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MSO members recognized at AAO

The 2011 AAO Annual Session in Chicago was a resounding success by any measurement you wish to use. One very obvious measurement was the number of MSO members who were nationally recognized for their commitment to the specialty of orthodontics. Dr. **Rolf “Buzz” Behrents** received the Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award; Dr. **James Gjerset** received the Eugene and Pauline Blair American Association of Orthodontists Foundation Distinguished Service Award; and Dr. **Russ Kittleston** received the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. In addition, Dr. **Frank Green** was honored with MSO’s 2011 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award, and numerous MSO members were recognized for their service on various national councils and committees.

Dr. Behrents (Missouri) received the Jarabak Award from the American Association of Orthodontists



Buzz Behrents (l) receiving the award from AAOF President Jim Gallagher

Foundation at the Excellence Luncheon. Buzz received his B.A. from St. Olaf College, his dental training at Meharry Medical College, his orthodontic training at Case Western Reserve and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He also has received an honorary doctorate from the University of Athens in Greece and various awards for

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Buzz currently is the executive director of the Center for Advanced Dental Education at Saint Louis University where he also serves as professor and director of orthodontics. He continues to serve as a research associate at the Bolton-Brush Growth Study Center at Case Western.

An avid supporter of the Foundation, Buzz was an early recipient of the Eugene and Pauline Blair American Association of Orthodontists Foundation Distinguished Service Award, as he is considered the “founding father” of the AAOF awards program, having first met with the Foundation Board of Directors in this regard in 1991.

Dr. Gjerset (formerly of North Dakota) received the Eugene and Pauline Blair Award from the Foundation at its annual breakfast meeting in Chicago. This award is given from time-to-time by the Foundation’s Board of Directors to

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President's Report

It has been such an honor and pleasure to serve as your 2010-2011 Midwestern Society of Orthodontists' president. The 2011 AAO Annual Session in Chicago, where we also held our annual MSO Business Meeting, was phenomenal. Thanks to the excellent leadership of our own Dr. **Lee Graber**, and his very capable Annual Session



Jacqueline M. Miller

Planning Committee consisting of Drs. **Steve Litton**, **Buzz Behrents**, **Jim McNamara**, **Katie Graber** and **Steve Marshall**, and **Ms. Rosemary Bray**, **Bonnie Litton** and **Charlene McNamara** and myself, the Annual Session attracted the highest number of orthodontists to EVER attend an AAO meeting. I had the unique pleasure of working with Rosemary in planning the first-ever AAO fashion show which had over 800 attendees enjoying the latest in office fashion as well as "fashion" which should never be worn in the office. It was a fun event! The staff and doctors programs were amazing, and the evening activities – including the band *Chicago* and the Museum of Science and Industry – were top-notch.

Many of our MSO leaders were recognized during the Annual Session including Dr. **Jim Gjerset** who received the Eugene and Pauline Blair American Association of Orthodontists Foundation Distinguished Service Award. Dr. **Jeff Cavanaugh** was recognized for his eight years of dedicated and selfless service to the AAO. Dr. **Buzz Behrents** was honored with the AAO's Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award; Dr. **Russ Kittleson** was honored with the ABO's Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award; and Dr. **Frank Green** was honored with MSO's 2011 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. It was announced that Dr. **Lee Graber** will be receiving the 2012 ABO Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award next year in Hawaii. Congratulations to each of these very selfless individuals who have given so much to our specialty.

The House of Delegates also was very busy and along with the capable MSO leadership of the Speaker, Dr. **Keith Levin**, and our MSO delegation members Drs. **Ross Crist** – chair, **Ara Goshgarian** – vice chair, **Paula Harre**, **Mike Hipp**, **Deb Lien**, **Ginny Mennemeyer**, **Dennis Sommers** and alternates **Jim Klarsch**, **Babette Cohen** and **John Kanyusik**, the business of the AAO was completed. This included the adoption of the newly updated AAO logo

which will be incorporated into the AAO website and all communication very soon.

I had the unique pleasure of leading the MSO's Annual Business Meeting held in conjunction with the 2011 AAO Annual Session in Chicago in lieu of a traditional fall MSO Annual Session. The following members were recognized at the business meeting for their MSO representation to the following AAO councils as their terms expire: Drs. **Alison Fallgatter** – Council on New and Younger Members; **Greg Hoeltzel** – Council on Orthodontic Health Care; **Steve Litton** – Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns; **Leo Sinna** – Council on Insurance; and **Tom Southard** – Council on Scientific Affairs. Thanks to each of them for representing the MSO so well.

In keeping with the theme of the May 2011 American Association of Orthodontists' Annual Session in Chicago, my year as your MSO president has been about Changes, Challenges and Choices. As noted in my priorities for the year, our biggest CHANGE was electing to have our annual meeting in conjunction with our AAO Annual Session. This change in meeting format was quite successful in helping to attract 6,763 orthodontists to the AAO Annual Session. The CHALLENGE was to achieve a break-even budget without the revenue of an annual session. Along with prudent fiscal management, the support of both the Illinois and my own state of Missouri components (for which I sincerely thank you), and a modest dues increase of \$15, this break-even budget was possible. Finally, the CHOICE of electronic communication allowing the Board to keep in touch and eliminate a face-to-face meeting in the fall has increased the efficiency of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontics.

Although the current officers will stay onboard until the conclusion of the fall board conference call, the following officers were elected and installed: Drs. **Babette Cohen** (Manitoba) – President; **Ross Crist** (South Dakota) – President-elect; **John Crawford** (Wisconsin) – Vice President; and **Deb Lien** (Minnesota) – Secretary/Treasurer.

I want you to know that your MSO will be in very capable hands this September as the reins of the MSO will be handed over to Dr. **Babette Cohen**, an amazing leader and one who is always capable of thinking outside the box with a wonderful opportunity to combine both continuing education and the beauty of the Alaskan wilderness at our next MSO meeting in August 2012. I have already reserved my cabin for this outstanding cruise and hope all MSO members will do the same.

If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Trustee's Report

What a great AAO Annual Session we all had in Chicago as MSO's Dr. **Lee Graber** concluded his year as AAO President! The meeting was hugely successful due to the hard work and commitment of the planning committee which included many MSO members: Drs. **Steve Litton**, **Buzz Behrents**, **Jim McNamara**, **Katie Graber**, **Steve Marshall** and **Jackie Miller**, and Ms. **Rosemary Bray**, **Bonnie Litton**, and **Charlene McNamara**. The result was a record number of orthodontists, nearly 7,000, attending an AAO meeting!

The AAO Annual Session also is a time when many individual awards are given, and the MSO had many deserving individuals receive some of the most prestigious national awards. Dr. **Jim Gjerset** received the Eugene and Pauline Blair American Association of Orthodontists Foundation Distinguished Service Award; Dr. **Buzz Behrents** was honored with the AAO's 2011 Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award; Dr. **Russ Kittleson** was presented with the ABO's Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award, and Dr. **Lee Graber** was surprised with the announcement that he will be honored with the ABO's 2012 Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award next year in Hawaii. Congratulations to all these deserving members!

In Chicago, the House of Delegates was finished with its business in record time under the leadership of AAO Speaker **Keith Levin**. Here are some of the notable outcomes of this House meeting:

- Approved a dues increase of \$43 per member.

This is the first dues increase in ten years and will help keep the AAO in strong financial shape.

- Approved a continuation of the Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) for two more years to be funded by a member assessment of \$650 per year. This program will be directed by a new ad agency partner in the coming years which will bring some fresh ideas and new energy to our continuing message.

- Recognized outgoing AAO Council members for their service including MSO members Drs. **Alison Fallgatter** – Council on New and Younger Members; **Greg Hoeltzel** – Council on Orthodontic Health Care; **Steve Litton** – Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns; **Leo Sinna** – Council on Insurance; and **Tom Southard** – Council on Scientific Affairs.

- Elected new AAO Council members including MSO representatives Drs. **Rick Fuchs** – Council on New and Younger Members; **Mike Durbin** – Council on Orthodontic Health Care; **Dennis Sommers** – Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns; **Steve Henseler** – Council on Insurance; and **Jeffrey Nickel** – Council on Scientific Affairs.

- Approved a new AAO logo (see the front cover) to help brand our organization. This logo is designed to resonate with the public and is the result of more than two years of effort. You are encouraged to begin to use the new logo immediately but are able to use the existing logo as needed until May 2013 in order to use your existing stock of office materials. Find more information about the logo at aaoinfo.org.

- Appointed a Governance Restructure Study Committee to report back to the 2012 House on the structure and governance of the AAO.

- Approved the recommendations of the Governing Documents Committee to streamline the AAO's governing documents.

The MSO will need new representatives for the Council on Governmental Affairs starting May 2012 and for the AAO PAC beginning January 2012. If you have interest in either of these positions, please contact me as soon as possible.

I am a member of the planning committee for the joint mid-winter meeting with the American Association of Pediatric Dentistry that will take place January 27-29, 2012. The topic will be *Age-Appropriate Treatment of the Developing Occlusion: Common Problems – Consensus Solutions*. The location is beautiful Marco Island, Florida, and I can assure you that the program will be worthwhile. I encourage you to consider inviting a pediatric dental colleague to travel with you to the meeting as it will give you an opportunity to solidify your working relationship by learning together. Watch for program and registration information at aaoinfo.org.

I suggest that you regularly visit the AAO website (aaoinfo.org) to take advantage of all that it offers. From the *AJO/DO Case of the Month*, to News Briefs, to Complimentary Distance Learning, and much more, the website can keep you up-to-date on everything related to orthodontics. It is a great member benefit for you to use.

