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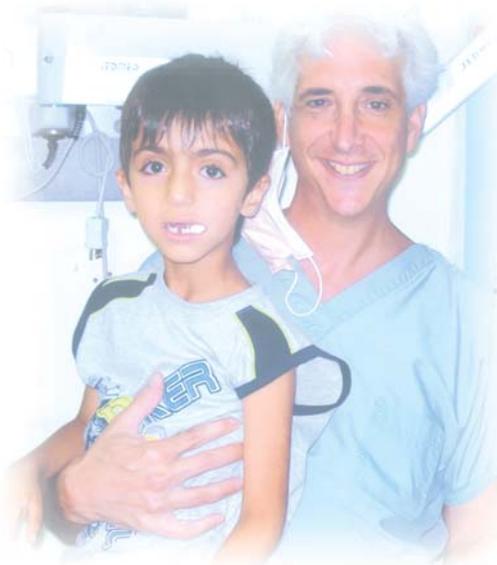
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Mark Your Calendar Now!

March 27, 2010 is the date for this year's Awards of Distinction Gala. Check out the back cover for more information.

Seeking Ways to Add Value and Service

As a new crop of students begin their dental studies, our cover story celebrates one of the greatest benefits of becoming a dentist – the opportunity to volunteer service to those in greatest need. This issue profiles just two of the many alumni volunteering with free dental clinics – one in Mexico and one in Jerusalem – and I look forward to sharing more news of alumni service in future issues of *Alumni Today*. Please let us know what you have been doing at home and around the globe so that we can continue to celebrate the worthwhile endeavours of our Alumni.

Here at the Faculty we continue to implement our Academic Plan, and I'd like to share an update on several initiatives:

Upgrading the DDS Curriculum to introduce clinical dentistry earlier, balance the workload for the students across the four years, introduce more learning aids where appropriate and indicated, and reduce the didactic load in the final year. This will both increase clinical exposure and facilitate clinical placements outside the Faculty.

Recruiting Exceptional Faculty in response to retirements and discipline restructuring in Community Dentistry, Preventive Dentistry and Microbiology. This is an area where funding is critical to our ability to present attractive offers as we are challenged to compete for the best at a time when North America is experiencing a shortage of dentistry faculty.

Strengthening our Centre for Clinical Research to establish a centre of excellence in clinical research which will foster the discovery, development and testing of new technologies in dentistry and health sciences, encouraging the translation of research and knowledge into clinical practice. Quite literally, we expect the research in the Centre to directly benefit the care you give patients in your practice.

Targeted Facility Renovations to maximize space utilization and allow modernization, as we await our new building.

In addition to our official academic plan, we are reviewing our alumni programming and seeking ways to add value and service. Please send in your news and views, whether they be professional, personal or avocational – it's how each of us, as alumni, stay connected! Keep in touch and let us know how we're doing!

DAVID MOCK 6T8



"Alumni are our extended family. Getting together to celebrate milestones, ensuring that we are there for each other as a support network when times are tough, and being a sounding board for ideas and discussion, is all part of family life."

Take Up the Torch for Dentistry!

With Olympic fever starting to rise in Canada, it's time to take up our own 'Olympic Torch' for dentistry, and as your new Alumni President I am looking forward to renewing enthusiasm in the many opportunities for alumni involvement at the Faculty.

The 2009-2010 academic year has already started with two memorable traditions which contribute significantly to student life. The White Coat Ceremony which officially welcomes the first year students to the profession and to the Faculty, and our Annual Golf Tournament the proceeds from which make a valuable impact on the lives of our students and student activities. A special thank you must also be made to all the sponsors, our golf committee and the co-chairs **Dr. Peter Tonisson** 7T6 and **Graham Flanagan** from Scotiabank.

The Awards of Distinction Gala held at the Royal York last April was a resounding success and we anticipate no less for next year's event planned for March 27, 2010. Each year this event gets bigger and better, so get your tickets early as another sell out is expected.

Appreciation has to be directed to outgoing President, **Dr. Carolyn Poon Woo** 8T5, for her leadership role throughout the last three years. A dedicated president who had an active involvement in all of the alumni activities, I congratulate Carolyn on a job very well done and I will do my best to work as hard as Carolyn has for our members.

My mandate as the Alumni President is to increase membership participation this year in our Alumni Association. The success of these previous events is clear evidence that your support led to significant contributions for students and other Faculty initiatives designed to improve the profession and the public we serve. Your continued participation will also allow you to build new relationships and rekindle friendships with colleagues. Of course, to accomplish this mandate I rely on you, our alumni. I welcome you to join the Alumni Association Board or one of its committees, attend University of Toronto Continuing Education courses to learn together, or participate in our student Mentorship Program.

As you can see, there are many ways to give to your alma mater. I encourage you to take up the torch and become involved, knowing that you can enrich your life, the life of our students and contribute to the growth of our profession.

VALERIE STAVRO 8T4



"Please mark Friday November 13th, 2009 on your calendar and drop by the Alumni booth at the Annual Winter Clinic. I am eager to listen to your views regarding future direction for your Alumni Association."

Reunions

6T4 Dental Hygiene

Our U of T Dental Hygiene Class of 6T4 reunion was an outstanding success, with people coming from as far as New Zealand and Salt Spring Island, B.C. We all agreed that we look and feel as great as we did 45 years ago – and a lot of our fingers are still scaling! We are grateful to the profession for the opportunities and friendships that Dental Hygiene has made possible. Regrets none... advice for future hygienists... never change your last name!

Donations to Breast Cancer and Heart and Stroke Research were made in our name.

Looking forward to our 50th out west.

Rosalie Fineberg Shapiro 6T4

At Stage West for martinis and manicures you would have found:

Fran Truscott Dillon, Barbara Snitman Greenglass, Rosalie Fineberg Shapiro, Janet Guy, Wendy Papple Banting, Beverly Mintz Kassirer-Sniffer, Lucille McKitrick Howarth, Sharon Fisher Hergott, Anna Judd Childs, Petie Prendergast Thickett, Jill Scott Lee, Eleanor Martin Jenkins, Deb Roberts Daniels.



6T9 Dental Hygiene

The Dental Hygiene Class of 6T9 celebrated their 40th reunion at Stage West, Mississauga, the weekend of May 1.

19 alumni attended out of a graduating class of 38. Girls arrived from as far away as Switzerland, New York and Vancouver. It was a great reunion and luncheon – no one had aged a bit!

Lynn Foster 6T9



5T9 DDS

On Thursday, April 1, thirty-one members of the graduating class of 5T9 and their guests gathered to celebrate their 50th reunion. The event was held at the Four Seasons Hotel and we were honoured by a visit from **Dean David Mock** who updated the class on current events at the Faculty. Classmates **Marvin Mecklinger, John Shaw** and **Brian McDonald** gave their reminiscences of the past 50 years. Honorary class member **Helen Chomyn** was also with us.

