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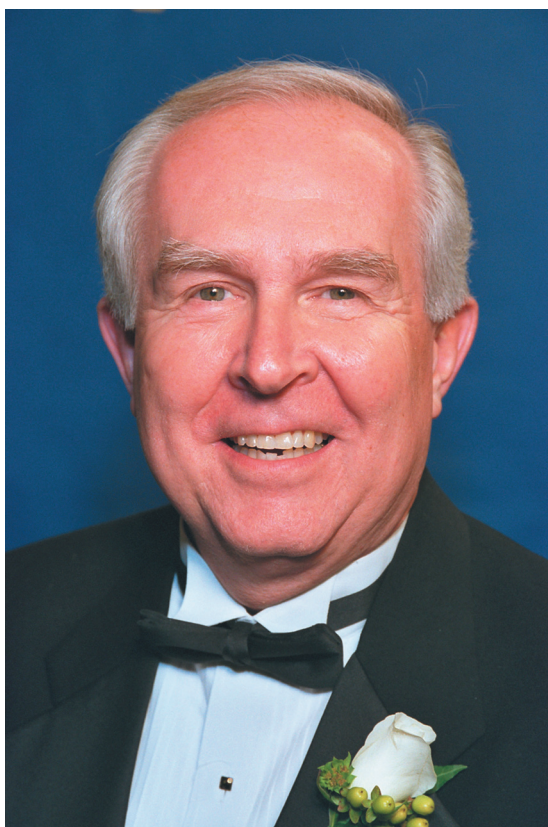
by Dr. Clifford VanBlarcom

Happy New Year to all of you from Leslie and myself! We hope this note finds each of you well into your New Year's resolutions and confident you will complete your missions for 2005.

It is an honor and pleasure for me to serve as your President this year. With the very able assistance of Steve Campbell and Steve Eckert, we have been busy daily on Academy matters. I mean it: Daily! This year we have a venue for our annual meeting which in the opinion of both Leslie and I will set a new gold standard for locations. With the brand new Sonwai Spa, 2 ½ acres of pools (ten to be specific!), a waterfall, white sand beach and 27 holes of championship golf, the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale at Gainey Ranch is just an amazing resort complex. We know you will love this location and it is perhaps your best year ever to bring the entire family. There are private alcoves everywhere which invite small gatherings for conversation, as well as the very best of conference spaces for our annual scientific sessions. We know we have a winner in our destination location and, flanked by the McDowell Mountains, it is a most picturesque back-drop for a meeting long to be remembered.

On the program front, Dr. Goldstein and his committee have put together the four days of our scientific session with both class and distinction. As you receive meeting information, look over what we have planned for each day. The program is outstanding and will mirror our leadership in prosthodontic education and research. Moreover, Lisa Lang and the Local Arrangements Com-

mittee have so many offerings for you, none the least of which will be our trip to see Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home. We have the entire location at our disposal for the afternoon and evening, with guided tours included.



Don't forget your cameras; the entire trip is one big photo opportunity. Please be sure to review all of the Academy offerings and be certain to invite your colleagues and friends this year. It will be one meeting you will want to attend and share with everyone! Indeed, we are a group devoted to the big three: Fellowship, Scholarship and Service.

In terms of our work on behalf of the Academy, Steve Campbell and I have been engaged in implementation of many of the initiatives from our Strategic Planning Survey presented by Charlie Goodacre and his committee at the May, 2004 meeting. You may have noticed some of them already: Did you note that we are seeking your input into committee involvement? If you wish to serve the Academy on a committee, just let us know. Also, we are interested in knowing if you might want to serve by being considered for leadership on the Executive Council. Just let us know! Also, this year Leslie and I want you to feel that the presidential suite is your home away from home. We intend to have it open to you at all times and want you to feel free to visit. Although it is assured that you will have many plans once you see this location, please know that we are here to greet you and will be busy offering assistance and help in any way we can. Come to Scottsdale for the meeting of a lifetime!

Grace and peace, Cliff.

Jonathan L. Ferencz

This Academy places great value on mentorship. The word “mentor” encompasses several definitions including “a wise and trusted counselor, teacher or advisor” and “a guide in philosophical matters.” Some might define a mentor as someone who guides a novice through a process, pointing out the potential hazards to be avoided along the journey. Perhaps one of the finest compliments given in our profession is to be known as a mentor. Academy Fellow Jonathan L. Ferencz embodies all of these definitions. While most members of this Academy are aware of his extensive accomplishments spanning 32 years in practice, few among us realize the achievements that are the hallmarks of both his professional and personal life. Beneath Jonathan’s quiet demeanor lies his passion for prosthodontics, for the life well lived and energy for endless learning. These are some of the distinguishing traits represented by a true mentor as well.

