

Richard Kozal has Passed Away

PFA's Secretary General Richard A. Kozal died Wednesday, 11 March 2009.

He died of cancer complications with his wife by his side.

Past PFA President Carl Lundgren summed it all up for us in saying, "Richard Kozal has always been the heart and soul of the Academy." And at this moment in time, he has been that and more. But, it was not always that way. Richard started out on the South Side of Chicago where he learned his principles, morals, and values growing up in institutions, like Loyola University of Chicago. He observed the unique brand of Chicago politics and the "how" and "why" it worked. He graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and went on to become a Professor there, then called the Loyola School of Dentistry.

Upon graduation in 1959, Capt. Richard Kozal spent two years on active duty with the U.S. Army Dental Corps and went on to continue to serve in the Army Reserves, eventually earning the rank of Colonel with such honors as Commander of the 149th Dental Unit at Fort Sheridan and Deputy Commander of the 88th Medical Brigade. Richard was always very proud of his military service.

As was the custom of the unique Chicago style of dental politics, he became a member of the Progressive Organization, part of the court-mandated tri-party system of office rotation for the Chicago Dental Society and the Illinois State Dental Society. Richard chose to move through the Chicago Dental Society to become its President. From there he was selected as ADA Vice President. By this time, he had maintained a general dentistry practice in Summit, Illinois, for 36 years. Along the journey he amassed many other honors such Omicron Kappa Upsilon; Fellowship in PFA, ICD, ACD, and ADI; and President of the Loyola Dental Alumni Association.

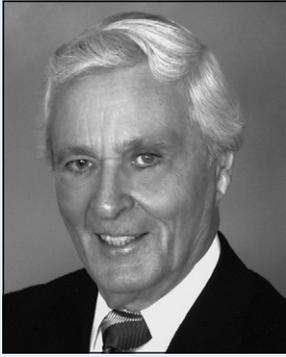
He did outstanding service as ICD Regent, ADI Executive Secretary, and eventually settled in as PFA Secretary/Treasurer in 1980, when the two jobs were combined. He would tell the story of becoming PFA Secretary and being handed a box of 3x5 cards that contained all the names and addresses of the PFA members. That was the start of the magnificent job he and his wife, Judith, did to where today the office, now called Executive Secretary, is computerized and runs efficiently. About 1997, Richard and Judith moved the office to Las Vegas into the Community College of Southern Nevada, where he taught in their dental hygiene program for nine years and established a dental museum there. Richard went on to build another dental museum at the new University of Nevada—Las Vegas School of Dentistry. In 2006, the office was again moved to Mesquite, Nevada, to gain more space.

During the recent San Antonio PFA General Board Meeting, Richard discussed that he had a tumor about his kidney that needed to be removed the next week. But he did not anticipate any complications. The Central Office would run smoothly without missing a beat. Then it was discovered that the cancer had metastasized to the lungs and would be treated with a new drug. Somewhere that did not work, and Richard is now reorganizing a Celestial PFA Section with our founder Elmer Best. He died just 15 days before his 74th birthday.

Richard Adam Kozal is survived by his dear wife Judith; sons Paul, David, and Rick; and stepson Michael. Also remaining are his sister, Arlene Tilghman; brother, Donald Kozal; and three grandchildren; as well as a host of international friends all over the world. The Pierre Fauchard Academy that he built is a living tribute to the man's energetic character and zeal in continuing the work he was so dedicated to. He was a unique person to us who knew him for four decades. He will be impossible to replace. But we must preserve his legacy.



Richard and Judy Kozal (photograph by Shirley Brophy)



Dr. Charles Eller

President's Message

To the PFA Fellows:

At a recent social gathering, a gentleman (not acquainted with our profession) questioned me. "Exactly what does the PFA President do?"

While putting together the aspects of the position, it occurred to me that perhaps our Fellows ponder the same question. Let me give you a brief overview of what your President accomplished during a normal week.

The Executive Director, Dr. Richard Kozal, and I consult with each other at least twice a week. We discuss how well our Trustees and Section Chairs are doing and their concerns, who needs assistance, any communication problems, check our fiduciary responsibilities, etc.

