Dear Officers, Trustees, and Fellows,

It is with great pride and honor that I accept the presidency of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The journey to the presidency has been filled with much personal satisfaction but would not have been achieved if not for the support and efforts of many people who graciously took it upon themselves to mentor and guide me to the pinnacle of the Academy’s political wing.

I must first congratulate my predecessor, Dr. Hubert Ouvrard, for his year as the Academy’s president. Thanks to him, our 75th year will be considered one of the most historic chapters in the annals of the PFA. He led our organization with dignity and grace.

I would like to extend a special “thank you” to Drs. Englander, Eller, Hedlund, Brophy, and Kozal (RIP), who took an early interest in my participation with the Academy and offered invaluable assistance in preparing me to take on the role of President. I could never forget to tip my hat to Mrs. Judith Kozal, whose work and dedication to the Academy has endeared her to Fellows across the globe and who has become a very special personal friend.

Last but not least, I give heartfelt gratitude to Drs. Virginia Merchant and Malcolm David Campbell, who introduced me to the marvelous world of the Pierre Fauchard Academy by sponsoring my Fellowship and leading me to the first stepping stones to my present office.

We, the Academy, are at an important crossroads. We must evaluate demographics and trends to develop a viable blueprint lest we become an artifact. Although our mission statement is as valid today as the day it was written, the way in which society in general and dentistry in particular have evolved have mandated a re-evaluation of the Academy’s structure. Changes MAY need to take place. In accordance with this mandate, committees have been created to investigate the viability of what is now in place. These committees will report their findings to the Executive Board, and from these findings a plan of action may or may not be made. Outcome-orientated decisions and tasks are the duty of diligent governance.

As your Executive Board, Trustees, and Central Office ponder the mechanics of the PFA, remain assured that you hold Fellowship in the greatest honor society in the profession of dentistry. Eight thousand Fellows in 119 countries are dedicated to education, research, philanthropy, and mentorship. Although I am very proud to be your President, there is no greater pride than being a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

—Dr. Joseph C. Harris
President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy
From the Desk of the President-Elect

Dr. Ernesto Acuña

Upon the occasion of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of our Academy last year, in my position as Vice President, I had the privilege to participate in three significant events, including the Board Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The first event was in Paris, France, the land of Pierre Fauchard. Coincidence or not, at 75 years after the Academy was founded, the organizer of this event was our Immediate Past President and dear friend Dr. Hubert Ouvrard, who himself is from France and brought about a fine celebration that was attended by a good number of colleagues from different parts of the world.

In September, together with our Mexico Section Chair Dr. Federico Perez Diez, we organized a special ceremony in which 20 new Fellows were inducted, along with two honorary members. The Minister of Health, Dr. Jose Angel Cordova, was recognized with a Distinguished Service Award, and a Special Appreciation Award was given in memory of the past President of Mexico, Mr. Miguel Aleman Valdes. Mr. Daniel Parfait, Ambassador of France in Mexico, was given special recognition as host of the event (see the article later in this issue on page 6).

Last October in Las Vegas, Nevada, many Fellows attended the opening ceremony of the 152nd Annual Session of the ADA, where the ADA President, Dr. Raymond Gist, recognized the 75th Anniversary of the PFA. During our meetings and social functions, I had the opportunity to strengthen friendships with my colleagues, members of the Board, and the Foundation.

Finally, I extend our appreciation to my good friend Hubert Ouvrard for his dedication during his term in 2011 as President of our beloved Academy.

—Dr. Ernesto Acuña
President-Elect of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

From the Desk of the Vice President

Dr. Daniel Castagna

Last October in Las Vegas during the Pierre Fauchard Academy’s Board of Trustees Meeting, I was honored by election to serve as Academy’s 2011-2012 Vice President. I am excited as our Academy continues to celebrate its 75th year.

The PFA mission lives in our Academy’s current officers: President Joe Harris, President-Elect Ernesto Acuña, Immediate Past President Hubert Ouvrard, and our long-standing Executive Director Judith Kozal. In addition, my successor, Dr. Barry Feder, the new Western Region 5 USA Trustee, will continue to foster growth and activities.

I am grateful to the officers and the Board for trusting me to help guide the Academy’s future. I believe my 11 years as the Northern California Section Chairperson, combined with 4 years as the Western Region 5 USA Trustee, have prepared me to fulfill my Vice Presidential duties to the Executive Committee,
Board of Trustees, and Fellows worldwide.

As per the Academy’s bylaws, the Vice Presidential duties include assisting the President and President-Elect as requested; serving as President-Elect if needed; serving on Executive, Budget, and Finance Committees; and being Parliamentarian at the Board of Trustees meetings.

One additional primary duty is being the Awards Committee Chairperson. This Committee oversees the Pierre Fauchard Academy Awards in Dentistry, which includes the following Awards:

**Pierre Fauchard Academy Gold Medal:** The Gold Medal is awarded annually to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the progress and standing of the dental profession. The recipient is nominated by the Committee of Past Gold Medal Recipients and is approved by the Board of Trustees. The medal is presented at the PFA Awards Luncheon.

**Elmer S. Best Memorial:** This award was established in 1962 and named in memory of the Academy’s founder. It is awarded when the Board of Trustees deems it proper and is given to only one recipient per year. Recipients must be dental professionals from outside the United States who have made distinguished contributions of international significance to dentistry. This award is presented at a time and place agreeable to the recipient.

**Honorary Fellowship:** Honorary Fellowship is reserved for persons who have made valuable contributions to the advancement of the Art and Science of Dentistry or to the Academy. Upon nomination, Honorary Fellowship may be bestowed only with the Board of Trustees’ approval. All past recipients of the Pierre Fauchard Gold Medal and the Elmer S. Best Memorial Award are Honorary Fellows.

**Dental Industry Award of Recognition:** This award honors an outstanding leader in industry for contributions to dentistry. The Awards Committee nominates the recipient and the Board of Trustees approves the nomination; one award per year is allowed. The President (or his designee) presents this award at a place and time agreeable to the recipient.

**PFA Certificate of Merit:** This certificate is presented by any International Section to a dentist in recognition of a worthy effort on behalf the profession or the Academy.

**PFA Student Undergraduate Certificate of Merit:** This certificate is presented to dental students for outstanding contributions to the dental profession. Dental school deans select the student’s contributions to the dental literature. Dental school deans select the recipients, and local Section Chairpersons are encouraged to participate in the award presentation.

**President’s Award:** The Presidential Award of Excellence is selected and presented by the President at a time and place of the President’s choosing.

**Past President’s Award:** This award is presented to outgoing Trustees in recognition of service.

**Distinguished Dentist Award:** This award is presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to dentistry and dedicated service to the profession; one award per year is allowed. The President (or his designee) presents this award at a place and time agreeable to the recipient.

**Past Trustees Award:** This award is presented to outgoing Trustees in recognition of service years on the Board of Trustees.

**Special Appreciation Award:** This award is presented to a non-dentist administrative person who helps further that Section’s objectives and/or the profession.

**Section Chairpersons Plaque Award:** This award is presented to outgoing Chairpersons for their Academy service.

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Dear Officers, Trustees, and Fellows,

Now that I am back home in Paris after the Las Vegas Meeting, I miss you all and am sad to no longer be your PFA President. It has been a wonderful year for me and, I hope, for our Academy as well, with a culminating point in Paris in June for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the 250th Anniversary of Pierre Fauchard’s death. I would like to thank all those who came to Paris for this event from 15 different countries, which shows that we are a great family all over the world.

It is my great pleasure to know that the Pierre Fauchard Academy is in the good hands of two friends whom I have grown to appreciate during the past year: President Dr. Joseph C. Harris and President-Elect Dr. Ernesto Acuña. I did not have the opportunity to know Dr. Dan Castagna well, but he showed his qualities as a leader when he was Region 5 Trustee, and I am sure he will be an excellent Vice President. If they need my advice, I will be proud to give them.

Now that I am retired as PFA President, I wonder what more the Academy could do for others, and I found the answer—even if it is only my answer. Recently Pope Benedict XVI organized a meeting with the most representative...
people of the different religions in the world. Meeting in Italy where more than 300 Catholics, Protestants, Anglicans, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, and persons from other religions; even two agnostics were present. They were from different countries and had different colors of skin and different ways of thinking, but all of them discussed together the possibility of having more peace in the world, and above all never killing any more in the name of God.

In the same way, PFA Fellows—who belong to many different countries and religions—could establish a long chain of friendship around the world and contribute in the facts, and by their example, to have more peace inside for humankind.

This is my wish, and I hope it will be yours, especially during this period at the end of one year and the start of a new year, which is so important for so many people.

—DR. HUBERT OUVRARD
Immediate Past President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

Dear Officers, Trustees, Section Chairs, and PFA Fellows,

I sincerely hope all of you had blessed, peaceful, and happy holidays and are ready to continue the work of maintaining and growing our ever-prestigious Academy with a renewed spirit, energy, and unwavering efforts. Now that we have completed our 75th Anniversary year and its celebrations, I once again want to thank our debonair French President, Dr. Hubert Ouvrard, who represented our Academy with charm, led us with strength and resolve, and shared his wonderful sense of humor with us. Having a French President for this special year was not planned, but it could not have turned out better. Dr. Ouvrard was truly the President we needed for this milestone in the life of the Academy. I am honored to have been the Executive Director during his year, but even more honored to be his friend. I wish him and his beautiful wife, Christine, all the best of all good things in their future life, and I know his presence on the PFA Foundation Board will be an excellent influence.

