Kohler, Wisconsin. The program features a high profile of nationally and internationally recognized speakers that are on the cutting-edge of our profession. The program includes, **Drs. Marc Ackerman, Jim Boley, Louis Costa, Courtney Gorman, Vince Kokich, Jr., William Proffit and David Sarver.** This is a great opportunity to improve our concepts of treatment and stimulate our thought processes of treatment planning with new and proven procedures. See the article in this newsletter on the scientific program

by David on page 4. **Dr Janet Tornelli** from Cooper Clinic will speak at the family breakfast on the importance of regular check-ups in health and longevity.

There are four internationally-rated golf courses near the premises. The Blackwolf Run includes the Rivers Course, which was one of only 16 courses in the nation to receive *Golf Digest's* highest rating of five stars. The River Course is one of the most challenging



and scenic destinations in North America. The Meadow Valleys Course features Scottish influences in Pete Dye's work.

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President's Message

By Tucker Haltom



A SMALL

group of legendary diplomates came together in Boulder Colorado the summer of 1979 to form The College of Diplomates of The American Board

of Orthodontics. It was only fitting this organizational meeting be held during the 50th Anniversary meeting of the ABO. **Drs. Raymond Thurow, Hubert Bell, B.F. Dewel, Joseph DiStasio, John Rathbone, William F. Stutts,**

and **William Thompson** envisioned an organization of ABO Diplomates projecting a strong voice in support of ABO policies and initiatives. From that modest beginning, the College has evolved to be just that as well as an important organization in the AAO family.

The College becomes more closely related to the ABO every year. ABO President **John Grubb** often reaches out to the College in friendship and he has sent us excellent liaisons in **Drs. Eladio DeLeon and Scott Jamieson.** The ABO Directors meet with us each summer to brainstorm plans for the future. The number of ABO Diplomates has increased dramatically the last few years with changes in ABO certification requirements. We are hopeful this will continue to result in new members for the College.

We are very pleased with the appointment of **Dr. Lee Graber** as liaison to the College Council from the AAO Board of Trustees. Lee is a concerned and interested advisor. We also appreciate the friendship of AAO President **Dr. Raymond George, Sr.** to the College. We look forward to next summer when the AAO Board of Trustees will have their board planning session just prior to the College meeting in Kohler, Wisconsin. We are pleased they will be joining us for our Annual Reunion of Diplomates.

It is a privilege and my highest honor to serve as President of the College. Our membership is a who's who of orthodontic educators, clinicians and researchers. Our greatest strength is not only in our membership but also in the board of

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councilors. These volunteers work with great dedication to maximize the benefits for College members and to support the ABO in its endeavors. I would like to thank **Dr. Bill Wallert** for his encouragement and friendship. He is responsible for my experience with the College and I am grateful to him. His orthodontic life has been a great example to me. Bill and Irene share a perfect personal life.

Congratulations to **Dr. Tom Skafidas** for a great year as president. His dedication to the College is obvious in his productive years on the council. We all appreciate everything Tom has done for the College. His meeting in Montana was spectacular in location, family activities and scientific program.

My association with the councilors and diplomates of the College remind me that orthodontists are exceptional people. They are adventurous, testing themselves with new challenges. Orthodontists conduct their professional and personal lives with great integrity. To them the values of honesty, commitment and ethical conduct are of prime importance. They are oriented towards excellence and their patients are positively affected not for a moment but for a lifetime. We should be proud of the excellent care we provide to our patients and for the best dollar value in all the health-care professions.

The College is famous for the annual summer reunion, which has become one of the most excellent lecture series ever created. The College summer meetings have been superb and are famous for their beautiful resort venues and family-oriented style.

We are very excited about our 31st Annual Meeting to be held July 17-21, 2009 at The American Club, a spectacular resort in the town of Kohler, Wisconsin and the only AAA Five Diamond resort in the Midwest. The American Club is very well known for their world-class golf courses. If you are a golfer, you don't want to miss this meeting and our tournament at Blackwolf Run.