(See page 18 for an update on Helen.)

Thank you to our committee who worked hard on putting this together – **Ingrid Raminsh-Tannis, Mel Charendoff** and **Bernie Crystal**.

Bernie Crystal 5T9



6T9 DDS

On Thursday April 30th, Dents 6T9 celebrated its 40th reunion at the Granite Club in Toronto. 99 classmates and significant others enjoyed a raucous evening of camaraderie and fond memories. In addition to the attendees from Toronto and all parts of Ontario, we had classmates come in from Victoria, Vancouver and Fort Lauderdale.



The evening's entertainment was the class itself. In order to receive a "booby prize" everyone had to spend a few minutes in front of the microphone. We started off the festivities by acknowledging the three ODA presidents that were from our class: **Denis Wells**, **Doug Smith** and the current president, **Larry Levin**. Each of them was anointed with a tiara. It was hard to keep a straight face when they tried to make a speech. Some of the

group could undoubtedly make a living as stand-up comedians! Denis had a heart transplant almost 20 years ago and talked about organ donations. **Rick Stammers** was hilarious discussing his dental career, and **George Zeleney** commented that it took him 40 years to discover that our lectures started at 8:00 a.m, not 9:00 a.m!

There were serious moments from **Jim Miles**, who put a good perspective on how fortunate most of us were. We

remembered classmates who were ill and those no longer with us. For the most part, the majority of the class is still practicing. The staff had to push us out the door because nobody wanted to leave. We want to thank our hard-working committee of **Carolyn** and **Larry Silverberg**, **Peter Model**, **Sue** and **Jim Miles** and **Bob Dewhirst** who helped put the evening together.

Carole and **Steve Zamon** 6T9

8T9 DDS

On Saturday May 2nd, after the Ontario Dental Association's Annual Spring Meeting, the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry Class of 8T9 enjoyed their 20 year reunion at the InterContinental Toronto Centre Hotel. Fifty-five alumni and spouses attended the cocktail reception.

Time sure does fly!

Mark Suyama 8T9



UPCOMING REUNION

Class of 6T0

The 50th reunion of the Class of 6T0 will take place May 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Faculty Club, during the ODA meeting. Contact **Dr. Marvin Klotz** to offer suggestions, help, etc. at Tel: 416.597.8675 Ext. 5; Fax: 416.597.8774; or email dr.klotz@heredental.com

Just had a Reunion? Please send your reunion pictures and stories to the Alumni Today editor.

(Pictures can be 4 x 6 glossy prints or email them as high resolution jpeg files to barbaramurray@fastmail.fm)

ALUMNI SERVICE ABROAD

Volunteer Stories from Mexico and Israel

What do you value most about the training you received at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry? Undoubtedly that training has led to a rewarding profession, but for many it has also inspired reaching out to those most vulnerable in our communities. The clinical skills honed at the Faculty, and the sense of social responsibility emphasized during training, have motivated many alumni to deliberately seek out ways to help those in need.

*There are many examples of our alumni volunteering on the frontlines of poverty, homelessness and despair. This issue of Alumni Today profiles two of them: **Keith Routley** 5T0 and **Steven Brown** 8T0.*

For many children, their only access to dental care is through free clinics. From indigent families in Mexico, to the poorest children in Israel, their health depends on those clinics and the special alumni who serve with love.



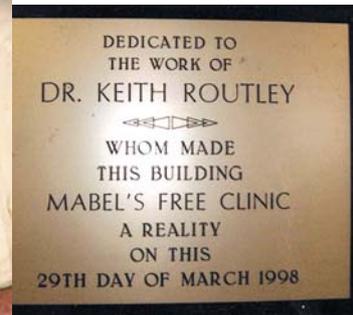
Mexican Vacation Became Second Career

For many, retirement is a time to slow down, relax, play some golf and travel, for others it's a time to discover what the next challenge will be. Several years ago, **Keith Routley** 5T0 found that challenge within 24 hours of arriving in Weslaco, Texas with his wife **Beverley [Smith]** 4T6, a Dental Nursing graduate of the University of Toronto. Recently retired, they took a trip in 1987 planning to winter in the Rio Grande Valley, never dreaming that a whole new 'career' awaited Keith. Upon their arrival in Weslaco he was introduced to Mabel Clare Proudly, known as the Mother Theresa of Mexico. She had a dream to open a free clinic for the indigent children and families in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico, and she convinced Keith to help her make that dream come true.

Starting with just one very old dental chair, Keith spent 10 years volunteering his time in a small 8 by 10 foot room, two days a week, six months of the year, working with portable dental equipment loaned to him by **Dr. Peter Cooney** DDPH (who completed his specialty in Community Dentistry at the Faculty in 1983), then director of Public Health, now the Chief Dental Officer, Health Canada. For four years Keith borrowed the equipment in October and returned it in April, transporting it to and from Texas.

After 10 years, several local Mexican RV and mobile home parks got together and raised funds to build a 28 x 40 foot dental and medical building in Nuevo Progreso on land made available by the Mexican government, and Mabel's dream became a reality. Keith named it Mabel's Free Clinic, and today thousands of patients have received treatment from dentists, medical doctors, and eye specialists free of charge. Besides dental and medical help, the clinic also provides English language lessons. The original building was expanded in January 2003 to meet the overwhelming needs of the local population.

In 1999, the government of Mexico presented Dr. Routley with



We recognize that many of our alumni and faculty volunteer. We want to hear from you... your stories, letters and comments are important to us and bring attention to organizations that are making a difference in their community and communities around the world.

an award in recognition of his work. It was called Honor a Quien Honor Merece (Honour Those Who Deserve Honour).

Keith's desire to make a difference wherever he was needed was not confined to Texas. At home in Canada he received several awards for his community work including the Community Service Award from the City of Winnipeg in 1968, the

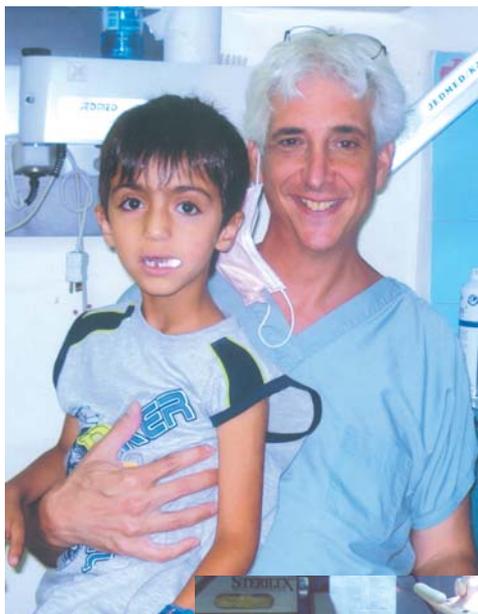
Random Acts of Kindness Award in 1996 and Celebrate Canada "People Who Make a Difference" Award in 1999.

