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*Cover: In their new white coats, the Class of 2015 together with internationally trained dentists joining the Class of 2013.*

# Realizing Our Full Potential

This past November, the University launched Boundless: The Campaign for the University of Toronto. The Faculty of Dentistry is of course part of this great undertaking to realize our full potential to make a positive difference in Canada and the world.

Our Faculty has trained thousands of practitioners who have had a direct effect on the health of Canadians. Many crucial advances in health care have resulted from Faculty initiatives. Canada would be a poorer place without the Faculty of Dentistry.

All this would not have been possible without the support of our alumni and friends. As always, these pages are full of examples of alumni achievement and contributions, such as the new bursaries and scholarships featured on pages 22 and 23. In November I was pleased to thank many of our Clinical Instructors and volunteers at an appreciation event. Many of you also support us through the Dentistry Annual Fund. Your gifts help assure that the most qualified students can pursue their dreams regardless of their ability to pay. Through the Access to Care Fund you are also greatly improving the quality of life of the neediest patients while providing students with essential person-to-person experience.

Thank you for your support. As I prepare for my term as Dean to end in June, I am reminded anew of how well our alumni represent U of T Dentistry across Canada and internationally. By keeping involved with the Faculty you help students, teachers and researchers make our world a better place. We need your active support to reach our ambitious goals – increased financial aid, enhanced educational opportunities, greater access to care for low income patients, and recruitment of top flight faculty to teach and make life-changing discoveries. Our planned new building remains a high priority for the future, as we continue to seek a site.

I look forward to thanking you personally and hearing your thoughts on our achievements and opportunities, whether I see you at the Faculty or perhaps at our alumni receptions during ODA's Annual Spring Meeting or the Pacific Dental Conference.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

DAVID MOCK 6T8, 7T8 PHD



## An Incredible Dragonboat Season

*"I would like to thank the U of T Dentistry Annual Fund for their continual support of the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry's Dragonboat team, Plak Attack."*

*"This past year the team was able to achieve the fastest time it had accomplished in many years. In addition, Plak Attack placed third in the University Cup D division and first in the Premier Mixed Final M division. These accomplishments would not have been possible without your generosity and support and we are extremely grateful."*

**Jason Adinata DDS 2012**  
Plak Attack Captain 2011

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# Building Community

The friendships and sense of community that begin during student years are an important component of our professional lives. Relationships begun during those years help to sustain us, and they continue to develop as we meet each other at various events. Every graduate of our Faculty is a member of the Alumni Association, and it is through events like the Gala, mentorship nights, Golf Tournament, class reunions, *Dentantics*, the ODA Cup, Research Day, volunteer and donor receptions and many others that we are able to come together and once again feel that sense of comraderie and belonging that is so important to all of us. I encourage each of you to make the time in your busy professional lives to join with us for at least one event in the coming year with the goal of reuniting with old friends – and maybe making some new ones along the way!

In that same spirit, consider taking advantage of one of the following opportunities:

## *Mentorship*

The Alumni Mentorship Program continues to be a valuable resource to students in developing relationships with practising dentists who provide advice, guidance, insight and support. I encourage you to participate in this worthwhile program.

## *Hosting*

Our goal is to continue improving the student experience at our Faculty, and one of the ways we can do this is through a new program that we are launching – “Dinner with 12 Strangers.” This program has been initiated at many Faculties at the University and offers students an opportunity to meet with fellow students, alumni and faculty members in a casual social setting. We are asking alumni to host an informal dinner in their own home which will bring together dental students from different years. If you are interested in this and would like to host or co-host a dinner, please contact Sabrina Martinez at [sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca) or 416-979-4940.

## *Gala Committee*

Consider joining the Gala committee. There are many areas where help is needed – everything from working on the silent auction items to help with selling tickets.

## *Donor Support*

As dentistry students face ever higher education costs, donor support has become an increasingly critical element of the Faculty’s ability to assist students with financial aid. On pages 22 and 23 of this issue several bursaries and scholarships that have been set up by alumni and friends of the Faculty are profiled. This support is vital if we are to continue attracting students as well as meet the Faculty’s priority funding needs which include student financial aid and the Access to Care Fund.

One important way in which we can all make a difference is through a donation to the Dentistry Annual Fund. Those alumni who commit to an annual donation at the leadership level with a gift of \$1,000 or more each year are playing a significant role at our Faculty. When you are contacted for your Annual Fund gift, please give generously. Or you can give online now at: [www.donate.utoronto.ca](http://www.donate.utoronto.ca).

The Alumni Association will continue its role of acting as an advisory body to the Alumni Office, the Faculty and the Dean. As each of us takes a more active role by volunteering on the board, or a committee, or helping out at one of the many events listed here, it will enhance our profession and ensure its future strength.

VALERIE STAVRO 8T4



## DENTANTICS 2012

### *“Saturday Night Live”*

MARCH 15 – 16, 7:30 P.M.

ISABEL BADER THEATRE, 93 CHARLES ST. W., TORONTO, ON

Alumni and friends are invited to join us for the 91st anniversary of *Dentantics*. Bring a few classmates and reminisce about your student days as you are entertained by our current students. Proceeds from the production will proudly support the Faculty’s Access to Care Fund. Tickets \$20.

Order tickets online at [utoronto.ca/dentistry/alumni](http://utoronto.ca/dentistry/alumni) or contact Sabrina Martinez at 416-979-4940 or [sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca).

