Earlier this year, I was a participant in a panel discussion that comprised colleagues from the United States, Great Britain, Canada, and New Zealand. The panel was charged with addressing the topic, *An International Perspective: Can We Learn From the Experience of Others?* This presentation was a keynote session of the scientific program of the 2007 Australian Dental Congress and Exhibition held in Sydney, Australia. This fascinating presentation was organized by the Australian Dental Association, a professional organization that impressively represents more than 90% of the practicing dentists in Australia.

The purpose of this forum was to both highlight the various issues that are germane in the provision of oral health care throughout the world and also to obtain an “international grasp” of the planning, strategies, and campaigns that are being used in engaging them. A raft of matters was examined ranging from mandatory continuing education and vocational training to collegiate loyalty and volunteerism.

The merits of sharing information and practical knowledge at local, national, and international levels are obvious and, indeed, paramount in the formation of policies; the stores of intelligence held by peer organizations are always valued background resources in the initial researching process. Our own Academy is a fine example of providing a global network of expertise that has been brought together in the name of Pierre Fauchard.

The sharing of individual experiences gained over prolonged periods also holds great importance for the profession, especially in the development of its younger members. How often have we met new or recent graduates who impressed us with their eagerness and ambitions, but who slip *between the cracks* as they continue in their careers? They lose the spirit of belonging, and dentistry loses future leaders and influential advocates.

Repeatedly the question arises within the Academy as to the suitable age of entry for Fellows and the achievement credentials that are required. Whilst it is clear that fellowship is bestowed on those who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership in the diversity of the profession and in their communities and have been graduated for more than 5 years, I contend, however, that there are dentists regarded as being “too young and inexperienced” who would greatly benefit from being part of the Academy. Their potential and aptitude in assuming responsibility (frequently evidenced during their undergraduate days or military service) would be enhanced by their having opportunities for being part of the Academy and forging bonds with its Fellows.

The Academy can wait too long to approach these talented dentists and thus lose the obvious advantages of being the first honour organization to invite them to join and of establishing their strong and ongoing commitments to it. Their enthusiasm, blended with the enlightenment of our worldwide fellowship, would secure a robust future for the Academy.

There is little doubt that *sharing*—be it through communication, participation, or simply through the dispersal of information—is a powerful and cost-effective means in shaping the progressive prosperity of international dentistry.

*William Winspear*
*PFA International President*
OKLAHOMA, Their Centennial

The state of Oklahoma is the 46th star on the U.S. Flag. The area was organized in 1890 as the Oklahoma Territory and then merged with the neighboring Indian Territory. In 1907 it was admitted into the Union. This is their 100th year as part of the United States of America.

Oklahoma City was settled in 1889. Being centrally located in the state, it became the capital of Oklahoma. The city itself has about a half-million residents.

Oklahoma City was the site of the first organized dental meeting on 6 May 1891. The Oklahoma Dental Association headquarters is located here, as is the Oklahoma University School of Dentistry. This was the site of the PFA Management Team Meeting on 29 April 2007.

All the PFA Officers participated in the gala festivities and enjoyed the outstanding hospitality of the dentists of Oklahoma celebrating their 100th Year.

Oklahoma Dental Foundation

The first evening we attended the Oklahoma Dental Foundation for Research and Education’s Appreciation Reception at a local dining place, Rocky’s, in the Bricktown area just adjacent to the Cox Convention Center and the headquarters Renaissance Hotel. Bricktown was a revitalized area of Oklahoma City distinguished for its Oklahoma red clay bricks. Now some 32 restaurants (including Oklahoman Mickey Mantle’s famous restaurant across the street from the baseball stadium), a minor league baseball stadium, a theater complex, and other attractions have enticed residents and tourists back downtown.

PFA Section Chair Bill Goodman addressing the ODA Foundation

The ODA Foundation’s Mobile Dental Care bus

ODA President-Elect Krista Jones, ADA President Kathleen Roth, PFA President William Winspear and ODA President Pamela Low at the Foundation Reception
Early the next morning began with the Oklahoma PFA Section’s Annual Breakfast hosted by our gracious PFA Section Chairman, William Goodman. The well-attended breakfast welcomed new Fellows Drs. Jeff David Baggett, Leon Bragg, James Farley, Gary Gardner, Lisa Grimes, Wes Lucas, Richard L. Miller, Terry J. Schreiner, and Susan Settle into their Section. Their Foundation Scholarship Award was presented to OU dental student Randi Hobbs, the class Treasurer, by Fellow Frank Miranda. He also presented the PFA Student Achievement Award to the ASDA student President Brett Leemaster. Their Section’s Distinguished Service Award went to ODA President-elect Dr. Krista M. Jones, the ACD Section Chair. Past 2006 recipient Frank Miranda performed the honors.

Dignitaries were introduced: all the PFA International Officers, all the ODA attending Officers, the ACD International President H. Ray Klein (past PFA President, 1991-1992), OU College of Dentistry Dean Steve Young, ODA Executive Director Dana Davis, and PFA International President William Winspear, who gave the featured address.

This event was followed by attending the Opening Session of the Oklahoma Dental Association. ODA President Pamela Low was Master of Ceremonies.

PFA Fellow Frank Miranda was presented with the 2007 ODA Dentist of the Year Award. Dr. Miranda has served on the ODA House of Delegates for 16 years, and on the Editorial Board for the ODA Journal for 22 years. He is Past President of the Oklahoma County Dental Society. In 1991 he created the OU College of Dentistry’s magazine Oklahoma Dentistry and has served as its Editor for 13 years. He has served for 17 years as the Faculty Advisor for the Good Shepherd Mission Dental Clinic. State Governor Henry Bellmon presented Dr. Miranda with the “Contributor to the State of Excellence Award.” Dr. Miranda is in his 22nd year serving on the faculty of OU, where he has been honored many times with awards.
The Robert K. Winn Award for Dental Education and Public Information was presented to PFA Fellow Lisa Grimes for her service to the ODA Mobile Dental Clinic Program.

The ODA James Saddoris Lifetime of Leadership Award was presented to Dr. Dean Robertson. PFA Fellow Jim Saddoris, recently deceased, was active with the PFA as well as being a past ADA President.

ADA President Kathleen Roth welcomed the members. Our PFA International President William Winspear addressed the ODA Opening Session. He presented the PFA Recognition Plaque to ODA President Pamela Low to commemorate the Centennial of the ODA.

Miss America Lauren Nelson of Lawton, Oklahoma, was introduced. She is an undergraduate student at the University of Central Oklahoma. She is the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children’s Miracle Network. Her personal platform is “Be NetSmart...Protecting Kids Online.” Miss America Lauren Nelson wowwed those visiting the exhibitions. She assisted in cutting the Centennial cake in the midst of the crowded technical Cox Exhibition Hall.

Miss America to Testify

The Suffolk County (New York) police enlisted the aid of Miss America Lauren Nelson to target would-be Internet sex predators for an episode of the TV show “America’s Most Wanted.” The sting operation was successful, using Lauren as teenage bait to lure men into chatting online and meeting her at a home where police crews were waiting. Her online profile included photos of her as a teen.

Eleven men were arrested and the show aired Saturday evening of the ODA Convention. The schedule of Miss America had precluded her testifying, but The Miss America Organization was able to rearrange her schedule for her to do so. Miss America is completely cooperating with prosecutors.

The Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office acknowledged Miss America’s agreement to testify and of her continued participation.
Dental School Tour

Lunch was with the ODA Past Presidents followed by a tour of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry.