As always, I am thankful to be part of the MSO and to have the opportunity to represent you at the AAO level. Please contact me at any time if you have any ideas or feedback for me.

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Membership Report

Current Membership – June 2, 2011

Active Members	1,004
Affiliate Members	3
Retired Members	327
Academic Members (non-US/Canada)	5
Total Members	1,339

Active Membership by Component

Illinois	363
Iowa	78
Manitoba	19
Minnesota	149
Missouri	147
Nebraska	52
North Dakota	16
South Dakota	22
Wisconsin	155

Deceased Members

Philip M. Doster – Urbandale, Iowa
Warren E. Gerber – San Diego, California (Illinois)
Gary W. Haese – Stoughton, Wisconsin
Dennis M. Killiany – Kirkwood, Missouri
Charles F. McGuiggan – Spicer, Minnesota
Lawrence W. McIver – Albert Lea, Minnesota
Thomas M. Moriarty – Omaha, Nebraska

Retired Members

Leonard V. Ackermann – Anoka, Minnesota
Thomas M. Horrigan – Arlington Heights, Illinois
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Muntasar T. Alhinai – Chicago, Illinois
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Reinstated Members

Osmond G. Jones – Chesterfield, Missouri
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Transfers to/from MSO

Sercan Akyalcin – Transfer from MSO to SWSO
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Richard R. Bevis – Maple Grove, Minnesota
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Andrew Lidral – Iowa City, Iowa
Lowell M. McRobert – Kirksville, Missouri
Susan T. Tsang – Winnipeg, Manitoba

*Membership data from November 30, 2010 to June 2, 2011

Disaster relief funding available

With all of the natural disasters this year, such as the floods and tornados in the US, including the MSO region, many of our fellow dentists and orthodontists have been affected both in their offices and homes.

The AAO has funding that is available as well as a dues waiver policy for AAO members who have been

impacted. Please contact **Carla Qualls** at the AAO office at 800/424-2841 or cqualls@aaortho.org for more information.

In addition, the ADA has relief funding available if you are a member of that organization. Contact your constituent (state) dental society for more information.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Assets – As of June 15, 2011

Checking/Investment Accounts		Special Events Fund	
Money Market	\$83,519.43	Money Market	\$17,103.81
CDs	\$130,307.19	Subtotal	\$17,103.81
Mutual Fund Portfolio	\$133,454.18		
Subtotal	\$347,280.80	Total Cash Assets	\$364,384.61

News and Notes about our Members

- Congratulations to Dr. **Gerry Bradley** (Wisconsin) who was promoted to full professor and appointed a CODA site visitor for post-graduate orthodontics.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Frank Hechter** (Manitoba) who received an Alumnus of Distinction Award from the faculty of Dentistry.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Phimon Atsawasuwan** (Illinois) who received the Thomas M. Graber Research Award and Dr. **Jaijun Hao** (Illinois) who received the 2011 Albert P. Westfall Memorial Teaching Fellowship Award from the AAOF.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Haitao Li** (Illinois) who was the second-place finalist in the 2011 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar competition at the AAO Annual Session in Chicago.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Therese Galang** (Illinois) who became chair-elect of ADEA's Section on Orthodontics and also received a UIC Teaching Recognition Award.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Jim Gjerset** (formerly of North Dakota) who received the Eugene and Pauline Blair American Association of Orthodontists Foundation Distinguished Service Award.
- Congratulations to MSO members Drs. **William Beam, III, Tanner Clark, Ross Crist, Steven Henseler, Andre Jham, Neal LaRoia, Robert McFarlane, James Miller, Randall Moles, Adam Ostby, Melissa Stigall, Ryan Van Laecken, Andrew Wahl** and **S. Niles Woodall** on becoming Diplomates of the ABO.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Ryan Arnold** (South Dakota) who received the Humanitarian Award posthumously from the South Dakota Dental Association.

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persons who have played an especially important role in the overall development and success of the AAO Foundation.

After receiving his undergraduate and dental education as well as his orthodontic training at the University of Minnesota, Jim then spent most of his time in private practice in Grand Forks, North Dakota.



AAOF President Jim Gallagher (l) presenting award to Jim Gjerset

Jim was the original national campaign co-chair, with Dr. **Gene Blair**, when the fundraising campaign, *A Case for the Future*, began and is responsible, directly or indirectly, for many Foundation supporters. He served on the Foundation's Board during his time on the AAO Board of Trustees and after that he was the National Planned Giving Campaign chair. He and his wife, **LuAnne**, are Regents, Fellows and Keystone Society members of the Foundation.

Dr. Kittleson (Wisconsin) received the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Award from the American Board of Orthodontics at the CDABO luncheon. The award recognizes an individual for outstanding dedication to and advancement of the ideals and mission of the American Board of Orthodontics.



Russ Kittleson at podium accepting his award

Russ received his dental education at Marquette University School of Dentistry and his orthodontic education at the University of Illinois-Chicago. He was one of the founders of the orthodontic program at Marquette University and currently is an adjunct professor there. He has taught every resident who has attended the program at Marquette and has influenced many to become Diplomates of the ABO.

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AAO Council and Affiliate Group Reports

These reports are submitted by MSO's representative on each of these councils and affiliate organizations.

Council on Communications

The Council's summer meeting was held in St. Louis on July 22-23, and the winter meeting is scheduled for December 2-3, 2011.

The AAO produces and distributes public service announcements (PSAs) to TV stations in the U.S. and Canada and radio stations in the U.S. There were a significant number of airings for both the **Emmitt Smith** and **Jennie Garth** PSAs on radio and TV.

A continuous tracking study is being executed by Millward Brown, a global leader in the field of advertising tracking. Millward Brown utilizes a national network of survey participants who complete detailed surveys on advertising and communication for a wide range of products and services. For the AAO tracking program, Millward Brown utilizes panelists representing the Consumer Awareness Program's target audience – adults who have at least one member of their household aged 5-17 and who have household incomes of \$40,000 and up.

Questions in the survey are designed to gather data on members of the target demographic. Topics covered by survey questions include:

- Usage or planned usage of orthodontic treatment by all household members;
- The professionals providing or likely to provide treatment, if applicable;
- The method of treatment being used or likely to be used;
- Use of the Web, including braces.org, to gather information about orthodontic treatment;
- Awareness of the qualifications of orthodontists;
- Magazine readership;
- If someone in the household (adult or child) has slight or noticeable dental imperfections and the current status of plans to have orthodontic treatment (if applicable);
- Impact of current economic conditions on the choice not to pursue orthodontic treatment.

The AAO will use tracking data for long-term assessment of the effectiveness of the Consumer Awareness Program. Because continuous tracking generates data on a weekly basis and is reported quarterly, it provides the opportunity to make ongoing adjustments to the campaign's media plan and communication strategy. On a long-term basis, the data are expected to provide indicators of how to continuously improve this program.

The following are some First Quarter (January 18-March 28, 2010) and corresponding Fourth Quarter (Sep-

tember 27-December 12, 2010) results from the Market Share Tracking Study;

Percentage of Kids in Orthodontic Treatment

First Quarter: 23% of kids have orthodontic correction (braces or trays), with the majority made up of kids having braces vs. clear removable aligner trays

Fourth Quarter: 22% of kids have orthodontic correction (braces or trays), with the majority made up of kids having braces vs. clear removable aligner trays

Percentage of Adults in Orthodontic Treatment

First Quarter: 7% of adults have orthodontic correction in the form of braces or trays

Fourth Quarter: 8% of adults have orthodontic correction in the form of braces or trays

Orthodontic Patients Receiving Treatment by an Orthodontist

First Quarter: Of those in treatment, about 80% say that an orthodontist provided the services for those who have braces compared with 57% who say that an orthodontist provided them with trays

Fourth Quarter: Of those in treatment, about 87% say that an orthodontist provided the services for those who have braces compared with 66% who say that an orthodontist provided them with trays

People Who Are Aware of the Orthodontist's Unique Qualifications

First Quarter: Of those in treatment, 61% say that an orthodontist provided the services; of those considering orthodontic treatment, 47% said that they are aware of the orthodontist's unique qualifications

Fourth Quarter: Of those in treatment, 65% say that an orthodontist provided the services; of those considering orthodontic treatment, 51% said that they are aware of the orthodontist's unique qualifications

Other Market Dynamics Impacting Market Share

First Quarter: Economy impacting families with teens

Fourth Quarter: Economy impacting families with teens

The 2011 House of Delegates approved a two-year assessment of \$650 per member per year to support the continuation of the AAO Consumer Awareness Program. In May, the AAO Board of Trustees voted in favor of hiring a new ad agency, Athorn Clark & Partners in New York, New York. A public relations firm will be selected in the near future with assistance from AC&P to ensure the best coordination between the two companies.

The Council currently is discussing cost-effective means by which they can forward appropriate materials to National Association of School Nurses members. A COC

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committee is working in union with the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery on an educational DVD about oral and maxillofacial surgical procedures for orthodontic patients. RFPs have been forwarded to video production facilities in both Chicago and St. Louis.

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new fundraising campaign in order to increase both the amount of contributors and the overall amount of contributions. The PAC, which currently averages \$300,000 per year in "hard dollar" contributions, or those funds which it may contribute to federal candidates, has set a goal to raise \$500,000 per year.

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Council on Governmental Affairs

The Council has been working with the Board of Trustees, staff and legislative counsel in Washington to identify and prioritize issues for the foreseeable future. Currently, it has identified the following issues as its top two priorities:

- The elimination or increase of the cap on flexible spending accounts, currently set at \$2,500 beginning January 1, 2013. Since a large percentage of orthodontic patients pay for treatment with FSAs, the capped amount would amount to a significant increase in the cost for treatment. Several bills have been proposed, but none have gained a critical majority for passage.