# 2011 Golf Tournament

The 2011 Golf tournament, the tenth annual, was a great success, raising much needed funds to support student development, activities and awards. Industry partners, alumni, faculty members and students came together at the Copper Creek Golf Club in Kleinburg for an excellent round of golf on a crisp, clear September day. This fun filled event raised much needed funds to support the scholarships and bursaries that are essential in easing the financial burden on students and also to provide support for learning and development opportunities beyond the classroom. Since its inception in 2002, with the tremendous help of our Dentistry alumni, industry partners, associates and friends, the tournament has raised over \$225,000 for a variety of student programs and activities.

Special thanks to the 2011 Golf Committee Co-Chairs, **Dr. Peter Tonisson** 7T6 and Graham Flanagan from Scotiabank and to committee member, **Dr. Jeffrey M. Kirshenbaum** 7T1.



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## Special Thanks to our Golf Sponsors

The 2011 Faculty of Dentistry Golf Tournament was a tremendous success, raising much needed funds to support student development, activities, and awards. The Faculty of Dentistry gratefully acknowledges the outstanding support of our sponsors. We could not have done it without you.

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# FACULTY OF DENTISTRY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

## FEBRUARY 14

### *Student Research Day*

**12:00 – 6:15 p.m., Faculty of Dentistry  
Rm 170, 124 Edward Street, Toronto, ON**

All the dental specialties will showcase their unique areas of research, much of which is having a direct impact in clinical applications. First keynote speaker will be followed by lunch and poster presentations in the auditorium. Second keynote speaker, along with undergrad and grad students who are winners of the SRG (Student Research Group) Travel Awards, will present in the afternoon followed by the awards presentation. These awards are generously provided by the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry Office of Advancement and the Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Association. Keynote speakers: Lorne M. Golub and **Dr. Howard C. Tenenbaum** 7T8, 8T2 Dip Perio, 8T3 PhD. Wine and cheese reception and Clinical Tables to follow. No Charge – alumni receive 3 CDE credits for attending. To register, contact Leah Raz at the Dental Research Institute at [l.raz@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:l.raz@dentistry.utoronto.ca).



## We're Here To Help!

From left to right: **Sabrina Martinez**, Manager of Alumni Relations; **Susan Alksnis**, Director of Advancement; **Miriam Stephan**, Advancement Coordinator

## MARCH 8 – MARCH 10

### *Pacific Dental Conference*

**Booth #1512, Vancouver Convention Centre  
1055 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC**

Visit our booth, let us know how you're doing and flip through our Hya Yaka yearbooks. Don't miss our prize draw, giveaways and reunion information. Dean **David Mock** is looking forward to greeting you in person at the booth.

## MARCH 8

### *Vancouver Alumni Cocktail Reception*

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Oceanview Suite 7-8  
Pan Pacific Vancouver Hotel  
300-999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC**

Dean **David Mock** invites you to join him for a cocktail reception. Free – Conference registration not required to attend the reception. To register or for more information, contact Sabrina Martinez at [sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca), 416-979-4940 or 1-800-743-3788.

## MARCH 15 – MARCH 16

### *Dentantics 2012 "Saturday Night Live"*

**7:30 p.m., Isabel Bader Theatre  
93 Charles St. W., Toronto, ON**

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## MARCH 24

### *4th Annual Sharing Smiles Day*

**Le Dome Banquet Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
1173 North Service Road East, Oakville, ON**

*Oral Health Total Health (OHTH)* in partnership with the U of T Faculty of Dentistry and Mount Sinai Hospital Dental Department brings you Sharing Smiles Day, presented by Manulife Financial. Join us for this special outreach event that emphasizes the importance of oral health care to persons with special needs and raises awareness of the oral health care issues in our community. The day includes a carnival morning of various games, followed by a luncheon and interactive demonstrations on brushing. For more information, visit [ohth.ca](http://ohth.ca).



## MARCH 31

### *Faculty of Dentistry 2012 Awards of Distinction Gala*

**6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception**

**7:00 p.m. Dinner**

**Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel,**

**Grand Ballroom, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON**

Join us for an evening filled with elegance, fun and your fellow alumni as we proudly honour the contributions of **Dr. Fil Cappa** 5T5, **Ken Croney** and **Dr. Dorothy McComb** 7T4 MSc D. All funds raised will support the Faculty's Access to Care Fund. Contact Sabrina Martinez, Manager of Alumni Relations, with inquiries at [sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca) or 416-979-4940.

## APRIL 14

### *ODA President's Cup Hockey Tournament*

**7:00 p.m., Thompson Recreation & Athletic Centre**

**UWO (Western Rd. & Lambton Dr.), London, ON**

Alumni are encouraged to cheer on the U of T Dents hockey team as they take on UWO in London. After-game party to follow. Proceeds from the game will benefit Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation (U of T's charity) and D.O.C.S. (UWO's charity). Tickets \$10. To order tickets, contact Sabrina Martinez at [sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca) or 416-979-4940.

## MAY 10 – MAY 12

### *ODA Annual Spring Meeting*

**Booth #1020, Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
South Building, 222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto, ON**

Visit our booth, let us know how you're doing and flip through our Hya Yaka yearbooks. Don't miss our prize draw, giveaways and reunion information. Dean **David Mock** and friends from the Faculty are looking forward to greeting you in person.