The theme of our meeting is "The Art

of Orthodontics," exploring the artistic side of our great profession. Our scientific session is outstanding, created by our program chair, **Dr. David Sarver**. He has brought together a most impressive array of provocative speakers. **Dr. Jim Morrow** is the general chairman for our meeting. **Dr. Phil Markin** and Phyllis are social chairmen and **Dr. Scott Arbitt** is local arrangements chair. We have planned many social and outdoor family activities in this beautiful Great Lakes region. **Dr. Darren Haltom** and Kimberly have created a children and teenage program that will excite kids of all ages and would rival any camp for excitement and fun-filled activities. The Sports Core is an amazing facility with extraordinary capabilities for every imaginable activity, indoor and outdoor, kids and adults, and all conveniently located at the American Club resort. **Dr. Don Drake** is organizing a sporting clays tournament and there will be a world-class golf tournament at Blackwolf Run, chaired by **Drs. Jim Fruge** and **Mike Steffen**.

The American Club is one of the most impressive resorts in America. We will have different types of housing available from nice comfortable family housing to high-end Spa accommodations. Activities will range from sitting in a quiet garden reading to sports fishing on Lake Michigan to cooking classes to a very challenging ropes course. Donna and I and our planning committee invite you to join us, and our family, for a spectacular annual reunion of diplomates.



New Councilor Position

The nominating committee is requesting that any interested member in the Mid-Atlantic Society of Orthodontists submit their name and C.V. for the position of College councilor to Dr. Thomas Skafidas at the following e-mail address: tmsdmd@bellsouth.net. The term begins during the July 2009 summer meeting.

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The Whistling Straits features the Straits Course and the Irish Course.

The hotel offers all the amenities that you would expect in personal service. The Kohler Waters Spa with a gorgeously tiled pool and an eight-foot cascading wall of water is an inspiring place for you to relax. Men's and women's lounge rooms include hot and cold dip pools, a sauna and steam room. The Sports Core is on property and includes a swimming pool, lap pool, sauna, men's and women's steam rooms, fitness training center, outdoor walking/running trail and much more.

Recreational activities include the Botanical Gardens and River Wildlife (a private club that offers trap shooting), five stand sporting clays, (with shotgun rental), horseback riding,

canoe and kayak boating, horse-drawn carriage rides, biking, fishing on inland lakes, charter fishing on Lake Michigan and river fishing on Sheboygan River where there is some of the best trout and salmon fishing in the country.

Come and join us at the American Club, which has long enjoyed a

reputation as one of the premier meeting destinations in the Midwest. A national landmark and the Midwest's only AAA Five Diamond resort hotel, it sets the standard for uncompromising service and gracious hospitality. The American Club is located about one hour North of Milwaukee.

The College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics Foundation's Ray Thurow Honorary Lecture



Dr. David Sarver has been given the honor to present the Ray Thurow Honorary Lecture. Sarver is a respected and impressive lecturer and author. He conducts a full-time practice in Vestavia Hills, Alabama along with an extensive lecture schedule and still finds time to research and write. This year he has created our scientific program, "The Art of Orthodontics." We are very proud to have Dr. Sarver an integral part of this meeting.

COUNCIL IN ACTION

By Tucker Haltom

RECENT ACTIVITIES that continue to push the College forward include the following:

To save printing and postage costs, the College office will periodically send e-mail blasts to members and non-member Diplomates to keep them informed of College activities and to encourage non-members to join the College.

The College's Web site committee is looking into on-line registration for the College's ABO certification preparatory courses, ordering of the "Your Orthodontist has gone a Step Beyond" brochure and registration for future Annual Summer Meetings.

A study as to whether to mail the *Diplomate* to all residents will be discussed at the next council conference call.

An ad hoc committee on Annual Meeting sponsorship will propose this change in policy at the July 2009 business meeting.