ODA’s Pierre Fauchard

We then took the shuttle bus out to tour the new headquarters of the Oklahoma Dental Association and participated in the unveiling of the life-size statue of Pierre Fauchard prominently displayed at the entrance of their office building. The statue was well executed by PFA Fellow Gary Gardner, past ODA President (1976-77). ODA President Pamela Low, ADA President Kathleen Roth, and PFA President William Winspear gave the dedication speeches. (Bill’s third speech just that day.) The ODA Centennial Convention Program devoted a page to President Winspear’s attendance at the dedication. The sculptor Dr. Gary Gardner discussed the evolvement of the ODA Pierre Fauchard statue, copies of which can be secured with a $1400 contribution. A reception and tour of the headquarters preceded the unveiling. Our President charmed everyone attending, especially the women dignitaries who fell in love with his “down under” accent.

President Winspear addressing the attending crowd with ODA President Pamela Low

PFA dignitaries: L-R, President-Elect James Englander, Vice President Charles Eller, Trustee Steve Hedlund, sculptor Gary Gardner, President William Winspear, Past President Howard Mark, Secretary General Richard Kozal, and accountant Dan Jonkers [background]

President Winspear and Pamela Low unveil the Pierre Fauchard statue

President Winspear charms ODA Vice President Jandra Ward and ADA President Kathleen Roth
Oklahoma’s ACD Section

Saturday we attended the ACD Annual Breakfast, whose chief speaker was their ACD International President H. Raymond Klein, a PFA Past President (1991-1992) and immediate Past Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. ODA President-elect Krista Jones is the ACD Section Chair. ADA Delegate Pat Blanton of Dallas addressed the morning’s throng.

Cowboy Hall of Fame

Our Secretary General Richard A. Kozal led our group on the hotel shuttle to the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Oklahoma City Bombing

Then some of our entourage were able to attend the ICD Annual Luncheon upon return. On our own, many of us walked down to the site of the Federal Building bombing. At the site, Past President Howard and Sheila Mark and Editor Jim and Shirley Brophy took the test and were sworn in as National Park Junior Service Rangers.

ODA Sailing into the Future

That evening all the PFA Officers and their spouses gathered together to attend the ODA Centennial Gala Reception and President’s Dinner celebrating the 100 years of the founding of the ODA. Their theme was “ODA Sailing into the Second Century.” The banquet hall was filled with sailboats.

The newly elected ODA Officers for 2007-2008 were sworn in by ADA Delegate Dr. Jerome Miller. Congresswoman Mary Fallin (R-OK) gave the champagne toast.

Membership is the Life Blood of all organizations. Sign up your outstanding classmate, associate, mentor, for our crusade against dental poverty in the world.

Site of the Oklahoma City bombing

ODA Sailing into the Future

Congresswoman Mary Fallin toasting ODA with President Pam Low
Oklahoma PFA Post Mortem
Chairman William Goodman

Section Chair William Goodman of Fairland, OK, our PFA International Trustee nominee, was an outstandingly gracious host. Even though he was extremely busy in organizing the ODA affairs, the PFA Section events, and his personal business, he was ever present as a guide and convention mentor to the officers of the Academy. He was so cordial and pleasant that all the PFA dignitaries felt right at home in Oklahoma and with all the ODA representatives. Within an hour of starting the Centennial journey, the PFA entourage was on a first-name basis with everyone from the ADA President to the ODA members. Bill Goodman was there, always interacting to make our visit a most hospitable one.

His organization of the PFA Breakfast was expedient and to the point, without being overly drawn out. The large turnout of PFA members and the many new Fellows inducted give testimony to his efficiency and hard work.

So when Steve Hedlund of Iowa, the current PFA International Trustee for Region 10, was selected to run for PFA International Vice President, Bill Goodman was a logical choice from the Region to be nominated for Dr. Hedlund’s position as International Trustee. Bill was an active producer for the PFA and had the respect of his peers.

Shortly after returning home, we were informed that our friend Bill Goodman had passed away from a massive heart attack suffered at home. The officers were in shock that such a vibrant, energetic person as he was had left us so abruptly. We are deeply saddened by his leaving us so soon in his golden years. We miss him terribly.

Bill Goodman, 75, had served as a Past President of the ODA and was the current President of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation. Services for Dr. Goodman were held May 22nd at the First Baptist Church in Miami, OK. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Oklahoma Dental Foundation are asked.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: The Goodman Family, 110 W. Connor, P.O. Box 233, Fairland, OK 74343-0233.
As the ODA Convention was being disassembled across the street, the PFA Officers held their annual Management Team Meeting in the Board Room of the Renaissance Hotel on Sunday, April 29th.

President’s Report

President William Winspear gave his President’s Report. He said that in his travels, he has found that PFA enjoys a high international profile with strong support from its Fellows. The “tyranny of distance” from Australia has not proved to be as large a problem as once thought because of the efficient organization by Secretary General Richard Kozal and the travel guidance of Editor James Brophy.

After last year’s election, President Winspear traveled to New Orleans with Trustee Karyn Stockwell, Editor Jim Brophy, and photographer Shirley Brophy to tour the Katrina disaster and meet with the Louisiana PFA officials. The result of that venture was to get equipment, instruments, and supplies donated to the New Orleans Board of Health.

In January, President Winspear traveled to attend the Georgia Section Weekend sponsored by Trustee Karyn Stockwell. Many Fellows volunteered their services for the “Give the Kids a Smile” campaign. Sixteen new Fellows were inducted.

In March, President Winspear participated in the Australasian Region’s Breakfast Meeting in Sydney. Some 51 new Fellows were inducted.

Individual Trustees must take responsibility for the manner in which their regions are progressed. The President personally wrote them all asking that they work harder on membership and promote the Academy in their areas. This seems to have borne fruit.

In June we travel to Paris to be with Pierre Marois and Trustee Hubert Ouvrard to perform the Hall of Fame Installation of Plaques and meet with the Paris Section. Then on to London to meet with the Section Officers from Great Britain.

A positive response has been received from the FDI offering Academy representation in their General Assembly at the forthcoming FDI Congress in Dubai.

Secretary General’s Report

Since the Las Vegas Meeting, the Central Office has mailed out the dues statements and more than 100 new Life Member notices. They have prepared 28 Dentist of the Year Plaques for the Section Chairs in 2006 and are preparing 14 more for this year. Five Outgoing Chair Plaques are being readied.

The Senior Dental Students Certificate letters have been sent out to the U.S. and Canadian dental schools. A few have already responded.

In February, the international dues statements were mailed. A good response from the U.S. dues came into the lock box. Updated membership lists are being sent to all Section Chairs upon request. Any Section changes are asked to be sent into the
Central Office. The Membership Directory is on the Web site and is constantly being updated at www.Fauchard.org/directory. Web site changes and upgrades are being performed regularly and visits to our site are growing.

The Management Committee continues to hold its quarterly conference calls in conjunction with the Budget and Finance Committee.

The Central Office has filed all the necessary paper work with the state of Nevada to act as a foreign corporation in Nevada. The financial statement of the Academy will be published in the local paper according to the law.

The Central Office is organizing the next Board meeting and PFA events for San Francisco this September. Be sure to make your reservations early. The Foundation will meet with the Academy as usual.

There are 1,239 Life Members in 2007 (up by 80, or 7%—the graying of the Academy). Donations to the Foundation are requested.