Our Management Team is consulted at least once a week so that we are all "in the loop."

Our PFA Attorney informed us that our Constitution and By-Laws are "outdated." Our C and B Committee, chaired by President-elect Hedlund, past President Englander, Trustee Mike Schafhauser, and Executive Director Kozal, is working with our attorney to rectify the situation.

Our 10 Trustees are responsible for making sure that our Section Chairpersons are functioning at their best. I wish to know if any of them have concerns that need to be addressed. If so, I am committed to contacting them personally via phone to answer questions, give encouragement and offer suggestions to improve their Sections.

Each Canadian and American Section Chairs received a DVD from me informing them exactly what I expect them to accomplish over the next year. Our Trustees gave them basically the same message via personal letter.

The Management Team and the Trustees are personally available 24/7 to answer questions and concerns.

Fiduciary responsibility is a major part of our job. With nearly 8,000 Fellows in 48 countries, you realize the challenges which Executive Director Kozal and his wife, Judy, must resolve. How they accomplish everything they do is a mystery to me. An unbelievable workload, handled to perfection! Our Academy is richly blessed by their dedication!

Last year, our Latin American Trustee, Dr. Ernesto Acuna, initiated our First Latin American PFA Conference. It was held in San Paulo, Brazil. Twelve nations were represented, an excellent beginning!

This year, I requested that our European Fellows emulate the Latin Initiative.

Our new Region 1 (European) Trustee, Dr. Jose Dahan (Belgium), with the assistance of Dr. Frank Braun (Section Chair, Germany) and PFA Vice President Hubert Ouvrard, have planned our First European PFA Conference. It will be held in Cologne, Germany, in conjunction with the International Dental Trade Show, the largest Dental Show in the world. The dates are March 27 and 28, 2009. We hope to make each of these Conferences biennial events. Imagine the challenges with which Trustee Dahan must contend. Twenty-one nations, numerous languages even involving the Republics of Georgia and Macedonia and Kenya. And we have just begun!

Our next major project?! Our new Asian Trustee, Dr. Kyoshi Ohura from Osaka, Japan, has eight nations to govern, each with very distinct cultures, customs, and languages. Will we ever be able to get these PFA Sections to gather in one place for an Asian Section Conference? Hopefully, in the not too distant future! After all, the Pierre Fauchard Academy is

Dentistry's Handclasp Around the World

Adding to this memo, I also signed over 150 PFA Diplomas and Outstanding Student Certificates this week. Speaking about writer's cramp!!!

Until next time, I can't wait to read what I write about. Be assured that it will be informative!

*Charles G. Eller, DDS, BS
President*

TOP DENTIST OF THE CENTURY AWARD TO PFA CHAIR VILLAREAL

Philippine Section Chair Dr. Boy Villareal was honored last December with the Top Dentist of the Century Award by the Philippine Dental Association during its Gawad Parangal sa Taon ng Sentenaryo held at the Rigodon Ball room of the Manila Hotel. Asian Hospital and Medical Center was recognized by the Philippine Dental Association as one of the outstanding dental centers of the century, which gives true meaning in training in leadership and professionalism in the field of government service, administrative capabilities, legislation, international relations, the academy, dental research, dental literature, community dental service, local government service, and sectorial service. Particularly honored was our own PFA Section Chairman Dr. Hermogenes Villareal for his dental leadership. Under his guidance, PFA has fulfilled many of the honor status points that achieved such high status recognition from their national dental association.

The PFA Philippine Section held their mid-year Scientific Meeting late last November at the Hyatt Hotel to sponsor a lecture by Dr. Isabel Nazal-Lopez, their country's expert in the field of clinical dermatology who presented the topic "Beauty Inside Out" sponsored by United Laboratories, Inc.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DENTISTRY PROGRAM

Kids Learn How to Take Care of their Teeth at "Give Kids a Smile" Event

More than 100 students from George Washington Elementary School and Diggs Johnson Middle School in Baltimore received free dental screenings to identify dental disease and received a fluoride sealant to help prevent cavities. The children were taught how to maintain a healthy mouth for life through the museum's signature MouthPower health education program, a hands-on exploration of how to brush and floss, how to eat healthy, and how to avoid the dangers of tobacco. This is coupled with an interactive traveling exhibit that is currently touring children's museums across the country.