I welcome our new President, Dr. Joseph Harris, and want to say how much I look forward to working with him this year, which will be my last as Executive Director. Dr. Joe, as President during this year of “transition,” will have a great responsibility to ensure that the new Director and Central Office is well prepared to continue the important tasks required to make the Academy run smoothly in all ways, be it the day-to-day business of paying the bills, processing new Fellows, planning PFA meetings, and helping the President, Officers, Trustees, and especially the many Section Chairs to accomplish their duties.

Because I have dedicated a very large part of my life to PFA for many years both with my husband Richard and on my own since he passed away, I am totally committed to working with President Harris, the Board, and our Web Manager and Editor Mark Stanley to make the transition (and all the challenges it will bring) easy for everyone concerned. Any major change is difficult, especially when the change comes after many years of doing things a certain way, knowing what to expect from someone and relying on that person, and also knowing what is expected from yourself. We all feel comfortable with the familiar and are uneasy with anything unfamiliar; however, what is new is exciting and an adventure. I firmly believe our PFA family is up to and ready for a new adventure and any challenge!

To start this new year, my staff and I will work closely with our Web Manager to bring to the Web site everything the Officers, Trustees, Section Chairs, and even the PFA Fellows now rely on the Central Office to provide. Easy to access forms, memos, procedures, reports, lists, and mailing labels, which are now requested from the Central Office, will be provided on the Web site so everyone, especially the Section Chairs, can download and print them for use in recruiting, submitting nominees, and installing new fellows. In addition, member information will be able to be updated in or on the virtual data base so a continually updated membership roster is available at all times.

Of course, instructions on how to access and make use of this available and necessary information will be required, but with a little cooperation and a “can do” attitude on the part of everyone, this will become an important tool that will make the duties of the Section Chairs, Trustees, Officers, and Fellows much easier, without the need to wait for the Central Office to fill your request. Taking care of “my” Section Chairs has always been the number one priority of my many duties for the PFA, and it has been my sincere pleasure to do so. However, now that the Academy has grown from a few hundred “members in a shoe box” to almost 8000 “Fellows in a database,” the personal touch is not always possible anymore. However, I want all the Chairs to know how much I admire you for doing the never-ending job of recruiting new fellows for PFA. You are the most important part of PFA because without a good leader at the head of a State/Section, there is no Academy. A good Chair recruits, holds an installation ceremony to induct the nominees as new Fellows, and gives the existing Fellows reports of activities in their section...in other words, gives them something to look forward to in addition to paying their annual dues and getting a great Dental Abstracts journal!

The same goes for the Trustee at the head of the Region in which the Section/State exists. It’s up to each of the Trustees of our ten regions to guide and encourage each and every one of their Chairs. This is your responsibility and your duty. The Trustee is the one who attends the local meetings, installation ceremonies, and even other organizations’ functions. You represent PFA and have the opportunity to connect and

From the Desk of the
Academy Executive Director

Judith D. Kozal

This is my wish, and I hope it will be yours, especially during this period at the end of one year and the start of a new year, which is so important for so many people.

—DR. HUBERT OUVRARD
Immediate Past President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy
Inspire new Fellows, which in turn will inspire and encourage the Section Chairs in your care.

Our Academy has the potential to be the “best of the best.” We are unique in that we are not just an organization but a family. No matter what changes may come this year and in the years to come, we must remember this! By working together to stay strong, we will be able to face any challenge.

In the months ahead, please check our Web site frequently to see and learn about all the new features that will become available. All meeting updates will be posted at the appropriate time on the Web site, and information also will be included in the Dental World newsletter, which is published four times a year inside our bi-monthly Dental Abstracts print journal.

This year is filled with possibilities; you can make a difference every day. Here’s to an exciting and wonderful New Year.

—Judith D. Kozal
Executive Director of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

From the Desk of the Editor

The Dental World Office thanks all the officers for their hard work during the last few years and congratulates each one as they move into their next role of responsibility within the Academy. Last year, PFA President Hubert Ouvrard and PFA Vice President Dr. Ernesto Acuña proudly hosted 75th Anniversary celebrations in their countries, and our own Executive Director Judith Kozal hosted the Annual Meeting in her home state of Nevada. Special thanks go to Past President Steven Hedlund (2009-2010) for his wise guidance and dedicated support during the past 5 years; we wish him well in his continued role as a Foundation Trustee, where he will be joined by our new Immediate Past President Hubert Ouvrard. We also welcome Dr. Daniel Castagna to his new office as PFA Vice President for 2012. It has been wonderful to meet and work with Dental Abstracts journal Editor-In-Chief Dr. Douglas B. Berkey, who continues to ensure that its content is relevant and up to date. Last but not least, our talented new PFA President Joseph C. Harris is an amazing twenty-first century leader who easily keeps in contact with the Board using his smart phone and connects with Board members worldwide using the low-cost Skype video calling service via his computer and iPad.

This year brings with it the wonderful challenge and opportunity to integrate both print and electronic media to carry to message of PFA’s mission and activities around the world. The digital era has arrived, and PFA is well positioned to take advantages of new methods of communication and collaboration and explore new media and social networking. One example of this new potential is that in November 2011, a special Web link was created behind the scenes between Elsevier’s Dental Abstracts Web site and the PFA Web site that allows Fellows to log in at Fauchard.org, and then link securely via Member Services to the DentalAbstracts.com Web site. This link allows each Fellow to enjoy instant full online access to the current and recent past issues of Dental Abstracts without any additional complicated log-ins. One of the best features is that you now can search for your topics of interest across all the issues of Dental Abstracts and more effectively keep abreast of research being done in the dynamic fields of medicine, complete health approaches, and preventive oral health. Thanks to the support of our new Honorary Fellow Jane Ryley, this special link was programmed by Elsevier staff members to make full text access to Dental Abstracts just one click away for Fellows. Log in to Member Services and try it yourself!

The PFA Membership Directory is another example of how a printed version of a resource has been replaced by an online directory. This change allows Fellows to quickly find postal addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of other Fellows, Section Chairs, and Board members. If you use a mobile device you can look up this type of information online whoever you are and in whatever time zone you are in. When your e-mail address changes, you can log in and update your own e-mail address. Section Chairs also can log in and get e-mail lists and rosters for their section Fellows and keep phone numbers and e-mail addresses up to date for the entire Section. They can even download the data for their Section and print their own mailing labels, or do a mail merge. Just call or e-mail the Dental World office if you need to some guidance using these new features, or call your Section Chair or Regional Trustee for assistance. We hope these tools will make it easier for Chairs to keep in regular contact with Fellows and get together for local events.

USA Fellows can again pay their 2012 dues online after they log in to the Web site, and this year Life Fellows can not only donate to Academy education programs but also choose to continue their annual subscriptions to Dental Abstracts for $55/year, as many are proud of the profession’s continued growth and wish to keep abreast of PFA activities via the printed edition of Dental World inside.

Last year more than 135 USA Fellows with e-mail addresses chose to pay their dues online and donate to the Academy, and we expect that number to grow this year as more people become comfortable making purchases and paying bills online. If you do pay online, remember to ensure that the ZIP code you enter matches the billing address ZIP code of the credit card you are using to pay your dues. Also enter the security identifier (3 or 4 digit code) that most credit card companies have printed on each card.

Please let the Dental World office know what your Section has been doing and when your next local event is scheduled. In each issue we try to highlight Scholarship recipients, list the names of each new inductee, and print photos of
your gatherings, ceremonies, and awards received.

This new year will be filled with adventure and change. I have been very proud to be part of the continual evolution of the Academy and Foundation since I first built and launched an early version of the Fauchard.org Web site for Dr. Richard Kozal in 1998. If you have questions or comments, please call the Dental World office at 612/567-7355, or e-mail us at editor@fauchard.org.

PFA 75th Anniversary Celebration in Mexico City, Mexico

In the spirit of celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the founding of our Academy, on September 13, 2011, a special ceremony was held in Mexico City with the support of the Ambassador of France, Mr. Daniel M. Parfait, in the residence of the French Embassy.

In this ceremony, a special Distinguished Service Award was given to the Minister of Health, Dr. Jose Angel Cordova, for his immediate action with the H1N1 virus and his active programs in favor of the Mexican population. A Special Appreciation Award was given in memory of Mr. Miguel Aleman Valdes, President of Mexico from 1946-1952, for his support of Mexican Dentistry. In addition, Special Gratitude Award was given to Ambassador Parfait for his generous hospitality. Twenty new PFA Fellows were inducted, along with two honorary members who were recognized for their support to the Mexico Section.

The ceremony was presided over by PFA President Hubert Ouvrard, PFA President-Elect Joseph C. Harris, Vice President Ernesto Acuña, and PFA Mexico Section Chair Dr. Federico Perez Diez. One hundred forty guests attended, and a wonderful reception was held at the completion of the event.