A check for $44,810 was delivered to the Foundation last March. Of this amount, $28,690 was contributed by U.S. Fellows; $1,235 was contributed by U.S. Life Fellows; and $400 from International Fellows. Total collections to date for 2007 are $30,325.

The current PFA pamphlet has been updated.

New Fellowship Certificate folders are available for presentation.

The Elsevier bills for Dental Abstracts and for Dental World are paid to date.

New Fellow nominations are at 181; 104 Certificates have been sent out for Induction Ceremonies, including the 51 for Australasia and 10 for Canada.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Chair Howard Mark has completed the compilation of this enormous effort and it is ready to be posted on the Web site.

Nominations Committee Report

President Winspear opened the discussion as a Committee of the Whole to select an incoming Vice President. Steve Hedund of Iowa, who had served since 2003 as Region 10 Trustee, and as Iowa Section Chair before that, was nominated for the position. William Goodman, Section Chair for Oklahoma, was nominated for Region 10 Trustee. Charles Eller of Southern California would become President-Elect. James Englander of Wisconsin would become President, with William Winspear of Australia as Immediate Past President.
Foundation Report

Foundation Executive Director Fred Halik reported a synopsis of the Foundation activities. Its mission is straightforward and uncomplicated. Funds contributed to the Foundation from whatever source are added to the original money corpus of the Brenes-Espinach legacy. The administrative group is a Board of Trustees composed entirely of past PFA Presidents. Dr. M. David Campbell is the current Foundation President.

The corpus fund is invested in various income-producing financial instruments by its Treasurer Bill Kort and its Investment Committee is working with their financial advisor at Bank of America.

Dr. Espinach’s vision was that the proceeds derived from his estate be given through grants to worthy projects that are committed to providing funds to the underserved populations across the world and to dental student scholarships. The student recipients of these scholarships are selected by the individual dental school and approved dental schools and are currently about $1500. The guidelines for receiving a dental scholarship are that the student recipient demonstrate leadership and superior academic achievement.

In 2006, 50 grants were funded that amounted to more than a quarter of a million dollars. The Scholarship Program funded 65 monetary awards disbursing $100,000. The exact amount of money used is dictated by the IRS Rules related to not-for-profit organizations.

The human side of the Foundation activities reflect the hundreds of dental personnel who volunteer their time and energies to serving the dental need as well as the hundreds of children and dentally underserved adults who are rehabilitated to rejoin the mainstream of society and permit them to obtain employment.

The infusion of new money is absolutely essential. Without this our mission to continue in perpetuity cannot succeed. Foundation Vice President C. F. Larry Barrett’s fundraising last year was tremendously successful. Membership in the $1000 Dr. Robert Shira Memorial Fellowship is growing. Personal memorials and scholarships are other modes of contributing that are increasing. We need to place more effort and emphasis on raising these funds in the coming year.

Awards Committee

Chair Charles Eller, the PFA Vice President, headed the committee to select nominations for the PFA Gold Medal, the Elmer S. Best Memorial Award, the Distinguished Service Citation, the Dental Trade & Industry Award, and the PFA Certificate of Merit.

The Committee has recommended that Dr. Richard E. Bradley, ICD Registrar, be selected to receive the PFA Gold Merit Award.

Dr. Patrick Henry of Australia was selected to receive the Elmer S. Best Memorial Award.

The Distinguished Service Citation was selected to go to former PFA Trustee and founder of the PFA Hall of Fame, Dr. Joseph P. Cappuccio.

The Dental Trade & Industry Award goes to the Sullivan-Schein Dental Supply Company, to be represented by Stanley M. Bergmann.
Honorary Fellowship was voted for Stephen Hardymon of Washington.

The President’s Award, nominated by the PFA President, was named as going to Brigadier General Gordon Rowell, past International Trustee for Australasia, and posthumously to past DW Editor Clifford F. Loader, a past PFA President (1978), with his sons, Clifford F. and Jeffrey D. Loader, accepting.

Hall of Fame Committee

Chair Kevin Roach reported getting the Hall of Fame caught up with the backlog of international nominees. He has scheduled Dr. Thomas W. Evans’ induction for the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine Alumni Reception on 12 May 2007 at the Union League Club in Philadelphia.

Dr. Percy Raymond Begg of world-wide orthodontic fame had his Memorial Plaque formally installed into the PFA Hall of Fame at the University of Adelaide School of Dentistry. PFA President William Winspear, International Trustee Jonathan Rogers, and Section Chair Mark Sinclair officiated.

Dr. Maynard K. Hine will be inducted at the University of Indiana School of Dentistry Alumni Dinner on Friday, October 19th, in Indianapolis. Past PFA President Kevin Roach, Hall of Fame Chairman, and DW Editor James will attend.

Dr. Rafiuddin Ahmed will be inducted in New Delhi, India, late in 2007. Section Chair Anil Kohli and Section Secretary Theogaraj Samraj will officiate.

Dr. Edward Angle, of orthodontic fame, is being biographed. And Dr. Terence Ward of Great Britain is awaiting a venue to induct.

Past President Howard Mark did an inspection tour of our Wall of Fame at the Harris National Dental Museum at the University of Maryland. He reported that 14 plaques are there, currently located on the third floor with the staff offices and library. There is room for only two more plaques; the current ones are not easily read, and there are no biographies of those currently honored on the wall. This area is not conducive to being visited or viewed.

Another location is being promoted by the Museum that would give us more space and create an interactive electronic push-button display for biographies. The set-up cost would be $10,000 and no other honor organizations have signed on to the offer. Sixteen dental schools have.

Dr. Mark recommended that we not commit to this project at this time and the Management Team agreed.

Budget & Finance Committee

Chair James Englander developed the 2007-2008 budget with help from accountant Dan Jonker based on the financial report for 2006-2007. As there appears to be a shortfall in budgeted expenses and income, Dr. Englander proposed a $10 dues increase. Such a motion was made by President Winspear, seconded by Vice President Charles Eller and passed unanimously. This brings the dues up to $120 per annum. The initiation fee will remain at $150.

President-Elect’s Report

Dr. James Englander attended the Chicago Midwinter Meeting last February with Secretary General Richard Kozal, International Trustees Ernesto Acuna and Dan Castagna, Editor James Brophy, and Past PFA President William Kort. Dr. Englander
assisted Section Chair Chris Baboulos in honoring two dental students with the PFA Student Award Certificates of Merit. He also met with representatives of the Samuel Harris Museum of Dentistry to discuss long-range plans.

Dr. Englander has been active in developing a 2007-2008 budget for this meeting.

Immediate Past President’s Report

Dr. Howard Mark has been following up on the PFA relationship with the Samuel Harris Museum of Dentistry pertaining to our Wall of Fame venue there. Dr. Mark will meet with Dr. Leslie Seldin, a Museum Board member, to discuss getting more room for our plaques and perhaps a better visible location. The prospect for doing such to our satisfaction is bleak.

The ADA Program, “Our Legacy, Our Future” was discussed. The ADA is attempting to create a coalition of all groups involved in education to help raise $1 billion over 7 years to assist in having an impact on the future of dental education. Dr. Mark thought that our commitment, in using our name for support, was not making any major policy commitment. But there was some debate to endorsing a plan that was not yet specified and granting carte blanche approval of an unknown situation. One comment was that it created another layer of funded bureaucracy. The Board agreed to proceed cautiously, with reservation, but granted our support for the time being.