A combined Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index & Cast Evaluation and "Mock" Board Case Oral Examination preparatory course was presented at the GORP meeting this past August. The presentation was highly successful and we look forward to giving courses in the future at GORP.

The College continues to offer and bring the board certification preparatory courses to residents at their school. Courses have been presented at four orthodontic programs so far this year. More schools are scheduled in 2009 and the College is working to confirm a date with several more schools that have expressed interest.

College Courses at the AAO Annual Session

The Council members teach a variety of successful ABO Certification Preparatory Courses over a four-day time period during the AAO Annual Session.

Due to waiting lists the past couple of years, the College added twice the number of the Discrepancy Index & Cast Evaluation Preparatory Courses for the 2009 AAO Annual Session.

A "Mock" Board Case Oral Examination preparatory course was successfully field tested at the 2008 AAO Annual Session in Denver, so it has been added to the College's preparatory course curriculum for the 2009 AAO Annual Session in Boston.

Register for The College of Diplomates luncheon at the AAO Annual Session in Boston on the registration form on page 11!

Visit the College's Web site www.cdabo.org to view a list of new members since the last newsletter and the list of the College's committee members.

Walter Buchsieb Named Honorary Chair for 2009 Annual Meeting

By Tucker Haltom

WALTER IS A charter member of The College of Diplomates and was president of the College in 1991. Everyone knows Walter. He is the quiet, always smiling, friendly person you see at all of our College meetings. He is always willing to assist by making new members feel welcome and helping long time members with facts from the past. Recently he agreed to become our parliamentarian and committed to attending three board meetings a year plus all the extra work that goes along with a council position. The council is very pleased to have his expertise. Detail and organization are two of his many strengths.

Walter was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1929, where he attended dental school and was a member of Psi Omega Fraternity. Walter and Betty were married in 1955 and soon found themselves leaving for Germany where Walter headed the 539th

Dental Unit in Zweibrücken. Following active duty, Walter graduated from Ohio State with a Masters in Orthodontics. For the next four years he had a private practice in Dayton, Ohio until he left his practice to return to Columbus, Ohio to chair the Orthodontic Clinic.

Walter has served as President of his local, state and regional orthodontic societies. He served as Speaker of the House of Delegates of the American Association of Orthodontists. He formed the Council on Legislation (later the Council on Governmental Affairs) and served as its first chairman. He also served as a delegate to the American Dental Association for many years. Walter continues to be a shining example, for all orthodontists. Our



profession has benefited tremendously from his leadership.

Walter and Betty have two children, Dr. W. Charles Buchsieb II and Mrs. Christine Bardon of Seattle, Washington. They also have six wonderful grandchildren. They are active members of the American Lutheran Church. Walter

enjoys his association with the Classic Car Club of America and enjoys the many antique cars that he has owned over the years.

We are very proud to honor Walter for his many years of dedication and extraordinary contributions to The College of Diplomates and the American Association of Orthodontists as Honorary Chairman of this 31st Annual Reunion of Diplomates.

2009 Annual Meeting Scientific Program

By David Sarver

OUR THEME of the 2009 meeting is "The Art of Orthodontics." The program has been carefully designed to explore a wide variety of issues as it relates to the practice of orthodontics. We have constructed the agenda to cover all aspects of our theme topic, with lecturers and researchers who represent the essence of clinical practice, research, and evidence-based practice.

Dr. Vince Kokich, Jr. will give his always excellent material on smile esthetics and interdisciplinary care. We will be privileged to have **Dr. Louis Costa**, renowned facial plastic surgeon from Charleston, South Carolina. Dr. Costa is an ENT facial plastic surgeon and also an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. His lecture, "A Facial Plastic Surgeon's View of

the Face and How It Integrates With Orthodontic Treatment Planning," will relate very clearly the relationships of soft tissue facial esthetic principles of great value to all of us. **Dr. James Boley** will discuss the Tweed teaching philosophy in the 21st century. Jim has been a serious student of orthodontics for his entire career, an active teacher at the Tweed Institute, and has an excellent perspective on where we have been and where we are going. **Dr. Marc Ackerman** has a unique perspective on orthodontics with his multi-generational background in our profession and his thoughtful and provocative challenges to current thinking. **Dr. Courtney Gorman** will present the art of sculpting the gingival architecture with diode laser

to achieve the next level of dental and smile esthetics. **Dr. David Sarver** will try and lock it all together with "Synchronization of the Esthetic Team for Maximum Results."