—2011 PFA Vice President Ernesto Acuña

New PFA Fellows inducted during the Mexico City ceremony with officers of the Academy.
The 2011 Pierre Fauchard Academy Annual Meeting took place at the beautiful Four Seasons Hotel near Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, Nevada. Highlights of the meeting were celebrating the 75th Anniversary of PFA, the ADA Opening Session, the Annual Awards Ceremony, the President’s Reception, and the Dinner Party on the last day. Both the Academy and the Foundation held business meetings during which many tasks were accomplished. The Grants Committee of the Foundation made the final decisions for 2011 grant recipients. The Section Chairs attended a productive Section Caucus to discuss ideas and learn more about the Foundation application process for PFA Sections to receive funding for Grant projects. New Officers were sworn in and new Fellows were inducted into the Academy. We hope that many of you will be able to attend the next Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California in October 2012.
Annual Business Meeting

The 2011 Board Meeting opened with an invocation by Region 10 Trustee Dr. Michael Schafhauser. The meeting minutes from the 2010 meeting were approved and Dr. Daniel Castagna from California was voted in as the new Vice President for 2012. The passing in the last year of three important Fellows who all served as PFA Past Presidents were noted: Dr. Leo Bongers, Dr. George Higué, and Dr. C.F. Larry Barrett.

Officers gave updates to their reports, which were printed in the Meeting Booklet. Executive Director Judith Kozal presented her research into the feasibility of adding of State/Section dues as an option for Section Chairs in the 2013 national dues payment statements that are mailed out from the Central Office. She also updated the Board on current membership status worldwide and Dental Abstracts subscriptions. Motions were passed to hire a firm to perform the search for a new PFA Executive Director and also hopefully to locate the next Central Office in the Chicago, Illinois, area. PFA Accountant Dan Jonker presented a report on the current financial situation and the projected budget for next year.

Everyone noted that the PFA 75th Anniversary events and unveiling of the newly installed Hall of Fame were all very successful. Ms. Jennifer Teale, Executive Director of the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, made a presentation about Foundation activities and plans; Foundation President James Long also was in attendance. The next 2012 Annual Board Meeting will be held in San Francisco, California.

PFA Section Chair Caucus Meeting

Las Vegas, Nevada, October 9, 2011

In conjunction with the Pierre Fauchard Academy’s Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Academy held the Section Chair Caucus Meeting on October 9, with more than 30 participants. The following Section Chairs attended from different regions: Dr. Christiaan Colpaert, Belgium Section; Dr. Laurie Moeller, Louisiana Section; Dr. Amarilis Jacobo, New York Section; Dr. Matt Edmund Cohlmia, Oklahoma Section; Dr. Richard O. Petty, Utah Section; Dr. Robin Reich, Georgia Section; Dr. Cynthia Bolton, North Carolina Section; Dr. Aldo Bocca, Canada, Ontario, Section; Dr. Bruce Ward, Canada, British Columbia, Section; Dr. Ashur Chavoor, Washington, DC, Section; Dr. Barry Feder, former Washington State Chair and new Region 5 Trustee; and Dr. Terry Brewick, Colorado Section. The overall Caucus Meeting was coordinated by Vice President Dr. Ernesto Acuña.

The session started with a slide presentation by Dr. Acuña on the history of the Academy. It was followed by a presentation by Ms. Jennifer Teale, Executive Director of the PFA Foundation, which clarified the PFA Section application process for Foundation grants. Next a review
of new Web site Member Services features was provided by Mr. Mark Stanley, PFA Dental World Editor and Web Site Manager. Dr. Keishi Matsumoto, Japan Section Chair, later gave a brief report on activities in his Section. Dr. Terry Brewick, Colorado Section Chair, served as facilitator and moderator to lead the Caucus session’s open discussion format, where Chairs were able to bring up topics of importance to their Sections and Regions and share insights. Some proposed suggestions were adding the collection of state dues to the national dues statements, providing an electronic version of the Leadership Manual online along with supporting documents and templates, and adding an online Web blog that Fellows can use to share ideas and discuss topics of importance.

PFA Officers and Trustees from different Regions were also present, including Dr. Hubert Ouvrard, President; Dr. Joe Harris, President-Elect; Dr. Steve Hedlund, Immediate Past President; Dr. José Dahan, Region 1; Dr. Lynne Halik, Region 2; Dr. Karyn Stockwell, Region 3; Dr. Cheri Newman, Region 4; Dr. Dan Castagna, Region 5; Dr. Tom Breneman, Region 6; Dr. Omar Campos, Region 7; Dr. Mark Sinclair, Region 8; Dr. Kiyoshi Ohura, Region 9; Dr. Mike Schaffhauser, Region 10; Mrs. Judith Koziel, Executive Director; and Dan Jonkers, PFA Accountant.

Representing the PFA Foundation were the Foundation President Dr. James Long and Foundation Executive Director Ms. Jennifer Teale. Also present were Foundation Board members Dr. Kevin Roach, Dr. Gary Lowder, Dr. Howard Mark, Dr. Charles Eller, Dr. James Englander, and Dr. Malcom David Campbell.

—PFA Vice President Ernesto Acula

Planning for the 2012 Section Chair Caucus

The Section Caucus in San Francisco 2012 will have a new look and feel. Preparations are underway to ensure the Caucus will be both informative and enjoyable. Hopefully the Caucus will be scheduled following the Awards Luncheon when there is a free afternoon for anyone who is an ADA delegate. Scheduling of the Caucus has been problematic in the past in that there were conflicts with ACD, ICD, or ADA events. Such conflicts will not occur in San Francisco. I am in the process of developing a committee composed of Section Chairs internationally to determine everyone’s concerns and to set an agenda for next year’s Section Caucus. The committee will first construct a survey that will be sent to all Section Chairs of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Once the surveys
are returned they will be reviewed and concerns will be outlined. It is hoped that many of the concerns can be addressed before the Annual Meeting. As of the writing of this article, I have seven enthusiastic Section Chairs who have agreed to serve on this committee. In the interest of fairness, I am not publishing the names of the full committee in this article because I want to extend the opportunity for all Section Chairs to participate, and I have not had the opportunity to contact everyone yet. The full committee will be posted in the March/April issue of Dental World.

—Colorado Section Chair Terry L. Brewick, DDS

PFA 75th Anniversary Honored at the ADA Opening Session

On the morning of October 10, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada, the PFA’s 75th Anniversary was recognized at the ADA Opening Session. Forty Fellows and friends of the Pierre Fauchard Academy were invited to attend the opening session as guests and were seated in a reserved section in the front row. The PFA logo was displayed on the big screen as the ADA President spoke about the unique contributions of this dental honor society, and all the PFA Fellows stood before the assembled ADA attendees and were in the spotlight to be seen by all. Thanks to Colorado Section Chair Terry Brewick, who helped bring about this special event for the Fellows. Those who attended enjoyed the entertainment provided, and the highlight of the morning was a presentation and interview with the ADA Keynote Speaker Dr. Condoleezza Rice, who was 66th United States Secretary of State under President George W. Bush. Dr. Rice is now a faculty member of the Stanford Graduate School of Business and a director of its Global Center for Business and the Economy. What a great way to celebrate PFA’s 75th Anniversary.

Awards Luncheon in Las Vegas

The 75th Anniversary of the Pierre Fauchard Academy (1936-2011) was celebrated at the Annual PFA Awards Luncheon on Monday, October 10, 2011, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, with 2011 Vice President Ernesto Acuña presiding. As they arrived, attendees were treated to an ongoing visual slide show set to music that showed PFA Fellows from around the world at 75th Anniversary celebrations and at gatherings in their local areas.

After the opening greeting by President Hubert Ouvrard, a fine meal was shared by all the Officers and Trustees of the Academy, the Section Chairs, PFA Fellows, and international...
guests. Two new Fellows were inducted into the PFA Arizona section: Dr. Vijay P. Parashar, an oral and maxillofacial radiologist and an Associate Professor at Midwestern University, Glendale, Arizona, and Dr. Robert D. Carpenter, Assistant Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Midwestern University, Glendale campus.

Dr. Patrick Missika from France; and
the Presidential Award was given to
Dr. Euneniusz Spiechowicz from Poland.

A final award was presented by the Foundation to honor the memory of PFA Fellow Dr. Thomas Grams. The Special PFA Foundation Humanitarian Award was received by Dr. Hubert Ouvrard in absentia for the family of Dr. Grams, who could not attend the Awards Luncheon.

At the end of the luncheon, the officers for 2011-2012 were installed: Dr. Joseph C. Harris, President; Dr. Ernesto Acuña, President-Elect; and Dr. Daniel Castagna, Vice President. Dr. Barry Feder of the PFA Washington Section was sworn in as the new Region 5 Trustee. Dr. Francisco Omar Campos of the PFA Chile Section was sworn in as the new Region 7 Trustee. A plaque and pin were presented to the Immediate Past President Dr. Hubert Ouvrard by newly installed President Dr. Joseph C. Harris.

—Dr. Ernesto Acuña, 2012 PFA President-Elect
PFA 2011 Awards Recipients

75th Pierre Fauchard Academy Gold Medal

Jed J. Jacobson, DDS, MS, MPH
Chief Science Officer and Senior Vice President, Professional Services; Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana

Dr. Jed J. Jacobson is Chief Science Officer and Senior Vice President of Professional Services of Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. In this position, Dr. Jacobson oversees the administration of Professional Review and Professional Relations and directs Delta Dental’s Research and Data Institute, which is dedicated to the application of scientific evidence to improve dental plan design. Dr. Jacobson is an expert in dental research whose areas of focus include the linkage between oral and systemic health and the cost-effectiveness of dental services. Before joining Delta Dental in 2001, Dr. Jacobson was an Associate Professor, Assistant Dean for Community and Outreach Programs, and Interim Chair of Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, and Oral Oncology at The University of Michigan School of Dentistry. He also served The University of Michigan School of Dentistry in a variety of academic appointments. He believes that with one small gesture, you can change your life and the lives of others for the better!