Jonathan was raised in Queens, New York. As a boy, he played baseball and hockey but these favorites were later traded for the sport of cycling. He enjoys a weekend ride whether tackling hills near home or mapping out routes with family and friends. Jonathan’s collegiate years were spent at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York prior to attending New York University (NYU) College of Dentistry where he graduated in the top of his class in 1971. During dental school, Jonathan met and wed Maxine Clayman, a poised, gracious and articulate daughter of Dr. Lawrence Clayman. Dr. Clayman was a restorative dentist with a fine reputation and a private practice in Manhattan. Following his internship at Montefiore Hospital, Jonathan entered into practice with his father-in-law and joined the faculty of the Department of Fixed

Prosthodontics at NYU. His superb clinical skills and unyielding commitment to excellence are still recounted by his dental school classmates and his students from those early years. There is also the rumor of a nickname “Do-It-Again” Ferencz that continues to be talked about occasionally at NYU!

Academy Fellow Frank Panno was named Chairman of the Department of Prosthodontics at NYU and through his friendship and guidance convinced Jonathan of the value in pursuing additional training in postgraduate prosthodontics at NYU. Already a full time practitioner and father to two young children, this commitment would require four years in a part time program. As Jonathan’s mentor, Frank strongly believed this was the only direction for Jonathan. He even offered to write a check to secure his place in the entering class as Jonathan considered the proposal. To no surprise, Jonathan graciously accepted this challenge with his unquenchable thirst for knowledge. The rest, as is often said, is history.

Following the completion of his prosthodontic training in 1984, Jonathan took on yet another challenge in directing the undergraduate Honors Program in Fixed Prosthodontics at NYU. This program was a highly successful recruiting pathway for budding prosthodontists (the author included!) and quickly gained a reputation for helping to serve as a pipeline for quality candidates for prosthodontic residencies and as a model for other honors programs throughout the country. As someone who had gone back for additional training after 8 years in private “restorative” practice, Jonathan’s passion for prosthodontics coupled with his skills and knowledge made him a convincing spokesperson for the value of prosthodontic specialty training.

While devoting his practice solely to prosthodontics, Jonathan advocated for the strengthening of prosthodontic organizations and brought his unique perspective on issues to the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics and the Northeastern Gnathological Society, serving as President of *both* organizations simultaneously in 1995-96.

Not satisfied with just being “a prosthodontist”, Jonathan set another challenge for himself by “completing his postgraduate training” in 1998 when he successfully challenged the American Board of Prosthodontics. Once again, Jonathan’s

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By Stephen Campbell

The final planning for the 2005 Scottsdale Meeting from May 17 through 21, 2005 is well on the way. Please note the hotel and travel information elsewhere in this Newsletter. The Welcoming Dinner will be Tuesday, May 17 with the Get Acquainted Breakfast and opening Scientific Session on Wednesday, May 18. The Executive Council will meet on Tuesday, May 17. We encourage all of you to invite guests and promote attendance at our Annual Scientific Session. You may visit the Academy's website (www.academyprosthodontics.org) for the latest updates regarding the annual session.

The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale at Gainey Ranch. The Hotel is described as comfortable Southwestern elegance in a desert oasis offering a 2.5 -acre "water playground", water slide, sand beach, tennis, championship golf, Sonwai Spa, Camp Hyatt Kachina, Native American and Environmental Learning Center, Native Heritage Seed Garden Native American Sculpture Garden, international art collection and four distinctive restaurants. There is a full service spa on the property. The room rate is \$235 per night. This is well below the going rate for this magnificent environment. You are strongly encouraged to stay in the Hotel as we have a financial obligation.

We have arranged for an easy registration method through the Hyatt's online "Passkey Program." Simply go to the AP's Passkey website and reserve your room. You will automatically be placed in the AP's Hotel Room block and receive the negotiated rate. Passkey access is at: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=18517. Apparently this is case sensitive. Sorry for the long URL, but it is all they could provide. If you prefer, you can call the hotel directly at (480) 991-3388. Please be certain to let them know you are part of the

Academy of Prosthodontics Meeting.