Sadly, Keith passed away this year on January 4, 2009 at the age of 85 after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. He leaves behind his wife Beverley, six children, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind a legacy of compassion and involvement that has touched, and continues to impact, the lives of many.

For more information on Mabel's Free Clinic, visit: www.shop-progreso.com/miscellaneous/Mabels.html

Gift of Love to Jerusalem's Families

Dozens of alumni have volunteered at the Dental Volunteers for Israel clinic in Jerusalem, many of them returning numerous times. Steven Brown shares his experience of working there and the impact it has made on his life and goals.

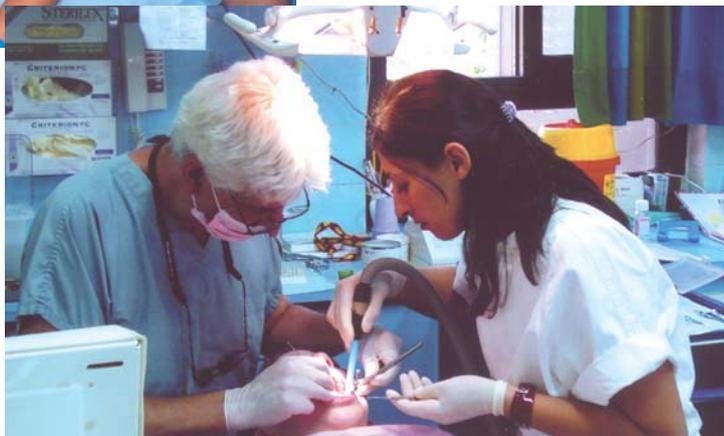


Trudi Birger's privileged childhood in Frankfurt, Germany, ended abruptly at the age of seven with the rise of Nazism. After several years of hiding, she and her family were caught and sent to a death camp. She was literally snatched from the crematorium door through a miracle that she described in her book "Daughter's Gift of Love". Through that experience she vowed never to abandon a child in distress.

In 1980 Trudi founded the non-profit Dental Volunteers for Israel (DVI) clinic. The original principles continue to guide the practice of the clinic today and make it unique. Treatments are provided to Jerusalem's children for the city's most needy families, regardless of their religious or ethnic origin, and are completely free. All children and parents participate in a dental hygiene preventative health-care program, and there are regular six-month recall visits. The mainstay of the clinic's staff are volunteer dentists, both Jewish and non-Jewish, from countries around the world.

Many of those volunteers are alumni from the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry. One of them is **Steven Brown** 8T0 who has been working in the DVI clinic in Jerusalem for two weeks every other year since 2003.

One of the many alumni who volunteer at the DVI clinic, Steven Brown 8T0 has just returned from his latest visit.



DVI's dentists around the world have been recognized by the State of Israel for their profound contribution over the 29 years that the clinic has been in existence. This year, in an emotionally stirring ceremony, Israeli President Shimon Peres presented DVI with the President's Award for Volunteerism – the highest recognition an Israeli volunteer organization can receive.

“When our staff and students provide volunteer services they support the role of dentistry as a health profession – evidence that our profession is devoted to the well-being of the people we serve. Undoubtedly, for many in the medical fields, the desire to heal goes beyond their own practice and leads them into endeavours in the global village, making this world a better place for all. It’s been said that volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart. To all our alumni and faculty who have the heart to get involved, we applaud you.”

DEAN DAVID MOCK 6T8

“I have always thought that dentists are lucky people,” he says. “I never leave my office without realizing how fortunate I am. Last time we were in Jerusalem I took some Canadian keychains as small gifts and gave them to two young girls about 12 and 14 that I treated in the clinic. The assistant said to me afterwards, ‘They can’t use those. They live in a tent in a park in Jerusalem....’ We just don’t appreciate how some people live. I know it sounds clichéd but you get so much more than you give when you work in a clinic like this.”

Steven feels that the Faculty encourages students to think about involvement in the community. “Every year a certain number of dental students in third and fourth year would be sent up to Moose Factory to the dental clinic there. It was an elective, you didn’t have to do it, but you were certainly made aware of these types of opportunities for giving back. This isn’t something you are necessarily thinking about as a student, and it’s the first step for some to consider volunteering in the wider community.”

After graduation Steven worked for public health for six years, so every morning from 9 to 12 he saw children. “I’m not a pediatric dentist but I’ve always liked treating kids,” he says. “DVI fits with my thinking, with my philosophy, that there is no one more vulnerable than children. I know guys from my class who every third year go to Guatemala into the jungles and take generators and equipment. Why? Because one of these guys was originally from South America. So you get involved with something that fits with your thinking and upbringing.”

With 50,000 children in Jerusalem living under the poverty line who are eligible for care at the clinic, the need is obvious. And as Steven points out, working at the clinic five days a week, 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., still gives plenty of time to sightsee. “I’ve always thought that if you can get someone to do something like this once, they’d go back,” he says.

Looking down the road to when retirement comes around, Steven talks about his plan to one day sell his practice and then work at the clinic for three or four months while his license is still active. It’s a long term goal that he

and his wife Paula look forward to.

Currently in general practice, Steven won a Sovereign Award in 1992 for writing the best feature story published in Canada on thoroughbred horse racing. “I used to write for a bunch of magazines, one being the *International Thoroughbred Digest*. For this story I was up against a writer from the *Star* and a writer from the *Canadian Thoroughbred* magazine. And I won!” His enthusiasm for whatever he does is obvious, and contagious. Out of the many things he could choose to do with his time, this summer he is once again back in Jerusalem doing what he loves best – making a difference in the lives of young people.

For more information on the opportunities available, check out www.dental-dvi.il

Share Your Volunteer Story

The Faculty is proud to have played a key role in equipping so many of our graduates with the skills they need to serve others. Please tell us how you have been applying the skills you learned here to help those in need. Send in your stories and we’ll publish as many as we can.

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Pass your story on!

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In Memoriam

Ross Shugart 5T1

Ross died on June 25, 2009, at age 89 in the Etobicoke General Hospital. The cause of death must have been golf because he played golf 'avidly' for 40 years at Islington with fellow members and at Haliburton Highlands with friends.

After serving in the Dental Corps during the war, Ross had no trouble breezing through the course at school. He enjoyed a busy general practice in Etobicoke before retiring in 1989.

Besides Miriam, his wife of 65 years, he leaves a daughter, two sons, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a brother, Don, as well as his old and tired 5T1 classmates.

Ross was a generous supporter of Camp Oochigeas (www.ooch.org) for children with cancer.

LIONEL METRICK 5T1
Class Secretary

Brad Holmes 6T5

Brad made the best of every moment, of every opportunity. His constant quest to do things, go places, spend time with family and friends, and learn something new, was a delight to everyone who was the beneficiary of his enthusiasm and generosity. Throughout his 37 years of dentistry, it was a common joke that Brad 'took his retirement in installments.' He had too few years of actual retirement before losing his battle with cancer on April 14, 2009.