Dr. William Proffit will keynote our weekend with his two presentations. Dr. Proffit will discuss (1) new and broader goals for orthodontic treatment, the new emphasis on clinical evaluation of dentofacial traits, and the new diagnostic technologies that are rapidly being adopted; and (2) new methods and new orthodontic appliance technologies, from the perspective of marketing versus evidence. We all know Dr. Proffit's enormous contribution to our profession, and he is uniquely qualified to be the person who puts the stamp of excellence on this great meeting.

DIRECTOR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT

By Richard Ridgley

VOLUNTARY RECERTIFICATION:

The ABO is working closely with the College and has agreed to allow Voluntary Recertification at the College's Annual Meeting. This voluntary recertification process will only be open to College members and is only open to those who currently have a life-time certificate. One option will be to perform a Cast Evaluation and Discrepancy Index on three Board Cases. This information may be used for possible studies in comparing the "old" method of Board Certification to the Cast Evaluation method.

The cases will be reviewed by "guest examiners for the ABO" who are currently, or have been, College Councilors or officers. Feedback sessions on grading techniques and discrepancy index for your individual cases will be part of your feedback. This process has no affect on your life-time certificate. Additional requirements, such as a short Web examination, are also required. The College and the ABO are still finalizing details.

The College is excited to be a part of making this unique opportunity available to our members. Voluntary Recertification allows you to take that "extra" step beyond.

We expect to make this available at the College's 2010 Annual Meeting. Details will be announced when available. For further information, please contact Dick Ridgley, director of continuing education, at: imoveteeth@earthlink.net

Courses "To Go": One of the most rewarding efforts the College has initiated is our "prep courses" for Board Certification. For over 10 years the College has offered courses at the AAO Annual Session. The College currently has three courses; Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and

Cast Evaluation, and a "Mock" Board Case Oral Exam (BCOE). For the past several years the demand for these courses has exceeded space available. Earlier this year the College began presenting these courses directly at the University Orthodontic Departments and this year is expanding availability to constituents, component, study clubs and related organizations providing orthodontic continuing education. The College is open to modifying the presentations to meet the group's individual need. For further information regarding course minimums and pricing, please contact the College Office, by e-mail at cdabo@charter.net or phone 636-922-5551.

Case Displays: University Department Chairs should have already received a letter from the College office regarding participation in The College of Diplomates Resident Case Display Program Sunday, May 3 to Tuesday, May 5 during the AAO Annual Session.

"Mock" Board Case Oral Exam (BCOE): The newest College prep course is the "Mock" Board Case Oral Exam. This course duplicates in the closest manner the actual examination process given by individuals who serve as guest examiners. It is a two-hour "mock" examine. The first hour is to evaluate electronic records of two patients, develop a problem list and formulate a primary and secondary treatment plan. The second hour is an examination of the thought process. As in the actual examination, two individuals will examine a single candidate. While the "hands-on" experience makes this new course more expensive than previous courses, this is a great way to prepare for this part of the certification process in a life-like "mock" experience.

Sponsorship Guidelines for the College's Annual Meeting

The Council is reviewing guidelines to accept sponsorship for the College's Annual Meeting. The Council will again be discussing this issue to present specific guidelines in the spring newsletter for member review prior to being on the agenda at the Annual Business Meeting in July. Members are encouraged to contact a College officer or councilor if you have questions or input you would like to provide the Council as they finalize the sponsorship guideline proposal.