Local Arrangements Chair, Lisa Lang, has been organizing the local arrangement details. We are planning a single group outing again this year, and the schedule will actually allow for some free time. Our outing will be on Thursday afternoon at "Taliesin West." This was the winter camp of Frank Lloyd Wright and an experience to see. The bus ride is approximately 25 minutes.

The preferred arrival and departure airport is the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX). It is approximately 20 minutes from the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Hotel. Cab fare is approximately \$35 each way. There is also an Executive Car Service available by calling 602-232-4822. This service runs about \$45 each way.

Dr. Goldstein has been hard at work with the Program and the Annual Scientific Session will run from Wednesday, May 18 through Saturday, May 21. We are all in for a treat. The evidence based dentistry session will be on ceramics. The Program will end at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 21. Our Annual Business Meeting will immediately follow it. The Business Meeting is scheduled to end at 4:30 PM. Please do not plan departure from the Hotel before 4:30 PM on Saturday. It's an incredible environment; you may want to consider staying until Sunday. In response to the request of membership, exhibitors will be limited to just two mornings – Thursday and Friday.

The 2004 fiscal year was a success for the Academy and significant resources have been added to the Academy's reserves. A full report will be presented at our Annual Meeting. However, concern looms for the 2005 meeting. The commitment to the hotel and social events are considerably greater than for Niagara. The Niagara venue was cost effective due to the Canadian loca-

tion. In addition, 2005 will be the first year that an Annual Scientific Program Budget will be in affect. Expenses will be higher and there is concern about decreased revenues due to fewer guests. The efforts of Roy Yanase and the support of our Corporate Sponsors will help offset the higher expenses.

Everyone should have received his or her dues statements. The dues include the subscription to the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. The dues also included a mandatory advanced meeting payment of \$250 for all Active and Associate Fellows (does not apply to Life Fellows). The \$250 will be credited toward their social events expense if members register in the hotel room block by the published deadline (May 2, 2005). The fee is not refundable (no portion of it). If you have not received your dues state-

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The Academy of Prosthodontics Outreach Program: Past Accomplishments and Future Directions

by Eric Rasmussen

In 1995 in Crystal City, VA the Executive Council of the Academy revisited its goals and objectives and developed a mission statement that serves us today. "The Academy's mission is to promote the art and science of the profession to the public, to disseminate knowledge throughout the profession, to encourage study and investigation of the various phases of prosthodontics and related subjects, and to provide and conduct outreach services to the community in need". This last phrase helped to establish a Community Outreach Committee. The Executive Council made a firm decision to provide volunteer prosthodontic services to a population that demonstrated extreme need. Fellows familiar with the Indian Health Service (IHS) suggested this type of care as a possibility and a proposal was made to the IHS for volunteer prosthodontic care. There was immediate response from The Carl Albert Indian Health Center in Ada, OK. The staff prosthodontist informed the Academy that there was a population of nearly three thousand patients that had to wait more than three years to get an appointment for denture service. In August of 1993, 8 Academy Fellows and 1 guest technician were invited to provide clinical denture care to 30 patients. Sixty complete dentures were completed in one week with help of their very dedicated dental technicians. As news of the Outreach Committee's work spread throughout the IHS network more requests were made to the Academy for inclusion in the projects.

Volunteers

Recruiting volunteers has been a rewarding experience as the Academy has demonstrated the force Fellowship can bring to bear on community service. The current arrangement for one week denture projects is to have three prosthodontists and three dental technicians provide denture care for 12 -20 patients. To this date, 31 Fellows have participated directly in the project. Seventeen guest dentists and graduate students have helped in clinical and laboratory procedures. Thirteen technicians have served us in a very dedicated way.

Each new volunteer in the projects allows this Fel-

lowship experience to spread through the organization. Many Fellows have responsibilities in other areas of prosthodontics and can't always join outreach teams due to conflicts in their schedules. Some Fellows can't participate directly but are generous in their encouragement and financial support. Other Fellows arrange procurement of new and used dental equipment for use at projects sites.

Funding

Initially, the entire expenses of the outreach projects were borne by the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation. The seed money came from the Academy Foundation, the Editorial Council of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry, and donations from individual Fellows of the Academy. The generosity of private foundations has helped us begin and continue these denture clinics. Private donations have had a significant impact on the ability for the projects to occur at multiple sites but usually these grants have a limited time frame.