The Constitution and Bylaws have been completed and were included in the meeting packets. With the new change adopted for nominating the incoming Vice President, the current President, the Immediate Past President, and the President-elect will choose the new Vice President at this meeting.

Editor’s Report

Editor Brophy described his travel schedule that chronicles the various PFA functions in Las Vegas, New Orleans, Iowa City, Chicago, and Oklahoma City with additional events in Philadelphia, Paris, London, San Francisco, and Indianapolis. He noted that Dental World achieves more in-depth coverage for its articles and immediate photographs to put into its publication and send to other officers. As Editor attending such PFA events, this adds additional prestige to the event. The situation also lends itself to add a source for local officers to exchange information. The Editor has been a continuous resource for PFA information to local leadership.

Dr. Brophy requested that his photographer, Shirley Brophy, be recognized as a functioning member of the Dental World staff as she has been taking and processing our photos for 15 years. She has served in that capacity for the Illinois Dental Journal and for the Loyola University Dental Alumni magazine, The Bur. This recognition on our part allows her access to many closed dental functions. While the Editor is writing copy at the event, our designated photographer is able to take the pictures to record the images for posterity. This suggestion was adopted by the Management Team unanimously.

FDI Report

President Winspear received congratulations from FDI’s Executive Director J.T. Barnard upon our recognizing FDI President Michele Aerden of Belgium with Honorary Fellowship at our 2006 Awards Banquet in Las Vegas last year. The
photographs were published in their magazine *Ferney Communiqué*. upon our Las Vegas conferring Honorary Membership upon FDI President Michele Aerden from FDI Executive Director J.T. Barnard. The photographs from the ceremony were published in their magazine, *Ferney Communiqué*.

Dr. Barnard went on to entreat PFA to rejoin FDI even though there has been “an issue.” The “issue” was created by Dr. Barnard several years ago when he refused to consider crediting PFA for our failure to attend the Kuala Lampuur FDI Congress, which we had paid for, but due to the 9/11 disasters, were unable to fly there. The airlines returned our money; the hotels returned our money; but FDI, even when notified in advance of this peculiar situation, refused to do so. Editor Brophy attempted to negotiate “comping” our next year representatives as a solution. But this suggestion was quickly declined by Dr. Barnard before he had even received our letter.

The PFA Board reviewed our lack of representation at the FDI annual Congress. Formerly, our attendance amounted to sending two or three representatives that merely sat in the audience and listened to the business at hand—with no voting rights. With the loss of our registration fee that year of disaster, the PFA Board, at that time, determined that PFA was getting nothing in return for supporting FDI. The insensitive manner in which our request was handled by FDI had the PFA Board reach the unanimous conclusion to drop the expense of paying FDI dues and the cost of sending representatives to the World Congress. Of the other international honor organizations, only ADI sent representatives.

Since that time PFA has not attended the FDI Congress.

President Winspear had received correspondence from FDI asking us to reconsider our position. Thus, Dr. Winspear asked the Management Team to be able to pursue this new offer. Paying back dues was not an effective consideration.

Dr. Barnard responded quickly that the FDI Council would waive the 2006 dues as well. Only the £360 2007 dues are due. In his letter Dr. Barnard stated, “It is important to reiterate that we believe that there is great scope for collaboration between the FDI and PFA on several fronts and we hope that it would be possible to explore such possibilities in the near future.”

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**Trustees’ Reports**

**Region 3 Trustee Karyn Stockwell:**

During the Georgia Section Leadership & Convocation, a Region 3 Section Chair Caucus was held with President Winspear, Section Chairs Georgia’s Jay Harrington, Florida’s Gary Herbeck, and South Carolina’s Staci Gaffos.

Georgia Section installed Dr. Jay Harrington as their new Chair last February at their annual Leadership Conference and Convocation. Eighteen new Fellows were inducted into membership. Dean of the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry Dr. Connie Drisko was presented their Honor Award. Dr. Richard Callan was recipient of their Excellence in Education Award.

Virginia Chair Michael Link reported his Section hosting their annual luncheon last June 15th at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott.

Puerto Rico Chair Mario Rodriguez has had four new Fellows join his Section, thanks to the efforts of New York Section Chair Lynn Halik and Vice Chair Edward Feinberg. The new Fellows were inducted with the New York Section during a special luncheon held during the New York Dental Association Meeting last June 10th at the San Juan Hotel in Puerto Rico. University of Puerto Rico School of Dentistry Dean Yilda Rivera was the featured speaker.
**Region 7 Trustee Ernesto Acuna:**

Trustee Acuna is attempting to host the 1st Latin America Scientific Meeting in 2008 to gather Section Chairs together to exchange experiences and advice, as well as formulate a unified Latin America Induction Ceremony. He hopes to sponsor the event during the 26th Sao Paolo Dental Meeting in January 2008, in which some 35,000 attend. Dr. Acuna, Secretary General Richard Kozal, and Dr. Raphael Baldacci, the Business Director for the Sao Paolo Dental Association, met in Chicago to discuss the possibility. Dr. Baldacci offered free PFA registration at the event, discounted hotel rates, and gratis meeting rooms. There will be a Scientific Program all the first day, then a Latin American Section Chair Caucus followed by the opening of the Sao Paolo Congress. In the evening there will be a Latin American Induction Ceremony and a Gala Dinner. The third day would entail attending the Sao Paolo Congress, with the fourth day open for cultural and tourist tours.

**Region 8 Trustee Jonathan Rogers:**

The recent Australian Dental Association Biennial Congress was held with a successful PFA Breakfast on March 17th in Sydney. International President William Winspear and Australia Section President Mark Sinclair were present. Among other matters, Dr. Winspear discussed the upcoming Hall of Fame Induction of Dr. Percy Begg at a dinner in Adelaide in June 2007.

Forty-four new Fellows were inducted into membership.

Dr. Sandra Meihubers of New South Wales met last March with Dr. Fernando Jong of East Timor. Dr. Jong is the Senior Dentist in the Ministry of Health in East Timor. He is also the President of the East Timor Dental Association and has a private practice in the Catholic Health Centre in Dili, the capital of East Timor. He manages and coordinates dental services in his country. Oral health has a low country-wide priority. Dental services are limited due to few dental personnel, a low dental staff morale, few dental facilities, and a small government dental budget. The militia rampage in 1999 destroyed the telephone lines outside of Dili and they have not been replaced. Much the same can be said of the roads.

Dr. Jong was enlisting the help of volunteer dental programs to assist his country’s dental needs, such as the 2004 AusAID funded dental programs of Drs. Terry Yuen and Richard Salter of Adelaide, Dr. Graeme Sexton of Perth, and Drs. David Sheen and Sandra Meihubers of Sydney. East Timor has no ongoing institutional, professional, or academic support from any other countries. Currently the dental workforce in East Timor is composed of five dentists and 36 dental nurses trained in a 3-year program in Indonesia. There is one maxillofacial surgeon specialist on contract from Cuba for the 1 million population, with 90% of them located in rural areas.

ICD and PFA met with Dr. Jong at the Australian Dental Congress to discuss how they can offer further support to the East Timor dental services. All this is very tentative depending on the East Timor Presidential Elections in April, the Legislative elections in June, and the rebel violence. Australia has been aiding East Timor with dental help, but Dr. Jong is trying to coordinate more volunteer efforts into his ravaged country.

**Region 9 Trustee Mamoru Sakuda:**

There are nine Sections in this region, which are organized in separate independent countries. Language and communications are various problems in coordinating activities and information.