- The elimination of the medical device tax, set to go into effect next year. While the tax, which was part of the Affordable Care Act (healthcare reform), currently does not apply to orthodontic appliances, it could in the future. The definition of the categories of devices subject to the tax are left to a regulatory determination as opposed to legislation.

The AAO is also the chair of the Organized Dentistry Coalition, a loose confederation of predominately business-oriented dental groups such as the ADA, AAOMS, AAPD and others. The Coalition has been active in several issues, including the support of bills which would repeal the FSA cap and the medical device tax as well as other general small-business related issues.

The Council next meets in September, at which time it will reassess the AAO's legislative agenda and begin to prepare for 2012. Additionally, it will begin to plan the 2012 Professional Advocacy Conference, set for January 23-25 in Washington, D.C. The Conference, as in past years, will be open to all interested AAO members. Please contact your constituent executive director or **Kevin Dillard** at the AAO headquarters for additional information.

The AAOPAC is working to expand an ambitious

Council on New and Younger Members

The 2011 AAO Annual Session in Chicago was a resounding success and held many opportunities and services for our new and younger members.

The Council's annual New Orthodontist/Resident Conference and Reception on Sunday afternoon in Chicago was an advance sellout. This year's program featured Dr. **John McDonald** and Ms. **Joan Garbo** giving an interactive presentation about *What a Newer Orthodontist Should Know About Staff Management*. The presentation was very well received and the participants also enjoyed meeting and talking with their fellow residents and younger orthodontists at the reception following. The Council appreciates the continued sponsorship of this program by Dentsply GAC.

Held again this year at Annual Session was a risk management seminar specially focused for residents and newly practicing orthodontists, because exposure to malpractice claims begins before the first practice is chosen or first job accepted. The program covered what to think about regarding patients chosen to treat, the amount and quality of records taken, and communications with patients and parents. The program is sponsored by the AAO Council on Insurance and the AAO Insurance Company (an RRG).

The Annual Session Residents Reception on Friday in Chicago was wildly successful, and all who attended had a great time. Held at the Lucky Strike, the reception provided a way for orthodontic residents from around the country and Canada to exchange ideas and make new friends.

New this year at Annual Session was a Residents Lounge, created as a place just for orthodontic residents to connect with each other, sit and talk over ideas and issues, take away complimentary resource materials, and learn more about services the AAO has to offer and being a member of the AAO.

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Annual Session child care services is a program that was initiated by CONYM several years ago, and the Council is very pleased that it continues to be well received and utilized by our younger members who wanted to include their children in their trip to Chicago. The program provides a fun, entertaining and educational experience for children age 6 months to 17 years at reasonable fees and is run by a nationally recognized provider of quality child care services.

Thank you to Dr. **Alison Fallgatter** for her service on this Council, and I look forward to being on this Council for the next few years. Please contact me if you have any questions or ideas.

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Council on Orthodontic Education

This year's MSO Educational Conference was combined with the annual AAO Educators Conference and was held in May in Chicago. Once again, it was well supported and attended. This year's conference was named in honor of Dr. **Lionel Sadowsky**. Lionel attained his orthodontic education in South Africa, before being recruited by the University of Alabama in Birmingham where he eventually served as Professor and Head of Orthodontics and the Graduate Orthodontic Program Director. Lionel gave an interesting lecture about the future of orthodontic education and, as always, his humor added additional enjoyment to his presentation. There is no doubt that Lionel has had a very significant impact as an educator on orthodontics globally, and we wish him well in his retirement while at the same time continuing on part-time at Alabama.

The 2012 MSO Annual Session will be August 4-11 as an Alaskan Cruise. The question at this time is: Do the MSO educators wish to have an educators meeting aboard the cruise ship and how many would attend? As an alternative, would a MSO-hosted conference call in the fall of 2012 be better supported? Please e-mail me with your thoughts and preferences as soon as possible. The \$250 travel stipend would apply if this meeting is held onboard. The 2013 meeting is scheduled to be held at the Hyatt in Kansas City, so please plan on coming to Kansas in 2013!

The Council on Education is excited to announce a "Standards in Orthodontic Education" conference which is in the planning stages at present. The purpose of the conference will be:

1. To discuss several aspects of orthodontic education in order to ensure that educational standards are sufficiently high to safeguard our specialty.

2. To achieve consensus among orthodontic educators as to what constitutes an optimal orthodontic education.

3. To identify other areas of concern within orthodontic education.

A possible option will be to host this conference at the AAO Annual Session in Philadelphia in 2013. Watch this space!

Among the topics will be program length, number and diversity of the case load, number of cases that should be completed from start to finish by a resident to be regarded as well-rounded and competent, outcomes assessment of clinical cases treated, research outcomes expected of graduating residents and didactic requirements (exit exam, ABO/Fellowship as a requirement for graduation?).

The envisaged new Society of Orthodontic Educators has been approved by the House of Delegates of the AAO. The next step in the process will be for the Council on Education to initiate the start of the new society. Orthodontic educators (full- and part-time) will need to join, a board and officers will need to be elected and decisions will need to be made regarding dues. Program directors should encourage all orthodontic educators to join the new society, as it promises to be a wonderful forum where we can discuss orthodontic educational issues, get to know each other better, network and collaborate on a variety of issues.

Wishing all educators a wonderful summer and a breather from academic life before we start all over again with the next class.

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Council on Orthodontic Practice

As I am writing this, I reflect on the awesomeness of "Mother Nature" and how we are at her mercy. Many different natural catastrophes seem to be popping up all over and now here on my home front, the Missouri River is ravaging our community and many other towns along the river in the Midwest. Chaos and disorder are part of the equation, but these types of problems seem to unify and remind us that we genuinely care for each other and their

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suffering as if it were our own.

So, what's happening with COOP? Well, we had a couple of great programs at the AAO. Our practice transition program was filled to capacity with 115 participants, including many students and new grads hoping to make a connection with the right "gray-haired" orthodontist who may be intending to transition out. The reviews have come in very positive and we will host this again in Hawaii.

The 2011 Staff Presentation Competition was held on Monday. Eight staff members were chosen out of 26 entries to compete. Each participant made a ten-minute oral/PowerPoint presentation based on an orthodontic theme. First place was awarded to **Kerry Petrauskas** of Chantilly, Virginia; second place to **Leighann Jones** of Sidney, Ohio; and third place to **Denise Schouweiler** of Rochester, Minnesota. Vendors donated prizes to be raffled while the judges selected the winners of the competition.

In consideration of the fact that AAO members rank staff recruitment, retention and training as major concerns, the Board approved a \$50 per-practice fee covering an unlimited number of staff members in a member's practice for a one-year membership in the AAO Orthodontic Staff Club. The new fee will be effective as of June 2011. Orthodontic Staff Club memberships are initiated or renewed in conjunction with the employing doctor's AAO membership renewal. Staff must have the doctor's approval to join the Orthodontic Staff Club. Club benefits include:

- Free subscription to the AAO's online education lectures;
- Free subscription to the club's e-newsletter;
- Access to the AAO members' website, including the AAO store;
- Registration fee discounts for the AAO Annual Session.

The Practice Opportunities Service (POS) continues to advance the AAO's customer service enhancement goals through improved and expanded online services. POS has been recognized as a leader in providing members a "practical and accessible career center" and was awarded the Gold Prize in the Career Resource for Members category of the 2010 All Media Contest held by *Association TRENDS*.

During 2010-2011, a series of 16 webinars were delivered for doctors and/or staff. Lectures were on clinical and practice management topics. Practice transitions and academic careers were webinars dedicated exclusively for residents and offered at no charge. Watch for announcements in the *eBulletin* and *The Bulletin* for the 2011-2012 Webinar schedule.

AAO Services, Inc. is granting the AAO Voluntary Certification Program for the orthodontic clinical assistant who demonstrates a high level of knowledge and profi-

ciency. Staff members who meet all requirements of the certification program will be recognized by the designation Specialized Orthodontic Assistant (SOA). There are 115 SOAs as of June 1, 2011.

Lastly, I want to thank you for the opportunity to represent you on COOP and certainly would love to hear from you.

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Council on Scientific Affairs

COSA held a meeting at the AAO Annual Session on May 13, 2011, to review COSA members' assignments for the 2011 Annual Session where they judged 36 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar presentations and 33 Table Clinic presentations. COSA members also moderated the AAO Research Award lectures and the 28 Oral Research presentations. COSA members Drs. **Lokesh Suri**, **Shannon Owens** and **Nan Hatch** judged the Table Clinics. During the AAO Annual Session 345 E-posters were available for viewing. E-posters can be viewed through August 1 on the AAO website: <http://ww2.aievolution.comaaao1101/index.cfm?do=abs.pubListAbstracts&abstractTypeID=1004,2&hasDocuments=1>.

Applications are being accepted for the Milo Hellman Research Award, the Harry Sicher Research Award and the Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit. Applications for these awards can be obtained from all program/department chairs of ADA- and CDA-accredited orthodontic programs. The applications also can be found on the AAO website: <http://www.aaomembers.org/mtgs/upload/2012-HSG-Application-Form-with-Checklist.doc>. The application deadline is October 15, 2011.

Starting August 1, 2011, COSA will begin accepting online applications to present Oral Research, Table Clinics and E-posters at the 2012 AAO Annual Session in Honolulu. The online application will be posted on the AAO website and the application deadline is October 15, 2011. Accepted Oral Research presenters will be asked to pre-register for the meeting by February 1, 2012, so COSA can plan the presentations more accurately.

COSA's next meeting is January 6, 2012, via video conferencing and teleconferencing.

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American Association of Orthodontists Services, Inc.