*\*Look out for your e-vite to our Alumni Cocktail Reception at the ODA Annual Spring Meeting. Dean David Mock invites you to join him for his final alumni reception before his retirement. Free – Conference registration not required to attend the reception. If you are interested in attending the reception and/or plan to attend the conference, contact Sabrina Martinez at [sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca), 416-979-4940 or 1-800-743-3788 so that we may include you on the email list and send you an invitation to join us.*

# ODA PRESIDENT'S CUP 2012

## *Calling All Hockey Lovers!*

*It's time to cheer for your team...*

**The Event:** ODA President's Cup 2012 hockey game

**The Teams:** U of T and UWO dental schools

**The Venue:** Thompson Recreation & Athletic Centre @ UWO  
(Western Rd & Lambton Dr), London, ON

**The Time:** Saturday, April 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**The Payoff:** Charity hockey game for D.O.C.S.  
(UWO's charity) and Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation (U of T's charity)

**The Cost:** Tickets \$10. To order alumni tickets, contact Sabrina Martinez at [sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca) or 416-979-4940

# Reunions

## Celebrating 60 Years

On Sunday, May 29, 2011, thirteen members of the Class of 5T1, along with spouses, gathered in the South Dining Room at Hart House to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their graduation from dental school.

The first hour was spent greeting colleagues and their spouses, renewing old friendships, reminiscing about university days, and catching up on retirement activities.

Then Susan Alksnis, Director of Advancement, U of T Faculty of Dentistry, introduced Dean **David Mock**, who presented the graduates with the University of Toronto 60th Anniversary medals, brought greetings from the Faculty and updated everyone on some of the changes at the dental school.

**Trev Treleaven**, main organizer of the festivities and Master of Ceremonies, welcomed all to Hart House. **Walter Rennick** accompanied the singing of a rousing version of O Canada on his mandolin. Following this we toasted the Queen, and then observed a minute of silence for all class members who had passed on, and a minute of silence for classmate **Frank Sorensen**, whose war experiences were documented in Ontario Dentist, July / August 2010.

After a delicious lunch and a musical interlude with Walter on the mandolin, Trev reminded us of all the successes and achievements of some class members. We read emails and greetings from a few classmates who were unable to attend. **Harry Tregobov** from Winnipeg won the U of T baseball cap for having travelled the farthest to attend the celebration.

Each classmate spent a few minutes sharing memories of school and practice. Graduates told of their varied retirement activities including coaching junior hockey until 80 years of age, and continuing to skate, ballroom dance, ski, play tennis and golf and enjoy grandchildren and great grandchildren. A nostalgic round of Auld Lang Syne ended the festivities.



Everyone expressed disappointment that the Class President, **Lionel Metrick**, was unable to come from Ottawa, and thanked him for organizing the previous eleven reunions. At 94 years of age, Lionel says that he is still beautiful, but deaf now. We sent him a medal and commemorative U of T glasses. Lionel was recognized by the Faculty in 2011 with an Arbor Award for his many years of organizing five-year reunions for the class. Attendees also celebrated the contribution of class member **Miet Kamienski** and his wife Wanda who established a named Professorship at the Faculty through a bequest. After their deaths, the Professorship was established in 2007 and is held by **Laura Dempster 7T7**



Dip DH, 8T1 BScDH, OT7 PhD who teaches both DDS and masters level students in dentistry.

Thanks to Sabrina Martinez and Miriam Stephan in the Advancement Office for their many contributions to the success of this event. Finally, we extend a big thank you to Trev Treleaven who, despite a broken leg and surgery during the preparations, organized every detail and made the reunion a memorable day for all who attended.

**Don Coburn and Jane Christie;**  
**Trev Treleaven and Lionel Metrick**

*Editor's Note: We are sad to announce the recent death of Jud Hopkins, shown above with Dean Mock.*

## Honouring our Classmates

On May 7th, 2011 the Class of 7T1 celebrated their 40th reunion in Toronto at the Estates of Sunnybrook. Approximately 100 classmates, spouses and friends came together and enjoyed an evening of food, fun and memories.

The class was proud to honour classmates who have contributed immensely in time and energy to organized dentistry including:

**Claude Doughty**, RCDSO President 1983

**Ron Bell**, ODA President 1984

**Jim Brookfield**, ODA president 1986, CDA President 1996

**George Sweetnam**, ODA President 1993, CDA President 2001

**Frank Stechey**, RCDSO President 2007-11

**Peter Trainor**, ODA President 2001 and current RCDSO President

Also recognized were:

**Brian Feldman**, current editor of the ODA Journal



Left to right: Mike Tangney, Jim Secord, Fred Pollard, Roger Hacking, Bob Sullivan, Jim Kiproff, Bill Stankovic, and Lloyd Koutsaris

**Gerry Ross**, many years of ODA Executive contribution

**Ted Schipper**, a current RCDSO representative.

Recognition of these gentlemen for their past and current activities was warmly applauded.

The evening was both a celebration of 40 years of dedication to the dental profession and renewal of friendships which had their basis in the U of T Dental Faculty undergraduate years.

We all hope to do it again in 2016!

**Robert Sullivan**



## Where Have The Past 35 Years Gone?

The Dental Hygiene Class of 7T6 recently celebrated their 35th reunion at Peridot Restolounge on April 28th 2011. Great company, good food, a lot of laughs, stories, updates and amazing pictures of our children made this a fun and memorable reunion.