The "Give the Kids a Smile" event in Baltimore is made possible by a partnership between the National Museum of Dentistry, the University of Maryland Dental School, and the Maryland State Dental Association. The project is organized by students from the University of Maryland Dental School. Transportation is made possible by the Maryland State Dental Association.

For further information consult the newly launched Museum Web site that showcases the program at www.Smile-experience.org.

2008 MVP ALBERT PUJOIS TEAMS WITH ADA TO "GIVE KIDS A SMILE"

The National League's Most Valuable Player, Albert Pujois, first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals, starred in several ADA public service spots to help promote increased access to oral health care for underserved children. On February 6, 2009, some 12,000 dentists and 32,000 dental team volunteers assisted in providing free dental services to children and to educate them about their oral health needs for the seventh year of the "Give Kids a Smile" program to serve some half million children at 1600 locations.

The Pujois Family Foundation annually sends dentists to the Dominican Republic on a week-long mission to provide dental care for children in need.

DENTAL WORLD ONLINE ...

Every year several Fellows pop over to Life membership, move out of contact, retire from their former office address to another location, or simply forget to notify the Central Office of their address change. But you can always keep up with all the dental news and functions of the Academy by reading each new issue online by going to the PFA Web site at www.Fauchard.org, and on the main page click *Dental World*. You may also download all back or missed issues and print out your own copy.

FLUORIDATION ISSUES CONTINUE

Communities in Maine, Nebraska, New York, and Wisconsin visited fluoridation at the polls last November and the results were not very heartening.

The Nebraska legislature passed a fluoridation mandate last May, but only 12 of the 60 communities approved fluoridation. Already, 70% of the State is fluoridated and the State mandate was to share the benefits with the rest of the state. But, 48 communities voted to opt out. The 12 who voted to be included represent about 30,000 more people, or a 2% gain. More work is needed to educate the rest as was noted by the Nebraska Dental Association.

In Wisconsin, the fluoridation measure passed in Holmen by 2,118 to 1,856, while voters in Prairie du Chien rejected the measure by 1,542 to 1,014. Though the community need was exemplified, it took financial help from the Wisconsin Partnership Program to mount a grassroots campaign door-to-door, health care professional support, education sessions, a letter writing campaign, and TV and radio ads. Advocates worked for three years swaying the public.

In Maine, the island community of Vinalhaven did pass their referendum to fluoridate the water supplies 423 to 320. But voters in Jackman and Moose River voted to cease fluoridation. These communities are near the Canadian border with Jackman having no dentist at all. The Maine Dental Association was very disappointed as they had sent out information in support of fluoridation and pointing out the oral health benefits for their communities.

Corning, NY, narrowly voted “to prohibit the city council from enacting legislation to fluoridate the city’s water supply.” In 2006, the city council had voted to fluoridate, but a 2007 petition drive brought the matter to a public vote. It lost 1,287 to 1,222—by 65 votes, but some 275 absentee votes remain to be counted.

This report indicates that no matter how overwhelming the evidence is for improving dental health with fluoridation, failing to educate the voters runs the risk of the public to stubbornly refuse improved oral health. Now try and get them to brush and floss!

RETURN OUR X-RAYS!

The ADA adopted Resolution 35H-2007 to call on third party payers to return radiographs. “When a dentist determines that it is appropriate to comply with a third party payer’s request for images, it is recommended that a duplicate set be submitted and that the originals be retained by the practitioner. ALL images, including duplicates, except those submitted in digital or other electronic form, and whether or not they have been requested, should be returned to the dentist for the patient’s records.”

Source: ADA: Radiographs should be returned. *ADA News*. November 17, 2008. <http://www.ada.org/prof/resources/pubs/adanews/adanewsarticle.asp?articleid=3321>. Accessed March 10, 2009.

