As I have observed in my visits to PFA Sections in Colorado, Mexico, Ecuador, and Peru, each of our Fellows is connected by a common bond—quality, ethical service to our patients through continuing education, and the desire to provide dental care to the underserved. This spirit was strongly evident when I participated in a wonderful weekend of camaraderie with the PFA Georgia Section at the beautiful Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Georgia.

The weekend began when more than 25 Georgia dentists and auxiliary personnel gave back to the Eatonton and Greensboro student communities by sponsoring “Give Kids a Smile” day, providing much needed dental care to 147 underserved children. Fellow Shirley Fisher organized the service project and Fellow Mark Shurett was kind enough, once again, to provide four fully equipped dental vans and supplies. Following this day of service, the evening was capped off with a delicious Italian buffet served at the lakeside home of Fellow Robin Reich.

The next day began with a hearty Ritz-Carlton breakfast buffet and a fine continuing education program by Dr. Doug Clepper on restorative dentistry with and without implants. Georgia General Chairwoman Dr. Jane Puskas and her committee offered many activities for an afternoon of leisure, but the highlight of the weekend was the black tie gala convocation and awards dinner. Fifteen new Fellows were inducted, and everyone agreed the Georgia PFA Section scored again! Trustee Karyn Stockwell, Section Chair Jay Harrington, and Conference Chair Jane Puskas have put together a great team and everyone involved in the 6th Annual PFA Leadership Conference and Convocation is to be congratulated for a job well done. Now I realize why PFA Presidents come back from Georgia so pumped!

Dr. Chris Baboulos, Chair of the Illinois Section, also organized a fine PFA/International College of Dentists/American College of Dentists function during the Chicago Mid-Winter Meeting. It was my pleasure to address Fellows from the ICD, an organization that stresses quality of dental care through continuing education; the ACD, which stresses ethical and moral practice to our patients; and the PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY, which through our Foundation encourages providing dental care to the underserved. Dr. Franklin S. Weine received the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Section for his continuing dedication to the dental profession. Also in attendance were Trustees Ernesto Acuna, Joseph Harris, Daniel Castagna, PFA Secretary General Richard Kozal, and Editor James Brophy.

It never ceases to amaze and excite me, having now attended both U.S. and International PFA functions, to observe the high level of dedication, commitment, and camaraderie among all our Fellows. Interest in the Mentorship Program continues to grow, special projects flourish, and volunteerism is at an all time high. I am proud to serve as your President.

James A. Englander, D.D.S.
President
Dr. Michael J. Cripton, 73, died on March 27, 2008, just before noon after a protracted illness. This illness kept Dr. Cripton from serving on the Foundation Board of Directors in recent years. But prior to that time, Mike was an outstanding leader in his community, in his profession, in organized dentistry, and in the PFA. In the early 90s, Dr. Cripton began serving on the International PFA Board of Trustees as the Canadian Trustee. Because of his outstanding service, he was then selected by the Board of Trustees to start in the Chairs to become the first non-U.S. PFA International President for 1994-95. Following his tenure as PFA President, Dr. Cripton was selected to be the first non-U.S. Foundation Trustee, a position he continued to serve in until his recent retirement.

Dr. Cripton started out in life in Montreal, the son of John and Veronika Cripton. His father was a Ukrainian immigrant who died when Mike was 9, and the family dissolved. Michael Cripton then entered Weredale Boys Home where he excelled, attaining a supervisory role there until his graduation from McGill Dental School in 1957. Dr. Cripton then entered private practice in Fredericton where he met his wife, Nancy. After their marriage, they moved to Montreal where Dr. Cripton obtained his orthodontics degree. He established his orthodontic practice in Moncton, only the second orthodontist in all of the Province of New Brunswick in 1961. He then also embarked on a career in organized dentistry serving in many national and international capacities such as President of the Canadian Dental Association, of the New Brunswick Dental Association, of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists, and of the Royal College of Dentistry of Canada. He was a Delegate to FDI, and he chaired the Atlantic Section of the American Academy of Dentists.

Dr. Cripton served his community with the same vigor and spirit as he did his profession. He was President of the Moncton Boys Club and Chairman of the National Council of Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada. He was active in fund raising, especially for the Easter Seals. He was President of the Moncton Rotary Club with a perfect attendance record for 43 years. He served as District Governor of the Rotary and was a Provincial President for the McGill (University) Alumni Association. His sporting passion was hockey and served on the Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Hawks. He was Chairman for the 8000-seat Moncton Coliseum Commission. He co-founded C103 FM radio in 1988.