Back row left to front: **Sandy Lawlor, Diane Herterich, Marylynn Graham, Peggy Fox, Marion Elliott, Donna Czosnek, Debbie Wilson, Rochelle Moses, Janice Magi, Jean Overell, Lynn Robertson, Mary Lou Moffat** (from Victoria B.C.), **Pat Mislan, Lou Caccamo, Lea Pumber**

It just seems like yesterday that we were putting on our uniforms, donning our caps and making our way to clinic to work on our patients. What will the next five years have in store for us?

Special thanks go out to **Lou** and **Jean** who helped me with the planning of this reunion. Also thanks go out to Sabrina Martinez in the Advancement Office for sending out the invites (remember to forward the office any change of address in the future.) See you in 2016.

**Lynn Robertson**



## A Chance to Schmooze and Catch Up

The Class of 7T6 celebrated its 35th reunion on Friday, April 29th at the Donalda Club. Over 50 people attended an enjoyable evening. Cocktails were followed by a beautiful buffet dinner, and the casual atmosphere allowed for plenty of schmoozing and catching up. We were honoured by the attendance of our own **Chris McCulloch** 8T2 PhD who was one of the Alumni of Distinction in 2011, and a visit by Dean **David Mock** who gave us an interesting overview of present and future plans for the Faculty. We'll do it again in another five years.

**Peter Tonisson**



## We Haven't Aged a Day..

The Class of 9T1 got together recently to celebrate twenty years of feeling 'down-in-the-mouth.' After months of emails, telephone calls, e-vites and meetings, seventy classmates and their significant others descended on Joe Bidali's Restaurant in Toronto immediately following the 2011 ODA Spring Meeting. All were pleasantly surprised to see that no one had aged a day. Sure, some of the guys decided to shave their heads. And of course, some of the gals had figured out that pumps are more practical than stilettos, but that's life, isn't it? All in all, a great evening of food, drink and friendship. A special thank-you is extended to **Lin Yeun Choo-Campbell** for her exceptional dedication to the cause, to **Helen Chrissanthakopoulos** for the awesomely delicious cake and to the Faculty's Advancement Office for the much appreciated on-going support. See y'all in 2016!

**James Posluns**



## A Wonderful Weekend of Reminiscing

The Graduate Orthodontics Class of 7T5 spent a wonderful September weekend at Niagara-on-the-Lake reminiscing between bouts of theatre, dining and golf. Shown here are: **Al and Mavis Crawford** (Sault Ste Marie), **Moe and Karen Cooper** (Toronto), **Bob and Sheila Beath** (London), **Patti and Ed Yen** (Vancouver) and **Paula and Geri Levin** (Toronto). **Gurkan and Linda Altuna** (Toronto) and **Jean Louis and Mena Ares** (Edmonton) were unable to attend the reunion due to family illnesses.

**Edwin H.K. Yen**

Professor of Orthodontics and Dean Emeritus  
Faculty of Dentistry University of British Columbia

### 55 Years Since Graduation

On May the 28th at the Prince Hotel, the Class of 5T6 celebrated its 55th year since graduation. Twenty-three classmates and eleven spouses attended. Included in the group were three illustrious past presidents of the RCDSO: **Ed Sonley**, **Paul McCutcheon** and **Peter Zakarow**. Also in attendance was former Registrar, **Roger Ellis** 6T8 Dip DPH.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner, great camaraderie, lots of good humour and certainly poignant reminiscences.

Getting older, common aches and pains and other malfunctions, children and grandchildren (all geniuses of course) were the main topics of conversation.

Our M.C. for the evening, **Emo Rajczak** appropriately pointed out the three stages of aging: Stage one is youth; Stage two is middle age and Stage three is "Gee... you're looking good."

A presentation was given by **Sid Golden** dealing with many of the changes in dentistry that have occurred during our many years of practice. To name but a few: high speed, four handed dentistry, disposable needles, fluoride in our drinking water, dental insurance, rubber gloves, the cavitron, denturists, conscious sedation, advertising, advertising and more advertising, the mercury in amalgam scare, composites, veneers, tooth whitening, the exciting world of implants, the three month recall, computerized offices, bonding ortho brackets in place, digital x-rays and surgical periodontics.

It was a moving and a little unnerving moment when we recalled the memories of 29 of our departed classmates. Our generation is gradually stepping back from



Back row left to right: **Sid Golden**, **Russ Grenkow**, **Walter Kindiak**, **John Blackstone**, **Emo Rajczak**, **Ed Sonley**, **Arlie Dungy** 7T0 Dip Paedo, **Paul McCutcheon**. Front row left to right: **Roger Ellis**, **Dave Engel** 6T3 Dip Ortho, **7T1 MSc D**, **Peter Peloso**, **Marjorie Wani**, **Gilles Patenaude**, **Freeman Roth**, **Mary Ann Charlebois**, **Peter Zakarow**, **Nadia Walter**

Also in attendance: **John Kerr**, **Willard Kerr**, **Walter Kruzel**, **Andy Tynio**, **Bill Walker**

active practice. We are prepared to pass the baton to the young dental warriors of today and say to them, "Good luck and enjoy the ride... We did."