FDI SELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FERNEY-VOLTAIRE, FRANCE – At the FDI Congress in Stockholm, Sweden, last year, Dr. David Alexander was selected to serve the FDI World Dental Federation as their new Executive Director. Ever since the loss of their former outstanding Executive Director Pre Ake, the FDI has been seeking a competent leader in the tradition so well established by Dr. Ake. The FDI is an international dental organization comprised of over 135 national dental associations and 60 other related dental organizations worldwide, including your PFA.

Dr. Alexander began by urging that ADA members become more aware of and get involved in the FDI as it reaches out globally to improve oral health for all people. He noted that, today, 80% of all dental care is provided to 20% of the population. We need to deliver oral health to the rest of the world and put emphasis on advocating for global public health.

Dr. Alexander brings to the office a strong background in general dental practice, military dentistry, public health, and knowledge of worldwide dental and the pharmaceutical industry.

One of his early assignments with the British Navy was being posted in southeastern Asia in Brunei. This country was a small, wealthy nation with a great deal of dental disease, and many of the problems he ran up against were new training situations for him. Inspired by this experience, Dr. Alexander began to pursue graduate training in dental public health at the National Naval Dental Center in Bethesda, MD. He then completed a Residency at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. He accepted a position with Block Drug Company, now owned by GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, which expanded his horizons of knowledge and experience to be able to face the daunting challenge of world dental health.

FOUNDATION CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Under the extended tax law, you can use funds from your IRA to make a lifetime charitable gift free of tax obligations if you are 70.5 or older; your gifts total \$100,000 or less each year in 2008 and 2009; you transfer funds directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA; you make the gift to a qualified charity. This includes the PFA Foundation, but excludes gifts made to charitable trusts, donor advised funds, charitable gift annuities, and supporting organizations.

Prior to the law, you would have had to report any amount taken from your IRA as taxable income. You could then take a charitable deduction for the gift, but only up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. In effect, this caused some donors to pay more in income taxes than if they did not make a gift at all.

Fortunately, now these IRA gifts can continue to be accomplished simply and without tax complications. In addition you can make the gift now while you are living and able to witness the benefits of your generosity.

For example, if individuals are over the age of 70.5 years, they have three ways of making such a contribution to the foundation: 1) a cash donation; 2) appreciated securities or other assets; or 3) transfer an IRA before the end of the year to avoid paying income tax on the amount. Consult your tax advisor for the proper way to arrange the transfer.

However, this is not considered a charitable deduction. It is simply a wash. But is a convenient and easy method for anyone to help the Foundation. Contact your IRA administrator for the form necessary for the transfer of your desired gift amount.

PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY FOUNDATION GRANT RECIPIENTS, SAN DIEGO, CALIF

By Bob Bobbitt, DDS, FPFA

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Fourteen years ago, a small group of volunteers installed a 2-chair dental clinic in a soon-to-be-demolished fellowship hall at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. Over a 4-day weekend, PVC pipe was hurriedly attached to an air compressor, a vacuum machine, a water source; an X-ray machine was carefully bolted to a wall; 2 old dental chairs and units were wheeled in on a piano dolly, spilling hydraulic fluid as we learned about such things. A dip tank in a dark room in an old Harvey chem-clave was installed and we were in business. Primarily, we concentrated on prevention and taking care of pain and infection, our patient population being children of the “working poor.” We soon realized our patients and their parents hoped for the same standard of care the rest of the community enjoyed, so we expanded our scope of services and we do comprehensive pediatric dentistry. After several years, we built a new 4-chair open-bay building with volunteer labor from the local Del Mar Rotary club—a local returned electrical engineer, a local roofing contractor, a local cement contractor, and other volunteers. Roger Kingston, DDS, FPFA, has always been available as our oral surgeon. We train and use pre-dental students from UCSD, San Marcos State, and San Diego State. Most become X-ray certified, quickly learned chairside assisting, sterilization procedures, and how to set up various trays. Most of them are being accepted into dental schools, and we hope their volunteer experience leads them to volunteer in the future, and some already have. We stress the fact that we are an ecumenical group of volunteers from all walks and persuasions.