Thank You

The College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics sincerely thanks **Mr. Steve McEvoy** for his assistance in the preparation of our pilot BCOE course. Steve put our project as a priority in his busy schedule which allowed the College to implement this new prep course. The course has been extremely well received by the residents of several schools and at GORP. The College appreciates his technical expertise and professionalism as well as his dedication to the Board Certification process.

2008 Annual Meeting Memories

By Tom Skafides

WITH MAGNIFICENT Lone Peak as the backdrop, the 2008 College of Diplomates' Annual Meeting was held at the Big Sky Resort in Montana July 13 - 17. The Reunion of Diplomates attracted over 370 attendees who enjoyed "the last great place," as the locals like to say.

Our Sunday evening opening reception offered spectacular sunset views of the surrounding mountains and down into the valley. The opening family breakfast featured Big Sky resident, photographer and musician, Mike Haring. Mike entertained us with live musical selections of original

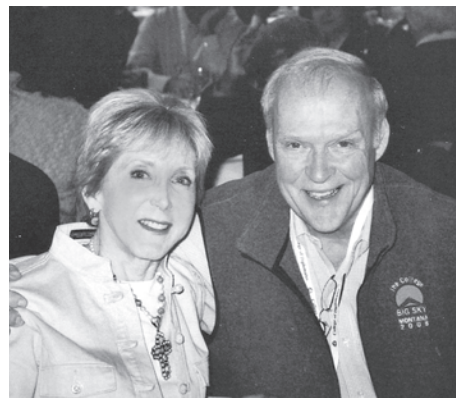


compositions, as well as old favorites, synchronized to his stunning nature photography.

"The Sky is the Limit" scientific program kicked-off Monday morning with **Dr. Birte Melsen** as she provided the most up-to-date information on temporary anchorage based on research and peer reviewed journals. **Dr. Bill Harrell** brought

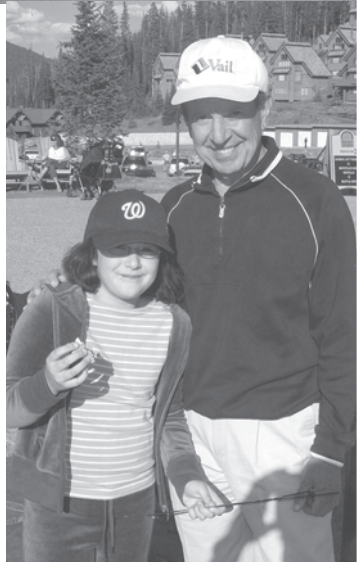
us into the 21st century as he explained cone beam technology during

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John and Carol Doris (top);
Attendees dancing at the
president's dinner (above);
Doctor's group photo (left)



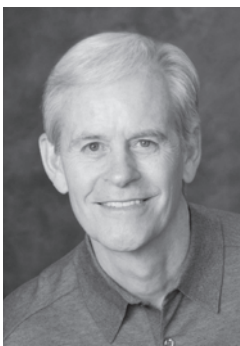


2009 Annual Meeting Dedicated to Dr. R.G. “Wick” Alexander

By Tucker Haltom

DR. WICK ALEXANDER has been a familiar face in the circles of orthodontics for more than 40 years. He is known as a down to earth practitioner with the ability to produce outstanding results using the most basic methods.

Wick’s colleagues have recognized his level of orthodontic excellence by honoring him with many awards over the years including the Milo Hellman Research Award from the AAO for his study on Scoliosis and the Milwaukee Brace. He also holds both the C.T. Rowland Award and the A.P. Westfall Award (four times) for outstanding orthodontic proficiency and the Fred F. Schudy Award for Excellence in Clinical Orthodontics from the Texas Orthodontic Study Club. Wick received the first Dewel Clinical Orthodontic Award from the American Association of Orthodontists in recognition of his contribution to orthodontic literature and was presented the Dewey Award by



the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists.

Wick is recognized internationally for his innovation in orthodontic procedures. He is well known for his work in designing the Alexander Discipline. He has lectured internationally, published two books on the discipline; as well as many research papers and articles in professional journals.