Dr. Jacobson has been selected by the American Dental Association (ADA) to serve as a course coordinator and instructor for the ADA’s 5-year continuing education program for dentists, which is aimed at increasing their role in the prevention and detection of oral cancer. He serves as a member of the Industry Advisory Board of the Journal of the American Dental Association. Dr. Jacobson is also a member of the American and International Associations of Dental Research, the American Dental Association, the Washtenaw District Dental Society, the American College of Dentists, and the International College of Dentists. He serves as an advisor (the voice of oral health) to the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease. Dr. Jacobson was appointed in 2005 as an Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor and a member of the Dean’s Faculty at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

Dr. Jacobson earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan Technological University, a DDS degree from The University of Michigan, a master’s degree (MS) in oral diagnosis radiology from The University of Michigan, and a master’s degree (MPH) in health service administration from the University of California, Los Angeles. He operated general dentistry practices in Livonia and Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Elmer S. Best Memorial Award

Dr. José Font-Buxó
Madrid, Spain

Born in Valencia, Spain, on March 11, 1933, Dr. Font-Buxó is a third-generation dentist, with seven dentists in his family. He has a long list of degrees and accomplishments, including an MD from Valencia University in 1956, a DMD from Madrid University in 1958, and a Restorative Dentistry Specialist designation from Tufts University, Boston, in 1960, along with eight awards, the publication of 70 articles, the dictation of 35 courses, the presentation of 80 lectures, and the simultaneous translation from English to Spanish of 62 postgraduate courses. He is a consultant to seven professional journals.


Dr. José Font-Buxó received the Elmer Best Award in person at the PFA 75th Anniversary Celebration on June 16, 2011, in Paris, France.

Dental Trade & Industry Award

Julie Charlestein
Premier Dental Products Company

Premier Dental Products Company develops and manufactures innovative materials, instrumentation, and products to meet the needs of the dental, hygiene, and medical communities. Family owned and operated for nearly 100 years, Premier has delivered many prominent brands to the global marketplace, including RC-Prep, Triple Tray, Enamel Pro, and Traxodent.

Premier was founded by Julius Charlestein, and in 1965 his son Morton (Mr. M.) took over the Presidency. In 2011, at 95 years of age, Mr. M. passed away. His personal and affable manner won the hearts of all who knew him,
and his vast experience had made him a leader in the industry and a role model for community involvement.

Premier’s philosophy of cultivating and actualizing novel products to be brought through the dealer network is largely driven by Mr. M.’s legacy. Premier and its talented team, led by third- and fourth-generation family members Gary and Julie Charlestein, continue to pioneer inventive products and technologies for better oral health.

Certificate of Merit Award

Professor Patrick Missika
Paris 7 University Dental School, France

Dr. Patrick Missika graduated in 1971 from Paris 7 University Dental School. In 1972 he earned a certificate of Anthropology, and in 1973 he earned a Certificate of Oral Surgery. His doctoral thesis in 1975 was on vitreous carbon implants. Since 1971 he has taught at Paris 7 University Dental School. He became an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Oral Surgery Department in 1976 and Professor in 1982. He created the first postgraduate program in implantology in France in 1984.

Dr. Missika is currently Director of the Postgraduate Program in Implantology, Surgery, and Prosthetics, Head of the Implantology Department, and Vice Dean of the Paris 7 University Dental School in charge of the continuing education program and communication. He also serves in a variety of capacities as Clinical Professor at Paris 7 University Dental School, Director of the Implant Postgraduate Program, Oral Surgeon of Paris Hospital, Associate Professor of Tufts University, Boston, USA, and Law Expert for the Paris Law Court and National Law Supreme Court.

Dr. Missika is a member of many scientific associations such as the Société Odontologique of Paris, the French Dental Association, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He was Scientific President of the French Dental Association in 1999. He is the founder and President of the French Association of Implantology and President of the Law Experts of France. Since 2009, he has been Director of Entretiens de Garancière, a main scientific meeting.

Dr. Missika is the author of 12 books and more than 500 communications and publications. His most recent publications are Bone Augmentation in Oral Implantology in collaboration with Fouad Khoury and Hadi Antoun for Quintessence International (in English) and Keys of Success in Implantology in collaboration with Marc Bert, CDP Editor.

Presidential Award

Professor Eugeniusz Spiechowicz

Professor Eugeniusz Spiechowicz was born on June 10, 1929, in Marki, near Warsaw. He was a Boy Scout in Grey Ranks (Polish: Szare Szeregi), a code name for the underground Polish Scouting Association during World War II and a soldier for Home Army (Polish: Armia Krajowa).

He studied dentistry at the Medical Academy in Warsaw (now called the Medical University of Warsaw). He graduated in 1952. In 1963 he obtained a doctoral degree in Medical Sciences, and in 1968 he obtained his Polish Habilitation degree. In 1975 he obtained the title of Associate Professor, and in 1984 became a Professor.

From 1970 to 1973 Professor Spiechowicz was the director of the Institute of Dental Propedeutics and Prophylaxis. For 27 years, from 1973 to 1999, he was the Director of the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry at the Dental Institute of the Medical Academy in Warsaw.

As a Visiting Professor, he gave lectures and seminars in academic centers in Amsterdam, Bagdad, Arhus, Budapest, Erfurt, Frankfurt, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Kuopio, Lipsk, London, Mainz, Malmo, Munster, New York, Portland, Quebec, and Tilbingen.

He was the Vice-Rector of the Medical Academy in Warsaw and the President of the National Board for Prosthetic Dentistry. Professor Spiechowicz also was a member of the Board of the Scientific Council of the Ministry of Health and a World Health Organization expert; the Dental Prosthetics Society of the German Democratic Republic; and the Dental Prosthetics Society of the Federal Republic of Germany. Since 1975 he has been the editor-in-chief of Dental Prosthetics magazine.

Professor Spiechowicz is a Member of the Polish Stomatological Association (Vice President for four terms of office), the British Society for the Study of Prosthetic Dentistry, and the European Prostodontic Association (Co-founder and President). Professor Spiechowicz is also an Honorary Member of scientific associations in Poland, including the Polish Stomatological Association, the National Association of Oral Implantology, and OSIS. Abroad he belongs to the European Prosthodontic Association (EPA), the German Society for Dental Prosthetics and Technology, and the Slovenian Dental Association.

The Professor’s scientific and journalistic achievements include 230 works published in national and foreign magazines, 16 textbooks, several monographs and didactic films, and eight research projects for Medical Academy in Warsaw, KBN (State Committee for Scientific Research) and the Ministry of Health. He has Tempus Phare Participation in more than 300 conferences, symposia, and congresses of Polish and foreign
scientific associations, was a promoter of 15 dissertations, a supervisor of two habilitations, performed 23 reviews of dissertations, habilitations, and professorial theses, and received 27 awards for scientific and didactic activity.

In addition, he has received 15 State decorations, including the Gold Cross of Merit. In 1999 he was granted the Knight’s Cross and Officer’s Cross in the Order of Rebirth of Poland, and in 2011 he was awarded the Commander’s Cross of the Order of Rebirth of Poland, one of Poland’s highest Orders.

In the years 1991-2003, Professor Spiechowicz was Vice-Chair of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Poland Section (the Section was created in 1991). From 2003 until now he has been the Section’s Chair.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of his work in the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry at the Dental Institute of the Medical Academy in Warsaw, now called the Medical University of Warsaw.

Professor Eugeniusz Spiechowicz was recognized for the Presidential Award at the PFA 75th Anniversary celebration on June 16, 2011, in Paris, France.

Honorary Fellowship Award

Jane Ryley, Senior Publisher
Mosby Inc. (Elsevier)

Jane Ryley, a native of Canada, has more than 33 years of experience in the publishing profession, working in the areas of sales, editorial, marketing, advertising, and administration. Her portfolio at Elsevier consists exclusively of dental journals, which allows her to completely focus on the specialties contained within the profession. Several of the journals for which she is responsible are Dental Abstracts, the Journal of Endodontics, the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry and Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology, and Endodontology.

Special Appreciation Award

Christian S. Stohler, DMD, DrMedDent
Dean, University of Maryland School of Dentistry

Dr. Christian S. Stohler

Dean Christian S. Stohler, DMD, has led the University of Maryland School of Dentistry since 2003. During his tenure, Dr. Stohler has enhanced the curriculum, expanded the school’s global presence, and cut the ribbon on state-of-the-art dental facilities in Baltimore and Perryville, MD.

A recognized clinician and researcher, he received his Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree from the University of Bern, Switzerland, in 1974 and earned his Doctor of Medical Dentistry (DrMedDent) from the same institution in 1975. Dr. Stohler also received certificates in oral surgery and prosthetics. Before joining the dental school, he held several positions at the University of Michigan, including Professor, Research Scientist, Director of Research, and Chairman of the Department of Biologic and Material Sciences.

Dr. Stohler has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the William R. Mann and Roy & Natalie Roberts Endowed Professorships. He also served as President of the Neuroscience Group of the International Association of Dental Research and chaired the Board of Scientific Councilors at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. Dr. Stohler has made frequent contributions to the body of dental research, authoring more than 100 articles and book chapters.

Special PFA Foundation Humanitarian Award

Given Posthumously to Thomas L. Grams, DDS

Thomas L. Grams was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, to Paul and Irene Grams on February 7, 1959. He grew up in various towns in Minnesota including Annapolis, Chisholm, and Park Rapids, and he graduated from Parks High School in 1977.

