

# AP Newsletter

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## Lexington Trifecta

President Dale Smith and his wife Rhobie welcomed us with Kentuckian grace to the beautiful city and rolling equestrian terrain of Lexington. The Council and Business meetings were well prepared to meet their goals under the navigation of an experienced President. We thank you for your diligence and gentle guidance.

**P**rogram Chairman Charlie Swoope and his committee organized an excellent program. We were stimulated from the opening speakers on the healing power of humor, controlling your life through

stress management and improving interpersonal relationships — to the high-tech of future dentistry with computer imaging, video magnification and laser profilometry. Significant information was provided on the many factors of determining rationales for implant use and problem solving.

Richard Grisius should be recognized for his superb effort in orchestrating the Table Clinics, as well as the individual efforts of the clinicians which added to our meeting. Ron Jarvis and Roy Yanase should also be

recognized for managing the audio-visual equipment - a substantially important function.

Local Arrangement Chairpersons, Jan and Chuck Ellinger, Honorary Co-Chairs Nana and Dave Henderson, and Jean and Jud Hickey are to be congratulated for planning

the whirlwind collection of exciting social activities for all to win, place and show our enjoyment. The equestrian education was supplanted only by the down-home cuisine and singing Ol'Kentucky in harmony.

The Academy of Prosthodontics was recognized at Churchill Downs by having the fifth race held in its honor. President Smith presented an engraved silver platter to the winning rider - see page 3.

What a thrill to place a wager and win big like some Academy members - see page 4. The races were balanced with the slower paced and relaxing ride on the Belle of Louisville against the backdrop of theatrical weather. These activities added to an already stimulating program to make this meeting most memorable.

We are looking forward to assist our new officers in anticipation of the 75th Anniversary of the Academy of Prosthodontics. ❖



**AP Executive Council 1992-1993** front row: Drs. Gerald Graser, Dale Smith, Brien Lang-President, Charlie Swoope, back row: Drs. George Smutko, Douglas Wendt, James Lord, Dewey Bell, and Ron Desjardins.

## Academy Welcomes New Fellows

We welcome Lance Ortman and Brian Ulmann to Active Fellowship and look forward to their many years of contributions to the Academy. The following individuals were elected to Associate Fellow status: Drs. Stephen Campbell, James Chandler, Robert Gillis, Donald Kramer, Harold Litvak, Baldwin Marchack, Ross Tallents and Shane White. On behalf of the Academy, we welcome you. Please join in as many activities as possible so we all can get to know each other better. We look forward to having you and members of your family as part of the Academy "family."

Secretary-Treasurer Gerald Graser

## Lexington Trifecta: the scientific program, social activities, and fellowship.

### House Votes in Favor of ACP-FPO Resolution.

The FPO House of Delegates voted 24 to 11 in favor of the resolution which allows the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) to become the parent organization of the specialty and the sponsor of the American Board of Prosthodontics. Instrumental to the approval of this proposal was the ACP modification of their administrative structure to allow three FPO members to serve on the ACP Board of Directors. Drs. Jonathan Ferencz, Brien Lang, and Jim Lord were elected. The President of the ACP, Dr. Eggleston, affirmed the support of the ACP for the FPO and its members in the discipline of prosthodontics. ❖

*Special Edition: This issue contains a supplemental printing of Academy Abstracts. Several presentations have been abstracted for your library. Additional abstracts and table of contents with indices will be included in future issues.*

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# Perspectives *from the Editor*

## Letter to the Editor:

At the last business meeting of the AP, one of our Fellows was chastised for a valid critical discussion of one of the papers presented by a guest. I apologize to this Fellow and the Academy for my lack of strength in failing to stand up and be counted in my support of him. I admired his convictions, integrity, and strength in expressing his views and his desire to protect the avowed standards of the Academy. I know of definitely one, and possibly two other papers that deserved the same commentary, and it is regrettable that their discussors were probably too intimidated to respond in a like manner. The past frequent comments by presenters of quaking in their boots at a presentation, and a concern for the knowledge and integrity of a discussor should be put to rest and the word should be "it's a cake walk." It can be argued that it is humanitarian, but it will be at the expense of the Academy's reputation that quality presentations are demanded and expected. A case in point is the elimination of the speaker

evaluation report to the membership. I found it particularly valuable in assessing candidates in the comparison to each other, and in evaluating the opinion I formed on each paper as compared to the other fellows. I am sure the spirit of not offending anyone has led to the deletion of this report. It does have the effect of moving our Academy another step away from where it was.