Dr. Cripton received many national and international awards, many from PFA, the Canadian Dental Association, and orthodontic associations, including the Queen’s Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977, and the Builder of Youth Award from the Moncton Boys and Girls Club. Mike is survived by his lovely wife Nancy of 50 years, his four children, and his
beloved seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations are asked to be made to the Alzheimer Society of Southeast New Brunswick.

When informing the PFA leadership of her husband’s passing, Nancy related that he was surrounded by those who loved him dearly. “We have been saying goodbye to him for a very long time, and our children and I are so thankful that his journey is over. He is finally at peace.”

Canadian Trustee Barry Dolman commented that the Canadian dental profession has lost two very special people within a very short time, PFA Fellows Michael Cripton and Jardine Neilson, the dynamic former CDA Executive Director, to Alzheimer’s disease.

The second non-U.S. PFA President Kevin Roach stated, “Mike Cripton was an astute chairman, a brilliant leader, a good friend and mentor, an extremely generous and loving man.” Dr. Roach had nominated Dr. Cripton for the Elmer Best Award which he received at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Canadian Dental Association in Montreal.

Past PFA President Gary Lowder expressed his condolences in saying, “May our good memories of Mike Cripton soften our loss and sadness at his passing. When Mike spoke, people listened.”

Current PFA President Jim Englander remembers Mike Cripton as man of class.

“In his quiet way and through his leadership, the mission statement of the Academy grew to tell the dental profession what Fellowship in PFA stands for and why we exist. He introduced to the Academy the concept of long-range planning centered on prudent financial management and continued membership growth. He truly will be missed.”

First PFA Latin American Academic & Scientific Meeting

Our International Trustee for Region 7, Latin America’s Ernesto Acuna, organized an outstanding event called “First Latin America Academic & Scientific Meeting,” which pretty single-handedly revitalized the image of the PFA in South America. The occasion was the 26th Annual International Dental Congress in Sao Paulo, Brazil, from January 25 through 29, 2008. Trustee Ernesto Acuna, Secretary General Richard Kozał, and Director of the International Dental Congress Dr. Raphael Balducci held a meeting at last year’s 2007 MidWinter Meeting in Chicago to firm up arrangements. Dr. Acuna followed this up with another meeting last June 2007 in Mexico City to conclude their agenda of activities.

Commencing on January 25 was the Congress Registration and the Opening Ceremony, followed by the PFA Region 7 holding its first Latin American Academic Meeting in conjunction with the 26th Annual International Dental Congress of Sao Paolo (CIOSP), the world’s largest dental Congress. This year’s registration surpassed 50,000 participants over the five days.

The Latin American PFA event was conceived to be an all-encompassing happening that would give Region 7 Fellows a unique opportunity to come together and network in academic and social settings to discuss PFA problems specific to Latin America. This was a chance to create and implement strategies for the improvement of the Region. The Convention Center was so large you could not see the end of it. Some of the booths were more than 3000 square feet in size. Organizers prepared a dental shopping center in the middle of the convention just to purchase supplies.

Region 7 Chairpersons in attendance were Dr. Norberto Montheil of Argentina, Dr. Alan Zarzar representing Bolivia, Dr. Artur Cerri of Brazil, Dr. Pabla Barrientos of Chile, Dr. Javier Caviedes of Colombia, Dr. Antonieta Swanson of Ecuador, Dr. Ernesto Acuna of Mexico, Dr. Emilio Kegler of Paraguay, Dr. Gilberto Henostroza of Peru, and Dr. Walter Lieber of Uruguay. Also in attendance were Region 3 Trustee Dr. Karyn Stockwell of Georgia and Region 4 Trustee Joseph Harris of Michigan. PFA President-elect Charles Eller of California represented the PFA Executive Committee.
Dr. Armando Hernandez of Mexico presented “Determination in the Risk of Caries.” Drs. Allan Zarzar, Pabla Barrientos, and Javier Caviendes from Bolivia, Chile, and Colombia lectured on “The Progress in Endodontics in the XXI Century.” Drs. Henestroza and Joubert (Peru and the Dominican Republic) gave a presentation on “The Challenge in Dental Ethics.” Dr. Emilio Kegler of Paraguay spoke on “Oclusion and TMJ.” Dr. Joseph Harris from Detroit discussed “Mini Implants and the Immediate Loading of a Complete Lower Denture.” Dr. Omar Campos of Chile was the Moderator and did his usual excellent job.