Private Industry Donations

Many dental supplies are needed to produce complete dentures. Large dental supply companies have been generous to the Outreach Committee for a number of years. Ivoclar International is providing us a number of teeth for these projects and their generosity is appreciated. Miscellaneous supplies have been provided to outreach projects by dental supply houses at their cost, which has also helped to offset the cost of funding these projects.



Travel Expenses

Travel is the largest remaining expense for outreach projects. Some participants in the teams have donated tickets and frequent flyer miles to aid in containing the costs of these projects. During the last year, an Assistant Secretary at IHS in Washington D.C. suggested that because the Academy is

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providing volunteer service to IHS clinics, these clinics are eligible to request invitational travel expenses reimbursement from IHS for members of the visiting outreach team. This will be a new area of committee investigation.

SUMMARY

During the past 11 years, 7 Indian Health Service clinics and 1 urban site in 6 different states have been visited; 29 individual projects have been performed serving 474 patients and providing 871 individual prostheses.

Value

The value of the projects can be calculated in any number of ways; the financial impact on the individual sites is significant since they would not be able to provide this type of service with their present budgets.

The value of the service to the individual patients is intangible, however; the teams' observations indicate there is a great boost in morale to the individual patients, their families and their communities.

Our gratitude

The Outreach Committee sincerely thanks the IHS and its employees for their generosity. We extend our gratitude to the technicians, guest dentists and graduate students who have helped us. We especially thank The Dorothy Snyder Foundation for generous financial help over several years, and finally thanks to the AP Fellows who participate and offer their support in other ways.

As an organization we are developing a model for a partnership between federal health organizations, private industry, non-profits foundations, and prosthodontics. We look forward to continuing the projects, expanding our services, and helping others to see this is as a worthwhile effort.

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ment, please contact me immediately (stephend@uic.edu). Payment is due by February 1 to avoid a late fee. It is very important that you review your personal information on the dues statement and update it so that we can maintain the most accurate database of our membership.

The passing of three of the Academy's giants must be recognized: Dr. Jud Hickey, Dr. Ira Klein, and Dr. Alex Koper. We will recognize each of them during the opening ceremonies in Scottsdale.

The Secretary-Treasurer received notification that our re-application for ADA CERP recognition was approved. We have received Continuing Education Recognition through December 2007. Site visits are planned for the 2008 Meeting and it is hoped that a location and contract will be finalized by the May 2005 meeting.

The Nomenclature Committee under the leadership of President Van Blarcom has completed the revisions for the 8th Edition of the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms. The addition of pronunciation and a pronunciation guide, further usage labels and notes plus new words and phrases were completed.

Everyone is reminded of the guidelines for the discussers that were refined last year and should be followed by all discussers. At the direction of the Executive Council, the discussor guidelines and summary sheet of criteria for Associate and Active Fellowship are included in this Newsletter as an insert. We are soliciting more feedback from the discussers regarding potential new member speakers.

Dr. Roy Yanase has again worked his magic and secured 23 sponsors to date. We would like to recognize our corporate sponsors that have so far committed

to support of 2005 Scottsdale Meeting: Nobel Biocare (Taliesin West Outing), ITI Straumann (Installation Banquet), Ivoclar (Presidential Reception), Captek and 3M-ESPE (Welcoming Dinner), Astra (Get Acquainted Breakfast), Valley Dental Arts (Spouses Hospitality Room), 3I – Implant Innovation Inc., Blackwell Munksgaard Publishing, Camlog Biotechnologies – Henry Schein, Darby Dental Lab Supply Company/Noritake, The Dillon Company, Dentsply International - Friadent/CeraMed Division, Heraeus Kulzer, Innova Implant Systems, Kerr Corporation, Kuraray America, Inc., Lifecore, Panadent Corporation, PREAT Corporation, Sterngold, Vident, and Laclede, Inc.

Finally, we would like to welcome and congratulate our new Associate, Active and Life Fellows:

New Associate Fellows

Dr. Benjamin Wu
Dr. Lily Garcia
Dr. Thomas Vergo

New AP Active Fellow

Dr. James Taylor

New AP Life Fellows

Dr. Richard Grisius
Dr. Edward Plekavich

New AP Junior Life Fellow

Dr. Ted Riley

New AP Senior Life Fellows

Dr. James Brudvik
Dr. Gerry Graser
Dr. Ed Plekavich
Dr. Art Rahn
Dr. Gary Rogoff
Dr. Brian Toolson
Dr. Ned Van Roekel

See you in Scottsdale!