In closing, many thanks to our hard working organizing committee, **Emo Rajczak**, **Ed Sonley**, **Peter Peloso** 6T1 Dip

**Ortho**, **Sid Golden** and chairman, **Roger Ellis** for a most enjoyable evening.

#### Sid Golden

*Editor's Note: Sadly, Dr. Walter Kindiak who was at the 5T6 reunion (see above photo) passed away shortly after on August 23.*



### Class of 6T6 Dental Hygiene

On June 14th, 2011, close to 30 classmates enjoyed an afternoon together at **Zelda and Jeffrey Farber's** residence in Toronto. After forty

five years there was much reminiscing to be done. A few classmates are still working in dental hygiene in various capacities. Some are travelling and others are thriving as grandparents. It was generally agreed that dental hygiene has treated us well.

Sadly we report that we have lost two classmates: **Heather Finn Gardner** passed away in 2005, and **Jeanette Fraser Larkin** passed away in June 2011 after a lengthy illness.

### Calling all reunion organizers! Does your graduation year end in '2 or '7?

Contact Sabrina Martinez at [sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca) or 416-979-4940 for reunion assistance: contact lists, nametags, giveaways, venue suggestions, draw prizes, class memorabilia and more. Get ready to party if you are in one of these classes:

**1952 • 1957 • 1962 - 50th reunion! • 1967 • 1972  
1977 • 1982 • 1987 - 25th reunion! • 1992 • 1997  
2002 - 10th reunion! • 2007**



# CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES 2012

## February 3

### **Local Anesthesia: What's New and What's Controversial**

Dr. Dan Haas & Dr. Stanley Malamed

## February 10

### **Root Canals: Done Faster And Better**

Dr. Manor Haas

## February 19 - 26

### **Seminar At Sea: Cruising to Grand Cayman, Mexico and Honduras**

Lecturer: Dr. Ernest Lam – Digital Radiographic Imaging

## February 24

### **Advanced Anterior Composites: Developing Your Artistic Abilities to Create Life-Changing Smiles**

Dr. Danièle Larose

## March 13 - 18

### **Disney Family Cruise**

Lecturer: Dr. Jim Lai – Current Concepts in Periodontics and Dental Implant Dentistry

## March 23

### **Integration of Esthetic Dentistry and Prosthodontics**

Dr. Kenneth Malament

## March 24

### **Office Infection Control**

Clinical Instructors and Staff – Faculty of Dentistry

## March 30

### **Inflammation and Our Contribution as Oral Health Professionals to Overall Health**

Prof. Salme Lavigne

## April 20 - 22

### **Small Field-of-View Cone Beam CT Didactic and Hands-on Course**

Dr. Dale Miles

## April 25

### **CPR Recertification**

## April 27

### **Medical Emergencies**

Dr. Dan Haas

## April 28 & 29

### **Oral Sedation and Nitrous Oxide Sedation**

Dr. Dan Haas

## May 12

### **Basic Bone Grafting for Implant Site Development**

Dr. Jim Lai

## June 1

### **The Hottest Hands-On Topics in Dentistry!**

Dr. Louis Malcmacher

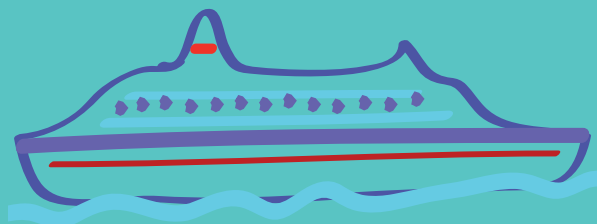
## June 15 - 17

### **Office Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for the General Practitioner "Demystified"**

Dr. Howard Holmes

## *Seminar at Sea*

February 19 – 26, 2012



Grand Cayman, Mexico and Honduras

## *Disney Family Cruise – March Break*

March 13 – 18, 2012

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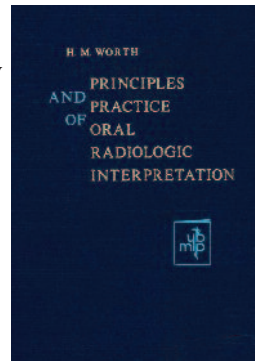


### Oops! We Blundered!

Page 8 of the Spring 2011 issue of *Alumni Today* showed **Tom Harle** 8T0 as graduating in 8T9 with a Dip Ortho degree. Sorry Tom! This should have read 8T9 Dip Prosthodontics, 9T0 MSc D. Our apologies!

## Textbook Search

The graduate oral radiology program is searching for copies of the textbook, *Principles and Practice of Oral Radiologic Interpretation* by H.M. Worth. This text is out of print and difficult to find so donations or offers to sell would be greatly appreciated. The text contains essential principles of interpretation of diseases of the maxillofacial region. This text is given to every new post-graduate oral radiology student. In recognition of this gift the donor's name is inserted into the inside cover of each text.



If you are able to help please email Dr. Ernest Lam, Graduate Oral Radiology Course Director, at: [ernest.lam@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:ernest.lam@dentistry.utoronto.ca)

## Distinguished Service Award

**Sneha Abhyankar** 8T1 Dip DPH, 8T5 MSc, 8T9 DDS, was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Association on May 28, 2011. This award is

presented to a member in recognition of outstanding and continuous service to the profession in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Dr. Abhyankar was the President of NLDA from 2008-2009. While on the executive,