Brad's contribution to dentistry was well recognized. The Ontario Dental Association and the Canadian Dental Association presented their highest awards to their Past President. He continued his involvement in several ODA and CDA projects well into his official 'retirement.' Brad was co-founder of the dental program known as CINOT which, some 30 years later, still provides dental treatment for Children In Need of Treatment. At the same time he co-founded the Sioux Lookout Remote Services Project which continues to send dentists into the Sioux Lookout Zone to remote communities. Following retirement Brad enthusiastically took on the position of Dental Consultant to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, a 'job' he truly loved.

A diagnosis of terminal cancer was daunting but did provide the time for Brad and his many friends and associates to make contact and validate their relationships. The emails, cards, letters, visits and phone calls sustained Brad through this difficult time. He was constantly amazed that he had so many friends who cared so much.

A Personal Tribute

"Sometimes people pass through your life for only a brief period but leave an indelible memory. Brad Holmes was such a man.

Brad had qualities that I admired and envied. He was a man's man in the best sense of the words. For me, he symbolized honourable living and commitment. He was never overbearing, pompous, or self-important. It was always a pleasure to see and greet him. He epitomized honesty, integrity, fair play and decency.

Brad is part of my short, personal pantheon of real heroes – people who combine success, achievement and strength with gentleness and good will. To know Brad Holmes was to like him. There is no greater tribute for a good man."

MARVIN KLOTZ 6T0

WE MOURN THE LOSS

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Donald Davis 5T0
Brad Holmes 6T5
Kenneth Kay 6T7
Keith Routley 5T0
Ross Shugart 5T1
Alan Winnick 6T0

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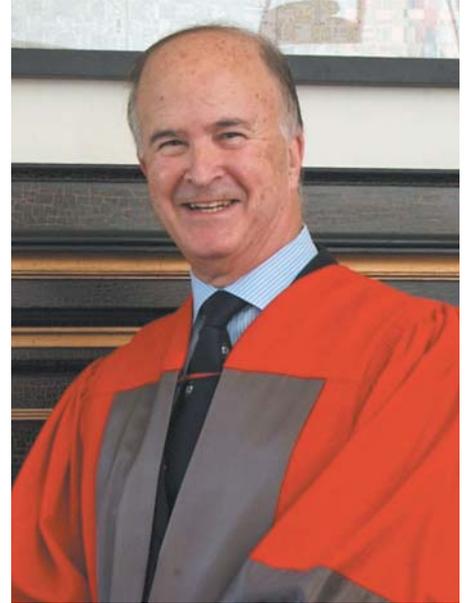
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George Zarb Receives Multiple Honours

On Friday, June 5, 2009 Dr. George Zarb, internationally acclaimed for his life-long commitment to advancing Surgical/Prosthodontic synergies at all levels of scholarship, was recognized by the University of Toronto with an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science. Earlier this year in March, the Faculty's Award of Distinction was presented to Professor Emeritus Zarb, in recognition of his accomplishments and contributions. At the Awards Gala it was announced that the Nobel Biocare Chair in Prosthodontics would be renamed the George Zarb/Nobel Biocare Chair. The Chair was originally established through a generous endowment by Nobel Biocare in 2004.

In addition, the fundraising committee struck just over one year ago by **Dr. Lesley David** PG 9T9 with **Dr. Gerald Baker** 6T4, **Dr. Izchak Barzilay** 8T3, **Dr. Peter Birek** and **Dr. David Psutka** 7T9, has raised significant funds in Dr. Zarb's honour, which will now be used to establish a prestigious visiting lectureship in his name in 2010-2011.

Well deserving of all of these accolades, Dr. Zarb's list of accomplishments also includes this country's highest honour, that of The Order of Canada, which he received in 2008.



"George Zarb has not only brought great distinction to the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, but is amongst the most respected clinical scholars in the field of Prosthodontics internationally."

DEAN DAVID MOCK

Generous donations by the individuals below make possible a newly endowed visiting lectureship in Dr. Zarb's name. Thank you!

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Dr. Jack Zosky 6T4

George Zarb was this year's Convocation Speaker. Following is an edited version of his address to the graduates of Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy.



Teaching is really all about preparing others for the learning they must do themselves. At our best, we teachers are intellectual couriers delivering accurate, and often provocative news, which translates via you, our ex-students, into gratifying deeds for the public we serve. And this, my friends, is our unique and collective commitment to society.

Think about how privileged you health professionals are. The very nature of your fields of endeavour – long and demanding training with its methodological rigour, the personal discipline required to meet overriding objectives, compassion in dealing with the disadvantaged – have prepared you for doing more for your fellow human beings than so many other fields of endeavour permit.

Your future is not a blank page; it carries the legacy of history as well as the potential for change. The facts and skills your university educations have equipped you with are not end-points in themselves. They must be set in the

frame of a broader picture as you adapt to the communities you serve.

My clinical research interests with dental implant solutions stemmed from a collaborative friendship with one remarkable Swedish medical scientist – Per-Ingvar Brånemark, who was recognized by our University with an Honorary doctorate several years ago. He inarguably changed the course of oro-facial rehabilitation and the career direction of several of us on this stage. He showed, as others had shown before him and since, that many of the world's great movements begin with one person's work, often a single tenacious conviction. While few have the greatness and opportunity to bend history itself the way Brånemark and so

“Think about how privileged you health professionals are. The very nature of your fields of endeavour... have prepared you for doing more for your fellow human beings than so many other fields permit.”

many other scientific researchers did, all of us can work to change a small portion of events. And in the totality of those acts will be written the history of this new generation of health providers.

You are part of a noble, and decent, and civilized tradition of professionalism – one which permits you to recognize and affirm the dignity and quality of life of each of your patients or clients on a daily basis. Yours is also the special opportunity to grow in your dedication to openness, to combine it with a willingness to encounter new and different experiences, as you seek to strengthen personal commitments to the deep commonality at the core of all our beings. Your chosen professions offer extraordinary opportunities to serve.

I feel very privileged to be your colleague today and be a part of this happy celebration. I wish you all much success and serenity in the years ahead.

GEORGE ZARB
2009 HONDSC UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Generosity of Donors and Volunteers Impacts Health

In the midst of a very difficult economic time, the generous gifts that have been received by the Faculty of Dentistry deserve our sincere thanks.

In making these gifts and awards available to our faculty and students, donors are impacting the health of people around the world. We thank all our donors for their foresight and generosity.