The PFA events commenced on Saturday, January 26, with a scientific program including seven hours of lectures that were presented by seven PFA Fellows on a wide variety of cutting edge topics. CIOSP officials were highly impressed with the quality of presentations and expressed a desire to re-invite the Academy for next year’s event.

The Congress business section took place on Sunday, January 27.

On Monday January 28, President-elect Charles Eller and Trustee Ernesto Acuna held a strategic planning workshop in which all PFA attendees could participate. Trustee Karyn Stockwell presented her weekend leadership program that she initiated in Georgia. The program ran two hours later than scheduled due to the enthusiasm of the members. Fellows from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela participated.

That evening the first Region 7 International PFA Induction Ceremony was held bringing in more than 50 new Fellows. New Fellows from Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Italy, Mexico, Paraguay, and Uruguay were inducted into membership at this historic event. The Ceremony was presided over by Dr. Charles Eller, Region 7 Trustee Ernesto Acuna, Dr. Silvio Sergio Cecchetto (President of the Association of Paulista Dental Surgeons), and Dr. Raphael Balducci, the “Godfather of the Brazilian Congress.” He received a special honor award for his support of the Academy to insure that this first historic event was a success.

Dr. Balducci has dedicated his life to the improvement of organized dentistry in Brazil, particularly in the sphere of dedicated public service. This historic event provided just the right time and place to help unify our Latin American Academy as well as provide a network with the various PFA leaders to create a concerted directive that drew on the diversity of the region, the exchange of plans and ideas, and encourage guidance of the region for the future. Many thanks are given to Dr. Ernesto Acuna for conceiving the idea and then personally seeing that it came off successfully. Also Dr. Norberto Monthiel of Argentina and Dr. Fernando Omar Campos from Chile ably assisted Dr. Acuna to make this event such the success it was.

The Latin American Congress held its closing Ceremony on Tuesday, January 29.
Annual PFA Board Meetings Schedule

17 – 19 October 2008
Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

Friday, 17 October, 2008:
8:00 A.M. .................................................Section Chair Caucus Meeting ..........Crockett C/D
10:00 A.M. .................................................Annual PFA Board Meeting ..........Presidio B
Noon–1:30 P.M. ...........................................Working Lunch .........................Presidio B
1:30 P.M.–2 P.M. ........................................Executive Session ........................Presidio B
2:30 P.M.–5 P.M. ........................................Executive Board Meeting ...............Presidio B

Saturday, 18 October, 2008:
7:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M...............................Foundation Board Meeting .............Sequin Room
11:30 A.M.–2 P.M..................................Awards Luncheon ............................Texas Ballroom, Salon D
2:30 P.M.–5 P.M. ......................................Foundation Board Meeting .............Sequin Room
6:30 P.M.–8 P.M. ......................................President Englander’s Reception ....Bowie B

Sunday, 19 October, 2008:
8 A.M.–Noon ............................................Foundation Board Meeting .............Sequin Room
Noon–1 P.M. .............................................Working Lunch
1 P.M.–5 P.M. ...........................................Academy Board Meeting ...............Presidio B
6:30 P.M.–10:30 P.M. .................................PFA Dinner Party (no host) ..........Bowie B

(by reservation only)

All Section Chairs are invited to attend the PFA Academy Board Meetings and the President’s Reception, as well as the Awards Luncheon ($45) and the PFA Dinner Party ($45).

All reports for the Meeting Packets are to be received in the Central Office by 27 September 2008, in order that they may be included in the OFFICIAL Meeting Packet.

Spontaneous oral reports during the meetings will not be permitted. Those wishing to make an oral report need to inform the Central Office before 1 October 2008, in order to be placed on the agenda. No exceptions!

PFA Annual Awards Luncheon

18 October 2008, 11:30 A.M.–2 P.M.
Texas Ballroom – Salon D, Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Antonio

Please take note of an important PFA Function to be held during the PFA Board Meetings held during the American Dental Association Annual Session, this year in San Antonio.