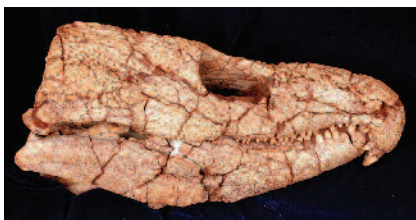
she initiated a proposal for a publically-funded dental plan for seniors. Even after her term was finished, she continued with these efforts lobbying the government with different focus groups, such as poverty reduction and seniors' health advocacy groups to focus their attention on the growing need for such a plan. In response, the Newfoundland government has recently announced the Dental Health Plan. An extension of the existing children's dental health plan, it is primarily geared to provide dental services to seniors and low-income adults. After a number of years in clinical dentistry, Dr. Abhyankar had a chance to utilize her dental public health background acquired at the University of Toronto. At present she is serving on the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Board and as an examiner on NDEB. She may be contacted at: [sneha@nl.rogers.com](mailto:sneha@nl.rogers.com)



From left to right: Dr. Geoff Smith, past-president, NLDA, Dr. Sneha Abhyankar (NLDA president, 2008-2009), Dr. Linda Blakey, president, NLDA and Dr. Rob Sutherland 8T0, 8T3 Dip Perio, CDA President-Elect

## Could This be the Oldest Known Toothache?

**Bruce Pynn** 9T0, 9T5 Dip OMFS was asked for his expertise regarding a fossil of a



crocodile-sized reptile found in Texas. The 275 million-year-old jaw was examined by the University of Toronto's Robert Reisz and his team and was brought to Pynn in Thunder Bay for a CT scan at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. The tooth was found to have an abscess in the bone right where the fractured tooth was located. The story was published in ScienceDaily. Pynn says the discovery is significant because it's the first potential dental abscess found in a fossil.

## Honours and Awards

Congratulations to the following alumni who were recognized by the Ontario Dental Association this past year:

**Jocelyn Ann Pearce** 9T1, 7T6 Dip DH – *The Barnabus Day Award for Distinguished Service*

**Kerr Banduk** 7T9, **Norman Robert Greenbaum** 6T4, **Louann Visconti** 8T8 – *The ODA Service Award*

**Steve Emil Lipinski** 8T0, **Dennis Richard Medland** 7T3, **J. Eric Selnes** 9T4, 9T7 Dip Ortho, **Emil Ljubo A. Svoboda** 8T2, 7T8 PhD, **Robert Tracogna** 8T7, **Jeffrey Nyle Diefenbacher** 9T5; **Mark Douglas** 9T1; **Timothy Edouard Milligan** 7T4 – *ODA Award of Merit*

**Bruce Alfred Gibson** 7T5 and **Thomas Ward Rice** 7T0 – *The ODA Community Service Recognition Award*

## Arbor Awards

This year the Faculty recognized the contribution of time and talents of four individuals:

**Melissa De Lorenzi**, who for the last five years has worked to build the profile and fundraising success of the Awards of Distinction Gala and has served as co-chair of the executive committee;

**Richard Komorowski** 9T0, 9T5 Dip Endo, who has been a driving force behind the U of T Endodontic Alumni and Friends group;

**John Speck** 4T9, 5T2 Dip Perio who organized class reunions up to their 60th in 2009, and who has spent much of his career in the Faculty serving as Discipline Head in Periodontics; and

**Lionel Metrick** 5T1, who since graduation has served as class secretary organizing class reunions for the past six decades.



*Celebrating current and past Arbor Award recipients: Melissa De Lorenzi, Dean David Mock, Laura Stenn (daughter of Lionel Metrick), Frank Kalamut 7T9, Richard Komorowski, Susan Alksnis, Bernie Blackstein 5T2*

## Historical Framed Oil Portrait Donations

The Faculty of Dentistry Museum is the grateful recipient of two matching historical framed oil portraits, circa 1870, of the first Dean of the Faculty, James Branstion Willmott, and his wife Margaret Taylor Bowes. The portraits were generously gifted to the museum collection by Donald and Elizabeth Willmott of Owen Sound and have an appraised value of \$14,000. Donald is the great-grandson of James Branstion Willmott. The portraits were treasured family heirlooms which Donald and Elizabeth had restored in advance of gifting them to the

Faculty. Dean Willmott, co-founder of the School of Dentistry and of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, was an influential leader in all aspects of dentistry in Ontario and was elected to the International Dental Hall of Fame. Dean Willmott was also elected first president of the Canadian Dental Association in 1903 and in 1914 was awarded an LLD by the University of Toronto for his ongoing work in the field of dental education, the first Canadian dentist to be so honoured. Thank you Donald and Elizabeth for this invaluable addition to the Faculty of Dentistry Museum Collection.



## ODA Elects New President

On May 13, 2011 during the annual ODA President's Dinner Dance, **Harry Hoediono** 9T0, was installed as the 148th President of the Ontario Dental Association.

Dr. Hoediono graduated from the Bachelor of Science program at the University of Toronto. He was accepted to the University of

Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry and graduated in 1990. A strong supporter of student governance, he was awarded the Keith Box prize for periodontal surgery upon graduation.

**Rick Caldwell** 8T5 is the new Vice-President. **Lynn Tomkins** 8T1 continues as Past President.



# Remembering...

## Dr. Herbert Wagner Sorensen

On April 1st, 2011 Herbert Wagner Sorensen 5T4 passed away in Midlothian, Virginia.