Welcome Home Ministry

Thirteen years ago, a very charismatic minister who visits Las Colinas Women’s Prison asked if we could help her Christian women’s organization, *Welcome Home Ministry*. We agreed and began a Wednesday night schedule for these recently released women. It has been a very rewarding experience and their rehab success rate is in the 90% range, while the recidivism in the general prison population is much higher. These ladies are so appreciative and often have had years of neglect often needing extractions, flippers, and/or much restorative dentistry. We pay special attention to restoring a nice smile which makes a big difference in self-esteem, job interviews, and in their return to mainstream society. We also do extractions for other adults outside of our Welcome Home program—patients who have pain and infection.

East of San Ignacio

About this same time, Amigos de los Californios, a secular group that goes to the mountains east of San Ignacio in Baja, a 2-day drive, invited us to join forces and spend a week doing dentistry in this remote region. It soon turned into a 2-week trip

once a year with 8 trucks loaded with generators, compressors, dental units designed by John Hayes of Hayes Handpieces in Carlsbad, included high-speed handpieces with fiberoptics, high-speed vacuum, and all the supplies to do state-of-the-art dentistry with an emphasis on prevention. We recently started taking a lab technician with us to make flippers to replace the teeth we have extracted. The adults present us with some very complex situations due to years of neglect, but the kids are in good shape following our annual trips for the past 13 years. Sealants, fluoride, and education are working. While in the Sierra de San Francisco, a pediatric professor from UCSD who was in the area visiting ancient cave paintings saw our operations and asked we could visit some of the Indian groups in the area outlying Ensenada.

Dr. Bob Bobbitt is a retired member of SDCDS and has practiced in Del Mar and followed by Encinitas since 1965. He has been honored by the American Dental Association for his extraordinary efforts.

FOUNDATION NEWS

UNITED STATES

Michigan

The 2007 Foundation Scholarship Award was presented to University of Michigan School of Dentistry Student Ruchir Patel from Zambia, India. He had earned his BS degree from the University of Oklahoma in 2002 and an MS in Computer Science in 2003. His father is a general surgeon and has encouraged his son to get into the health field. Ruchir has co-authored two articles, one on children's smiling patterns and oral health and a second one on the effect of periodontal health and self perceptions. He won third prize for his work in the clinical research category at the University of Michigan 2007 Research Day Competition.

The University of Detroit–Mercy 2007 Scholarship winner was Samuel G. Blanchard from Cadillac, Michigan. He earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State and

is currently doing a Pediatric Residency at the University of Michigan. He has volunteered at the Bay Cliff Health Camp during the summers of 2006 and 2007.

The University of Michigan 2008 Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Patrick Kennedy from the Chicago suburbs. Patrick graduated from the prestigious Loyola Academy in Wilmette, earned his undergraduate degree from Amhurst College in biology, then did stem cell research at Harvard and Northwestern's Children's Hospitals before entering dental school.

UDMSD's Scholarship 2008 recipient is Matthew Moberg from Houghton, Michigan. He earned his undergraduate degree from Bethel College in St. Paul and Wayne State with a term abroad at Curtin University in Perth, Australia. Matt also was a 2007 Bay Cliff Health Camp volunteer. He has done three mission trips to Honduras for the Christian Dental Association which is currently President. He will be joining the U.S. Air Force after graduation.

SECTION NEWS

UNITED STATES

Iowa

Dr. Kathryn Kell, a general dentist from Davenport was elected as the North American Regional Organization's representative to the FDI World Dental Federation in Stockholm last fall. Dr. Kell will serve a three-year term in that position, which is equivalent to being a Trustee on the ADA Board. Dr. Kell has been honored by the Iowa PFA, served PFA as a Mentorship Chairman, served as 10th District ADA Trustee (2004–2008) and ADA Sessions & International Relations Council Chair (1998–1999). She also has served nine years on the FDI Education Committee as Chair, and has been an FDI General Assembly Delegate for four years.

Michigan

Dr. Ed Hirsch has been named as the new PFA Michigan Section Chair. He is a 1961 graduate of Farleigh Dickinson School of Dentistry, completed his General Dentistry Residency at the Darnell United States Army Hospital at Ft.