The Awards Luncheon, as usual, is by reservation only in order to be able to place the number of meals entrees with the hotel in advance. The cost of event is the same as last year—$45 per person. To hold your seat, please fill out and send in the reservation form attached in this issue. You may mail your check for $45 per person to the Central Office at PFA, P.O. Box 3718, Mesquite, NV 89024-3718. You may also pay at the door (checks preferred), but you must fill out the form and send it to the Central Office to reserve your seat(s).

All reservations must be received by 1 October 2008. All tickets will be held at the pick-up desk located at the Luncheon site.

For more information, call (800) 232-0099 or (702) 345-4450.

To ensure a well-run event, as in the past, it is necessary to cooperate with the Central Office in making arrangements.
Our Web site serves four distinct audiences—the public, our Fellows, PFA Leadership, and the Central Office.

The Public function is in regard to public relations—getting important and timely information out to the public on the issues important to the dental profession and the people they serve.

The second important group is that of the PFA Fellows themselves. They can read Dental World online and check their membership status via the Worldwide Directory for their name, location (state, province, or country), and Active or Life status. They can also contact the Central Office easily if they have any questions.

The third important group is the Leadership, who volunteer to keep the organization vital and active in the profession. They can log-in to their News Pages, write articles, send and receive e-mails with their local group of Fellows, and get current Rosters. They are now able to see updated e-mail addresses for other leaders to improve communications.

The fourth group—the Central Office—can post downloadable documents, use online forms to ease their workload and answer common questions asked of them, and update the directory from the master computer database so members can check their status. Eventually, more integration of the Web site with office tasks will allow for online payments, event registration, and dues payments, etc. Whenever the tools are available within the annual budget, the Web site will be used to automate a routine task and provide more accurate and verified information that can be copied into the member database.

ADA Study: Banning Amalgam Would Raise Dental Costs

The Journal of Public Health reports that the economic impact in banning amalgam restorations would increase the dental care costs by $8.2 BILLION in the first year alone. Dental amalgam contains a mixture of metals, including mercury, which combine to form a stable alloy that dentist have used safely for more than 150 years! Numerous peer-reviewed scientific studies, including those published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, attest to amalgam’s safety and efficacy, leading health experts to recommend its continued use for treating dental decay.

For years, a small group of dental activists have called on state and federal governments to ban amalgams, claiming with no credible scientific basis that mercury in the fillings causes systemic diseases. The ADA and numerous state, national, and international health authorities oppose such proposals. Dr. L. Jackson Brown, former ADA managing vice president for health policy, notes that dental care would cost more and dental decay would go left untreated due to the increased cost. This impact would fall disproportionately on the largest disadvantaged populations. Dr. Brown’s study, “Economic Impact of Regulating the Use of Amalgam Restorations,” was funded by the ADA and the California Dental Association.

It should be noted that as of January 2008, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark have announced a ban on dental mercury fillings that went into effect on April 1. Insurance companies in Sweden have not paid for amalgam fillings since 1999. This ban goes in the face of the recent International Science Committee report from London that states “Amalgam poses no health risk” and that there is no clinical justification for removing amalgam restorations. The report was prepared by the Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection of the European Commission.

Queensland, Australia, Going with Water Fluoridation

The Australian Dental Association praised Premier Anna Bligh for adding fluoride to Queensland’s water supplies in order to improve the oral health of its residents. This brings Queensland in line with Australia’s other states and territories. The decay rate of children 5 to 12 years old was twice as high as Australian territories that were fluoridated. The Australian Dental Association President John Matthews stated that water fluoridation has proven to be an efficient, effective, and an equitable public health measure for reducing dental decay in all age groups.

In another location, the City of Stuart, Florida, has voted to go with a fluoridated water supply after years of being stalled by three county commissioners.

Georgia VA Center Renamed after PFA Fellow Charlie Norwood

Last January 15, Gloria Norwood, wife of the late Congressman Charlie Norwood, participated in the renaming of the “Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.” Dr. Norwood was a decorated Vietnam Veteran who represented Georgia’s 10th Congressional District and was a champion of military and veterans’ health care legislation. In fact, while battling cancer, Charlie’s last trip before his death was to tour the medical facilities in the Middle East and in Iraq.
This is a wonderful time of the year. We should be thankful for all that we have. We have the time to enjoy our family and friends and to celebrate the many blessings we have in our lives. We should appreciate the fact that we are living in a part of the world where we feel safe, comfortable, and are able to look forward to a positive tomorrow.