1. The Japan Section is very structured. Chairman Morioka hosts three Board Meetings annually with two newsletters and a journal every year. Four new Fellows were inducted this term. The 38th Japanese PFA Annual Meeting will be held in on October 20-21 in Sapporo, Hakkaido.

2. The Korea Section exchanges Delegates with the Japan Section in attending their annual Meetings. The new Chairman is Dr. Kim Jong-Won. Paying their annual dues with an aging membership has become a situation of concern.
3. Philippine Section is very active in recruitment and holding outreach programs. Chair Diampo Lim held their annual PFA Luncheon last April at G-Hotel in Manila. The new Chairman will be Dr. Hermogenes P. Villareal. Twenty new Fellows were installed.
4. Hong Kong Section’s new Chairman is Dr. Homer Tso, succeeds Dr. Jeffrey Y.S. Tsang, who had been the Section Chair from 1983 to 2006.
5. Singapore Section does very little and responds only once a year.
6. Pakistan/Afghanistan Section’s Chairman is Professor M.A. Soofi.
7. India Section’s Secretary T. Samraj is the key person and is now recovering from a serious illness. They have an excellent PFA Journal.
8. Malaysia Section’s Chair Arasu does not respond.
9. Taiwan Section has not communicated with the Region’s Trustee for years.

Section Chair Reports

These are included under Section News.

Section Chair Appointments

Brazil: Joao Carlos Gomes
British Columbia: W. Bruce Ward
Bolivia: Jose Gonzalo Artieda S.
Dominican Republic: Ronny Joubert Hued
Ecuador: Antonieta Swanson
Guatemala: Leopoldo Perez Morales
Maine: Rockwell Davis
Michigan: Todd Christy
Paraguay: Emilio Kegler
Peru: Gilberto Henostroza
South Carolina: Robert Berger
Venezuela: Carlos Eduardo Acosta Prado
San Francisco Meeting Schedule

28 – 30 September 2007
San Francisco Marriott Hotel

Friday, September 28th:
8 A.M. until Noon..................Section Chair Caucus.......................Sierra Room C
10 A.M. – Noon..................Academy Board Meeting..................Sierra Room B
Noon – 1:30 P.M..................Working Lunch.............................Sierra Room B
1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M..................Executive Session..................Sierra Room B
2:30 P.M. – 5 P.M..................Academy Board Meeting..................Sierra Room B

Saturday, September 29th:
7:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M...........Foundation Board Meeting...........Sierra Room C
11:30 A.M. – 2 P.M...........Awards Luncheon..........................Nob Hill Room A/B
2:30 P.M. – 5 P.M..................Foundation Board Meeting...........Sierra Room C
6:30 P.M. – 8 P.M..................President’s Reception..................Nob Hill Room A/B

In Memoriam
Dr. James P. Vernetti

PFA mourns the passing of Dr. James P. Vernetti (1914-2007), recognized dental leader, teacher, and community activist who passed away due to respiratory failure on 2 April 2007 at the age of 93. He was born in Globe, Arizona, and grew up in Miami, Arizona. He attended the University of Arizona for a year before transferring to USC School of Dentistry, where he graduated with honors in 1937. He practiced dentistry in Coronado, California, for 38 years. Dr. Vernetti was President of the San Diego County Dental Society, the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, and ACD. He was a Fellow in PFA, ICD, ACD, and ADI. The Southern California PFA presented their Outstanding Dentist of the Year Award to Dr. Vernetti in 1983, and then PFA awarded him their prestigious Gold Medal in 1999.

In 1975 Dr. Vernetti accepted a full professorship at the University of Texas – San Antonio until 1979, when he returned to Coronado and began teaching at Loma Linda and at the UCLA School of Dentistry.

Dr. Vernetti was President of the Coronado Rotary Club and of the Oak Hills Rotary Club. In 1972, Rotary honored him with their Rotarian of the Year Award.

He also received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America and the Lew Hardy Award as Coronado's Distinguished Citizen in 1986. Jim was Founder and first President of the Coronado Little League and of the Coronado Pony League.

But his favorite project was the Thousand Smiles Foundation, an organization devoted to the repair of cleft palates and other facial deformities among the people of Mexico. Our PFA Foundation awarded him several grants for his activities. He served as the Executive Director for Thousand Smiles from 1998 until his death. Working right up to the end, this professional went out “with his boots on.”

In 2002, Dr. Vernetti was the official Coronado Winter Olympics Torch Bearer. In 2006, Rotary International presented him with their “Rotary Service Above Self Award.”

Past PFA President Carl Lundgren of Rolling Hills, California, lamented Jim’s passing by saying, “I feel a personal loss because over the last number of years, he was a cheerleader for me. I remember him through the years as a gentle and inspiring teacher of the finest in dental techniques. We are grateful that you have been a part of our lives.”

Dr. Jim Vernetti receiving the PFA Gold Medal in 1999 at the Meeting in Hawaii
**San Francisco Meeting Schedule continued**

**Sunday, September 30th:**

8 A.M. – noon: Foundation Board Meeting.....Sierra Room C
Noon – 1 P.M.: Working Lunch.................................Sierra Room C
1 P.M. – 5 P.M.: Academy Board Meeting........Sierra Room C
6:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.: No Host Dinner Party........Nob Hill Room A

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**Our Philadelphia Story**

**A City Shaped by Dr. Thomas Evans**

It certainly may be strange to describe a city’s legacy being shaped by a dentist, particularly in the case of a city like Philadelphia, whose history is so full of the country’s leading dignitaries throughout the years, and whose evolution helped shape the United States. But while Benjamin Franklin and the Founding Fathers established our political foundations, Dr. Thomas Evans established our country’s dental foundation. And he is still influencing that today.

Shaping a future in any form means more than establishing rules of conduct. One must take into consideration the corpus health as well, among other factors. Governments throughout history have been overturned because a rebel leader’s raging toothache drove him on to open rebellion. While such is not the case in Philadelphia, Dr. Evans certainly was an influence in winning the War Between the States by keeping France from siding with the Confederacy. However, that part of his life is incidental to what he accomplished for dental health.

He was a researcher who developed vulcanized rubber dentures, invented a functioning articulator, and used nitrous oxide as an analgesia. He was a pathologist who investigated diseases and preserved many specimens for continued study.

Dr. Evans is certainly the first, if not the only American dentist to receive so many awards from foreign governments—about 56 in all. And in the process, he received recognition for the United States’ dental profession.

After his death in 1897, Dr. Evans’ fortune went to the University of Pennsylvania to establish a dental school and a museum. The seed he planted has sprouted all over the Atlantic Coast. The Evans Building that housed the School of Dental Medicine was opened at the University of Pennsylvania 18 years after his death. It was considered the most advanced dental teaching facility in the nation. The Evans Building housed some of the brightest and most adept dental students in the country. That dental facility taught many hundreds of dentists who serviced millions of patients. Our own Past President Nicholas Saccone was one such alumnus.

The Evans Building has housed the Main Dental Clinic for 90 years. (Dr. Saccone lived in an apartment just to the left of this picture while he was attending school there.)

Now a newer, more modern dental facility has been built next to the Evans Building. But the Evans Dental Building is still in use as a dental library, a museum, and student office clinics. The museum is adorned with plaques and monuments of history—one to Chapin Harris and Horace Hayden, a bust of Pierre Fauchard in the corner of the library, and a memorial plaque to Dr. Evans inscribed to the “Dentist and Diplomat/Philanthropist and Patriot.” The Trustees of the Evans Institute in turn donated the dental equipment to the U.S. Base Hospital #20 for service in France, where Dr. Evans had amassed his personal fortune.