Clearly, the AP like many other academies is undergoing an identity crisis. I belong to two other learned academies that are or were being torn between a representation of excellence and numerical power. Part of the problem is that in this day of lite beer, lite yogurt, light conversation, light friendship, etc., no one is offended and there are no winners and no losers. Like kindergarten every man, child, and lady gets a prize. This permeates education in which now everyone passes and goes to graduation. Soon there will be a new monopoly game in which passing "GO" is guaranteed and "GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL AND DO NOT PASS GO" is eliminated. We are

talking about mediocrity. Academies are lowering their standard to accommodate a growing element of people that would not put the effort into being more. I submit that there are still enough people out there who are more than mediocre to fill our learned academies.

The Fellow should have been applauded for his honesty, integrity, and for trying to maintain the standards of our Academy. It is easy to give him negative terms as lacking in compassion and humanity, and stealing the dignity of mediocrity. Membership in this Academy is expensive in the investment of time and money. It has been well spent. It won't be if we keep it light. There are better buys out there than the AP if one seeks mediocrity. I, for one, applaud this Fellow for his courage and honesty. He will keep our Academy what it always was. The others will be more popular and possibly more humanitarian, although I don't believe that. People often confuse the rules of etiquette and good manners in their support of inappropriate behavior.

Francis Panno

## Secretary-Treasurer Notes

The dust has settled from the track and all wagers have been settled. Many fond memories remain however, and the Academy is thankful for having such dedicated Local Arrangements people headed up by Chuck and Jan Ellinger.

The Officers Committee Meeting was hosted by President Brien Lang during August in Traverse City, Michigan. The session is remembered with mixed emotions. It was good to get together with old friends, and accomplish much of the Academy business. Committee Chairs should be receiving their assignments and getting into gear for the new year. However, the occasion was saddened with the passing of Jo Lang's mother.

Remember, 1993 is the 75th Anniversary of the Academy. Some special things are being planned for Vancouver, but if you have any suggestions, please let me or the Officers know. The meeting site has been secured for 1996 in Newport Beach, California.

The dates and locations for the future meetings are as follows:

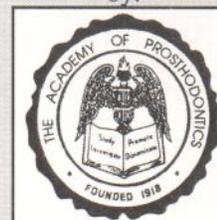
Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C.
May 23-28, 1993
Buena Vista Palace, Orlando, Florida
May 11-16, 1994
Tucson National Resort&Spa, Tucson, AZ
May 19-24, 1995
Four Seasons, Newport Beach, California
May 3-8, 1996

The traditional Breakfast Meeting of the Academy of Prosthodontics, followed by the Executive Council meeting will be held Sunday, **February 21, 1993** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. We look forward to seeing many of you at this informal gathering.

Finally, a number of nominations for Associate Fellow have been received. Please let me know if you would like a nomination form. All nominations should be to the Secretary-Treasurer by **November 15th**.

Individuals selected to Life Fellowship in Lexington include: Drs. Dewey Bell, David Jordan, and Hart Long. They have served the Academy well over the years, and their participation becomes more voluntary. We look forward to their continued interest, support and guidance in the future. ❖

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# News of the Fellowship



Ken Adisman receives C.O. Boucher Award from FPO President Kuebker

**Ken Adisman** was honored as recipient of the Carl O. Boucher Distinguished Service Award on September 18, 1992 at the FPO House of Delegates. Ken's fifty years of dedication to prosthodontics as editor, academic and hospital appointments, officer of many prosthodontic organizations, and diplomate status were noted.

**Ed Plekavich** has been elected to the American Board of Prosthodontics. His term begins September 1993.

**Hart Long** was honored by the Civic League and received the J. Saxton Lloyd Distinguished Community Service Award. Hart served on the Daytona City Commission for twelve years, the last two as mayor.

**Ken Wical** was honored by being given the Loma Linda University's Distinguished Faculty Award at the L.L.U. School of Dentistry's commencement exercises on May 24, 1992. Among his contributions cited were 28 years of teaching and administrative service to the university.