Hood, Texas, in 1973, and served as Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical Affairs at the University of Detroit–Mercy School of Dentistry. He has served as President of the Detroit District Dental Society, Chief of Dentistry at the Detroit Medical Center, former Editor of the Detroit District Dental Society, and President of the Michigan Academy of General Dentistry, as well as former Trustee of the Michigan Dental Association.

The 2007–2008 PFA Instructor of the Year Award for the University of Michigan was presented to clinical Assistant Professor Jose Vivas. Dr. Vivas earned his dental degree from Universidad Central de Venezuela in 1992, and his Certificate in Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry from the University of Michigan in 1996.

The 2007–2008 PFA Instructor of the Year Award for the University of Detroit–Mercy School of Dentistry was presented to Dr. John Molinari who received his BA from St. Vincent College, his PhD in microbiology from the University of Pittsburg School of Dental Medicine, and is currently Professor and Chairman of the University of Detroit–Mercy

2009 Calendar

23 April	MDA Annual Session PFA Luncheon Meeting	Noon, Lansing Center , Lansing, Michigan
22–23 April	Illinois Capital Conference	Hilton Hotel, Springfield, Illinois
5–11 May	31 st Asia Pacific Dental Congress	Hong Kong
7–10 May	Management Team Meeting	Hotel de Coronado, Coronado Island (San Diego), California
20–22 August	ICOI World Congress XXVI 12 th Annual IPS Symposium 12 th Congress of the Asia Pacific Section	Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, Canada
2–5 September	FDI World Congress	Singapore
11–13 September	Illinois State Dental Society Annual Session	Marriott Resort, Oak Brook, Illinois
12 September	FDI/ADA 1 st World Oral Health Day	
1–4 October	150 th Annual Session ADA Meeting	Honolulu, Hawaii
28 November–3 December	2009 Greater New York Dental Meeting	Javits Convention Center, New York City

School of Dentistry, Dept. of Biomedical Sciences. He is a well-known author, lecturer, and consultant to the ADA.

Dr. Gail Molinari also received the Award for the University of Detroit–Mercy School of Dentistry where she has taught for over a decade as an Associate Professor and Chair for the Dept. of Pediatric Dentistry. She had received her DDS and MS degrees from the Ohio State University College of Dentistry and completed a Residency Program in pediatric dentistry at Columbus Children’s Hospital.

New York

Fellow Robert J. Doherty of White Plains, NY, an oral maxillo-facial surgeon, has been elected President of the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA). Dr. Doherty will become President in 2010. He is past President of the Ninth Dental Association, member of the NYSDA Board of Governors, and ADA Trustee. Dr. Doherty is a graduate of New York University and completed his residency in surgery at Bellevue Hospital, New York University Hospital, and the Manhattan Veterans’ Administration Hospital. He is a Fellow in PFA, ICD, ADI, and ACD New York State Chairman. He received the 2007 NYSDA Distinguished Service Award.

Wisconsin

Three hundred fifty Wisconsin dentists with 648 dental team members and students donated an estimated \$622,000 in supplies and man-hours to serve some 5,500 needy children. Nationwide the estimate is 12,100 dentists joined

32,000 volunteers to provide dental services to 450,000 children at 1,665 “Give Kids a Smile” programs this year. The Wisconsin Dental Association worked with member dentists, the state’s Department of Health Services, local government agencies, public schools, Head Start, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other youth groups to provide needed dental services to low-income children. Significant corporate donations came from Colgate-Palmolive, Henry Schein Dental, and DEXIS Digital X-Ray.

The Surgeon General recognizes oral health as an integral part of a person’s total health with the individual dentist being the primary oral health care provider. Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease affecting American children—five times more common than asthma. The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research reports that 80% of tooth decay is diagnosed in just 25% of mostly low-income families. Moderate tooth decay during childhood restricts physical development, decreases the ability to learn, and requires frequent emergency room visits and hospitalization. A 2005 report of the Children’s Dental Health Project stated that children who have their first dental exam by age 1 are less likely to have emergency hospital visits; five-year-olds who have their dental visit by age 1 had oral health-related costs at 50% of peers who do not see a dentist until age 5.

“Charity alone is NOT a sufficient health care delivery system.” stated WDA President Dr. H. Michael Kaske of Twin Lakes.

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