On the Alumni Weekend, when we were there, the massive campus was afloat with blue and red helium balloons,
agog with gowned graduates and their proud parents, senior alumni being driven around in golf carts, visitors having their picture taken in front of the Ben Franklin statue, and clusters of faire tents set up along Locust Walk for each of the dozens of colleges that make up the University of Pennsylvania.

The program for the events was two pages long, and the events themselves covered acres of history contained in
the old red brick buildings. One could walk along the tree-covered lane and imagine what loves were won and lost along that red brick avenue in front of the fraternity houses. Much history emerged from the youth studying there: Dr. Truman Brophy, founder of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery (Loyola University) walked that path along with Doc Holliday, who became a dentist here after the Civil War. So many great men and women were born into adulthood here.

Dr. Thomas Evans helped to make all that happen. And PFA was there in Philadelphia to honor his memory and lifetime achievements.

Undoubtedly Dr. Evans had attended functions, dinners, and such at Philadelphia’s Union League Club, founded in 1862.

And the University of Pennsylvania uses this historic setting for its many functions as well. The Dental Alumni Reception was in the Lincoln Hall that May evening with the various class reunions breaking out into their intimate dining salons for dinner. That morning and afternoon, the large Penn ROTC and NROTC units held their commissioning services there amid the many battle scene paintings and statues of prominent Civil War leaders.
Dean Marjorie Jeffcoat of the School of Dental Medicine personally welcomed the hundreds attending the dental reception. At the stroke of 7 on the old grandfather clock in the hallway, Penn’s School of Dental Medicine Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Programs, Joshua Liss, introduced our Dr. Kevin Roach, PFA Hall of Fame Chairman, to the audience. Dr. Roach gave the essay on Dr. Evans and then proceeded to present the Evans Plaque to Dean Jeffcoat.

The Dean then addressed the gathering, giving her thanks to PFA for their consideration in bestowing such a high honor in the name of their beloved Dr. Thomas W. Evans.

Katrina Revisited

In touring the Katrina Hurricane disaster in New Orleans, it was President Winspear’s intention to evaluate what effective response, if any, PFA could make that would be more effective than mere lip service or throwing money at the recovery. In the time since his report, several dental supply companies have responded to Dr. Winspear’s Appeal to Action.

John O’Connor, Vice President for Sales for Hu-Freidy has come forth and sent instruments to the New Orleans Department of Health. Secretary General Richard Kozal approached them at the Chicago MidWinter Meeting and Hu-Freidy responded. Patterson Dental Company is going through their inventory to donate excess dental supplies and equipment. Patterson was a big contributor of materials shortly after the storm.

A retired oral surgeon from Minnesota, after reading the President’s Message, contacted the Central Office about contributing his instruments to New Orleans.

President Winspear also was able to generate some further ADA response, while Vice President Charles Eller has done the same lobbying with similar results.

The City of New Orleans Department of Health has thanked the Academy for their actions and interest in their plight. And all of this is due to the aggressive actions taken by our Australian President directing an idea he had for PFA involvement.

Meanwhile, Louisiana State University has refurbished their School of Dentistry and is preparing to move back to New Orleans. The dental school had moved to a smaller clinic in Baton Rouge to continue educating its students, but Dean Eric Hovland states that “the time has come to move beyond Katrina and cast our vision for the next 3 to 5 years.”

The hurricane flood waters severely damaged the infrastructure; $4 million in donations and insurance helped keep the dental program going. Now FEMA is expecting to spend about $50 billion to rebuild LSU’s entire New Orleans operation, which includes the LSU Medical Center.
If you have ever visited your old neighborhood, you may have noticed a change in the last 25 or 30 years. Your former home may seem smaller, the walk to your school shorter, and things seem to be smaller than our vivid childhood memories have recorded.

This is true of our problems as well. At any time in our life we may experience problems that seem to be overwhelming, but in reality they may prove to be minor as we look back on them years later. The way we view our problems has a great deal to do with how we solve them. If we could project ourselves into the future and look back at our problems, we would see them as insignificant. This insight would make it easier to solve them so they would not overwhelm us at the time. Most problems are nothing more than a puzzle to be solved. If we can focus on the solutions, rather than the discomforts the problems cause, we are well on the way to solving the challenge.

As difficult as it may be, we should be grateful for our problems because each one presents us with a unique opportunity. In many areas of the world, there are people with problems that they cannot solve themselves. In the area of dental health, we are privileged to be able to solve some of the problems we face. We, personally, can be part of the solution. In various parts of the world, people have problems that cannot be solved with time.

Fortunately, we Fellows in PFA are able to aid in the solution of the problems of dental disease and pain. We can, with your help—financially, and with personal involvement—provide funds to allow others to go and treat patients. Or we can personally travel to an area and treat patients.

When you give money to the Foundation, your donation, pooled with our larger fund, will allow you to help more people than a single contribution could ever do! We have it set up so you can give money to honor or remember a friend, family member, colleague, or teacher. So whatever you can give us works for you in two ways: You help the world dental crisis and you honor another individual in doing so.

Let us be grateful that we can solve our problems and help others in their quest to solve their problems. Your money goes to actually help those in need. Rarely does doing something for yourself do so much for others.

From the desk of the Foundation Treasurer……Dr. William Kort

We would like you all to know that the initial year of the Foundation’s Fund Raising Program was a huge success, thanks to over 170 Fellows who contributed some $40,000! This exceeds our expectations, and we thank you for being so generous.

Those funds, coupled with dedicated amounts from the Foundation, made possible the dispersal of 89 scholarships of $1,500 and 34 grant allotments in 2006. Since the inception of these programs in 1996, the Foundation has awarded some $3.5 million to dental students and to worthy dental projects on an international basis. If we can continue to increase the wonderful giving impetus already in place, we will be able to fund even more of these requests for aid to those in need in 2007!

The response from recipients of both the scholarships and the grant awards has been heart-warming. Many have replied, being very grateful for the help and the honor of being presented with funds from our Foundation. The grant proposals reach many populations that would otherwise never receive appropriate oral and dental care. But we have not been able to fund the many that also deserve to be considered, as we wish we could. So NOW it is up to YOU, the Fellowship of the Academy, to help us expand this outreach by increasing the numbers and level of participation this year. As an International Dental Service Organization, we could then more adequately respond to requests received from across the globe and truly act international in scope.

There are many ways to become involved:
1) Make a direct contribution to the Foundation;
2) Pledge over a specified number of years;
3) Include the Foundation in your estate planning (Legacy Program), either in monetary terms or in property assignments;
4) Designate a directive, such as Editor Brophy does in funding a memorial scholarship at the University of Iowa.
Remember that these donations are fully tax deductible. More than 90% of all funds received are dispersed. Only the Foundation’s Executive Director receives a stipend for his work. All other Board members are unpaid.

Dentistry has been good to all of us in many ways. Please help us benefit those who are in need. DO IT NOW as you read this!

Send your contributions to: The Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Dr. William Kort, Treasurer, 6 Brighton Lane, Oak Park, Illinois 60523-2324.

Foundation News

United States

Iowa

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Yvonne Chalkley of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry presented the Foundation Scholarship Award to dental student Derek Borgwardt. The Foundation’s extra-funded James M. Brophy, Sr., Scholarship was presented to dental student Scott Seward Tharp.