During the current fiscal year, the participation of AAO members in AAO endorsed programs that are under the AAOSI umbrella has held steady. Here is some information on those programs.

Transfirst Health Services: 175 members are enrolled, mainly in its credit card processing services. AAOSI staff have negotiated a reduction in processing fees as a result of our participation and longevity. Please consider using this service in your practice.

Medjet Assistance, LLC: 453 AAO members are now enrolled in this program which provides assurance of medical transportation while you travel in and out of the country.

Oakstone Publishing: The Oakstone Publishing Educational Program continues to remain steady – 1,048 members participated in this program as of December 31, 2010. The AAO is paid a 6.5% royalty from all paid subscriptions.

Springstone Financial Patient Financing: This service offers a third-party option for patient financing for orthodontics. Due to current economic conditions, Springstone has found it harder to find acceptable clients, but they continue to offer this program to our members/patients. For 2011 AAO will receive \$235,000 in royalties from Springstone.

Endorsed Insurance Programs: The insurance program continues to be successful. Medical, term life, disability, business overhead, professional liability, business office, employment practice liability, workers compensation and business umbrella insurances are all available to AAO members.

Voluntary Staff Certification: This program, started in response to member requests for help in retaining quality orthodontic staff, is in its infancy. As of June 2011, 115 staff have been certified as Specialized Orthodontic Assistants. This program will continue to be promoted by AAO.

Association Management Services: AAOSI staff successfully continue to provide management services to PCSO, NESO and the California Association of Orthodontists. This is a profitable venture for AAOSI and the contracts with these entities continue.

AAOF Contribution: The AAOSI Board of Directors contributed \$50,000 to the AAOF Legacy Collection Fund in the name of Dr. **James Gjerset** and all the other Eugene and Pauline Blair American Association of

Orthodontists Foundation Distinguished Service Award winners. This presentation took place at the AAOF breakfast business meeting during the recent AAO Annual Session in Chicago.

If any member has questions regarding AAOSI operations, please contact either one of us for information

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American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

The Board of Directors met on January 24, 2011, at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. **Kevin O'Neill** from Patton Boggs, LLP, briefed the Board on the 2010 elections and discussed the various strategies the PAC may want to consider for the 2012 cycle.

John Hancock, fundraising consultant, led a discussion with the PAC Board. Topics covered were scheduled for monthly conference calls including state liaison list update, campaign themes for the 2012 election cycle and regional goals.

The PAC Board discussed the timing of contributions during an election year and how it relates to requests for funding from AAO members. It was determined that staff would develop a contribution form which would be placed on the AAOPAC's portion of the AAO website.

Contribution amounts for the last quarter of 2010 were substantially higher than the same period in previous years. This was attributed to efforts from the state liaisons as well as a good response for the *Program 50* campaign. *Program 50* is the late-cycle contribution campaign launched by AAOPAC in October 2010. The purpose of the campaign was to increase the number of late-election cycle contributions of \$50 or more with the goal of one out of four members contributing to AAOPAC. Currently, an average of 14% of AAO members contribute to the PAC on an annual basis with an average contribution being approximately \$250.

Starting in February, AAOPAC invited a constituent liaison group to join in on monthly conference calls. MSO state liaisons were the first group to participate. On the February 10 conference call, John Hancock led a discussion

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of fundraising strategies/goals with PAC Board members and MSO state liaisons.

The 2011 Professional Advocacy Conference was held immediately following the AAOPAC Board meeting on January 24-26 in Washington, D.C. This was the largest attendance for an advocacy program to date. The conference presented a balanced and informative program of speakers to prepare members to lobby lawmakers whose actions may affect the practice of orthodontics. Attendees had the opportunity to put newly learned skills into practice through Capitol Hill meetings with legislators and their staff. During the conference, AAOPAC hosted a fundraising reception and book signing with Former Speaker of the House **Newt Gingrich**.

A special thanks to the following members for serving as state liaisons to promote PAC activities in their components: Drs. **Ara Goshgarian** (Illinois), **Wendell Stuntz** (Iowa), **Deborah Lien** and **Arnie Hill** (Minnesota), **Mark Dake** (Missouri), **Joyce Simmons** (Nebraska), **John Warford, Jr.** (North Dakota), **Ryan Van Laecken** (South Dakota) and **Jane Bentz** (Wisconsin). Whether you have participated in the AAOPAC in the past or not, you may be hearing from your fellow colleagues and asked to participate now.

The AAOPAC Board will meet in Washington, D.C. in January 2012 in conjunction with the Professional Advocacy Conference to prioritize contributions and review legislative and regulatory strategies.

It can't be overstated in the current legislative climate how important it is that the PAC receives support from every orthodontist now!

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College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

The review courses for the ABO Clinical Exam were well attended at the 2011 AAO Annual Session in Chicago. Three Discrepancy Index and Cast Radiograph Evaluation courses were held with 82 taking the courses. Drs. **Kim Anderson**, **John Carter**, **Michael Guess**, **Kenneth Hrechka**, **Rodney Hyduk**, **Philip Markin**, **Jim Williams**, **Dorothy Whalen** and I taught the courses.

The Annual College luncheon served approxi-

mately 160 guests and included several presentations. ABO directors presented the Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics to Drs. **H. Garland Hershey** and **Roberto Justus**, the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to Dr. **Russell Kittleson** and a Special Recognition Award to Dr. **Walter Belanger**.

The winner of the College of Diplomates Case Report Award for 2011 was Dr. **Toshiko Sekiya** and her co-authors for their case report, *Elimination of Transverse Dental Compensation is Critical for Treatment of Patients with Severe Facial Asymmetry*, which was published in the April 2010 issue of the *AJO/DO*. Dr. Sekiya is an assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics at Tsurumi University in Yokohama, Japan. This award is given annually to the most outstanding case report published in the previous year in the *AJO/DO*. The award is sponsored by the CDABO and includes a certificate as well as a \$1,500.00 award to the recipient.

A total of 57 orthodontic programs participated in the College's Resident Case Display Program. This program is held annually at the AAO Annual Session.

The College held its 2011 annual summer meeting at The Lodge at Torrey Pines in La Jolla, California. The meeting allowed the opportunity to receive continuing education credits through the cutting-edge scientific program *Trends in Clinical Practice: Envisioning the Future* compiled by Dr. **Kate Vig**. Speakers for the program included Drs. **Tiziano Baccetti**, **Scott Conley**, **James Hartsfield**, **Greg Huang**, **Peter Ngan**, **William Proffit**, **Robert Vanarsdall** and **Dirk Wiechmann**. Dr. **Perry Opin** received the prestigious Founders Award, and Drs. **John Whitaker** and **Peter Worth** received the College's first "The Samir Bishara Award of Merit."

I will represent the College at the GORP meeting in St. Louis this summer, speaking to the residents about preparing for board certification.

The College's 2012 Annual Summer Meeting will be held July 19-23 at the Inn at Bay Harbor, Bay Harbor, Michigan.

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American Board of Orthodontics

Since our last newsletter, the ABO has been very busy with meetings and administering examinations, both

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Component Reports

Illinois

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The Illinois Society of Orthodontists is happy to announce its new slate of officers as listed above. We also are excited to welcome Dr. **Eric Barnes** from Flossmoor as the new ISO Trustee. Congratulations, doctors.

Dr. **David Sarver** gave another outstanding lecture on Dentofacial Esthetics at the Chicago Dental Society's Midwinter Meeting as the ISO-sponsored speaker. The room was packed with orthodontists and other dentists and specialists wanting to learn more about interdisciplinary dentistry.

The AAO's Annual Session was here in Chicago this past May. Kudos to Drs. **Steve Marshall** and **Katie Graber** for their incredible effort as local arrangements chairs in creating such a successful meeting. Congratulations to Dr. **Frank Green** for receiving the 2011 Earl E.



(l to r) Eileen, Frank and Catherine Green

Shepard Distinguished Service Award at the MSO Business Meeting during the Annual Session. In attendance were his wife, **Catherine**, his daughters, **Eileen** and **Margaret**, and son-in-law **David**, as well as a large contingent of proud ISO members.

Frank's years of dedication to dentistry, orthodontics, his patients, his colleagues, and his family are an inspiration to us all. Thank you, Frank.

Of course, no recap of the AAO's Annual Session would be complete without acknowledgment and a show of appreciation for our Dr. **Lee Graber**, who was then the AAO president. It was a great meeting with a huge turnout. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and the new building at McCormick Place West was perfect for hosting the meeting. Lee has worked his entire career for the advancement of the orthodontic profession. He has been a tireless advocate and an incredible ambassador for orthodontics. All of us within the AAO, and especially the ISO, are grateful to Lee and his family for everything they have contributed. We offer a most heartfelt thank-you to Lee for a job well done.

Our meeting schedule for the upcoming 2011-12

year is as follows:

- September 26, 2011 – Dr. **Vincent Kokich, Jr.**
- December 5, 2011 – Dr. **Robert Fry**
- February 24, 2012 (ISO-sponsored speaker at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting) – Dr. **Robert Vanarsdall**
- April 2, 2012 – Dr. **John Graham**

Starting with the winter newsletter, Dr. **Betsy Ulrich** will take over as the new ISO correspondent. As with everything she does, she will do a fantastic job reporting the events of the ISO. Please forward any news items to her directly. Thank you to all the members of the ISO for their help and support in putting together this column for the past six years.

Have a great summer.

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Many Iowa orthodontists headed east to attend the 2011 AAO Annual Session in Chicago and enjoyed both the meeting and seeing the city. We wish our colleagues affected by the summer flooding in Iowa and neighboring states a speedy and complete recovery.