High-end media equipment funded by Dr. Mark Nusbaum

In April 2003, the Faculty opened the newly renovated Nusbaum Family Lecture Room, funded by a generous gift of \$125,000 from the Nusbaums. At that time, Dr. Mark Nusbaum 6T0 presented a good-will \$10,000 certificate which could be redeemed by the Faculty in order to keep the room state-of-the-art. Through heavy use, the room's presentation equipment broke down in spring 2009. True to his word, Dr. Nusbaum quickly made a generous donation to have the items replaced and to purchase a top of the line digital SLR camera for Media Services, which creates exceptional academic technology support for course materials and research presentations. Over the years, Dr. Nusbaum has been a valued patron to the Media Services department, with donations including a full studio lighting set up, networked video cameras, and a life time supply of batteries!



Poytons provide record gift to Oral Radiology

Dr. H. Guy Poyton developed the radiology program at the Faculty of Dentistry into an internationally recognized program, with graduates world-wide.

His foremost interest was in ensuring that the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry retain that international recognition for excellence, and this August Oral Radiology received its largest donation to date – over \$440,000 – through the estate of Dr. and Mrs. Poyton. Following their numerous gifts to the Faculty, the Poytons' planned gift will advance important work in research, teaching and clinical care, including collaborative efforts with The Hospital for Sick Children, where Guy was a staff consultant, and both Eunice and Guy were committed volunteers.

“Support from donors provides a critical resource for the Faculty as we strive to provide the very best teaching, research and clinical care amidst the most significant economic challenges Canada has faced in decades.”

DEAN DAVID MOCK

Guy died in December 2007, followed eleven months later by Eunice. We encourage readers to share remembrances of Guy and Eunice, by contacting the Director of Advancement, Susan Alksnis at 416-979-4940 or susan.alksnis@dentistry.utoronto.ca



Children referred from The Hospital for Sick Children with severe cranio-facial deformities, will be able to use the Faculty's conebeam CT scanner free of charge through the donation made by the estate of Dr. and Mrs. Poyton.

Treating patients with disabilities funded by Dr. Katherine Zettle

Dr. Katherine Zettle 8T7, Paediatric Dentistry 9T5, has donated \$20,000 to endow a summer placement for one student each year to help provide care to persons living with disabilities, including geriatric care.

In honour of her parents, The Margaret & Clifford Zettle Award provides funding for a student completing the third year of the DDS program to be placed in one of the Faculty's affiliated teaching hospitals.

The first recipient of this Award did a placement in August at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. (Shown at right are Katherine's parents, Margaret and Clifford Zettle.)



Volunteers help raise over \$100,000 at Awards Gala and Golf Tournament

Alumni and industry volunteers continue to raise the bar on fundraising events for the Faculty of Dentistry, bringing in well over \$100,000 through the 2009 Awards Gala and



the Golf Tournament. Both these events also provide a valuable opportunity for friends and supporters of the Faculty to connect and enjoy each other's company while supporting the Faculty of Dentistry's world-class teaching, research and clinical care. Work is already underway on the 2010 Awards of Distinction Gala, due to take place on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

RESEARCH DAY **FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

On Research Day, faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, as well as research staff, present and discuss their latest research work and distinguished researchers give keynote lectures sharing their valuable insights and vision of the future.

All the dental specialties showcase their unique areas of research which are advancing the field of dental sciences to improve academic knowledge and delivery of health care to the broader communities that we live in. Much of the research being conducted will have direct impact in clinical applications.

The day will begin at 12 noon, February 23, in Room 170 at the Faculty with a keynote speaker, followed by lunch and poster presentations in the auditorium. The second keynote speaker, along with an undergrad and grad student, will present during the afternoon, followed by the awards presentation and wrapping up with wine and cheese.

There is no charge for alumni to attend, but please register by contacting Leah Raz at l.raz@dentistry.utoronto.ca

A SCHOOL LEGEND...

Helen Chomyn Still Going Strong



"Generations of students have Helen's smiling face imprinted in their memory forever. She encouraged success, while providing support when things just wouldn't go right."

DEAN DAVID MOCK

It was 1941 and times were tough. A deep recession was affecting all of Canada when Helen Chomyn decided it was time to leave the farm in Saskatoon and try to make a life in Toronto. She arrived in the morning, bought a newspaper and saw an ad from a family who needed help looking after their children. "They were professors at the University of Toronto and they needed some help," she says. So she lived in their house, took care of the children, and cooked for them.

"They got used to the farmers' food and loved it!" she says. From there it was a short step to training to become a nurse, then working in a mental health hospital for two years.

After that experience she applied to the Faculty of Dentistry, taking with her not only her new skills, but also

the morals, values and good sense instilled in her by her parents. And the students loved her.

"I was in my first year of dentistry in 1967, very keen, and I thought I would go in and observe a surgical procedure," says **Lloyd Koutsaris** 7T1. "I started getting a little sweaty and decided to walk outside and catch my breath...on the way out I collapsed right outside of Mrs. Chomyn's office. She got a bunch of students together and carried me into one of the recovery rooms and I said 'That's the end of my career, I'm leaving this place.' And she said 'No, when you fall off the horse you have to get back on so we're going back into surgery'. I said 'no way', she said 'yes' and dragged me in and the rest is history!"

It was situations like that says Lloyd that made her unique. "She always had a different approach. She believed that things had to be done the right way, no short cuts, and she instilled that kind of thinking into us. She mothered us,

“She was a unique personality who stood out amongst the other people who worked at the Faculty. She could calm you down when you felt overwhelmed.”

BARRY RUBINOFF 6T4

supported us, and thought of us as ‘her boys’. She had a huge influence, and I think her legacy at the Faculty is the way she believed people should be treated – to make students feel they were part of what was going on, and to have a great experience.”

Her rapport with the students over the 28 years that she worked there has made her an honorary member of many of the classes, and she regularly attends class reunions. (See page 6, *Class of 5T9*.)

Compulsory retirement at the age of 65 didn’t slow Helen down one little bit. By now Lloyd had become her personal dentist, and he needed an office manager, so Helen started another career, and, as was typical for her, she put everything into it. She worked for Lloyd from the age of 67 to 83. “The last few years that she worked for me we had an agreement that she would come in at noon and leave by 5:00 p.m. – but it never worked like that,” says Lloyd. “She would never leave until

everything was done, whether it was her responsibility or not. One night I left the office and had to go back for something at around 9:30 p.m. The lights were still on and there was Mrs. C. still working. That is so typical of the kind of woman she is.

Dr. Don Woodside, who was head of Orthodontics, gave her a lot of responsibility at the Faculty and became a good personal friend of hers. He is also one of my patients so when she worked here they would sit and chat, and catch up on what was happening with each other, after his appointment. People really do love and respect her.”

Helen still keeps up to date with what is happening with ‘her boys’. **Barry Rubinoff 6T4** who recently saw Helen at a class reunion, says the memories he has of her are “Pretty wonderful. In those days most of us were very young going into dentistry. We went straight from high school, with just one year of university, and then were thrown into four years of this intense program. To have someone you could go to with your frustrations and concerns meant so much to us. Helen was always helpful,

“You fall in love with the lady – she was like our mother. She became honorary class member of many, many classes, and she still meets a lot of the orthodontists and other dentists, and they invite her to their reunions because she made the Faculty a great experience.”