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The Academy of Prosthodontics 87th Annual Scientific Session Scottsdale, Arizona May 17-21, 2005

Meeting Dates – May 17 through May 21, 2005

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Hotel Information

When making reservations please be certain to make the Hotel aware that you are staying as part of the Academy of Prosthodontics meeting. You are strongly encouraged to stay in the Hotel as we have a financial obligation. We encourage you to register early but you must register before April 24, 2005. The Hotel room rate is \$235 per night.

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale at Gainey Ranch
7500 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

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Weather

The temperature range, sunrise and sunset information during the dates of our May meeting.

Sunrise: 5:28am

Sunset: 7:21pm

Max Temperature: 92.9

Min Temperature : 59.6

Percent of possible Sunshine 93%

Average Rainfall: 0.09 inches for the month

FUTURE MEETINGS

2006 San Francisco

May 22 – 26

Grand Hyatt San Francisco

The Welcome Dinner will be on Monday, May 22. The meeting will end with the close of the final Scientific Session at noon on Friday, May 26.

The room rate is \$189 per night.

2007 New York

April 25- 29

Grand Hyatt New York

The Welcome Dinner will be on Wednesday, April 25. The meeting will end with the 2nd business meeting on Sunday afternoon, April 29, 2007.

The room rate is \$209 per night.

One-on-One: Jonathan Ferencz

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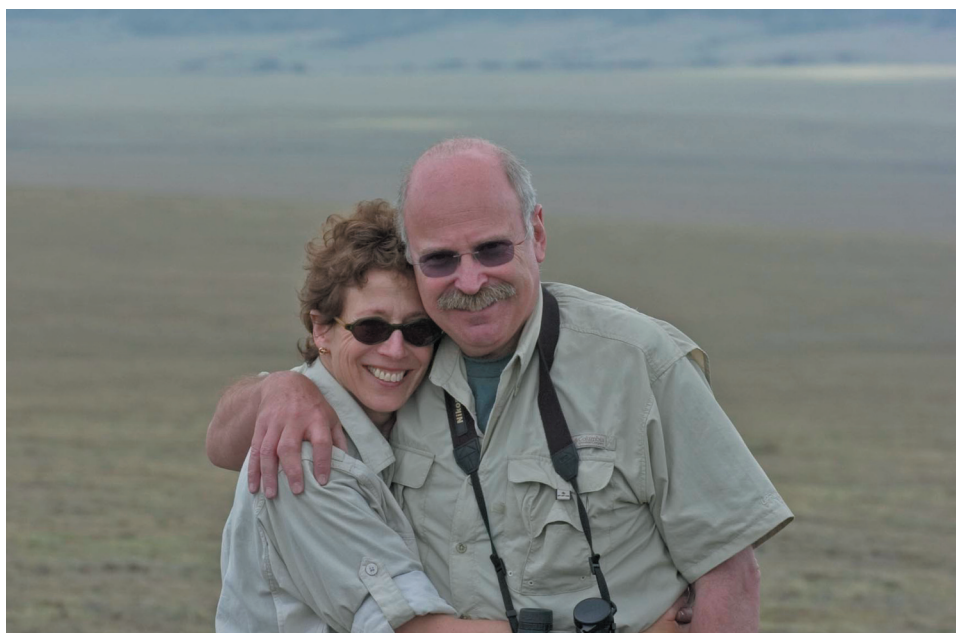
example and mentorship helped jump-start late-career attempt at Board certification among the large and closely-knit New York prosthodontic community. Often at 6:30 AM (before starting a usual day with patients at 7:00 AM) Jonathan can be found in our office sitting down reviewing Board patients with hopeful candidates and graduate students.

With Fellowship behind him, Jonathan served as President of the American College of Prosthodontists in 2002-03, while maintaining a full-time prosthodontic practice. His service to the College and our specialty is significant for his spearheading the idea that we all need to “give back” to our specialty, as he helped the ACP “New Vision Campaign” raise an unprecedented \$5 million. Once again, Jonathan challenged the conventional wisdom of fund-raising professionals who advised the College “You’ll be lucky if you get \$2 million”.