Louisiana

LSU’s Health Sciences Director of Student Affairs Darlene P. Brunet had the Foundation Scholarship check awarded to dental student Elizabeth Russell last May, commenting that Elizabeth has been a class leader since her first year in school.

Oklahoma

Section Chair William Goodman introduced the Foundation Scholarship recipient, University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry student Randi Hobbs at their PFA Breakfast during the Oklahoma Dental Association’s Centennial Convention last April.

OU School of Dentistry student Brett Leemaster was awarded the Academy’s Student Achievement Certificate (above).

Texas

Associate Dean for Student Affairs H. Philip Pierpont thanks the Foundation for awarding the Scholarship Award to the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston dental student Ashley Teeple (left).
Section News

ARGENTINA

Chair Norberto Monthiel reports inducting three new members into Fellowship, Drs. Wancelilu Molinia, Trinidad Bernasconi, and Luciano Menuet.

BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG

Chair Jose Dahan had offered suggestions for organizing the Section Chair Caucus to make use more effectively of the time involved. He has also suggested drafting a definition of what a PFA Fellow is all about to differentiate us from other organizations. Their Section is using the slogan, “A PFA Fellow is proud to SHARE AND DARE.”

CANADA

Trustee Barry Dolman reported hosting their Special Awards and Installation Breakfast during the Canadian 2007 Calendar

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New fellow Luciano Menuet being inducted by Chair Norberto Monthiel
Dental Association’s Annual Meeting in Jasper, Alberta, to honor Dr. Gordon Thompson for his distinguished service to our profession. The breakfast invocation was given by Canadian Dental Association President Darryl Smith, followed by greetings from PFA President-Elect James Englander. The late winter snow did not deter Dr. Englander from coming up from Wisconsin. He felt at home there.

Ninety-seven people were in attendance at the Jasper Park Lodge for the presentation of PFA’s Scholarships and Awards to those who participated in the Dentsply Student Clinician Program. Scholarship winners were Michael Sorek of McGill University, Matt Gilchrist of Dalhousie University, Emma Jakmakjian of the University of Montreal, Darya Dabiri of the University of British Columbia, Jasminka Korok of Western Ontario, Landon Pincombe and Carman Rabuka of the University of Saskatchewan, Dorothee Packwood, Genevieve Gaumond, and Audrey-Anne Roy of Laval, Sean Robertson from the University of Toronto, and Xietaoi Xie of the University of Manitoba. This association with the educational effort began with Dentsply’s George Rhodes, when he was awarded the PFA Dental Trade & Industry Award. The PFA Gold Medal recipient, Dr. Linda Neissen of Dallas, was present in support of our student scholarship initiative.

New Fellows (28) inducted this year were Drs. Yves Ayotte, Mel Schwartz, and Harry Rosen from Quebec; Michael J. Taillon, William T. Underwood, Darryl R. Smith, Danielle Jobb, Maureen D. Lefebvre, Christopher J. Cottick, Walter Nider, Cliff Swanlund, Robert Thompson, and Larry Hodinsky from Western Canada; Monique Fitch, Stephen Fitch, Robert Greenbaum, Earl Perlmutter, Timothy Milligan, Blake Nicolucci, Sandra Nicolucci of Ontario; Bill Redman, Lesley Williams, and Bernie Legatto from British Columbia.

CDA Executive Director George Weber and his staff assisted in securing PFA recognition during the meeting. The Alberta Dental Association and the dental college were represented by their executive officers and board members. PFA President-Elect James Englander represented the Academy.

This year marks the commencement of the agreement with Dentistry Canada Fund. Fellow Bernard Dolansky has been instrumental in facilitating this project, which will promote the growth of PFA in Canada and increase funding for our programs.

The PFAWeb Portal Region-6 is now a working reality with updated information on events and links to every major Canadian dental outlet. The concept for 2008 is to develop more autonomy between the five Canadian subsections so they can initiate their own programs more effectively.

The 2008 Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Toronto. Dr. Aldo Boccia is heading up this event.

The Canadian Chairs are held by Drs. Bruce Ward, Tom Breneman, Aldo Boccia, Sam Sgro, and Alfred Dean.

CHILE

Chair Pabla Barrientos held their annual Meeting and Induction Ceremony last May. With the assistance of International PFA Trustee Ernesto Acuna, their Section inducted new Fellows Drs. Rodrigo Gil and Guillermo Durruty.

Dr. Alejandro Cekalovic was presented their Section Award as Distinguished Dentist of the Year.

POLAND

Chairman Eugeniusz reports that the membership still includes such dignitaries as the Vice President of the Supreme Medical Council, President of the Polish Stomatological Association, President of the Association of Polish Dentists, and Editors of several prestigious stomatological magazines. This year the President of the Opole Section of the Polish Stomatological Association was inducted into membership. He has organized eight continuing education training seminars. The 20th anniversary of the Polish Association of Dental Technicians was celebrated and PFA Fellows participated in presenting papers and receiving Honorary Decoration.

Three Polish PFA Section Board meetings were held last year, with a National Meeting held in September. Four new Fellows were inducted. Two papers were given at that time. Professor Maria Borysewicz-Lewicka, Chair of the Faculty of Pedodontics in Poznan, presented a paper entitled “Own Experiences in Stomatological Care over Children and Youth in a big Urban Center.” Dr. Zbigniew Klimek, President of the Association of Polish Dentists, gave a paper entitled “Reflections on Continuing Education.”

INDIA

Dr. Anil Kohli, Chairman of the India PFA Section, was honored by the President of India, Dr. A.P. Abdul Kalam, who conferred upon him the rank of Honorary Brigadier of the Armed Forces Dental Services of India. Dr. Kohli is the first dentist in India to be so honored. Dr. Kohli is also President of the Dental Council of India and of the Indian Endodontic Society.

UNITED STATES

California, Southern Section

The Section held their 37th annual Awards Luncheon last May 6th in Anaheim at the Sheraton Park Hotel. Chair D. Douglas Cassat called the attendants to order, and International PFA President William Winspear presented a report on the Academy’s Global Mission, and assisted International Trustee Charles Eller in initiating new Fellows Drs. Nadim Bab of Pasadena, Antonette P. Masters of Northridge, David F. Ouellet of Santa Maria, Melanie Parker of San Diego, R. David Ryneran of Moreno Valley, Louis Schwarzbach of Northridge, and Irwin Silverstein of San Diego.
Immediate Past Foundation President Carl G. Lundgren was the recipient of their PFA Honor Award.

President Winspear recognized the Southern California grant recipients for the year as the UCSD Free Dental Clinic by Dr. Irvin Silverstein, The Flying Samaritans of Orange County by Dr. Ted Tanabe, The MEND Dental Clinic of Pacoima by Dr. Richard Marias, The Children’s Dental Health Association of San Diego by ROH Druann Andrecht, The St. Vincent de Paul Village Dental Clinic of San Diego by Dr. Michael J. Ward, and the Thousand Smiles Foundation of Chula Vista by Drs. Terry Tanaka and Jim Vernetti.

The Foundation Student Awards were recognized as going to Christine A. Aufderbar of Loma Linda, Morris Poole of UCLA, and Harjok S. Chawla of USC.

The Teacher of the Year Awards were presented to Dr. James Padgett of Loma Linda, Dr. Dudley Glick of UCLA, and Dr. Brent Fung of USC.