We look forward to another installment of the Iowa Summer Meeting to be held at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Okoboji on August 21-22.

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Manitoba

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The Manitoba Orthodontic Society, which is comprised of men and women certified as specialists in all matters pertaining to orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, held its customary spring meeting in late April of this year. The Manitoba director of the Midwestern Society of

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Orthodontics, at great personal sacrifice and expense (having entered and paid to compete in the first annual neighborhood Wii tennis tournament) delivered, in what was later described by those present as a “rousing torrent of oratory,” the highlights of the proceedings from the most recent gathering of that esteemed international council.

The same individual, having spent that very afternoon in the graduate orthodontic clinic imparting knowledge to the graduate students under his charge, was asked by the head of the department, Dr. **Billy Wiltshire**, to inform the MOS members that several graduate students were making presentations at the European Society of Orthodontists meeting in Istanbul; a graduate pedodontic program is beginning this fall at the University of Manitoba; and that Dr. Wiltshire wanted to let private orthodontic practitioners know they can refer their patients to the graduate clinic for the placement of TADs.

On a celebratory note, the graduates of the University’s orthodontic program had a farewell dinner at one of the city’s more upscale restaurants. Friends, family, faculty and staff all enjoyed a meal, the bill for which was about the same as the IMF’s loan to Greece. The speeches included the expressions of heartfelt gratitude by the graduates toward all those who had facilitated their ascent up the ladder of academic success, including parents, girlfriends, fellow students, and the makers of Red Bull.

Although the 21st of June marks the official summer solstice, summer has not yet quite arrived. Unfortunately, the flooding of homes, cottages and farms continues to infiltrate the local news reports. Of course, the other major news event is the return of the NHL to Winnipeg. The celebrations that spilled out into the streets might have led one to believe that world hunger had ended, all wars had ceased, or that Oprah had lost another two pounds.

Adios until this winter.

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Dr. **Michelle Bergsrud** presided over the 2011 Annual Winter Meeting in January at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Bloomington. Mr. **John McGill** spoke to the doctors and their spouses on achieving financial indepen-

dence. Dr. **Terry Selke** also presented his topic, *The Bottom Line*. Dr. **Doug Depew** of Trapezio, the Academy of Orthodontic Assisting, presented a lecture on various clinical skills. For the first time, ten vendors had tables in the reception area to meet with the doctors during breaks from the meeting.

Dr. **Brent Larson** presented news from the University of Minnesota including two new full-time faculty members, Drs. **Thorsten Gruenheid** and **Nanci De Felipe**.

Dr. **John Beyer** will preside over the 2011 Summer Meeting on November 18, 2011, at The Metropolitan in Golden Valley. This will be a combined meeting with the Minnesota Academy of Comprehensive Dentistry. MAO members can bring their referring dentists, if desired. Dr. **Vince Kokich, Jr.** will be speaking on a combined restorative-orthodontic topic with more emphasis on orthodontics than restorative.

The 2012 MAO Winter Meeting will be held on January 20 back at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel. Details for the meeting are being finalized and information will be sent out in the near future.

At our June Board Meeting, Dr. **Leo Sinna** discussed the continued excellent progress toward establishing a credit union. Currently, a multi-pronged approach is in place, which should bring the credit union up to charter status within the next four months.

Once again it is MAO survey time and a new survey will be developed with a rough draft ready for the next MAO Board Meeting. The final survey draft will be approved by the MAO Board in February and then submitted to the AAO for final approval prior to mailing it to the MAO members in April 2012.

We discussed the issue of allowing vendors to be present at future MAO meetings. The presence of vendors



Denise Schouweiler

serves to help us to provide a high-quality venue and meeting, while controlling the cost to our members. It was stated, however, that it’s better not to have a single vendor controlling any given meeting with its own sponsored speakers, due to the possibility for meeting bias to occur.

At the recent AAO Annual Session in Chicago, **Denise**

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Schouweiler, the MAO's executive secretary, who works for Guenther, Larson and Kim Orthodontics in Rochester, was a contestant in the Staff Competition Program. In order to qualify, she submitted a PowerPoint presentation which was reviewed by judges prior to the Annual Session. After the first round in Chicago, she was one of eight finalists and then took third place in the competition. Congratulations, Denise!

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Missouri

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The Missouri Society of Orthodontists held a business meeting Friday, February 4 in Kansas City. The Missouri bylaws need to be reviewed and updated to coordinate with MSO and AAO bylaws. The bylaws will be voted on and approved by Missouri members at the next business meeting. A \$5,000 donation to the AAOF Legacy collection was passed.

The 2011 legislative session ended on May 13. The legislation that authorized Missouri to develop a dental Medicaid carve-out passed. House Bill 827, which would have expanded the hygiene scope, was stopped from advancing. House Bill 669 would have prevented insurance companies from capping fees for dental services but did not pass. Discussions already have begun on how to get the bill passed next year.

In May the Missouri Dental Board held a meeting to hear comments concerning the development of a dental therapist program in Missouri. This was in response to a proposal in which a therapist would be able to provide some restorative and surgical dental services without a dentist present. The Dental Board voted to support a dental therapist category and asked the department to make its creation a legislative priority for next year. Some are concerned about the concept of dental therapists. For more information go to www.modental.org.

A.T. Still University announced they are starting a dental program at their Kirksville campus. The program plans to begin by fall of 2013, and to start with a class of 45 students. The program will partner with Community Health Centers around Missouri.

An Expanded Function for Dental Assistants

(EFDA) course for orthodontic assistants will be given November 21. If you are interested, contact the Missouri Dental Association (MDA).

Have a great summer!

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The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club met January 21, 2011. 3M Unitek sponsored Dr. **Patrice Pellerin's** lecture *The Aesthetic Practice*. We would like to thank Dr. **David Mohs** for planning the meeting and **Tom Irvin** of 3M Unitek for the sponsorship.

The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists' business meeting and lecture was held March 11, 2011. We were entertained by the orthodontic duo of Drs. **Tom Southard** and **Steve Marshall**. They discussed Evidence-Based Orthodontics, in particular the myths and facts about self-ligation and the logic of the CVM method. We want to thank Dr. **Matthew Pershing** for planning the meeting. Financial support was provided by 3M Unitek.

The business meeting included election of officers as noted above. We would like to thank Dr. **Sundaralingam Premaraj** for his leadership and commitment as an officer the last three years.

The 2012 meeting dates will be announced at a later date.

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South Dakota

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The SDSO held their Annual Business Meeting on May 14 in Chicago during the AAO Annual Session. The officers as noted above were re-elected. At this meeting a plan to have a 2012 winter meeting was discussed. A final decision will be made this coming August. Dr. Fuchs currently is checking on the possibility of trying to combine this meeting with other components in our area.

Dr. **Ryan Arnold** was awarded the Humanitarian Award posthumously by the South Dakota Dental Association at its Annual Meeting in May. Dr. Arnold passed away last August due to complications following his donation of a portion of his liver to his brother. Dr. Arnold continues to be an inspiration of selflessness to all of us.

Drs. **Ross Crist** of Sioux Falls and **Ryan Van Laecken** of Watertown have been granted diplomate status by the ABO. Both passed the examination given in Dallas.

Dr. **Rob Van Laecken** recently has joined the practice of his brother, Dr. **Ryan Van Laecken**, in Watertown, Aberdeen and Milbank. Dr. Rob received his DDS from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry in 2008 and finished his residency at West Virginia School of Dentistry in April.

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Wisconsin

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WSO members attended the AAO Annual Session in Chicago, May 13-17 in place of our usual spring meeting. The excellent speakers and content were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by those who attended.

Elections occurred this spring and the new officers as listed above were introduced. In addition, Drs. **John (Jay) Frazier**, **Jose Bosio** and **Michael Gabler**, were elected as WSO trustees.

The 2011 WSO Fall Meeting will be held October 2-4 at the Pointe Hotel and Suites in Minocqua. Our speaker will be Dr. **Cliff Alexander** from Alexander and Alexander Orthodontics in the greater Dallas area. Dr. Alexander will outline the key principles of successful lingual treatment mechanics and discuss ways to set your practice apart with the Incognito™ Appliance System.

For more information, please contact the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists by phone or fax or visit our Web site at www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com.

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written and clinical. The Board has spent a lot of time structuring the Written Examination and deciding how to conduct the Clinical Examination.

The Clinical Examination in Dallas, Texas, February 16-23, utilized 43 examiners to examine 852 cases. The examination included Initial Certification, First Recertification and the traditional examination for orthodontists completing the Option I or Option II certification pathways. The ABO certified or recertified 141 of the 172 examinees which is almost an 82% success rate.

There was a marked increase in the June 2011 examination as compared to the November 2010 St. Louis Clinical Examination. There were 35 new Diplomates certified or recertified during the November Examination. The June examination graded 113 examinees with 85 completes which is a 75% rate of completion. The Initial Certification Examinees were 26.5% with a total of 30. Six

ICE and 16 Gateway examinees were from the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists. There were eight directors, seven past directors and seven previously trained examiners in attendance for the examination. Dr. **Steven Marshall** from the MSO was one of the trained examiners. The examinees are asked to critique the process when finished and a recurring comment is that too much time is spent on the two board cases the examinees are asked to diagnose and treatment plan. At this June's examination we decided to use only one board case to be able to spend more time with the examinees' six case reports. The examiners were very positive and felt the examination did flow more easily. The Board was very positive because we had four orthodontists register for the examination who did not accept the gateway offer, and there were three orthodontists who voluntarily recertified.