In high school he was a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years and lettered in football and track. He then attended the University of Minnesota at Duluth, graduating in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He next attended the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where he
earned his Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 1985.

After dental school he moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, to work as an associate in a dental practice. About 2 years later he moved to Durango, Colorado, and became a partner with Dr. Greg Brown’s practice. Dr. Grams eventually bought the practice and acquired several partners of his own before selling his share of the practice and retiring in December 2007.

Dr. Grams loved the outdoor opportunities in Durango—telemark skiing, hiking, mountain biking, white water kayaking, and rafting. He thoroughly enjoyed going to Utah to hike in the slot canyons or for mountain biking. Well before Dr. Grams retired, he worked with Charity Ground to provide free dental care in Third World countries. He was inspired to help the less fortunate after listening to a gentleman from Afghanistan tell of his life while fighting the Russians. The torture and beating from Russian forces and the Taliban left him with a number of injuries and severely damaged teeth. After this conversation, Dr. Grams arranged to repair the man’s teeth for free, which led to a long-term friendship. As a result, other Afghans who lived in the Four Corners area also became his good friends. These friends, in conjunction with several charity groups established in Afghanistan following the U.S. invasion in 2001, led Dr. Grams to eight different humanitarian trips to the country.

Dr. Grams worked with a number of organizations in Afghanistan, but primarily the Afghan Relief Organization (ARO). With the assistance of the ARO, he spent several months on different trips, living in a village in the south central part of the country. He also helped to establish a dental clinic in Kabul and assisted the local dentist with additional training, as well as providing dental services to the students at the school. After his retirement, Tom was spending 5 or more months abroad at a time helping with dental clinics in Nepal, India, Myanmar, and Central America. He loved helping people with his skills, especially kids, and he loved traveling to remote regions.

Dr. Grams was killed in an ambush in Afghanistan on August 5, 2010, at age 51, while on a dental care mission doing what he cared about the most. He is survived by his parents, Paul and Irene Grams, his older brother Craig, and his twin brother Tim. He was preceded in death by his older sister Lynette.

One of the principal challenges of our world to the individual is that he must not only achieve a fairly high degree of specialization to make him a useful member of society, but at the same time achieve enough general knowledge to enable him to look with sympathy and understanding on what is going on about him.

—Oliver J. Caldwell
Pierre Fauchard Academy

75 Years

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Annual Meeting

Luncheon

Dr. Christian S. Stohler receives the Special Appreciation Award from President Hubert Ouvrard.

Dental Abstracts Editor-In-Chief Douglas Berkey, Senior Publisher Jane Ryley, PFA Past President Steve Hedlund, and Dental World Editor Mark Stanley.

PFA Past President Steve Hedlund, New PFA President Joseph C. Harris, and Immediate PFA Past President Hubert Ouvrard.

PFA Fellow Dr. William S. Demray and his friend Denise LeBoch at the Awards Luncheon.

Reception

Section Chair Ashur Chavoor, Past President Chuck Eller, Foundation Trustee Bill Kort, and Region 7 Trustee Omar Campos.

PFA Gold Award recipient Dr. Jed J. Jacobson, Special Appreciation Award recipient Dr. Christian S. Stohler, D.C. Section Chair Ashur Chavoor, and Foundation Trustee Howie Mark.

Mrs. Kaeko Matsumoto, Mrs. Lana Jonker, Mrs. Carol Englander, and Mrs. Yoshiko Ohura.

Mrs. Chris Hedlund, Mrs. Kaeko Matsumoto, Dr. Kiyoshi Ohura, Mrs. Lydia Stanley, Dr. Keishi Ohura, and Mrs. Yoshiko Ohura.

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Section Chair Ashur Chavoor, Region 1 Trustee José Dahan, Mrs. Mariethe Dahan, and Belgium Section Chair Christiaan Colpaert.

Belgium Section Chair Christiaan Colpaert and Mrs. Gail Long.

Region 2 Trustee Lynne Halik and Mr. Jeffrey Halik.
Dinner

Honorary Fellowship recipient Jane Ryley and Region 10 Trustee Mike Schafhauser.

New Foundation President Kevin Roach with guests at the President’s Dinner.

Region 8 Trustee Mark Sinclair with Colorado Section Chair Terry Brewick.

PFA Immediate Past President Hubert Ouvrard with officers and guests at the dinner table.

Foundation Trustee Chuck Eller with PFA Executive Director Judith D. Kozal.

President-Elect Ernesto Acuña with new Region 7 Trustee Francisco Omar Campos.

The President’s medallion is bestowed upon new President Joseph Harris by Immediate Past President Hubert Ouvrard.

Past President Steve Hedlund and Mrs. Christine Hedlund enjoy the dinner party events.

Mrs. Christine Ouvrard with Dr. Hubert Ouvrard of France.

Georgia Section Chair Robin Reich, Foundation Trustee Howie Mark, and Region 3 Trustee Karyn Stockwell.

Mrs. Nancy Kort and Foundation Trustee Bill Kort.

Region 8 Trustee Mark Sinclair with Colorado Section Chair Terry Brewick.

PFA Officers and Board of Trustees gather after dinner.
Find Yourself

By Dr. Fernando Jorge Brenes-Espinach

Ask yourself: Am I fitted to do general practice in dentistry, or should I choose a specialty?

Many times persons who would in life be overlooked as general practitioners become famous as specialists. In odontology, as in medicine, the roads are many. Do you have artistic hands and a keen sense of color? Try ceramics. Do you have the steady and skillful hands to handle a scalpel? Try surgery. Whether you choose a diversified field of work or a specific one, the love you may have for it is the answer to your question. For as Dumas, Jr., said, “Love ... is the inspiration in great enterprise.”

Some persons put on a show in their private practice, either to make up for their professional deficiency or because they are psychological cases, classified by Adler as being among those who have an inferiority complex. Efficiency in your work and good equipment are basic. However, if you are amidst a very wealthy, sophisticated medium, you may be compelled to put on a front so your clientele will be more prone to believe you. Bouvere explains it clearly: “There are only two ways to prosperity—by one’s effort or by other’s stupidity.”

Research is based on keen observation and on an innate ability to transmit—from your subconscious mind to the conscious—stored and perhaps inherited experiences. The benzine carbon ring was discovered in a dream. If you don’t have these talents, forget about research.

Sometimes your research capacity, which is unknown to yourself, is discovered by others. Dr. G. Lundquist, co-worker of the Blacks at Northwestern University, discovered this facet in me and set me on the trail to research. Later on, I was able to find with a microscope the apparent relationship between dental plaque and periodontal disease. I published my research in a book in Spanish as early as 1953, long before anybody spoke on that subject.

You may be an excellent professional, and you may have an organizing talent besides. If you do, you have the inner drive to shape dental societies. These are trees you are planting! My work as organizer of the Latin American Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy has brought experiences previously unknown to me into my life.

I hope my words will make you aware of your talents, as in my youth Dr. Lundquist did for me when he taught me to search in science, and as Dr. Clifford Loader has done now in the evening of my existence, pointing the way as a beacon, while I travel on the Latin Seas. If success, as in my case, knocks at your door, bless opened gates, even when they are closed. “Presence of mind and courage in distress,” John Dryden says, “flare more than armies to procure success.”

About Dr. Fernando Jorge Brenes-Espinach

A periodontist, Dr. Brenes-Espinach received his bachelor’s degree in humanities from the Lyceum of Costa Rica, followed by his pre-dental training at Richmond University in Virginia. His dental degree was granted by Emory University of Atlanta, Georgia. Basically a researcher, Dr. Brenes-Espinach followed with postgraduate training at Walter Reed Hospital in Maryland and courses at the Mayo Clinic. He later received his master of science in periodontology from Northwestern University.

His major contribution in periodontal research came in 1953 when he published a book on the theory of the dental plaque in relation to the development of periodontal disease. He is believed to be the first person to publish these findings. He also did clinical and histological research on flap and gingivectomy operations that was published by Northwestern University.

Dr. Brenes-Espinach served his country in the capacity of cultural attaché of the Costa Rican Embassy in Mexico from 1942-1943. He also has served as President of the Mexico-Costa Rica Cultural Society.

Having just completed a term as an International Trustee for the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Dr. Brenes-Espinach was the twenty-second recipient of the Elmer S. Best Award in 1984. Through a bequest he gave much of his substantial estate to the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, which established it as one of the largest such agencies in the world.

Editor’s note: The above article was excerpted from a book published in 1990 by the Pierre Fauchard Academy entitled “Legacy: The Dental Profession: The Philosophies and Thoughts of Selected Dental Leaders Worldwide,” which was compiled and edited by Dr. Clifford F. Loader and Dr. Shigeo Ryan Kishi.
As I sit down to pen this, my first editorial as Foundation President, winter has begun to settle into my beloved Ottawa Valley. I am cognizant of the huge responsibilities placed on my shoulders by virtue of my recent election and am humbled to be the first international PFA Fellow to assume the Foundation Chair. With this in mind, my comfort level is vastly improved by the incoming members of our Executive Committee; Gary Lowder assumes the Vice-President position, Howard Mark becomes Grants Committee Chair, and Mike Perpich remains as Treasurer for another 3 years. All four of us served on the same management team during my tenure as President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. In addition, I have the expertise of Foundation Past President James Long to draw upon as he serves a final year on the Executive Committee.