The California Southern Section Officers are Chair D. Douglas Cassat, Vice Chair Frank T. Curry, Immediate Past Chair Charles Eller, and Editor David Richards.

**Connecticut**

Chair Robin Mark Santiago reports holding their annual Awards and Induction Luncheon with some 65 attending last May at the Mohegan Sun resort and Casino in Uncasville, Connecticut, during the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Dental Association. Past PFA President Howard Mark was in attendance to assist Chair Robin Santiago. Their Recognition Award for Service was presented to outgoing Chair William MacDonnell for his 5 years of leadership. Two Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Dr. Jeanne Strathearn, the retiring ADA District One Trustee, and past CSDA President; and to Dr. Sedrick Rawlins for his many roles in serving the needy populations in Connecticut.

Ten new Fellows were inducted into membership by Region 2 Trustee Richard Walsh and by PFA Past President Howard Mark.

Fellow Robert Schreibman, past CSDA President, presented an overview of the Mission of Mercy Project of CSDA. This program provides dental services in a rural area of Connecticut. Some 10 PFA Fellows are involved.

The Section is attempting to secure the Oklahoma Pierre Fauchard statue for display in the lobby of the CSDA headquarters.

**Illinois**

PFA Editor James Brophy was honored last May by the Illinois Elks Association for being Elk of the Year and was presented their medallion at the Spring Convention’s Awards Banquet in Springfield. Dr. Brophy has served an unprecedented four times as President of their 117-year old Waukegan Lodge in two different centuries, served as Treasurer of the Elks North District, and for 13 years held the position as the Illinois Elks Drug Awareness Chairman, distributing a million pieces of drug literature to Illinois schools. Dr. Brophy has earned three Lodge Elk of the Year Awards.

**Iowa**

Chair C. Fredrick Fuller reports holding their joint PFA, ICD, and ACD annual Spring Dinner last May 6th in the Coral Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel in Coralville, Iowa, during the Iowa Dental Association’s annual Session.

FDI’s Kathy Kell of Davenport was honored with the Iowa PFA Dentist of the Year Award. Dr. Kecia Leary was inducted into Iowa Fellowship at this event. Dr. Marcela Hernandezes from the University of Iowa received the PFA McLeran/Montgomery Award.

Their PFA Section also assisted in the University of Iowa, College of Dentistry’s inaugural “White Coat Ceremony” last May 3rd. Incoming junior students will be assembled and take the Dentist’s Oath with a reception to follow.

**Massachusetts**

President-Elect Andrea Richman of the Massachusetts Dental Society informed our Past President Howard Mark that Dr. Mark has been selected to receive the prestigious 2008 James W. Etherington Award at the 33rd Yankee Dental Congress. The Etherington Award was established in 1876 to recognize dentists of New England who have dedicated much of their professional lives to the highest ideals and objectives of organized dentistry. Dr. Mark will receive this honor on 30 January 2008 at their Awards Ceremony.

**Michigan**

Chair Joseph Harris reports that his Section held their annual Spring Breakfast Meeting at the Cobo Hall
Convention Center in Detroit during the Michigan Dental Association Annual Session last May. Sixty people were in attendance, including two dental students. Incoming MDA President, Fellow Steve Dater discussed the issues facing organized dentistry. Also in attendance was MDA’s President-elect Joanne Dawley, a PFA Fellow as well. Past PFA President and current Foundation President M. David Campbell spoke about the PFA Foundation, giving a brief description of its history.

Drs. Howard Hamerink and Phillip Richards were recognized as the University of Michigan Instructors of the Year.

Dr. Virginia Merchant, past Michigan Section Chair, was awarded the University of Detroit-Mercy Instructor of the Year honor.

Dr. Cheri Newman was awarded their Section’s Public Service Award.


Drs. Robert E. L. Perkins and Joseph B. Harris (father) were presented their Section’s Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Their Section also sponsored the lecture by Dr. John Svirsky on Oral Pathology at the MDA Session.

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**Dr. Todd Christy, New Michigan Chair**

Dr. Todd Christy has been selected to serve as the new Michigan PFA Section Chairman upon Dr. Joseph Harris ascending to the position of PFA International Trustee. Dr. Harris has served as the Michigan Chairman for 3 years and has made many exciting innovations, such as a regular four-color newsletter, *News Update*.

Dr. Christy is a 1966 graduate of the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Dentistry. He has been in private practice in Barrien Springs ever since. He is past President (2002) of the Lakeland Valley Dental Society. He has earned the New Dentist Leadership Awards from MDA and from the ADA. Dr. Christy is a Fellow in PFA, ICD, and ACD, and currently serves on the MDA Board of Trustees for Region XII. He is a clinical instructor at Lake Michigan College’s Dental Assisting Program. He also is an active Rotarian in the Barrien Springs Club.
Michigan Section News continued

Five new Fellows were inducted into membership at this Meeting: (L-R) Drs. Walter Lim, Steven Gusfa, Diane Hines, William Demray, and David DiLoreto.

Four new Fellows were inducted in November; Drs. Carl Misch, Jay Bowman, Ramzi Atoui, and Margaret DeVor.

Their Section’s Student awards were presented to Tiffany Stafiej of UDM and to Sooyoun Chung of the University of Michigan.

Outgoing Chair J.C. Harris introduced the new Section Chair Todd Christy, who gave the closing remarks.

The Michigan Section Officers are Chair Todd Christy, Treasurer Edward Sarkisian, Secretary Marilyn Woolfolk, Membership Chair Susan Luft-Marcotte, Education Chair Gregory Movesian, Philanthropic Affairs Chair Wally McMinn, and Editor Michael Maihofer.

WISCONSIN

The 137th Wisconsin Dental Association held their “Jewel of the Great Lakes” Dental Convention at the KI Center in Green Bay last May. Many PFA Fellows assisted in making this a spectacular Meeting, which featured 111 exhibits displaying the latest in oral health care products and services.

Featured performer was American Idol participant Denise Jackson, a singer from Madison. She was displaying her new smile that she had done by Drs. James Amstadt of Sun Prairie and Thomas Katz of Columbus, following her recent Hollywood debut.

The WDA Foundation celebrated their 50th Anniversary at Lambeau Field. (For you unaware, Lambeau Field is football heaven for the Green Bay Packers.) Packers Aaron Rodgers, Fuzzy Thurston, and Larry McCarren mingled with the dentists and their guests.

The WDA was founded in 1870 and is headquartered in West Allis. It has more than 2,900 members.

Chair Ron Stifter inducted eight new Fellows into membership. PFA President-Elect James Englander addressed the Section on the Academy’s initiatives with an emphasis on our Foundation’s activities.

OKLAHOMA

Past Chair William Goodman hosted their PFA Membership Breakfast and Induction Ceremony last April during the Centennial Oklahoma Dental Association Meeting. Nine new members were admitted into Fellowship by Chair William Goodman and assisted by PFA Secretary General Richard Kozal and International President William Winspear. Their Distinguished Service Award went to ODA President-elect Krista Jones.

Later, all the PFA Officers participated in the unveiling of the 7-foot bronze statue of Pierre Fauchard at the ODA headquarters. The sculptor Gary Gardner of Lawton, a past ODA President, was inducted into PFA that Meeting.

PENNSYLVANIA

Past PFA President Nicolas D. Saccone is recovering well from the loss of his right leg. He thanks all his well-wishers for their cards, letters, and e-mails. He is now at home and progressing well for an 85-year old dealing with a cumbersome prosthesis.
PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY

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