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Graduate Program Reports

Marquette University

Welcome to our new incoming residents. Our new class consists of Drs. **Manika Patwari** (Boston University), **Michael Payne** (Marquette University), **Syrah Quraishi** (Marquette University), **Jacob Spendlove** (Virginia Commonwealth University) and **Nicholas Valeri** (Marquette University). We are looking forward to spending the next two years with them. It is a busy time of the year with the first-year residents arriving into the clinic and the new second-years doubling their patient load.

Congratulations to our graduating class of 2011. Once again we held the graduation ceremony and dinner at the Pfister Hotel on May 26. It is always a beautiful night as we celebrate the next step in their journey. Our graduates include Dr. **Yoon Chang**, who will be starting his practice in Texas in the fall. Dr. **Mark Foster** will be joining his brother, Dr. **Jeff Foster** (also a Marquette graduate), in private practice in Wausau, Wisconsin; Dr. **Alison Mantel** will be starting a private practice in the Ozaukee County area next spring; Dr. **Jess Thomas** will be practicing in Menominee Falls; and Dr. **Jane Wright** will be joining her father, Dr. **John Crawford**, in private practice in Kenosha. We will miss them all and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

It was a good year for guest speakers and we were very fortunate that many of our alumni and fellow orthodontists were willing to take time out of their busy schedules to be included in the education of our future orthodontists. On March 7, Dr. **John Lin**, who graduated from the Marquette orthodontic program, presented, an all-day seminar to the residents and alumni. On March 23, Dr. **Dawei Liu**'s mentor, Professor **Birte Melsen**, from Denmark, presented the lecture, *Biomechanics in Clinical Orthodontics*. Both lectures were well received and enjoyed by both our current orthodontic residents and alumni. Dr. **Shiv Shanker** will be coming on July 22 and will be giving a talk on current controversies in orthodontics.

Dr. **Gerry Bradley** was promoted to full professor effective July 1, and was appointed a CODA site visitor for post-graduate orthodontics. Dr. Liu was awarded a National Institutes of Health grant for his *Application of Mechanical Vibration to Enhance Orthodontic Tooth Movement* from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). Dr. **Jose Bosio** was in Dallas this June continuing his service as an ABO examiner. Dr. **Russ Kittleson** was honored by the ABO at the recent AAO meeting in Chicago. He received the ABO's Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award for his service to the specialty of orthodontics. We had several publications

accepted in the past six months.

In August the first-year residents will be given their annual week-long wire bending course here in the department with Drs. **Scott** and **Jeff Jamieson**. This is the time of year that they realize how important wire bending is to an orthodontist.

Hope you have a safe and happy summer!

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Mayo Clinic

The first half of 2011 really has gone by fast. To start off the year, Drs. **Fred Regennitter** and **John Volz** completed the hands-on *SureSmile* course in Dallas. In February Dr. Volz attended the *SureSmile* Orlando conference. Dr. **James Stork** attended the AAO *Orthodontist as CEO* conference in San Diego later that month.

In early May, more than 40 guests, including



(l to r) Shirley and Arnie Hill, Sven Gartner, Steven Hechler

faculty, former residents and spouses attended our Mayo Clinic alumni dinner during the AAO meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Stork completed his clinical and didactic course work at the end of June. His Master's thesis, *Quadrangular Maxillary Le Fort I Osteotomy: A retrospective long-term follow-up study*, was successfully defended. He also delivered an oral abstract at the AAO Annual Session and presented a portfolio of his best completed cases in ABO format at the resident case display.

Dr. **Patrick Foley** was our external reviewer this year. Dr. Foley is an ABO examiner and maintains a full-time private practice in Lake Zurich, Illinois. He also has a part-time faculty appointment at Saint Louis University, which he has held for many years. We are very grateful to Dr. Foley for taking time out of his busy schedule to bring his expertise to our program. We know these are important learning experiences in preparing our new orthodontists for clinical practice.

We are proud to report that our most recent graduates, Drs. **Ryan Schumacher** (2010) and **Tim Scanlan** (2009), have successfully completed their ABO certifications this year. Dr. **John Foley** (2012) passed the written portion of the ABO this April and has assumed the chief resident position as of July.

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We are looking forward to the arrival of our newest resident Dr. **Li-Ping Chew**. She is a recent graduate from the University of Pennsylvania and will begin her orthodontic training in July.

I hope you enjoy reading this update of happenings and achievements of the Mayo Clinic Division of Orthodontics. The residents, staff and faculty work hard to make the department the best it can be. We also enjoy doing it. Your support, by participating in the AAOF, coming to meetings, calling on the telephone, or sending an e-mail is really appreciated. Keep it up and have a great summer!

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Saint Louis University

Fourteen residents graduated in December of 2010, and they have scattered across the U.S. and abroad and are expected to serve their patients and specialty admirably.

The orthodontic program at The Center for Advanced Dental Education of Saint Louis University welcomed 14 new graduate students this June. They are Drs. **Joshua Bruce** (University of Oklahoma), **Gregory Carr** (Temple University), **Narumol Chongthanavanit** (Mahidol University-Thailand), **Richard Clabaugh** (University of Nebraska), **Daniel Cloward** (University of Louisville), **Rachel Bryn Cooper** (University of Texas-San Antonio), **Elizabeth DuPlessis** (University of Kentucky), **Bryce Gabler** (Temple University), **Brian Klein** (Southern Illinois University), **Patrick McShane** (Southern Illinois University), **Alex Mellion** (Case Western Reserve University), **Aaron Rose** (University of Kentucky), **Nefeli Vasilakou** (University of Athens-Greece) and **Angela Williams** (University of Missouri-Kansas City).

The Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation will hold its next meeting in St. Louis on March 2-4, 2012. Many fine speakers will enlighten the audience including Drs. **Gerry Samson**, **Cheol-Ho Paik**, **Clark Colville**, **Lysle Johnston**, **Rolf Behrents**, **Phil Campbell**, **Christian Stohler**, **Peter Buschang**, **Paul Zuelke**, **Greg Jorgensen**, **Dennis Ward**, **Mark Berkman** and **Steve McCullough**. Dr. **Christian Stohler** will receive the OERF Merit Award. Contact moscab@slu.edu for information on the OERF meeting.

In addition, the Saint Louis University orthodontic program has a number of guest speakers arranged for the summer and fall of 2011. All MSO students are encouraged to look at the schedule on our website (it is updated periodically)

and if they find a presentation they would like to attend, please let us know.

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University of Illinois – Chicago

It was fun having the national AAO Annual Session in Chicago! Not only did old friends by the hundreds come to the department and attend the alumni events, but also the thousands of AAO attendees livened up McCormick Place West and the local hotels and restaurants. UIC's orthodontic residents benefited greatly from the meeting's exceptional learning opportunities. Our festivities included a very successful reception organized by Dr. **Vince Arpino** for the Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois at the Rock Bottom Brewery Saturday evening, May 14. We also hosted a post-AAO symposium to honor Drs. **Anna-Marie Gron** and **Laura Lebret**, two women pioneers in academic orthodontics from Harvard/Forsyth who passed away recently.

Two UIC orthodontic residents were recognized at the May 15 AAO Excellence in Orthodontics Awards



(l to r) *Phimon Atsawasuwun and Haitao Li*

Luncheon. Dr. **Phimon Atsawasuwun** received the Thomas M. Graber Research Award, and Dr. **Haitao Li** received second place in the 2011 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar competition. Dr. Atsawasuwun's project, *Ameloblastin Affects Cranial Suture Closure by Regulating MSX2 Expression*, was mentored by Drs. **Xianghong Luan** and **Thomas Diekwisch**. Dr. Li's project dealing with the Numb gene in regulation of ameloblast differentiation was conducted with Dr. **Anne George**.

March 10, 2011, was the College of Dentistry's 24th Annual Clinic and Research Day. All of the orthodontic residents and student presenters did very well. It was an extra-special day because all of the designated postgraduate awards were won by orthodontic residents, Drs. **Phimon Atsawasuwun**, **Emily Williams** and **Jiajun Hao**, and two of the dental student awards were given to
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(l to r) *Emily Williams and Jiajun Hao*

Dr. **Therese Galang**'s predoctoral students, **Kristina Dragstrem** and **Robert Pedersen**. Dr. Hao also was awarded a Block Travel Award for the AADR meeting in San Diego for his presentation on *Comparison of Two Corticotomy Methods for Orthodontic Tooth Movement* and received the 2011 AAOF Albert P. Westfall Memorial Teaching Fellowship Award.

Dr. Atsawasuwan will continue at UIC as Assistant Professor of Orthodontics. Drs. Li and Hao accepted full-time faculty positions at Nova University and the University of Connecticut, respectively. Dr. **Heba Bakhsh** will stay at UIC to complete her PhD in Public Health and teach in the predoctoral program. New graduates Drs. **Daya Bhat**, **Kathryn Edgcomb**, **Thomas Kwong**, **Russell Verbic** and **Emily Williams** have accepted positions in private practice.

Dr. Galang, predoctoral orthodontic director, is Chair-Elect of ADEA's Section on Orthodontics. She recently received a UIC Teaching Recognition Award, which increases her base salary, and a Chancellor's Discovery Fund Research Award. The Chancellor's Award provides support for Dr. Galang's project titled, *Oral Appliances and Pharmacologic Agents in Treatment of Sleep Apnea*. Her co-investigators are Drs. **David Carley** (Biobehavioral Health Sciences) and **Bharati Prasad** (Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine).

Dr. **Robyn Silberstein** is president of the Midwest Component of the E. H. Angle Society. She also received a grant from Align Technology, Inc. to study *Adherence Predictability to Invisalign Treatment*. Dr. **Carla Evans** shared the 2011 ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics Award with **Toni Magni** of TOPS Software. They co-chaired Working Group 11.6, Orthodontic Standards for the Electronic Health Record. In addition, Dr. Evans represents orthodontics on the ADA's SNODENT Committee.