Herb was born and raised in Toronto, where he graduated from Riverdale Collegiate prior to his admission to dental school. He obtained his DDS in 1954, after which he interned at the Hospital for Sick



Children for a year. While in dental school he joined the ROTC, eventually acquiring the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, and his summer postings included Camp Borden, Halifax and Trenton, after which he remained in the Army Reserve. Later, he served on the DEWLine in the Canadian Arctic for eighteen months. On his return to Toronto he became more involved in the care of medically compromised children. In May of 1962 he received his Certification in Paediatric Dentistry. While in Toronto he was on staff at The Hospital for Sick Children and the Ontario Crippled Children's Centre and he supervised the Dental Clinic at The Children's Aid Society, where he initiated many improvements. He was also instrumental in aiding the development of the new Department of Paediatric Dentistry at U of T, along with Drs. Sandy McGregor, **Gordon Nikiforuk** 4T7, **Norm Levine** 6T0, 6T2 Dip Paedo, 6T7 MSc, and **Marjorie Jackson** 3T8 Dental Nursing, 5T0 DDS.

In 1967 he accepted a position in the Department of Paediatric Dentistry, University of Kentucky, where he remained for eight years. Later, he was offered a position at the University of Florida in Gainesville. In Florida he became well respected for his dedication to dentistry for handicapped children, particularly cleft lip and palate patients.

In 1978, after three years in Florida, he was approached by the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and was invited to join their Paediatric Dental Department with a view to directing the paediatric dental program at the affiliated Children's Hospital. He accepted, and Herb and family then moved to Virginia, which would become their permanent home base.

In 1984 he was offered, and accepted, an appointment at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he directed the paediatric dental department for the next nine years, working along with other dental specialists, mainly from the U.S. and Sweden, in the training of Saudi dental students and graduates.

In 1993 Herb returned to Virginia where he continued to keep busy as a consultant for the State of Virginia, monitoring applications for state funding from dentists in the private sector.

I knew Herb Sorensen from about 1957 until his departure for Kentucky in 1967, the year of my own graduation from the U of T, and he was one of the most proficient, conscientious, medically-oriented clinician/academics I have ever met. He was amiable, encouraging to his juniors and the staff around him, and was always able to maintain his professional equilibrium in a way that must have caused some envy among his colleagues. His clinical judgment was outstanding, and despite his immense success Herb always remained the charismatic gentleman. He is dearly missed by his loving family and all who knew him. I can only hope that I haven't failed here to adequately describe the many wonderful virtues with which Herb Sorensen was

endowed. Of all the dentists who have genuinely earned the right to be called Doctor, I think that Herb Sorensen must be very near the top of the list.

**Don Mulcahy** 6T7

## Diana Deluco

Diana Deluco 8T5, passed away peacefully at home on March 3, 2011 at the age of 51, after a four year struggle with ovarian



cancer. She was the cherished wife, best friend and soulmate of Dr. David Crookston. They were fiercely loyal and devoted to each other. He described her: "Even if you met Diana only once, you know how her bright smile and warm laugh lit up a room, and how she made others feel good just being around her."

Her gifted hands made works of art for her dental patients, as well as beautiful stained glass windows. In early retirement, she became a certified instructor in fitness and pilates, tap dancer, belly dancer, and an accomplished golfer and tennis player. She was loving and generous to her family and friends. She lit up the lives of all who knew her.

In loving memory of a dear friend and colleague.

**Gordon B. Wong** 8T1, 8T5 Dip OMFS



## Dr. Luciano Valenzano

*"The Faculty was extremely distressed this past summer to hear of the sudden death of Dr. Luciano (Luch) Valenzano 8T3. A wonderful colleague, an exemplary Director of Clinics (Assistant Dean, Clinics) a respected teacher and friend to many, he was far too young to leave this life at the age of 53. The genuine mourning by all who knew him – past and present students, support staff, professional and academic colleagues – is testament to the high level of regard in which he was held. His death has been a personal loss for myself and many of our faculty and staff."*

DEAN DAVID MOCK

My relationship with Luch may have started as that of a professional colleague but over the years it grew into a strong bond of friendship.

In 1989 I invited him to be an instructor in the second year restorative preclinical program and he graciously accepted. At the time I really didn't know much about Luch other than that he had the reputation of having been a good student and a good person. He may have felt fortunate to do some part-time teaching but as we all came to learn it was the Faculty and myself who were the truly fortunate ones. He quickly showed that he was a superb teacher. He was dedicated to transferring to his students the knowledge and experience gained in practice in a manner which was thorough, supportive, encouraging and always fair and balanced.

It was readily apparent that he really enjoyed teaching and making the learning experience for his students a positive and pleasurable one. To be sure Luch could be firm when necessary but his guidance was always delivered with a velvet glove. It is little wonder that he was so well liked, admired and respected by his students and colleagues. Over the years I came to rely on him as my right-hand man for his strong support and sage advice.

Luch remained a part of the second year program even after he took on his new and onerous duties as Director of Clinics in 2005. He was like Clark Kent in the Superman movies. He was quiet and unassuming and tended to fly under the radar, but his persona hid a wealth of skills and talents. When he became Director of Clinics, a position for which he had no formal training and without the benefit of any shared knowledge, I worried that he might be overwhelmed with the myriad of tasks and challenges inherent in the job. I need not have worried. As his long-time friend from childhood, **Frank Pomposo** 8T1, subsequently told me, he knew Luch

would do well because from an early age he had demonstrated exceptional organizational skills. He was also a whiz with computers and coupled with a strong work ethic he once again quickly showed that he was the right man for the job. But



**Dr. Luciano Valenzano**  
August 12, 1957 – July 3, 2011

what really allowed him to excel were his remarkable interpersonal skills. As well as being on multiple committees, Luch had to interact with faculty and staff members at all levels, deal with students and patient issues, manage grievances, dispense discipline when required and deal with a host of other institutional issues. Despite the inherent difficulties with these challenges, his singular capacity to combine effective leadership with compassion and diplomacy cemented his reputation for fairness and decency. A testament to the extent of the personal warmth and respect that he engendered is the fact that following his death everyone I encountered commented on how much

they liked him and that they had never heard a bad word about him.