After the ACP Presidency, Maxine thought she would have Jonathan around more often, only to have NYU Dean Michael Alfano ask Jonathan to serve as his special assistant in developing a new, state-of-the-art Postgraduate Center for Excellence at NYU College of Dentistry. Once again, Jonathan went to work as an outstanding fund raiser for a new generation of prosthodontists at NYU. To kick off this project, in addition to his time, Jonathan and Maxine set an example of generously donating their resources to NYU. With their philanthropic gift to NYU, Jonathan and Maxine reiterated the importance that advanced education and training in prosthodontics had in influencing their lives over the last 20 years. And with all these commitments, Jonathan still provides one-on-one contact with NYU postgrads in his new Master Clinician Seminar series.

On the private side, Jonathan is perhaps just as passionate about the interests that take up his free time. He is a won-

derful chef, a discriminating wine collector, a cultivator of orchids and a naturalist. There are few more enjoyable ways to spend an evening than to be invited to dinner at Maxine and Jonathan’s home in Westchester County outside New York City to share fine food, heavenly wine, good friends and a welcoming ambience.



A trip to Jonathan’s office in midtown Manhattan will provide stunning views of the Manhattan skyline and the surrounding environs, while inside, one will see evidence of another “extra-curricular” interest of Jon’s: photography. Vacation trips are usually centered around the opportunity to photo-

graph wildlife in Alaska or most recently, Tanzania in Africa. The beautiful photos are on display in the office, with patients always asking questions such as, “Just *how close were you* when you took that picture of that grizzly bear?”

Jonathan and Maxine enjoy the love of their children, Julianne and her husband Kevin Babione, who live in Pennsylvania, and Ben and fiancé Julie Pavlock, who are homesteading outside Missoula, Montana. Both Ben and Julie share Jonathan and Maxine’s love of life and similarly approach whatever they do with a fully engaged enthusiasm.

So, who does Jonathan, our One-on-One Fellow count among those who have served as mentors to *him*? Well, we need not look too far. Among those who have been mentors are good friends and Academy Fellows Frank Panno, Harold Litvak and Ira Klein. The long tradition of mentoring, not just in New York prosthodontics, but in the national prosthodontic community, continues with the exemplary Jonathan Ferencz.

Fellows in the News

Dr. Bill Laney



Academy Life Fellow and Past President Bill Laney celebrates the beginning of his 20th year as the inaugural Editor of The International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants (JOMI). The JOMI has clearly succeeded in its mission "to disseminate current information related to the management of patients utilizing implant modalities and to report the results of basic and clinical research by investigators whose studies embrace the implant concept." Under the stewardship of Bill Laney, and 1,261 articles later, the JOMI has established itself as a premier resource for cutting-edge implant knowledge. Congratulations Bill!

Dr. Thomas Curtis



In honor of its first President, the Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontists (PCSP) inaugurated the Fred Gulick Distinguished Life Member Award to recognize an individual's contribution to the profession, specialty and discipline of Prosthodontics. The first recipient of this prestigious award is Academy Life Fellow Tom Curtis.

In a distinguished prosthodontic career, Tom (co-)authored over 75 publications before retiring from UCSF as Professor Emeritus. Tom was awarded the Bronze and Silver Star medals as well as 2 Purple Hearts for service in the US Army. Congratulations Tom!

Dr. Harold Litvak



A major gift from Harold and Sheila Litvak and their friends and colleagues will create **The Harold and Sheila Litvak Prosthodontic Wing** at the NYU's College of Dentistry. The Litvak Prosthodontics Wing will be housed in the Graduate Center for Clinical Excellence consisting of four full floors designed to enhance interaction and synergy among the various specialties. Dean Michael Alfano, grateful for the Litvaks' generosity stated "...the name Harold Litvak is synonymous with excellence in prosthodontics. With the creation of this new facility, NYUCD has an enormous opportunity to further advance prosthodontics education, research and patient care".

NYU will host a Prosthodontics Symposium to honor the commitment of Harold and Sheila to prosthodontic education. The symposium will be held Friday/Saturday Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2005 and will include a distinguished panel of speakers including Academy Fellows Tom Taylor, Steve Campbell, George Zarb, Charlie Goodacre, Dan Nathanson, Jon Ferencz, Ken Malament and Alan Carr. For further information or to register for the symposium, contact Tara Freese at either (212) 998-9755 or tara.freese@nyu.edu.

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