Last December AAO President **Lee Graber** visited the UIC Department of Orthodontics to discuss potential avenues for service to the orthodontic profession with our residents. Dr. **Larry Voss** gave him the presidential tour of the new clinic and residents' lab. This summer's building projects include construction of the Graber Gallery (named after Dr. **T.M. Graber**) which will be furnished with historical artifacts and antiques, faculty offices and renovation of the Ricketts Room and Brodie Library. The department is indebted to the alumni of UIC, Northwestern, Loyola and University of Chicago and other friends for funding these major improvements to the Department's facilities!

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University of Iowa

Congratulations to Drs. **Sarah Clark**, **David Defay**, **Kristin Clark**, **Ben Hoelscher** and **Nick Smith** for completing their orthodontic education and receiving their Master's degrees this June! Also, congratulations to Drs. **Albert Eng** ('09), **Trent Nestman** ('09), **Suzanne Stock** ('09), **S. Niles Woodall** ('09), **Tanner Clark** ('10) and **Andre Jham** ('10) who became Board Certified this year by the American Board of Orthodontics!

The 32nd Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar was held January 23-29 at the Lion Square Lodge and Conference Center in Vail, Colorado. This seminar, spearheaded by Dr. **John Casco**, hosts clinicians from across the nation and internationally, and offers orthodontists and surgeons the opportunity to interact closely in diagnosing and treatment planning a wide spectrum of orthognathic surgery cases.

The dates for the 33rd Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar will be January 22-28, 2012, at the Lion Square Lodge and Conference Center. The brochures will be mailed to AAO and AAOMS members. Further information on the course may be obtained by contacting Linda Keller at linda-keller@uiowa.edu.

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University of Manitoba

Our Graduate Orthodontic Program was founded in 1966 and we are celebrating our Sapphire (45th) Anniversary this year. Over the past 45 years we have proudly graduated 116 orthodontists who are practicing in many



(l to r) *Billy Wiltshire, Vittorio Cacciafesta, Nicholas Karaiskos and James Noble*

countries around the world, ensuring that the University of Manitoba continues to have a global impact on orthodontics. As part of our Sapphire celebrations, we hosted a two-day course in June with lectures by faculty, residents and alumni as well as visiting guest lecturer Dr. **Vittorio Cacciafesta** from Italy, who presented a hands-on course on lingual orthodontics. Lectures also were presented

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by alumni Drs. **James Noble**, **Nicholas Karaiskos** and **Frank Hechter**. First-year resident Dr. **Ines Guedes**, who has a MSc in TMD and Orofacial Pain, also presented a lecture on temporomandibular disorders.

We say a fond farewell to our graduating third-year residents. Dr. **Derek Pollard** will be moving to Kelowna, British Columbia, and Dr. **Xiem Phan** to Toronto, Ontario; and Dr. **Jared Rykiss** will be staying in Winnipeg. We formally said “good-bye” at their graduation dinner at the 529 Restaurant with a delicious sit-down dinner sponsored by 3M Unitek. Grateful thanks to Drs. **Silvano Brevevic** and **Todd Lachance** for flying in to Winnipeg for the dinner and, in this way, also supporting our graduates.

Our new group of residents started their 36-month program in July and we bid a warm welcome to Dr. **Richard Halpern** who recently completed a MSc degree in Anatomy and TMD at Kentucky; Dr. **Mireya Senye** who comes with a MSc in TMD from Alberta; and Dr. **Jonelle Crichton** who will be joining us as an international resident from the Caribbean.

Five faculty and residents traveled to the European Orthodontic Society meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, in June, and oral presentations were given by Drs. **Wellington Rody**, **Derek Pollard** and **Billy Wiltshire** and two posters by Drs. **Xiem Phan** and **Jared Rykiss**. Dr. Pollard also presented a paper in the Charley Schultz competition at the AAO in Chicago, and all three of our third-year residents also took part in the CDABO case displays.

Our three first-year residents, Drs. **Nicholas Playfair**, **Randeep Chana** and **Ines Guedes**, successfully passed their end-of-first-year Diagnosis and Treatment Planning exam in June. Two of our alumni, Drs. **Nicholas Karaiskos** from Ottawa and **James Noble** from Toronto, served as external examiners. They flew into Winnipeg at their own expense, a true hallmark of “giving back” to the program.

We were pleased to welcome back to our alma mater our Australian alumnus, Dr. **Grant Duncan**, who came to Winnipeg for a short visit. Grant has been a long-time supporter of the program and on the occasion of his visit, a ceremony was held to dedicate funds donated for three of the units in the Graduate Orthodontic Clinic. At the \$10,000 donation level, a unit can be dedicated. Grant and his wife were present at the dedication ceremony and their unit is dedicated to the memories of the late Drs. **Arthur Storey** and **Ken McLaughlin**, both of whom taught Grant when he was a resident in the program. Two further units were dedicated at the same ceremony by the **Lekic** Family and by Dr. **Billy Wiltshire**, in honor of his parents.

Dr. **Frank Hechter**, our longest-serving part-time instructor, also a nil-salaried full professor in the program,

has dedicated 38 years of service to the program and has been honored this year by being a recipient of the prestigious “Alumnus of Distinction Award” of the faculty of Dentistry. Congratulations, Frank, on a very well-deserved accolade.

We finally have received the green light to start our new Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Program and the first two residents in the new 36-month program started in July. They will be joining the orthodontic residents in the growth and development course. Dr. **P. Charles Lekic** has been named the Acting Program Director for Pediatric Dentistry. Orthodontics is looking forward to close ties and collaboration with the new Pediatric Dentistry Program.

The new residents’ offices on the 4th floor of the dental school are finally completed, and our residents will be moving into their new offices at the start of the new school year. There are also two seminar rooms on the same floor that we will be able to use on a shared basis with other graduate residents in oral surgery and periodontics. We also have ordered new computers for the orthodontic clinic and these also should be installed in the next few weeks.

We still have an open search for a tenure-track position in orthodontics and the advertisement should be re-posted in the coming weeks. Finally, our accreditation certification has arrived in the mail and our program is fully accredited by the Commission.

Wishing everyone a great summer.

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University of Minnesota

Summer is always a time of change in the orthodontic program here at Minnesota. Let me share a few changes and updates with you.

The Class of 2011 graduated in June and we shared a wonderful dinner and ceremony at the McNamara Alumni Center. The class consisted of Drs. **Elizabeth Dowd**, **Scott Kottemann**, **Joe Moon**, **Greg Tolmie**, **Chris Vaubel** and **Katie Vo**. They, as a group, performed exceptionally well and forged some life-long friendships. Congratulations!

The departure of one class always signals the arrival of the next. The incoming class is made up of Drs. **Omar Issa**, **Janice Cho**, **Brian Anderson**, **Shawn McCarthy**, **Chris Teeters** and **Vladimir Leon**. As with all incoming groups, much is expected, and this group has a very diverse background which should promote a wonderful learning environment.

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Changes in faculty also occur and I am sad to tell you that Dr. **Suzanne Ekim** has resigned her faculty position. Suzan has been an important part of our program since 2003, and she added a special enthusiasm and focus that benefited us all tremendously. Suzan acted as Graduate Program Director during part of her time here and did so with extreme competence. We wish her the very best as she continues in practice and has more time to spend with her husband, **David**, and her new son, **Aaron**. Hopefully, by the next newsletter I will be able to tell you about a new full-time faculty member who will be recruited to fill this position.

An exciting change is the arrival of a new son, **Victor**, to the De Felipe family. Dr. **Nanci De Felipe** has been a wonderful addition to our full-time faculty and she and her husband, **Renato**, are proud and enthusiastic first-time parents!

A special thanks to all who showed up for our Alumni gathering at the AAO meeting in Chicago. Dr. **Steve Litton** managed to not only act as General Chair for the whole Chicago meeting but also to arrange the reception for us as he always does along with his wife, **Bonnie**. Thanks to Dr. **Jim Miller** and his wife, Dr. **Adena Borodkin**, and **Kirsten Ross**, for helping with the registration this year. This gathering seems to increase in popularity each year, and I am especially pleased that many our recent graduates have made it an annual tradition to attend. If you missed it this year, please make plans to join us next year in Hawaii.

Speaking of alumni gatherings, I was honored recently as the Merit Award Winner from the Orthodontic Research and Education Foundation (OERF). The OERF is a wonderful alumni group from Saint Louis University and is a model for strong alumni support of an orthodontic program. Dr. **Buzz Behrents** is currently the chair and, along with Dr. **Lysle Johnston**, has continued to foster the strong sense of alumni support that benefits all programs.

Dr. **Jim Miller**, full-time faculty member, gave an outstanding presentation at the Dental School Clinical Grand Rounds meeting. This program is designed for all dentists, hygienists and assistants and also is broadcast to several locations around the state and region. Jim managed to wonderfully display the advantages of orthodontic treatment for many challenging patients and he did so with an understandable case-based presentation. The feedback from this program was outstanding!

At the recent European Orthodontic Society meeting in Istanbul, we were pleased to have two presentations by our faculty. I was able to present the work done by Dr. **Jacquee Schieck** on *Dosimetry of a Cone-Beam Computed Tomography Machine as Compared with a*

Digital Radiographic Machine, and Dr. **Thorsten Gruenheid** presented a poster on the work done by Dr. **Dustin Hollevoet** titled, *Using An Eye-Tracker To Measure Radiographic Image Interpretation Efficiency of Newer and Experienced Clinicians*.

Please feel welcome to stop by and visit whenever you are in Minneapolis!