It was with great sadness that shortly before our Annual Meeting the Foundation Board received news of the passing of Dr. Larry Barrett. Larry was President of the Academy in 1996-1997, and it was my pleasure as Canadian trustee to host Larry and his wife Lois at the Canadian Dental Association meeting held that year in Calgary, Alberta. My youngest daughter Meghan was with me at the time, and she still recalls line dancing with the Barretts at the mini stampede show put on by the CDA. Although we shared the same faith, it was not until reading Larry’s obituary that I realized that, like my father, he had been awarded one of the highest Papal honors, the title “Knight of St. Gregory.” This gentle giant of a man was a very generous supporter of his alma mater through various bursaries/scholarships and, naturally, of our PFA Foundation. Larry Barrett did indeed “walk the talk.” We have lost an extraordinary member of our profession, and our prayers and thoughts are with Lois and their lovely family.

Your Foundation this year was the recipient of several generous gifts; the most notable was the $50,000 legacy gift from the estate of Dr. Thomas Grams. Earlier in this issue you will find a report on the Foundation Humanitarian Award announced at our Las Vegas Board Meeting and recently sent to the parents of Dr. Grams, the 2011 award recipient (see page 11). In true Aussie style, Trustee Mark Sinclair presented me with a cheque for $10,000 from the Australasian Section—a first for them, and a very welcome gift from one of our most active International sections. At that same formal dinner evening, Trustee Tom Breneman continued the annual tradition of donating $2500 from the Canadian Section. PFA Canada Chairman Barry Dolman continues to be the glue binding the most active International PFA section. Earlier in our meetings, the Belgium section donated $1000 in honor of their outstanding countryman Professor José Dahan, who is serving as PFA European Region 1 Trustee, thereby granting him Shira Fellow status for 2011. As Foundation President it behooves me to challenge other International sections to step up and support your PFA Foundation.

Lastly, I give a note of thanks to Dr. Nick Saccone, PFA President from 1995-1996, who has graciously agreed to remain as a consultant to the Budget and Finance Committee, thus continuing to allow us access to his valuable financial acumen. I also thank Dr. M. David Campbell and Dr. James Brophy III for their enduring friendship and sage advice. To Mrs. Jennifer Teale for her tireless service as Foundation Executive Director, in what can best be described as a part-time full-time position, my heartfelt thanks. And finally, I pledge my support to PFA president Joseph C. Harris and his team as they move the Pierre Fauchard Academy forward into a new and exciting era.  

—Dr. Kevin L. Roach  
President of the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy  

You are your greatest investment. The more you store in that mind of yours, the more you enrich your experience, the more people you meet, the more books you read, and the more places you visit, the greater is that investment in all that you are. Everything that you add to your peace of mind, and to your outlook upon life, is added capital that no one but yourself can dissipate.

—George Matthew Adams
From the Desk of the Foundation Executive Director

Thank You for Making a Difference
Foundation 2011 Yearly Report

During the past year it has been a privilege to work with the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and to witness the tremendous dedication of each Fellow at improving the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. One purpose ties us all together: We believe all people deserve the opportunity to receive good oral health care. We also believe our efforts can make a difference.

Through your support, in 2011, the Foundation raised more than $60,000 and funded more than $240,900 in scholarships and grants. The Foundation is grateful to the more than 400 individuals who gave so generously in an effort for the Foundation to continue its mission.

Scholarships

In 2011, 72 third-year dental students received a $1500 scholarship from the Foundation. Fifty-eight scholarships were awarded to students in the United States, and 18 were awarded to students outside of the United States—six from Canada, three from France, three from Japan, four from Australia, and one each from Mexico and the Netherlands.

In January, letters were sent to all universities in the United States with dental programs requesting the name of a student for the 2012 scholarships. These awards will be presented to students in the Spring by their school’s respective deans. To receive the scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Demonstrate great potential for developing into an outstanding leader in the profession because of his or her participation in the University, dental school, or community;
2. Be an above-average student;
3. Have the qualities of integrity, imagination, initiative, and outstanding communicative skills;
4. Have a “need” for financial support.

Grants

In 2011 the Foundation made the largest number of grant requests in its history. A total of $137,400 was awarded in grant funding to 29 applicants. A list of the 2011 grants is provided here.

2011 Grant Projects Funded by the Foundation
Smiles Forever Community Service Dental Care Bolivia
Adopt a Veteran Dental Program
Give Kids A Smile 2011
Smiles of India 2011
Mission Lexington Dental Clinic
Removable Smiles (Prostheses)
Lawndale Dental Clinic
Dental Care for the Poor of St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Smiles of Tecate 2011
Illinois State Dental Society Foundation’s Mission of Mercy
Guatemala Charitable Dental/Medical Mission Trip 2012
MEND—Meet Each Need With Dignity
Thousand Smiles Foundation
San Diego Healthcare for the Homeless—Restorative Dental Project
MAP International
Loloma Foundation Dental Mission to Fiji
Illinois Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program
Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg, Inc., Free Dental Clinic and Screening Program
Extensive Dental Services to Underserved New Mexicans
The Volunteer Ministry Center Dental Clinic
Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation Inc. Donated Dental Services Project
Mobile Dental Services for People with Disabilities in Snohomish County, Washington
Increase Care to Indigent
Increased Access to Dental Care for Low-Income Families
Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project
Sealants for Smiles
Lessons of the Heart
Dental Rescue Days
Mississippi Mission of Mercy

Foundation of the PFA Board meets in Las Vegas
Foundation News

Public Relations Campaign

A public relations campaign plan was developed and currently is serving as a roadmap to market the Foundation. In 2011 we designed a Foundation logo and brochure and are in the final stages of developing a new Web site. Our goals are to increase visibility of the Foundation, increase donations, and develop a corporate giving program.

Looking Ahead to 2012

Our vision is achieved thanks to YOU and your generous donations. We are proud of the work we have facilitated during the past 17 years and are proud of the difference the Foundation has made in advancing oral health care globally to those in need. However, this is just the beginning, and with your support, our goal is to make 2012 the best year ever. If you have any thoughts or questions, I welcome you to contact the Foundation at 703-217-1480.

Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Board Members at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

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Foundation News

Japan
On November 11, 2011, during the Osaka Dental University’s 100th Anniversary Ceremony, the Foundation of the PFA Scholarship Award was presented in front of a gathering of an estimated 800 selected guests from Japan and foreign countries. The PFA Japan Section’s third and final 2011 Scholarship Award for the year was given to student recipient Mr. Isumi Satoshi, who is in the fifth year of his studies at the University.

—Submitted by Dr. Keishi Matsumoto, PFA Japan Section

The Dean of Osaka Dental University, Foundation of the PFA Student Scholarship Award recipient Mr. Isumi Satoshi, PFA Japan Section Chair Keishi Matsumoto, and Dr. Yamagami during presentation of the Student Award in Osaka.

Netherlands
On September 1, 2011, we presented the 2011 Monetary Dental Student Scholarship to student Mark Laske, who has demonstrated great potential for developing into an outstanding leader in the profession because of his participation in the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands. We thank you all for the possibility to present such a nice scholarship to an outstanding student and all your efforts to make this possible!

—Submitted by Dr. Joost van der Pol, Chairman of the PFA Netherlands Section

(L-R) Dr. Marie-Charlotte Huymans, Dr. Joost van der Pol, and scholarship recipient Mark Laske.

New York
The College of Dental Medicine at Columbia University was pleased to give the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Scholarship Award to Mr. Jacob Mann of our Class of 2012.

(L-R) Dr. Ira Lamster, Dean; Jacob Mann (CDM 2012), recipient; and Dr. Martin J. Davis, Senior Associate Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs.

2012 PFA Calendar

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Our Belgium Section Meeting of September 16, 2011, was a success. Prof. Dr. Michel Brecx presented microscopic 3D slices, which has made an impact on parodontontology.

This day was also the birthday of a new Section. International PFA President Dr. Hubert Ouvrard and the Trustee of PFA Region 1, Prof. José Dahan, fully agreed to officially make Romania a new Section. It will be led by Prof. Dr. Corneliu Amariei, who was made a new Fellow of the Academy and at the same time Chair of the Romania Section. As Chair of the Belgium Section, I was proud to see a Romanian Section of 14 Fellows, with many professors and well-qualified dentists.

A special announcement was made that Prof. Dr. José Dahan will be made a Robert Shira Fellow of the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy at the International Meeting at Las Vegas in October.

The evening ended with the presentation by Prof. Dr. Charles Pilipili about the situation at the University of Kinshasa in Congo, which is one of three dental schools of Africa and the center of the evolution of the need for dental treatment in Congo. The Chair of the Belgium Section, Dr. Christiaan Colpaert,Chair of a Taskforce on Health at the Council of Europe and former inhabitant of Congo, explained that he agrees the fundamental difference between a structured Europe where official directives are efficient and a young Africa where financial backing of individual initiatives is the best way to make progress for the goals of the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Motivated by the presentation, knowing the help that several Belgian and Romanian professors could ideally give, Prof. Amariei promised to look into how he could help Prof. Pilipili.

—Submitted by Dr. Christiaan Colpaert, Belgium Section Chair

2011 Canada Awards and Induction in Nova Scotia

On August 5, 2011, the Canadian Section held its annual Awards and Induction Ceremony in beautiful Halifax, Nova Scotia. The event was hosted by Dr. Alfred Dean, the PFA Atlantic Provinces Chair, and was attended by more than 85 people, including the following past Canadian Dental Association Presidents: Dr. Ralph Crawford, Dr. Toby Gushue, Dr. Bernie Dolansky, Dr. Barry Dolman (PFA Canada Chair), Dr. George Sweetnam, Dr. Alf Dean, Dr. Burton Conrod, Dr. Deborah Stymiest, and Dr. Tom Breneman (PFA Canada Region 6 Trustee). The emcee was Dr. Tom Breneman, and the invocation was given by the current CDA President Dr. Rob McGregor.