We may remember our parents or grandparent reminding us to “count your blessings.” When we are young, and a little selfish, these words do not mean much to us. We are more concerned about what we do not have than what we do have. As we become more mature, we become more appreciative of what we do have. We learn to value our family, friends, our homes, our good health, and the wonderful lives we lead.

I am reminded of the people who have shared time, knowledge, and skills to help me. They helped me with no thought of payment or remuneration of any sort. By giving to me, they allowed me to give to others. I am proud to be a dentist. I am proud to have developed the skill and judgement necessary to help our patients. I am proud of the Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and our ability to serve those less fortunate. In the future, our Foundation is anticipating helping others even more than we have in the last year. So thank you all for supporting us in helping others.

In my community there was a horrific explosion from a gas leak that totally destroyed a house. Fortunately, the husband and wife, both 63 years old, were not injured. When interviewed, both said how blessed they were. Their home was gone, but they had things far more valuable. They had each other, their health, their three grandchildren who lived with them, friends and neighbors, and their memories of good times in that house. Makes you think, does it not?
SECTION NEWS

CANADA

Canadian Trustee Barry Dolman reports that the Gala Installation & Awards Dinner was held in Toronto on 10 April at the Royal Park Fairmont Hotel in the Upper Canadian Room. Distinguished Service Plaques were awarded to Drs. Bernard Dolansky and James R. Brookfield, past Presidents of the Canadian Dental Association for their distinguished and significant contributions to the profession and to the public they serve. Also recognized with Honourary Fellowship was Joel Neal for his longstanding service to the profession.

Over 125 attendees were present including Fellow Deborah Stymiest, CDA president-elect. She is the first woman to hold such office.

PFA Foundation Scholarships were presented to Rose Chgen and Patsy Yip of McGill University, Melanie McLeod of Dalhousie University, Wailan Chan of Western Ontario University, Jeremie Berdugo of Universite de Montreal, John Juwan Park of U.B.B., Ashley Dykun of Manitoba University, Andrew Wong of Alberta University, and Audrey McNamara of the University of Toronto. Additional scholarships were given out at their local convocation ceremonies honouring the senior student governors went to Robyn White of Dalhousie University, Rania El-Hawary of McGill University, Raluca-Maria of the Universite de Montreal, Victor Duy Vit of Laval University, Eugene Chung of Alberta University, Amyn Allidina of the University of British Columbia, Gurinder Kler of Manitoba University, Sean Ostro of the University of Toronto, David Mac Pherson of Western Ontario University, and Ryan Kilistoff of Saskatchewan University.

More than 45 new Fellows were inducted into membership.

The Canada PFA continues their relationship with the Dentistry Canada Fund, which enables Canadian dentists to be credited for their donations to PFA. Through their relationship to the Canadian Endowment Fund, $2,500 U.S. dollars were returned to the PFA foundation last year.

The 2008 PFA Canada goals are to increase the independence of their Sections to reflect the set up of the U.S. sections. We also want to secure funding for a Web educational component to complement Dental Abstracts and Dental World.

CHILE

Dr. Omar Campos attended the PFA Latin America Meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil, last January and was honored with his PFA Retiring Section Chair plaque for his service to PFA Chile.

FRANCE

La Lettre de la Pierre Fauchard Academy from Trustee Herbert Ouvrard and Chair Maire-Laure Boy-Lefevre reports “Nous profitons de cette Lettre pour remercier a nouveau Monsieur Jean-Pierre LECOQ, Marie du 6 eme arrondissement de Paris, qui a eu l’amabilité de mettre a notre disposition la sale des marriages ainsi que la sale attenante et nous a ainsi permis d’apporter un caractère tres prestigieux a cette ceremonie.

Monsieur Hubert Ouvrard a eu le plaisir d’accueillir et de presenter le nouveau President de la PFA, le Docteur William Winspear, venu tout specialment d’Australie.

Monsieur Herve Parfait, Tresorier de Conseil National de l’Ordre des Chirurgiens-dentistes, representant de l’Ordre a cette ceremonie, a remis ensuite au Docteur Winspear la medallie d’or des Chirurgien-denstistes francais.