He is a clinical professor of orthodontics at Baylor College of Dentistry, the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston, and New York University; Diplomate, American Board of Orthodontics; Fellow, International College of Dentists; and Fellow, American College of Dentists. He is a member of the Angle Society, Tweed Foundation, and Southwestern Society of Orthodontists and American Association of Orthodontists.

In addition to his professional successes, Wick has served on many community organizations. The list

includes president of the Arlington Rotary Club, City Councilman, president of the Arlington YMCA, chairman of Leadership Arlington, Citizen of the Year, and president and CEO of United Way Tarrant County. Today, he continues to be active in his church and the Arlington community.

Wick has been very active with the alumni of Texas Tech University. His honors and offices held include president of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, Distinguished Alumnus Award, and inductee to the Texas Tech Athletic Hall of Honor.

In addition to his traveling and teaching, he continues to practice with his son, Moody, in Arlington, Texas. Wick and his wife Janna have three children and 10 grandchildren. Their son, Dr. Chuck Alexander, practices orthodontics in Montrose, Colorado and their daughter, Shanna Alexander Argote, is a national vice-president for Arbonne and is married to Luis Argote, general manager of the Four Seasons Hotel and Resort in Costa Rica.

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his presentation on “3-D Diagnostic and Treatment Planning in Orthodontic Practice.” **Dr. Emile Rossouw’s** lecture, “Anchorage, the Cornerstone of Orthodontic Treatment,” provided practical every day examples of the use of temporary anchorage devices. College members **Drs. Steve Roehm** and **Dave Harnick** shared interesting case presentations to start off Wednesday and Thursday’s lectures. The final lecture featured **Dr. Donald “Skip” Ferguson** on periodontally accelerated osteogenic orthodontics (PAOO). This lecture was followed by a panel discussion of all program lecturers moderated by **Dr. Dave Turpin**. The number of doctors remaining in the lecture room through the panel discussion conclusion was a great

tribute to the quality program that Scientific Chair **Dr. Steve Marshall** put together.

A special thank you to Social Co-Chairs **Dr. Rod Hyduk** and Nancy Hyduk and Local Arrangements Co-Chairs **Dr. Terry Trojan** and Bev Trojan for their contribution to the attendees making many fun family memories at this reunion. Activities included fly fishing, rafting, horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, scenic lift rides, Yellowstone Park tours, the Museum of the Rockies, Virginia City, Earthquake Lake, yoga, wine tasting, a rescue dog demonstration with smores by the fire and a shopping trip to nearby Bozeman, Montana, coupled with a cooking school session at Bridger Kitchens.

There were over 40 participants in the annual golf tournament on the Arnold Palmer designed course in the meadows. **Dr. Ernie Rider** won the long drive

contest. Golf Chair **Dr. John Doris** stated Dr. Rider would have to pass a steroid screening before next year’s tournament.

Our Wednesday evening President’s Dinner featured local fare of buffalo and rainbow trout, as **Drs. Dave Turpin** and **Bill Wallert** were honored for their contributions to the College. Attendees danced the night away to music provided by a local D.J., as the children enjoyed activities provided by the Children’s Program Chairs, **Dr. Dick Ridgley** and Jeni Ridgley (with assistance from Joey onsite!), and hosted by the Kid’s Club staff at Big Sky Resort. A special and a personal thanks to the meeting’s General Chair **Dr. Dot Whalen** and our Executive Director Karen Seiler for their many contributions toward this successful meeting.

Sylvia and I hope that all who attended have fond memories of your trip to “Big Sky Country.”

Richard Ridgley to Receive the College's Award of Merit

THE COLLEGE is proud this year to honor, **Dr. Richard Ridgley** with our prestigious Award of Merit. He is the outstanding face of the College in our education initiatives and has been a very productive force in the Council the last 10 years.