The 2011 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Mary McNally for her work and research in the fields of ethics and care for seniors, aboriginals, and other underprivileged groups.

A 2011 Special Appreciation Award was presented to Mr. Stuart Humphrey, who is a certified dental technician and currently the Vice President of Production with Aurum Ceramic Laboratories. Stuart is very involved with promoting Aurum-sponsored golf tournaments across Canada that have resulted in more than $350,000 being donated to dental charities through the years.

Mr. Greg Teckles also was presented with a Special Appreciation Award for his skills as a photographer. He has many national clients, among which is the Canadian Dental Association, which he has served since 1984. He has photographed each National President, their installation, and national conventions since then.

With the support of the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, we provided scholarships to a student leader from each dental faculty in Canada. The list of dental schools and students are: Dalhousie University, Natasha Chishti; McGill University, Jennifer Seidler and Layal Kysabi; University of Alberta, Jenny Shim; University of British Columbia, Michael Ho; University of Laval, Sandrine Gosselin; University Of Manitoba, Katherine Davidson; University Of Montreal,
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We welcomed 23 new Fellows into our Academy this year. The following were present at our Induction Ceremony: Dr. Daniel Albert, Dr. Paul Cameron, Dr. Peter Jackson, Dr. Mary McNally, Dr. Gerald Smith, Dr. Drew Smith, Dr. Amelie Prevost, Dr. Claude Monnette, Dr. Micheal Patrician, and Dr. Jean Louis Patement. Our Western Provinces Chair Dr. Mitch Taillon was present and provided support. He is the host for next year’s Awards and Induction Ceremony in Saskatoon Saskatchewan on Friday, September 14, 2012.

Region 6 Trustee Tom Breneman presents a Special Appreciation Award to Mr. Greg Teckles.

Region 6 Trustee Tom Breneman presents a Special Appreciation Award to Mr. Stuart Humphrey.

PFA Canada Maritime Section Chair Alfred Dean (R) gives Dr. Tom Boran (Dalhousie Dean of Dentistry) a PFA chèque for $5000 to support the faculty of dentistry on behalf of the PFA Canadian Fellows.

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Dr. Barry Dolman was elected President of the Québec professional organization Ordre des dentistes du Québec. The results of the general vote were counted November 3, 2011, in Montreal at the Head Office of the Ordre des dentistes du Québec, with Drs. Jean-Guy Vallée, Daniel Montminy, and Nancy Lalancette acting as scrutineers.

Dr. Dolman holds a Doctor in Dental Medicine degree from the Université de Montréal and a Bachelor of Science from McGill University, and he has been in private practice in Montreal since 1975. He is also a Director of the ODQ, Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, an advisor to the Académie dentaire du Québec, and an expert for the ODQ Fonds d’assurance-responsabilité professionnelle.

He is also a Fellow of the Académie dentaire du Québec, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the American College of Dentists, an honorary member of the Canadian Dental Association, a lifetime member of the Quebec Dental Surgeons.
A special new plaque honoring the birthplace of French dentist Pierre Fauchard has been unveiled. After extensive research, the French historian Gilles Henry, on the advice of our new PFA Fellow Jean Granat, discovered in old documents the exact place and date when Pierre Fauchard was born: January 2, 1679, in Saint-Denis-de Gastine, Mayenne, France. This little village and its mayor organized a ceremony on October 20, 2011, to commemorate this event by putting up a plaque on the church square monument. Many people attended this ceremony, and Dr. Jean Granat attended in the name of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Pierre Fauchard is recognized as the founder of modern dentistry.

The first event for Romanian Section was held on December 8, 2011. Six new Fellows were inducted into the Academy’s meeting in the Intercontinental Hotel in Bucharest under the leadership of Section Chair Dr. Corneliu Amariei. Dr. Amariei is the Dean of the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Ovidius University Constanta. Through his many professional encounters with PFA Belgium Section Chair Dr. Christiaan Colpaert, the seeds were sown for the formation of the PFA Romanian Section which ultimately occurred in September of 2011. The meeting included a Scientific Session, a round table discussion, the induction ceremony, and a chance for all to meet professionally and begin a new chapter in Dentistry for Romania. Dr. Corneliu Amariei, also attended the PFA 75th Anniversary Celebration in Paris on June 16 and the Anniversary Celebration in Mexico City on September 13, 2011.
The PFA Northern California Section’s Annual New Fellow Installation and Awards Luncheon was held September 24, 2011, in San Francisco (concurrent with the California Dental Association Scientific Program). Forty-nine Fellows and guests were present at the meeting. Northern California Section membership is currently 241 Active Fellows, of whom 65 are Life Fellows.

Ten qualified California dentists received PFA Fellowship: Edmond Chow (Roseville), Alan Golshanara (Fair Oaks), Julie Greenlaw-O’Toole (Walnut Creek), Richard Gregory (Burlingame), Lester Low (Stockton), Richard Lubman (Mountain View), Morton Rosenberg (Rancho Cordova), Suzanne Saidi (San Ramon), Amy Scriven (Stockton), and Dennis Weir (Novato).

PFA President-Elect Joe Harris bestowed the Fellowships and presented updates on the Foundation activities. Four University of the Pacific (UOP) and University of California–San Francisco (UCSF) Faculty were invited as guests. Our Northern California Section awards either a Faculty Recognition Teaching Award Certificate or a Faculty Development Grant ($750). Recipients are UOP Faculty Dr. Leigh Anderson (certificate) and Dr. Elisa Chavez (grant), and UCSF Faculty Dr. Daniel Fried (certificate) and Dr. Janice Lee (grant).

Six UOP and UCSF student graduates were invited as guests. They received the PFA Senior Student Award or a PFA Foundation Student Scholarship or our Northern California Student Scholarship. Northern California Section dues were $25 per active Fellow in 2011 (Life Fellows voluntary). These monies funded Northern California Section programs that will continue in 2012: two $1000 Academic Scholarships awarded to a UOP and UCSF dental student and two $750 Dental Faculty Development Grants awarded to a UOP and UCSF faculty. In addition, a $500 grant went to the San Francisco Dental Society for the annual Children’s Poster Contest.

A special thanks goes to Dr. Stafford Duhn, who ended 10 years as the Section’s Secretary/Treasurer. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Wai Chan (Sacramento, CA), who was installed as the new Northern California Section Chair. We also want to extend a special thanks to Dr. Daniel Castanga who served 11 years as Northern California Section Chairperson and is stepping into a new role as Vice President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy after serving many years as our PFA Region 5 Trustee.
A message from the new Section Chair for the Southern California Section, Dr. Denise Habjan: I am very honored and humbled to be taking over as Chairman of the Southern California Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Dr. Doug Cassat was an excellent Chairman, and his role indeed will be tough shoes to fill. I am looking forward to his participation in helping me keep our section strong. Please join me in congratulating him for doing such an excellent job. Doug is definitely a “class act.”

At this time I welcome any and all participation from our Fellows. We need to continue to find qualified new Fellows to help the Academy grow. I truly thank you for this opportunity.

—Section Chair Dr. Denise Habjan

From 1995 to March of 2010, awards to Southern California organizations totaling $652,530 have been made by the PFA Foundation. This includes $1500 a year to teachers and students at the three Southern California dental schools, as well as other grants for research and clinical projects at the schools. Other organizations that have received grants are notable charitable institutions in Southern California.

The Colorado Section deadline for nominating new Fellows is set for March 1, 2012. Please send all nominations to Dr. Terry Brewick at tbrewick@govparkdental.com, phone: 303-907-1819. On Sunday, April 22, 2012, new Fellows will be installed and a brunch will be held from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Columbine Country Club, 17 Fairway Lane, Littleton, CO 80123. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Kevin Roach, Past President of the Canadian Dental Association, Past International President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Foundation.

—Submitted by Dr. Terry Brewick

In Memoriam

Longtime PFA Fellow and Past President Dr. C.F. Larry Barrett passed away September 30, 2011. It was my privilege to represent the Academy and Foundation at Larry’s funeral. I had known Larry for more than 40 years and, as most of you know, he was a remarkable man. Dr. Barrett was the Godfather of dentistry. Organizing, pushing, belonging, and accomplishing: This mindset was seen with his involvement with the Academy and the Foundation. In 1994 Larry asked me to take his place as Region 10 Trustee of the PFA. Because I was starting to be more involved with the Iowa Dental Association at that time, I told him no. That worked for a while, but as you can see, I did become the Trustee and eventually PFA President because you could never say no for long to Larry Barrett. “No” simply was not in his vocabulary.

Larry was also a very giving person. As noted in his obituary, his philanthropy was extensive, as he gave to colleges, nonprofit organizations, and his church. Dr. Barrett loved dentistry and promoted his profession through his preceptor program by mentoring students, lecturing to Iowa dental students, and promoting dentistry to high school students. Dr. Barrett generously donated $15,000 to the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy in his estate. He will be missed by all but especially his wife of 66 years, Lois.