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University of Missouri – Kansas City

Our new residents, Drs. **Natalia Henbest** (UMKC), **Adam Reynolds** (Kentucky) and **Michael Olsen** (West Virginia), started their postgraduate education on July 1. These doctors form the second class to enroll in the new CODA-approved 30-month program, with the expectation of graduating in December 2013.

UMKC Graduate Orthodontics organizes the Eric J. Schweitzer ('92) Memorial Symposium. The purpose of the symposium is to have recent orthodontic graduates return to Kansas City to make presentations to current orthodontic residents. On April 6 our two guest speakers were Drs. **Nellie Kim-Weroha** ('07) and **Lindsay Resmer** ('05). The benefactors of the Schweitzer Memorial Symposium have contributed to this endeavor so that orthodontic practitioners can speak frankly of the joys and difficulties they encountered while embarking on their careers.

First-year residents Drs. **Lauren Gossett**, **Gena McGivern** and **Ashlee Williams** attended the Tweed Study Course in Tucson, Arizona, in April. Thanks to our alumni for providing financial help for their trip.

Both first- and second-year residents attended the AAO meeting in Chicago. Funding from the Sperry Zervas Memorial Scholarship helped with part of the travel expenses. During the meeting, second-year residents Drs. **Jodi Hentscher-Johnson**, **Stephen Darmitzel**, **Julie Olson** and **Dustin Wilson** presented cases at the CDABO Case Display. Each year during the AAO Annual Session, North American orthodontic programs are asked to nominate one resident to present an original research project at the Charley Schultz Residents' Research Competition. Dr. **Dustin Wilson** was UMKC's representative. His presentation titled, *Isopropyl Alcohol to Counteract Effects of Freezing on Extended-Storage Alginates*, was based on his MS research project.

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It was a cold and stormy night, and the band played late at the AAO Opening Ceremonies, but more than 30 brave souls ventured out into the rain and wind and headed from the McCormick Place Convention Center downtown to the Sheraton Hotel for the UMKC Alumni Reception. Thanks to all who showed up, and, hopefully, Hawaii 2012 will have a little better weather. Instead of the usual reception-style get-together at a hotel in Hawaii, we are exploring the idea of having a dinner. Keep an eye on the mail for the invitation.

At the April 8, 2011 UMKC Alumni Lunch, Dr. **Vance Dykhouse** presented the Orthodontic Alumnus of the Year Award to Dr. **Ed Johnson**. Ed completed his orthodontic residency in 1971, spent a number of years as an army orthodontist, joined the orthodontic faculty at the University of Louisville in 1987 and became the chair in 1989. He retired in 2009 and has received many military and academic awards. Congratulations, Ed.

At the April 6-7 Midwest Dental Convention, UMKC School of Dentistry Dean **Marsha Pyle** had two important announcements affecting the postgraduate orthodontic program. Firstly, the growing fund to support a second teaching position was to be officially titled the Dr. Don Thompson Endowed Professorship. Dr. **Don Thompson**'s teaching in the postgraduate orthodontic program began in 1965, with variations in time commitment over the years. The second was the official assignment of space in the School of Dentistry to the Dr. George Muehlebach Seminar Room. Dr. **George Muehlebach** was a part-time clinical instructor in the Orthodontic Department from September 1980 until his untimely death in 2005.

We were very fortunate to have **Glenn Sameshima**, DDS, PhD, give the 2011 Dan L. Blackwell Lecture. He is Chairman and Program Director of the Advanced Orthodontic Program at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, Los Angeles. Dr. Sameshima's topic focused on issues such as evaluating outcomes to test claims of appliance efficiency and the controversies that plague orthodontists when reading the current literature concerning treatment outcomes.

Next year, the Dan L. Blackwell Lecture will be held on June 1, 2012, presented by Dr. **Sarandeep Huja**, Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director of the Division of Orthodontics at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. His topic will be *Bone Remodeling in the Clinical Arena: From Diagnostics to Therapy*.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of orthodontic education in Kansas City. Thanks to the investigative work of Dr. Thompson, we have been able to establish the time-line of successive institutions that eventually resulted in our postgraduate program of today. The Kansas City

School of Orthodontia, organized by Dr. **Martin Dewey**, professor of Orthodontia, at the Kansas City Dental College, opened in 1911. In 1914, the name of the school was changed to the Dewey School of Orthodontia. He also had a private practice in Kansas City. In 1917, he moved his school to Chicago.

The International School of Orthodontia, which started in St. Louis in 1907, was brought to Kansas City by Dr. **William Brady**, Dean of the Western Dental College, and Dr. **Hugh Tanzey**. Dr. Brady sold his interest in the school to Drs. Tanzey, **R.J. Rinehart** and **George Hillias**. Beginning with the 1917 session, and continuing through 1930, the sessions were held in the Western Dental College and later in the Kansas City Western Dental College. Orthodontic education took a sabbatical in Kansas City from 1931 until 1946. In 1946 the Kansas City Western Dental College began its first dental specialty program, a 12-month course in orthodontics. Dr. **Leo Rogers** was a member of the first class. Dr. **Harold E. (Gene) Thompson** was a member of the second class and was a life-long friend and teacher in the department. Since the department's beginning in 1946, the school has undergone two name changes and moved to a new location in the Hospital Hill Medical Complex. Today, the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics and the Advanced Education Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics are part of the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Dentistry and are positioned along with the support of a wonderful alumni association to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

It is with regret that we report to alumni that Dr. **Bob Craven** has retired from teaching at UMKC Orthodontics. Bob has dedicated himself to the Thursday morning postgraduate clinic for 12 years. Thanks, Dr. Craven, for giving your time and energy for all these years.

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University of Nebraska

This March the NSO continued its generosity and financial support of UNMC's orthodontic program at their annual meeting. Faculty and residents appreciated the opportunity to attend its educational event.

On March 1 **Thyagaseely (Sheela) Premaraj**, BDS, PhD, joined our program's faculty. Dr. Premaraj, a recent graduate of the program, not only fills a much-needed orthodontic faculty position but also brings the

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A recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus in Dentistry Award from Marquette, Russ was honored with a special service award in 1991 from the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists. The Marquette orthodontic department honored him for his contributions in 2000. He also received the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the MSO and the Part-time Excellence in Teaching Award from Marquette School of Dentistry. He is a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the American College of Dentists and is a past president of the Midwest Component of the E. H. Angle Society, the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists and the Marquette Alumni Association.

Dr. Green (Illinois), recipient of MSO's 2011 Earl E. Shepard Award, will be profiled in the next issue



Frank Green

of the *MSO Newsletter*. We sincerely congratulate Frank for all that he has done for organized dentistry.

Please see the President and Trustee reports for the names of the individuals who were recognized by the AAO for their service on various councils. In addition, Dr. **Jeff Cavanaugh** (Missouri) was recognized by the MSO for his eight years of service on the Board of the AAOF, including serving as its president.

Last but not least, it was announced that Dr. **Lee Graber** (Illinois) will be the 2012 recipient of the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award from the ABO.

Congratulations to all of these individuals for their considerable efforts on behalf of our specialty and the patients we serve.

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The next Clinical Examination will be November 15-20 in St. Louis. Openings still are available to register for this examination. There will be an all-electronic case submission trial of twenty cases. The final models must be in plaster because we have not perfected an electronic grading system for the final treatment record.

The April 19-22 Written Examination was held at Pearson VUE Computer Centers in the United States and Canada. There were 364 examinees who took the most

difficult examination we have given. The results were excellent with a very high score. The academic community should be very proud of its residents' performance.

If anyone has questions regarding the examination, please check the website at americanboardortho.com or contact me.

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advanced knowledge gained by a PhD in oral microbiology to our residents and their research projects.

At the 2011 AAO Annual Session in Chicago, second-year residents Drs. **Fouy Chau**, **Vesna Ferrer** and **Mark George** participated in the ABO Case Display program. Dr. Chau represented our program as the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar.

Dr. **Peter Spalding** served as chair for *Oral Session #30: Orthodontic Biomechanics and Anchorage* at the International Association for Dental Research 89th General Session. He also served as moderator for Early Treatment at the 111th Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Chicago.

Dr. Spalding was interviewed on May 15 by Sound Targeting, Inc. for regional radio broadcast of news stories regarding orthodontic treatment, supported by the American

Association of Orthodontists.

Both Dr. Spalding and Dr. **Sundaralingam Premaraj** have had a number of articles published.

We wish to welcome the members of the new class who joined us on July 1, 2011: Dr. **Corwyn Hopke**, a 2011 graduate of Columbia University; Dr. **Nima Mirmoghtadaei** (Mir), a 2011 graduate of the University of Southern California; and Dr. **Callista Owen**, a 2011 UNMC College of Dentistry graduate. We are very pleased to welcome these exceptional students to our program.

Dr. **Henry Cech**, a long-time orthodontist in Nebraska, died in June. We send our condolences to his entire family.

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The 2012 Annual Session of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists will feature a unique CE program offering a variety of concurrent doctors and staff lectures to be held during “at sea” times on this Alaskan cruise. The topics for doctor and staff will be presented by these highly-acclaimed orthodontic speakers:

- Ms. Rosemary Bray
- Dr. Katie Graber
- Dr. Lee Graber
- Dr. Vincent Kokich, Sr.
- Ms. Marylee Maendler
- Dr. Anoop Sondhi

Registration for the cruise and for the CE education are separate registration forms and fees.
Please see the enclosed brochure.

For more information on the cruise itinerary and cabin reservations go to www.specialeventcruises.com/mso_2012.html or call 800/422-0711.

For the meeting reservation form go to www.msortho.org to download the registration form, e-mail the MSO at msortho@charter.net or call 636/922-5551.