LLOYD KOUTSARIS 7T1

she was the class mother to every year of students – such a kind, understanding person. You could always go and talk to her. She was, and still is, a unique person.”

Helen credits her ability to relate to people with her upbringing. “On the farm my father taught us that you had to be very aware of animals, to look them in the eye, to notice whether they needed you to be kind to them...it’s the same with people.”

Helen’s kindness will long be remembered by all those students fortunate enough to have encountered her during their days at the Faculty.

Share your stories about Helen

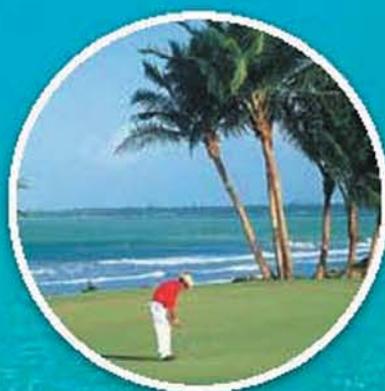
We know many more alumni have great memories of Helen. If she had an impact on you, or you have a special memory, please share it with us. Email your stories to barbaramurray@fastmail.fm and we will include them in the next issue of *Alumni Today*.



The 16th Annual *Seminar at Sea (and Tee!)*

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February 21 - 28, 2010



The University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry is excited to invite you to 'The 16th Annual Seminar at Sea' to the Southern Caribbean, February 21, 2010. You will receive two four-hour sessions of the most current and relevant dentistry education, seven days of sun and fun aboard the Caribbean Princess cruise ship and fabulous all day excursions to St. Thomas, Tortola, BVI, Antigua, St. Lucia and Barbados islands.

PLUS diehard golfers looking to tee-off at golf courses amongst the Caribbean's most beautiful, will be able to do so as an add on to our 16th Annual Seminar at Sea.

**Kick back. Relax.
Learn and have fun!**



Enjoy outstanding CE and a relaxing atmosphere in the company of friends and colleagues!

Golf, Shopping, Sightseeing, Skydiving and Mountainbiking...

The Southern Caribbean landscape is spectacular, teeming with exotic flowers and stretches of sun-bleached beaches. Onboard Princess Cruises Caribbean Princess you'll have an unforgettable trip – and when we reach shore you'll have the opportunity to play four rounds of challenging golf on some of the most beautiful courses imaginable. We'll have our own onboard golf professional, and each golf excursion will include pre-reserved priority tee times, green fees, round trip transportation and cart rental. And for those who don't want to play golf, the choices are endless: from shopping to skydiving, from sightseeing to mountainbiking, the beautiful islands of the Caribbean – St. Thomas, Tortola, St. Lucia, Barbados and Antigua – offer it all.

Cabin accommodations range from an interior stateroom for two for US\$1,138, up to a Mini Suite for two at US\$2,298. Taxes and fees are an additional US\$453.28 per cabin/double occupancy. Only a certain number of cabins in each category are offered at these special rates.

Eight Hours CDE in Endodontics...

Dr. Shimon Friedman, Professor and Head of Endodontics and Director of the M.Sc. Endodontics Program at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry will be offering a comprehensive review of what can be achieved through endodontic treatment for your patients. Course tuition is \$695.00 per dentist and will provide a minimum of eight hours CDE. Reservations for this must be made through the University of Toronto. Please contact **Dr. Barry Chapnick**, Director, Course Development, Continuing Dental Education at 1-416-979-4900 ext. 6087 for more information.

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For further information on the cruise and golf option, please contact David Almos at 1-877-415-5442 ext. 7816.

Cruise and Learn has always been a popular feature of our CDE program. This alumni service is not only provided for the continuing dental education benefit but also for the fellowship that alumni can share during the experience. Our feedback tells us that alumni are looking for opportunities for travel that may include sporting activities or exotic destinations not found easily or as economically through commercial travel companies. The cruise highlighted in this edition

features a fabulous opportunity to enjoy some of the great golf courses of the Caribbean. For the fall of 2010 we are working on a trip to Egypt to explore its amazing historical features with the guidance of a professional Egyptologist. For divers and snorkelers we are planning a trip to a remote resort in one of the premier dive areas of the Caribbean. More details on these trips will soon be posted on the CDE website.

Our congratulations to the following faculty and graduate students who have been honoured, and who continue to pursue excellence in their endeavours.



Dr. Jim Yuan Lai receives high honour

In recognition of his community service and contribution to St. John Ambulance, Dr. Jim Yuan Lai OT0 M.Sc. Periodontology, was

recently promoted to the Grade of Commander in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem – one of only seven people in Canada this year who achieved this rank. The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, presided over the investiture ceremony on Saturday June 6, 2009. The Order of St. John is one of the five National Orders in the Canadian Honours System.

Jim started out in 1985 as a St. John volunteer first aider and a First Aid and CPR instructor. In 1998 he became a Divisional Superintendent, and from 2000-2002 and 2005-2009 he was Toronto Area Commissioner, responsible for 400 St. John volunteers.

From 2002-2005, Jim was a board director for the St. John Council for Ontario. This is the provincial St. John corporation and is a non-profit organization with a total revenue of around 16 million from first aid training, product sales and donations. The money raised is used to support the community service side of St. John.

Jim is Assistant Professor and Head of Periodontology at the Faculty.



Dr. Dennis C. Smith receives double honours in England

Dr. Dennis C. Smith, Professor Emeritus of Biomaterials, University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, was recently elected to an Honorary Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Founded in 1505, the College is the oldest medical society in the English-speaking world. The investiture took place in the Playfair Hall of the College on November 21, 2008.

Dr. Smith also received the Chapman Medal of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining for distinguished research in the field of biomedical materials, particularly with respect to biomaterials innovation. This awards ceremony took place in England on July 7th 2009.

Professor Dennis Smith is shown being invested with the gown of an Honorary Fellow by Professor Derek Stafford.

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Herman Thang continues Perio's winning streak

Dr. Herman Thang OT5 successfully competed in the Balint Orban Competition (Basic Science) at the American Academy of Periodontology meeting (Seattle, Washington) placing first, and the Volpe Competition at The Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio) placing third.



Herman is a third year graduate periodontal resident at University of Toronto and he presented his Master of Science research on the in vivo effects of Rac1 and Rac2 on bone architecture and fragility. This research provides insight on how bone forms and remodels, and has potential future application for implant and periodontal regenerative therapy. The Orban competition involves submission of written abstracts from students who are enrolled in periodontal programs in the United States and Canada. Eight finalists are chosen to make oral presentations at the American Academy of Periodontology meeting.