**Jonathan Ferencz** and **Brian Ullman** were elected to president-elect and vice-president respectively in the Northeastern Gnathological Society.

**Jane Brewer** received the Richard A. Powell Award on May 17, 1992. This award recognizes an individual who has displayed outstanding service, achievement and dedication to the University at Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine.



President Dale Smith presents engraved platter to the winning rider of the Churchill Downs 5th race.

**Ralph Boos** corresponded that he was pleased with the receipt of the Roster and History of the Academy. It brought so many wonderful memories, people and events.

**Chet Perry** has been ill recently. You may wish to send a card or letter to :

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The Colonnades  
2600 Barracks Road  
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## Foundation Report

### One-for-Five Club Announced

**Dale E. Smith**  
President, AP Foundation

Now that our new Foundation has been approved, we no longer need to wait for something to happen. We need to get moving to make something of the Foundation. I'm taking this opportunity to inform you of some of the Foundation plans for the coming years. Others involved in Foundation activities will be using the AP Newsletter for communications in future editions.

In a departure from custom, as President of the Foundation I attended the Academy Officers Committee Meeting in Traverse City, MI in the middle of August. President Lang made us work hard, but there was also a little time for fishing and golf. I learned what high tech fishing for salmon is all about, and how to troll 12 lines from one boat without getting tangles. I think the attendance of the President of the Foundation at this meeting is essential in future years.

Up to now we haven't had any significant committee activity in the Foundation, so we are developing committees and guidelines

for their operation. I have recently sent letters to each committee which include charges for this year's activities.

You will be hearing more from Dave Wands and the Development Committee in the near future. You will be contacted about joining the **One-for-Five Club** before the end of this year so that your contributions can be deducted in preparing your 1992 taxes. This activity is very important to the Foundation because it can provide us immediate resources, and it demonstrates that we value our Foundation enough to really support it. It will be much easier to convince others to support us if we support ourselves.

The **One-for-Five Club** involves a pledge of one gift per year for five years. There are three levels of support for the club: Member, \$250 per year; Honor Member, \$500 per year; and Presidential Honor Member, \$1000 per year. Each club member will receive one of the new Academy of Prosthodontics Lapel Pins, and a list of contributors will be

published in each annual program according to category of membership. The new Academy of Prosthodontics Lapel pin will only be available through membership in the **One-for-Five Club**.

Dave and the committee are also developing an Estate Planning Seminar for next year's meeting in Vancouver. Current plans are to have legal aspects covered by Mr. Timothy McDevitt, an attorney who specializes in estate planning, and the financial aspects by Mr. Jon Barwick, a financial planner. I'm confident that almost all of us will benefit measurably from the material presented. I have heard their material, and they can show us how to conserve our estate for our heirs, as well as how the Foundation can benefit with little loss to your estate.

The important task of managing Foundation funds has been entrusted to Ken Adisman and the Investment Management Committee. I can't think of a group of more fiscally responsible people than the men on this committee. This is not an easy task in the current investment climate, but these Fellows have the experience and resources to successfully maximize our income with minimum risk. (see *one-for-five* on page 4)

## One-for-five

Future activity from the Education and Professional Meeting Committee (EPM) and the Special Projects Committee are in the planning stage. We have to generate some funding before we can take on significant projects. Special contributions to support our meeting have been solicited for past meetings, and this activity will continue and hopefully expand. The EPM Committee will decide on a yearly basis whether to conduct a CDE course in conjunction with our annual meeting. The one held at Lexington was a good start for this activity. I'm confident that this committee with Howard Landesman's leadership will come up with some excellent ideas, and I'm also sure that they welcome your suggestions.

Ed Plekavich was selected as Chairman of the Special Projects Committee because he had an exciting idea for a special project at the recent Officer's Meeting. Ed suggested that we plan to get a group together to go to a disadvantaged area of special need to deliver prosthodontic services. It could involve a team of prosthodontists, assistants and technicians to travel to domestic or foreign locations. When I have mentioned this to other Fellows, the response has been enthusiastic. It will require a lot of careful

planning. This project certainly fits nicely with the purpose of the Foundation.