He was fortunate to have kept a family tradition by attending USC dental school followed by orthodontic training at University of the Pacific, which gave him a solid foundation to be a "safe beginner" in the specialty of orthodontics. Serving as a clinical instructor at the University of the Pacific, lecturing and keeping up with his private practice in Palo Alto, California have occupied his time.



Dick's friendship with **Dr. Art Dugoni** and **Dr. Dick Rutter** left no decision on his part but to become board certified. Dick stated: "During my 10 year association with the College Council I looked up to every president that came before me. I was humbled by their dedication and hard work for the College, and I sought

direction from **Drs. Raymond George, Samir Bashira** and many others who left very large footprints. My years of service to the College culminating with my Presidency in 2006-2007 continue to be one the highlights of my career."

Early on, Dick believed that our education courses at the AAO were of

prime importance to educating and assisting the board certification process. The recent change in the certification process has lead the College's challenge to assist the residents in their quest for certification. Thanks to Dick and with the support of many, the College now has the best, most up-to-date and extensive series of courses to prepare for board certification. The College's presence at GORP and many orthodontic departments shows the importance of this mission. We are all pleased to be a part of this process by appointing Dr. Ridgley to serve as the first Director of Continuing Education for the College.

Dick, his wife Jeni and son Joey now live in Asheville, North Carolina. Dick has stated that he is "humbled and sincerely appreciates the Award of Merit from the College."

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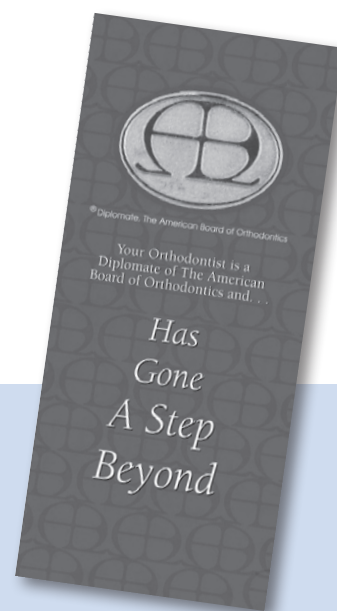
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AAO REPORT

By Raymond George Sr., 2008-2009 President

HOW FORTUNATE we are to be able to participate in the specialty of orthodontics in so many ways. Treating patients, helping with access to care, educating the public, educating legislators and volunteering in the governance of national and local orthodontic organizations are but a few of the ways we participate. At times it is very hard work but the rewards are great. The relationships that we develop, with our colleagues through out the world, has to stand high on that list of rewards.

In 2008 I have attended five foreign orthodontic meetings where I stressed that we are a global specialty and that we need to share our critical issues with each other. By sharing how we are attempting to resolve these issues we may find ways for joint action that could strengthen the specialty worldwide.

The AAO Board of Trustees (BOT) is committed to directing our financial, staff and volunteer resources toward resolving the six critical issues identified by the BOT and ratified by the House of Delegates (HOD). Let me review those issues and the actions taken/will be taken in 2008-2009:

Volunteer Leadership Development

The Leadership Handbook, which encourages involvement, was updated and distributed to all members. A



task force was formed to partner with components/constituents to encourage and recruit new leaders. In February 2009 the AAO will hold a leadership conference formatted to encourage new participation.

ADA and Healthcare Organization Relationships

AAO officers meet regularly with officers of the ADA, ADEA and the dental specialty organizations. Every opportunity is used to share information and discuss areas of mutual concern. Our relationship with the ADA is at an all time high.

Advocacy-Governmental Affairs

By being fully engaged with our Washington lobbyist, Patton Boggs, the AAO is developing proactive positions on access to care, OSHA issues and ergonomics.

The AAO supports access to care for the under-privileged for primary oral health care and medically necessary orthodontic treatment. The Council on Government Affairs (COGA) now has a strategic/action plan that focuses on educating the AAO members on the issues and their need to become involved.