La parole e ete donnee ensuite a Monsieur Winspear, tres honore d’etre present a cette ceremonie et recevoir la medaille d’or des Chirurgien-denstistes francais.

Il a accueilli chaleureusement les nouveaux members et felicite les etudiants boursiers.

HONG KONG

Justin Ng, Conference Secretariat, announced that they will be hosting the 31st Asia Pacific Dental Congress on 5–11 May, 2009, in Hong Kong. The main topics of discussion will be “Emerging Trends and Practices of Dentistry—Managing the Next Wave.” The Congress will be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre and will be sponsored by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. For further information about attending, phone (852) 287-18896 or fax (852) 287-18898.
**NETHERLANDS**

Chair Joost van der Pol reports holding their PFA Meeting in Utrecht, the center of the Netherlands, last March with some 45 Fellows in attendance. Three new Fellows were installed: Drs. Sven Dijkgraaf, Haakon Kuit, and Frank van der Harlen. The meeting topic was “Dental health care to children.” Four speakers addressed the topic. And most importantly the snow has left the Netherlands preparing for Spring.

**URUGUAY**

Dr. Walter Lieber Belli attended the PFA Latin America Meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil, last January and participated in its presentations.

**UNITED STATES**

**Colorado**

Chairman Terry Brewick reports holding the annual Section Meeting, which was held last October at the Columbine Country Club in Littleton to induct new Fellows. President James and Carole Englander were in attendance.

The ADA Treasurer Dr. Ed Leone addressed the some 76 participants. A special Award was presented to Immediate Past Chairman Bonnie Ferrell for her services on behalf of the Colorado Section.

**Connecticut**

Past President Howard Mark was honored at the January Session of the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston by being presented the prestigious James Etherington Award for leadership and dedication to organized dentistry over the years. As we PFA Fellows can attest, this award was well deserved. Dr. Mark joins Dr. Norman Becker of Massachusetts (2006) and Dr. David Stahl of New Hampshire (2007) as past recipients of the Award.

Chair Robin Santiago held their annual meeting at Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino last May. Drs. Jeanne Strathearn, past District 1 ADA Trustee, and Sedrick Rawlins were awarded the Distinguished Dentist plaques. Past Section Chair William MacDonald received the PFA Recognition Award. Ten new Fellows were inducted.
Georgia

During the March Madness Basketball season, a tornado ripped through Atlanta doing damage to the Georgia Dome where some of the games were scheduled. This even interrupted the Georgia basketball game to where they were rescheduled to hold it at Georgia State.

At the same time, the Hinman Dental Meeting was also going on in Atlanta. Our Trustee Joseph Harris was attending and staying on the 16th floor of the Omni Hotel. Fortunately Joe had gone out to dinner that evening when the tornado leveled his hotel room. The bathroom imploded; the glass from the balcony was blown out; the ceiling caved in; the wall behind the bed was destroyed; and the furniture was thrown every which way. Fellow Trustee Karyn Stockwell of Georgia, and another dentist from South Carolina helped Joe retrieve what was left of his belongings, and helped relocate him. “I was truly humbled by this experience and wanted to share it,” he said. “Dr. Stockwell was truly my Guardian Angel and made sure that the rest of my stay was comfortable and uneventful.”

Georgia went on to win.

Illinois

Section Chair Chris Baboulas co-sponsored a luncheon with the ICD and ACD during the Chicago MidWinter Meeting last February. In attendance were PFA President James Englander, Secretary Treasurer Richard and Judith Kozal, Editor James Brophy, past President William Kort, and Trustees Ernesto Acuna of Mexico, Joseph Harris of Michigan, and Daniel Castagna of California. At this event, President Englander presented the 2008 Distinguished Dentist award to Dr. Frank Weine, a long-time friend and Professor of Drs. Kozal and Brophy from Loyola Dental School.

Dr. Franklin S. Weine graduated from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry in 1957 and spent two years in military service. In 1962, he earned his master degree in endodontics from the University of Indiana. Dr. Weine then went on to teach at Northwestern University, Indiana University, and Osaka (Japan) Dental University. For 23 years, he was Professor and Director of Graduate Endodontics at Loyola University. He pioneered dental participation courses, which have become the mainstay of dental meetings. His text *Endodontic Therapy* has been published in seven foreign languages. He is a Fellow in the ICD and ACD. He has been honored with the Warren Wakai Memorial Award by the Japanese Endodontic Association and with the prestigious Louis Grossman Award. He maintains a part-time endodontic practice in downtown Chicago since 1966.