Jim Brudvik has indicated that the plans for the dissolution of the E&R Foundation are proceeding as expected. We hope that the E&R Foundation funds and activities can be formally transferred to the AP Foundation as part of the opening ceremonies at the 1993 Meeting of the Academy. As Dave Henderson said at our last meeting, the members of the E&R Board of Trustees are due a salute from the rest of us for their unselfish actions, which I know were made with the best interest of the Academy in mind. I have asked Jim Brudvik to chair the AP Foundation Research Committee, and would welcome all those on the E&R Board to join him. At this time Dave Garlapo and Gene King have expressed interest in continuing. Arrangements have been made to transfer the distribution of the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms and the Principles, Concepts and Practices to the AP Foundation.

I believe the prospects for the Foundation are exciting, and that it has the potential to give the Academy the biggest leap forward in its history. It is now up to us to make this a reality.



## Historical Anecdotes

by Chet Perry

In 1914 the Detroit Dental Clinic Club was founded by Dr. Oliver Wilson White. Two men were asked to develop the Complete Denture Section. They were Dr. Elmer L. Whitman, professor and teacher of prosthodontics at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and William A. Giffen of Detroit who had developed a technic for the construction of the Immediate Insertion Denture. A number of men were interested in the advancement of Prosthodontics. Accordingly, Dr. Giffen called a meeting. Some of the invited men were Dr. Weston Price, Dr. George Henry Wilson, of the Wilson Curve fame, both from Cleveland. Dr. George B. Snow (Snow Face Bow) was there as was Dr. M.M. House of Indiana. Other Detroit 'prosthodontists' present included Dr. Charles Lane and Dr. P.C. Lowery.

Perc Lowery was my patient and a good friend of mine. Perc loved Dentistry. Sometimes he would come by to the office just to visit. He would sit a couple of hours watching my technicians at their work and all of

them chatting about prosthetic dentistry. Perc's practice was top-flight. He had a number of European Gentry as patients. A very prominent Detroit patient was "Boss" Kettering who was an early General Motors President. He gave the Academy the phrase regarding ever changing edentulous ridges (Mr. Kettering had dentures) "one cannot exact the Principles of Mechanics to a base that is not constant." I have thought how the use of that phrase would extol Dr. Branemark's implant concept.

You will notice in the programs Perc is listed as a Past Honorary President. He was going through the Chairs and became Vice-President. But he never served as Academy President because he became very ill and spent many months in the hospital and at home recuperating with the gentle care of his wife, Myrtle. Perc Lowery was a sweet, capable, affable man. For many years Perc was one of three remaining Academy Charter Members, the other two were John B. LaDue and I. Lester Furnas.

He gave us the idea of using a full length mirror to be used at the time of try-in of the



Winning Big - Ruth Goodacre and Ron Desjardins picked the right horses at Churchill Downs!

## • Special Interest Groups •

The following Fellows have a special interests in hunting: Dewey Bell • Gerald Graser • Ed Plekavich • Art Rahn • Eric Rasmussen • and Doug Wendt.



Several Fellows slipped through the database fishing net and were missed in the last issue.

Chuck Bolender • Jim Lord • Charlie Swoope • Dave Wands • Doug Wendt • and Al Yurkstas.

*(If you were missed please contact the Editor with an update of your outside interests and hobbies.)*



patient's new dentures. The dentures would then not be the prime target. He would have the men straighten their ties and adjust their coats, or the ladies apply make up to prepare them before they finally got to look at their new dentures. Dr. Lowery always stood between the patient and the mirror, about three feet away from the mirror, at what he called conversational distance.

I personally owe very much to Dr. Lowery. I met him while in dental school. He and Richard H. Kingery influenced me to pursue Prosthodontics. Dr. Lowery for several years conducted a most elite prosthodontic practice in Detroit. At the same time he was professor and head of Prosthodontics at the University of Michigan. Dr. Kingery was his student and later followed Dr. Lowery as professor of Prosthodontics at the University of Michigan. Dr. Corwin Wright was Dr. Kingery's student who subsequently became Prosthodontic Chairman. Now Dr. Brien Lang has succeeded Dr. Wright, and is a line officer of the Academy. A fine sequence of wonderful men.