Herman is the fourth Orban winner from the Graduate Periodontology Program at University of Toronto since 2001. Past winners include:

Dr. Sandra Chong 9T8 (2004)
Dr. Vinay Bhide OT1 (2003) and
Dr. Vana Andreou OT2 (2001).

Thomas Yu wins second international piano competition

A pupil of Marc Durand at Toronto's Glenn Gould School, Thomas Yu is a 2007 graduate of Periodontology at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry. He recently won the Bösendorfer International Piano Competition for Amateurs in Vienna. Known for his grand victory in the 17th International Competition for Outstanding Piano Amateurs in Paris, he is now disputably the top amateur pianist in the world.

Yu performed before capacity crowds as one of the 12 semifinalists and seven finalists, before eventually taking top honours. He is the first Canadian to win this competition, for which he received 1,500 Euros and concert dates around the world.

"It has been an incredible experience," he says "To win a second international piano competition has certainly been much more challenging."

The competition, held in Vienna at Bösendorfer Hall, selected 25 top amateur pianists from 15 countries after an audition. The competitors came from all walks of life – doctors, lawyers, and engineers, among others. The term 'amateur' certainly did not refer to the level of skill, as many competitors studied at prestigious institutions such as Juilliard, and have performed at Carnegie Hall.

The panel of judges featured four internationally-known pianists. Yu has already received offers to perform in Berlin, Rio de Janeiro and Washington D.C., and has been invited to compete at the Warsaw International Chopin Competition for Amateurs in September. He will perform with the Saskatoon and Regina Symphonies in the upcoming season.

"I will have to decide whether or not I have enough energy to compete again so soon," says Yu. "It is difficult to balance my life between music and dentistry, but I am up for the challenge. In the meantime, I will enjoy this moment".

Visit Thomas's website at www.thomasyu.ca/page/bio for complete information and photos.



Christopher McCulloch Receives International Distinguished Scientist Award

Given annually in recognition of the most influential scientist in orally-related physiology and disease, the 2009 Research in Oral Biology Award was presented to Dr. Christopher McCulloch 7T6 at the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) 87th General Session & Exhibition in Miami, Florida, USA, on April 1, 2009. The award not only honours Dr. McCulloch by recognizing his work, it also helps raise the international profile of the Faculty.

Dr. McCulloch has been professor in the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry since 1994. He also serves as Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Group (CIHR) in Matrix Dynamics and Canada Research Chair in Matrix Dynamics at U of T. He founded the Hamilton Study Club, and organizes regular presentations for that group, providing an important service linking the academic world of the Faculty to the patient-care world our alumni live in every day.

Dr. McCulloch received his B.Sc., D.D.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Toronto, and has more than 200 publications on topics including mechanisms that regulate the fibroblast cytoskeleton, collagen remodelling in the periodontium, and the responses of fibroblasts to inflammatory cytokines and mechanosensory signals. This work led to advances such as guided tissue regeneration, the first automated periodontal probe, and clinical studies linking metalloproteinases and progression of periodontitis, as well as several patents.

Sponsored by Church & Dwight Company, the Research in Oral Biology Award is one of the 16 IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards and is one of the highest honours bestowed by IADR. *To learn more about IADR, visit www.iadr.org.*



CIHR GROUP – RESEARCH THAT LEADS TO IMPROVED DENTAL CARE

Grants have recently been received for the following projects:

Healing profiles of Ankylos implants in type II diabetics
Friadent, Germany

PIs: Getulio Nogueira (University of Manitoba) and Christopher McCulloch

In this project, Getulio Nogueira, a Brazilian scientist who has recently moved to Winnipeg, and Christopher McCulloch, are collaborating to determine whether the Ankylos implant system will reduce the risk of failure of dental implants when placed in high risk patients such as type II diabetics. The Ankylos implant has a different type of engineered approach that may prove to reduce inflammation and implant failure, if this can be demonstrated in humans.

Role of the cytoskeleton in collagen phagocytosis
Canadian Institutes of Health Research
PI: Christopher McCulloch

In this project, Dr. McCulloch will pursue studies to determine the mechanism of how certain types of drugs such as cyclosporin or dilantin, cause overgrowth of the gingiva. These drug-induced problems with oral tissues are common with several different types of medications, and it is hoped that a fundamental understanding of how the gum tissue overgrows could lead to better treatments.

Role of intercellular adhesions in diabetic cardiomyopathy
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario
PI: Christopher McCulloch

In this project, Dr. McCulloch will study how diabetes may contribute to certain types of heart diseases because of the impact of diabetic metabolites on cardiac contractility. The project will build on expertise on matrix biology in CIHR Group in Matrix Dynamics within the Faculty, and will apply this knowledge to a serious, high prevalence cardiac disease.

Saying Goodbye to Bob Turnbull – a Tribute from Howard Tenenbaum

Bob Turnbull graduated with his DDS from the University of Toronto in 1966, and received his Diploma in Periodontics in 1971. In addition to receiving recognition by the International College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International, and the International College of Dentists where he's been awarded Fellowship, he is also a member of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. I think it is also noteworthy to point out that Bob wasn't satisfied with merely obtaining his Diploma. He also, under the tutelage of **Tony Melcher**, obtained his Masters of Science studying the growth and maintenance of human periodontal ligament cells in vitro... something that had yet to be accomplished!

I have known Bob since my days in the undergraduate DDS program when he was my professor. Subsequently Bob and I worked together as teachers, and eventually Bob helped me to run the Periodontology program at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Were it not for him, we would never have developed our programs as we have. He was always my sounding board, and would patiently sit and listen to my complaining and moaning but would always then offer just the right advice and in the cheeriest of ways. There just wasn't anyone like him. Indeed, in the dictionary under the words loyal and reliable, you'll find Bob's photo!

All through Bob's teaching career, not only has he won several teaching awards but he's also been named honorary class member several times. In addition he has received awards from our profession in recognition of his tireless efforts on our behalf.

So, in Bob we have a great teacher, a wonderful man, an outstanding representative of our profession and someone who, in addition to all these tasks, also published numerous peer-reviewed articles relating to our field!

I am sure you're aware of most of these accomplishments, but maybe you didn't know that Bob was the first dentist to show that smoking was deleterious to periodontal therapy. It happened when working with **Charlie Williams** while they were using oxygen insufflation therapy on patients to eliminate anaerobic bacteria. Bob lit up a cigarette... BOOM.... Incidentally, this is also when Bob first described the BIG BANG theory!

We will miss you Bob. We will never forget you. Thank you for your



unending and unselfish dedication to our University, The Faculty of Dentistry, and the Discipline of Periodontology. Have a wonderful retirement... you deserve it!

Howard C. Tenenbaum 7T8
Dip. Perio., PhD, FRCD(C)
Professor of Periodontology
Faculty of Dentistry

(Excerpt from a speech given by Dr. Tenenbaum at the Dean's luncheon for faculty and staff, June 2009.)