—Submitted by Dr. Steven Hedlund, PFA President 2009-2010

Clarence Francis Barrett was born August 15, 1920, in Davenport, Iowa, the son of Clarence and Lillian (McDermott) Barrett. He was united in marriage to Lois Lucille Krupp on January 31, 1945, in Farragut, Idaho. C.F. “Larry” Barrett attended St. Paul the Apostle Grade School, was a 1938 graduate of Davenport High School, and attended St. Ambrose College. He graduated from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in 1944. Following dental school, Dr. Barrett served our country during World War II as a V-12 Lieutenant assistant dental surgeon with the U.S. Navy.

He was an active member of the Diocese of Davenport. In 1985, he was awarded the Knight of Saint Gregory
from Pope John Paul II, recognizing him for his service to the Catholic Church.

Dr. Barrett had a private practice in Davenport from 1946-1996. His profession recognized him with awards and honors for his outstanding career as a dentist. He was a Fellow with both the International and American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He had received service awards from the Iowa Dental Alumni Association, St. Ambrose College and University of Iowa Alumni, and Special Olympics.

Dr. Barrett was a member and had held various leadership positions with the Iowa Dental Alumni Association, Scott County Dental Society, Iowa Dental Association, Davenport District Dental Society, American Dental Association, Delta Dental Plan of Iowa, Pierre Fauchard Academy, Iowa State Board of Health, and the National Dental Ethics Association.

He always enjoyed the opportunity to speak to the senior class at Davenport Assumption High School regarding careers in dentistry. Dr. Barrett had been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry from 1974 to 2002, giving periodic lectures to students regarding the dental profession. He served in the College’s Dental Preceptorship Program, encouraging and mentoring young people in the profession he loved. Doc’s favorite pastime was golf and watching University of Iowa athletic teams. Doctor Barrett and his wife, Lois, established scholarship funds for Assumption High School, St. Ambrose University, and the University of Iowa.

Dr. Barrett is survived by Lois, his loving wife of 66 years, his children and their spouses, Geri (Bill) Bowman of Colorado Springs, CO, David (Mary) Barrett of Carmel, CA, Bill (Sharon) Barrett of Davenport, John (Jane) Barrett of Moline, and Kathleen (Tom) Fashinell of Echo Lake, CA; 14 loving grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and sisters Lois Carron of Bettendorf and Betty Wilder of White Bear Lake, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Leone Murphy.

PFA Fellow Dr. William S. Demray of Northville’s Michigan Preservation Dental has been recognized as the 2011 Citizen of the Year in the city of Northville, Michigan. He received the award at the Northville Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner at St. John’s Conference Center in Plymouth on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. He is a member of several local, state, and international dental associations.

Dr. Demray grew up in Detroit, graduated from Cody High School, and went on to receive his Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University and his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from University of Detroit (now University of Detroit Mercy). He opened his private practice in 1977 on the corner of Griswold and Main in a Victorian home, which he restored, in the historic Downtown District of Northville. His practice has become very well known and patients come from as far away as Arizona, California, Florida, Texas, the United Kingdom, and Shanghai for 6-month check-ups, a crown, consultations, and more.

Local patients Barb and Stew Mansfield describe Demray as an upstanding citizen well deserving of the Citizen of the Year honor. Sheila Alles states that “From the moment you meet him, you immediately realize he loves his profession, is a deeply dedicated and committed dentist, and truly cares about his patients…. He presents dental care in a jargon-free language that makes you feel comfortable and relaxed. He willingly spends time with his patients…. It is so rewarding to be told your teeth look good and you’re doing all the right things.”

Dr. Demray has volunteered his time and talent in the Northville community by serving several boards and commissions throughout the years. Dr. Demray offers assistance to the “Give Kids a Smile” program. He mentors students pursuing a career in dentistry with an intern program at Preservation Dental. In the larger sense of community he has hosted fund-raisers for the Dental School at University of Detroit Mercy, the American Association of University Women, and the Tipping Point Theatre and Art House. His efforts have raised more than $100,000 for worthy recipients in spite of tough economic times.

Dr. William S. Demray received an award from Northville Chamber Executive Director Jody Humphries.
Wow!! What a great year for the Nevada Section of the PFA. During the fiscal year, which runs June to June, our section Fellows enjoyed five great dinner meetings, three in Reno and two in Las Vegas. The excitement and interest in the Pierre Fauchard Academy has increased geometrically because of those great meetings.

I am proud of the Academy and pleased to report that this year in our Nevada Section we have a total of 31 new Fellows, with 17 new Fellows here in northern Nevada and at least 14 more in the southern Las Vegas area. We also have a continuing membership and participation of 22 life Fellows. This is a 52% increase in active membership in the PFA Nevada Section this year alone.

Another impetus for membership here in Nevada is the activity of the Pierre Fauchard Foundation in making a scholarship award to Junior Dental Student Michael Moody and public service grants to The Huntridge Clinic and Give Kids a Smile at the Dental School at the University of Nevada–Las Vegas.

Our Nevada Section has stepped up and contributed a scholarship award to an Outstanding Senior Dental Student for the past 3 years; this year, the award went to Nadim M. Guirguis. In addition, for the past 2 years a Dental Hygiene Scholarship has been awarded; this year, it was given to Melissa Hackler. This year I also made Nevada Section grant applications to the PFA Foundation for Give Kids a Smile and Adopt a Vet Dental projects. All of these combined projects are possible through PFA membership with an active Academy and their Foundation.

—Submitted by Dr. William Robel, Nevada Section Chairman

Greetings from the Oklahoma Chapter of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. On Friday, April 29, 2011, we held our Annual PFA Meeting in Tulsa in conjunction with the Oklahoma Dental Association Annual Meeting. We had many distinguished guests in attendance, including William Calnon, ADA President-Elect; Richard Haught, Past ADA President; Wayne Thompson, ADA 12th District...
Trustee; Tamara Berg, ODA President; and Lynn Means, ODA Executive Director. We also were honored to have as our guests both of the 2011 ADA President-Elect Candidates: Andy Faiella and Charlie Silvius. We had a total of 70 members and guests present for our breakfast.

The Chairman’s report started with a roster update of the Oklahoma Section. We have 118 active Fellows and 24 Life Fellows, for a total of 142 Fellows. Information regarding the 75th Anniversary of PFA was discussed, as was the upcoming National PFA Meeting in Las Vegas. Stephen Young, Dean of the Oklahoma University College of Dentistry, introduced both our PFA Scholarship winner and the PFA Senior Award winner. Third-year dental student Ande Loveless was this year’s scholarship winner, and fourth-year dental student Lin Zhi was the winner of the senior award.

We were honored to have Ray Maddox from Indiana to present a discussion regarding ethics in dentistry. It was an outstanding topic that brought about much interaction. The 2011 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Lee Beasley. Dr. Beasley has been extremely involved in dentistry and the community and was the main driving force for the creation and fund-raising for the new Oklahoma Dental Association building in Oklahoma City.

The highlight of the meeting was the induction of our new Fellows. We are honored to have in our Academy Tama- ra Berg, Mike Duffy, Jandra Mayer-Ward, and Carrie Sessom.

Once again, the Oklahoma Chapter of the PFA was honored to be very involved with OkMOM, the ODA’s Mission of Mercy to provide free dentistry to adults and children. The event was held last February in Oklahoma City. During the 2-day event, more than 2200 patients were treated, and more than $1 million in services were donated. The 2012 Mission of Mercy will be held in McAlester, Oklahoma, at the SE Expo Center on February 3 and 4. For more information, please visit okmom.org.

The Oklahoma Chapter of the PFA will meet for a breakfast meeting on Friday, April 27, 2012, at 7 AM in Oklahoma City during our Annual Oklahoma Dental Association Meeting.

As the Oklahoma Pierre Fauchard Academy Section Chairman, I would like to write about my experiences with the PFA Web site, Fauchard.org. In my opinion, information obtained from the Web site is invaluable, especially the many resources available for the Section Chairs and Members. For our Section Meetings, I have used the Web site leadership resources for part of each of our meetings since I have been Chairman. The Web site is laid out very logically, and navigating between the many pages of information is very simple. When I compare it with many of the other dental professional Web sites, I find the PFA site by far the most “user friendly” of the many sites. It is very easy to edit information regarding our section members, post news articles, post calendar events, and keep up with information from other Sections, just to name a few advantages. It is a great site for historical information, as well as materials for Section Meetings. As a Section Chair, the Web site has made my leadership role much easier and convenient. Thank you again for a Web site that is truly a “needed helper” for all Section Chairs and Fellows.

—Submitted by Dr. Matt Cohlmia, PFA Oklahoma Section Chair

It is a favorite belief of mine that no student ever attains very eminent success by simply doing what is required of him; it is the amount and excellence of what is over and above the required, that determines the greatness of ultimate distinction.

—Charles Kendall Adams
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FA Fellow Dr. James Conrardy received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Wisconsin Dental Association for his significant contributions of time, energy, and expertise to organized dentistry throughout his 31-year career. Conrardy is one of nine individuals and three organizations who received Pyramids of Pride from the 3000-member statewide dental organization on November 11, 2011, at a banquet at The American Club in Kohler, Wisconsin.

After earning a bachelor’s at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Conrardy obtained his dental degree at Marquette University School of Dentistry and a pediatric dentistry certificate from MUSOD and Milwaukee Children’s Hospital (now Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin). He taught part time at MUSOD from 1978-1980 before moving to Green Bay to practice. Conrardy has been involved with multiple professional associations at the local, state, national and international levels.

The three great essentials to achieve anything worth while are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense.
—Thomas A. Edison

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