AAO's Role in International Orthodontics

The AAO BOT is focusing on

being a leader in the international world of orthodontics. Eighteen per cent of the AAO members are International Members and it is the area of greatest membership growth. The Council on Membership and the BOT has implemented an international recruitment/retention program.

Consumer Education

The AAO is in the third year of the Consumer Education Program to educate the consumer on the benefits of the educationally qualified AAO member orthodontist. The program is funded by a member assessment supplemented by AAO reserves. Individual AAO members can now access consumer education material to be used locally. Since 2006 the AAO has committed \$10.67 million to consumer awareness.

Recruitment and Retention of Orthodontic Faculty

Since 2006 the AAO has committed \$4 million to this issue. The BOT and HOD has supported a program that is having a positive impact on the faculty shortage. It is a long-term sustainable solution. Acceptance of fellowships is tied to teaching commitments. To-date the total commitment is 60 years of teaching with a projected 40 additional years of teaching commitments.

The AAO Board of Trustees and AAO staff look forward to seeing you in Boston in May 2009 for the AAO Annual Session.

The College Constituent Affairs Committee

By Michael Guess

WHEN WAS the last time you were challenged to serve your profession?

When was the last time you worked very hard on something and when the task was completed you wouldn't have

traded the experience for anything?

The College urges you to get involved! We are seeking determined individuals who want to make a difference, expect to work hard in a selfless contribution to their chosen profession and all the while

confident in knowing that they will have a positive impact on the future of the college and the orthodontic profession.

If interested, contact Michael Guess at mbguess@aol.com.



College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics REGISTRATION FORM

Courses and Annual Luncheon held during the 2009 AAO Annual Session in Boston

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EVENT	REGISTRATION	BY 4/15	AFTER 4/15	TOTAL
Written Exam Prep Course (Lunch on own)	<input type="checkbox"/> Register Prep Course _____ Fri. (5/1) 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	\$200 Residents: Half Price	\$225	
Model Measurement Refer to mailed confirmation for assigned time and location <u>Must bring Calibration Kit</u> <u>(Order from ABO)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Register, Preference of time: _____ Thurs. (4/30) 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm _____ Fri. (5/1) 8:00 am - 11:30 am Year Grad. Ortho: _____	\$250 Residents: Half Price	\$275	
Discrepancy Index & Cast Evaluation Refer to mailed confirmation for assigned time and location Prerequisite: Model Measurement Course <u>Must bring your own set of</u> <u>Pre-Treatment Models AND</u> <u>one set of Post Treatment</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Register, Preference of time: _____ Fri. (5/1) 8:00 am - 9:00 am _____ Fri. (5/1) 9:15 am - 10:15 am _____ Fri. (5/1) 10:30 am - 11:30 am _____ Fri. (5/1) 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm _____ Fri. (5/1) 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm _____ Fri. (5/1) 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm _____ Sat. (5/2) 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm _____ Sat. (5/2) 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	\$300 Residents: Half Price	\$325	
"Mock" Board Case Oral Exam Refer to mailed confirmation for assigned time and location	<input type="checkbox"/> Register, Preference of time: _____ Sun. (5/3) 8:00 am - 10:00 am _____ Sun. (5/3) 9:00 am - 11:00 am _____ Sun. (5/3) 10:00 am - Noon _____ Sun. (5/3) Noon - 2:00 pm _____ Sun. (5/3) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	\$1000 Residents: Half Price	\$1100	
Annual College Luncheon Must register by April 15th. Tickets <u>may</u> <u>NOT</u> be available onsite.	<input type="checkbox"/> Register for Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Guest _____ _____ Sat. (5/2) Noon - 1:30 pm	\$60 \$60	\$65 \$65	

Refunds will be given, less a \$25 administrative fee per person, if cancellation request is received by April 15, 2009. Registration payment must be received by April 15, 2009 to qualify for the early rate. Registration is limited to first-come, first-served, based on availability. The College reserves the right to cancel an event due to lack of registrations. If so, a full refund will be issued.

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