Pedal-Power Raises Funds

29 riders from the faculty including students and Dean David Mock, took to the streets again this year to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Thank you to all of the riders and sponsors who helped raise awareness as well as funds for this important research. The U of T Faculty of Dentistry team takes pride in being the top fundraising team this year!

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Translational Research Training

CIHR announced the final results of the competition for the Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research (STIHR). The very highly ranked STIHR 'Health Applications of Cell Signaling in Mucosal Inflammation and Pain' was awarded a six year renewal term.

Dr. Richard Ellen of the CIHR Group in Matrix Dynamics is the principal investigator and director of this program. The co-principal investigator and co-director is **Dr. Chris McCulloch** 7T6. Other co-applicants (program mentors) in the Faculty of Dentistry include **Drs. Cvitkovitch, Glogauer, Manolson, Santerre, Sessle, and Sherman**. **Drs. Lévesque, Tenenbaum, and Simmons** are also involved with the program. A major focus will be in translational research training, including helping the University of Toronto Institute of Medical Science plan a translational research graduate curriculum. This program includes collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine, UBC, Dalhousie, and four international institutes.

Aaron Fenton in Korea

This past April, **Professor Aaron Fenton** 6T7 was invited to be the speaker at the 6th Asian Academy of Prosthodontics/50th Anniversary of the Korean Academy of Prosthodontics. Conjointly, he led seminars for the IJP Young Educators Workshop in Seoul, Korea.

Architectural Guide to the Buildings of the University of Toronto

Check out www.news.utoronto.ca to find out about an architectural guide to the buildings of the University of Toronto, produced by **Professor Larry Richards** of the Faculty of Architecture, University of Toronto. This book includes a description and history of the current dentistry building, with special mention of the dental museum, as well as a description and history of the original dentistry building at 230 College St., which now houses the Faculty of Architecture.

Appointment of Dr. Carlos Quiñonez

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Carlos Quiñonez OT9 at the rank of Assistant Professor, tenure-stream, in Community Dentistry.



On July 1, 2009, Dr. Quiñonez assumed the role of Director of the MSc

Dental Public Health program. He will also be teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels and conducting research.

Carlos Quiñonez is a clinician and an applied health services and policy researcher. He is the recipient of numerous prestigious research awards, and holds funding from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada. It is Carlos' goal to improve the delivery of dental care to socially marginalized groups for both patients and dentists.

Convocation

This year's convocation ceremony held on June 5th, gave us the opportunity to formally congratulate our 2009 graduates. Special thanks to **Margaret Edghill, Lori Mockler, Lynda Sellars, Lina Dinatale** and **Sharon Pyke** of Students Services for organizing this event. The morning ceremonies were held at Hart House and included the presentation of DDS academic awards, RCDSO certificates of registration and the ODA Proficiency Award. The graduates formally received their diplomas at the afternoon ceremony held at Convocation Hall and presided over by **Deans Mock, Hindmarsh** (Faculty of Pharmacy) and **Kidd** (Faculty of Physical Education).

Professor Emeritus George Zarb gave the convocation address and was conferred with the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa.

(See page 15 for an edited version of Dr. Zarb's address.)

Next Issue: Winter 2010 Deadline: November 16

Send your reunion, class news, comments, questions, letters or other input, along with photographs, to:

Editor, Alumni Today, University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, 124 Edward Street, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1G6, or e-mail barbaramurray@fastmail.fm no later than Monday, November 16. Submissions may be edited due to space limitations.

Another School Year is Upon Us!

On behalf of the Dental Students' Society (DSS) I would like to welcome everyone back from summer fun and vacations, as well as welcome our incoming dental students to the profession. I am sure many of the alumni



can recall the excitement they had coming into dental school especially during their Orientation Week. Thanks to the orientation committee and our many sponsors, this year's Orientation Week was a blast, highlights of which are given on the following page.

Student activities

The DSS is committed to planning and organizing a multitude of activities throughout the year. They range from social to sports to community. One of our many successful events last year was the Alumni

Mentorship Program in which dental students were invited to visit various dental/specialist offices. What made this a great experience was the fact that our alumni were extremely inviting and offered a vast amount of advice to our future dentists.

Along with enjoying everything the dental school has to offer, our students also give back to our community. This involvement includes blood drives, food drives, and dental outreach programs that have definitely made an impact on our community.

Thanks to the Alumni Association

The DSS would like to warmly thank the Alumni Association for their continued support in facilitating a social/learning environment for our students.

FANAR SWAIDA

Dental Students' Society President



Receiving white coats and reading the Oath of Commitment was the high point of Orientation Week.

Orientation Week 2009 gives the Class of 2013 an 'Amazing' Welcome

Orientation Week is a time for the incoming dental students to meet not only their classmates and colleagues but also the most predominant figures in the industry. Many dedicated sponsors and second year students lent their time and support to make this week a great success.

After many informative presentations from key sponsors, the students were given an exclusive glimpse of the city from RBC's 40th Floor Suite atop the downtown plaza building, followed by the RBC sponsored dinner at Toula Restaurant.

The Ontario Dental Association and president **Dr. Ira Kirshen** 8T0 welcomed the students to the profession with their annual lunch. Later that evening, the students enjoyed a dinner sponsored by CDSPI amidst the hustle and bustle of Yonge and Dundas Square.

The students had to quickly learn the importance of teamwork in the RBC sponsored 'Amazing Race' style event where they weaved their way through downtown Toronto. The many challenges that presented themselves during the race emphasized the value of relationships – a theme consistently reiterated by Orientation Week Co-ordinators **Alessandro Virgulti** and **Malisa Gambacorta** throughout the week's events.

After racing around the city, the students were treated to dinner, in the heart of the entertainment district, sponsored by Scotiabank. The week wrapped up with a night out on the town at one of Toronto's premier nightclubs where the students were able to let loose before school began.

The DSS, Alessandro Virgulti and Malisa Gambacorta (DDS Class of 2012) would like to thank the many sponsors who made this week possible:

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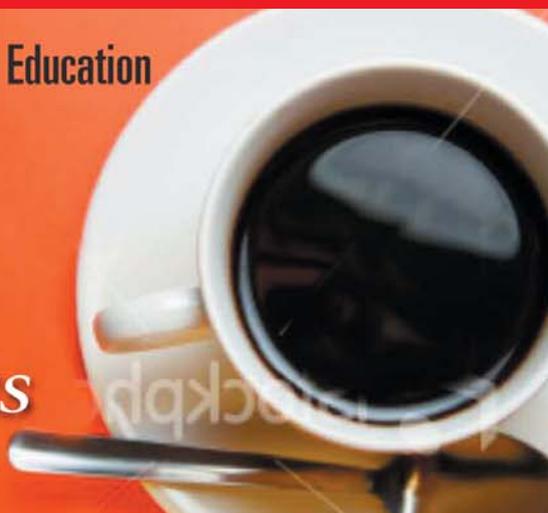
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