The 2008 Chicago MidWinter Meeting had a record attendance of 34,500.

Former Loyola School of Dentistry Dean Raffaele Suriano, a PFA Fellow, is twice being honored by the UIC College of Dentistry (Illinois) Dental Alumni Association. The first honor is having the Raffaele Suriano Award established in his name; the second is being presented the first such award. Dr. Suriano was an outstanding Dean of Loyola School of Dentistry, having graduated from Loyola in 1944. Also being honored are Drs. Clarence Towns, Jr., with their Distinguished Dental Alumnus Award, Larry Salzmann, with the E. Lloyd Du Brul Faculty Achievement Award, Michael Stabilen, with the William Towner Organized Dentistry
Award, James Brynlarski, with the William Towner Organized Dentistry Award, Frederick Stroner, with the Illinois Alumni Association Loyalty Award, and Lawrence Kolar, with the President’s Leadership Award. The Recognition Ceremony was held May 3, 2008, at the UIC Forum in Chicago. Illinois Dean Bruce Graham, a PFA Fellow, officiated. Many Loyola Dental School alumni have joined with the University of Illinois Dental Alumni Association as their new home.

**Iowa**

Chair C. Frederick Fuller held their joint PFA/ICD/ACD annual Spring Dinner May 4, 2008, at the Marriott Hotel in Des Moines during the Iowa Dental Association’s Annual Session. Iowa’s outstanding alumni event coordinator Penni Ryan handled the organization. Dr. LeRoy Strohman was honored with the Iowa Section’s PFA Dentist of the Year Award. Dr. Strohman is past Iowa State President, served on the Iowa Board of Dental Examiners, and is a church deacon.

Dr. Karen Baker, Iowa School of Dentistry associate professor in Oral Pathology and Medicine and who serves in the Clinical Pharmacy Division of the College of Pharmacy, was presented the Allied Service Award.

Dr. Michael Rovner, a Des Moines orthodontist and member of the Iowa Board of Examiners, was inducted into Fellowship.

The Iowa Section again sponsored the freshman “White Coat Ceremony” last May 8 at the dental school.

Their Section is hoping to sponsor Iowa’s first IMOM Mission of Mercy on October 3–4 in Waterloo, Iowa, at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center that will offer free oral health care for anyone who attends the event. Additional information can be found online at www.iowamom.org.

Last year, the Iowa Section lost some fine Fellows in the passing of Dr. Rudy Imm, a former IDA President and a recipient of the PFA Iowa Dentist of the Year Award, Dr. David Blaha, Sr., a former IDA President, also passed away as well as did Dr. Frank Wingrove of Ames.

**Maine**

Dr. Rockwell Davis has succeeded Dr. Lisa Howard as Section Chair. Dr. Howard is President of the Maine Dental Association. PFA held a joint luncheon with ICD at the Somoset Resort last June.

**Massachusetts**

Chair Norman Becker presented the Section’s Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Robert Boose. Along with the Award Dr. Becker presented Dr. Boose with a PFA golf cap, which will probably get more use than the plaque.

Also during their Section Meeting at the Yankee Dental Congress, Chairman Norman Becker, with the assistance of Trustee Richard Walsh, inducted three new members into Fellowship: Drs. Lisa Vouras, Medha Singh, and Howard Zolot.

**New York**

Fellow Stephen B. Gold of Setauket has been elected President of the New York State Dental Association (NYS-DA) for 2008. Dr. Gold is a pediatric dentist, past President of the Suffolk County Dental Society, and previous Director of the Department of Dentistry at St. Charles Hospital. He is recipient of the St. Charles Hospital Theodore Roosevelt Award. He practices in Port Jefferson Station since 1976. He is a Fellow in PFA, ICD, and ACD.

**Pennsylvania**

Frank DiNoia has retired as Section Chair to be replaced by Dr. Elaine Stefanowicz of Philadelphia.

**Rhode Island**

Dr. Marty Nager was a honored with the Distinguished Dentist of the Year Award. Fellow Roger Türkel is President of the Rhode Island Dental Association. Past PFA Section Chair Christine Benoit was recently named to the Rhode Island Board of Dental Examiners.
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