What also enhanced his reputation was his caring attitude to family, friends and co-workers. Here are just a few examples. Some time ago some fellow faculty members embarked on a Mediterranean cruise to celebrate a significant anniversary. When they arrived at their suite on the ship there was a bottle of champagne arranged by Luch to honour the occasion. There was also the time that a staff member told him that she was in a quandary as to whether to buy or rent a PVR. Luch decided that purchasing was the best decision, then proceeded to buy one at Costco and deliver it to her. He was a man with a big heart and a generous spirit.

In the year since my retirement I have been teaching part-time in the senior clinic every Monday and occasional other days. I looked forward to meeting Luch at Druxy's for our customary 8 o'clock coffee and chat. I considered it the highlight of my day and when he was either absent or otherwise engaged, I felt deflated. When I returned this September I had the same feeling as everyone else in the Faculty – the building felt somewhat empty and things just weren't the same. It is an understatement to say that we all feel a deep sense of personal loss. The Faculty and all those who knew or worked with him lost a wonderful man who we loved, admired and respected. They didn't come any better than Luch Valenzano. I consider it a privilege to have known him and to have been his friend.

**Dr. James Brown** 6T8

The Faculty of Dentistry is proud to establish the "Dr. Luciano Valenzano Trust Fund" to benefit the Access to Care program which Dr. Valenzano helped create last year in order to help patients facing financial hardship. If you would like to make a gift in memory of Dr. Valenzano, please contact Miriam Stephan at [miriam.stephan@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:miriam.stephan@dentistry.utoronto.ca) or 416-979-4775.

## Dr. Norman Levine

It was due to the insistence of Dr. Norman Levine 6T0, 6T2 Dip Paedo, 6T7 MSc, in pursuing a specialty career in Pediatric Dentistry that our Faculty's program – one of the oldest accredited advanced education programs in Pediatric Dentistry in North America – was started. Dr. Levine became the first graduate of the program he convinced Dr. Stewart Alexander, Chair of U of T's paedodontic program, to begin in the early 60s. In time Dr. Levine took on the role of Head of Pediatric Dentistry at the Faculty. He also served twice as Acting Dean of the Faculty.

Dr. Levine was also an international advocate for persons with disabilities, rising to leadership roles as the President of the American Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities and the first president of the Federation of Special Care Organizations in Dentistry. His legacy and vision live on today in these organizations that represent the interests of dental care for persons with disabilities globally.

Whether speaking to the university community, professional dental organizations, government or the public, Dr. Levine spoke as a man of integrity and leadership who has helped change the direction of pediatric dentistry and dentistry for persons with disabilities in our country. In 2008 Dr. Levine received the Order of Canada, awarded to those Canadians who have made a recognizable difference to our country.



*"I met Norm in first year dentistry. He had completed an undergraduate degree and was a little older than most of the class of 6T0. He was a large, imposing, athletic man and he played with the Varsity Blues. He was a natural leader who assumed the role of class president almost immediately.*

*"During our undergraduate career we shared many relationships. One included my being a ham on stage while, along with **Jack Dale** 5T8, Norm created most of the props needed for the very successful 'Dentantics' productions of 1956 – 59.*

*"We also collaborated on the DSS. He was President and I was Editor. Norm also served as coach of a very good 'Dents Football' team. One anecdote from his coaching days illustrates his approach to problems and life. In the last game of the 1959 season we were playing Trinity College at Varsity Stadium in the semi-finals. The whole school came out to watch but it was a complete rout. We lost by about 40 points. Trinity College had triple our enrolment and were a very rough, tough team. Late in the game I was recuperating on the bench after being trampled, as usual for an interior lineman, nursing a badly sprained thumb. It was the last quarter, we had no chance to win and had been beaten up pretty badly. My thumb was really sore and swollen.*

*"Klotz get in there," he shouted, as only he could. "But Norm, we can't win, my football career is over – look at my thumb." "BS" he bellowed. "You've got another thumb." Ironically, he lost the top half of both thumbs to cancer later in his career. But 'quit' was not in his vocabulary.*

*"You were a giant my friend. Dentistry and the children of Canada owe you a great debt. You carried most of us on your broad shoulders and your good heart. Your burden is over. Rest assured that the legacy you leave will endure.*

*"Shalom – frater, classmate and friend."*

**Marvin Klotz 6T0**

*(Edited version of an article by Dr. Klotz that appeared in the November/December issue of AORTA magazine.)*

## Dr. Ragna Bersenas

In July 2011, the Faculty of Dentistry lost one of its valued, dedicated and long standing associates in dentistry, Ragna Bersenas 7T0. Dr. Bersenas was a talented and experienced clinician who ran a successful private practice. Her vibrant personality and sparkling sense of humour added to her success.

Ragna joined the Faculty to teach in the restorative department, where she was a loyal member for over 40 years. A competent, passionate and caring teacher she was very well respected, loved by her students and appreciated by the department. Her natural talent for teaching, as well as her vivaciousness, always charmed her students and often resulted in a very special relationship with them.

I met Ragna 23 years ago and she immediately became one of my intimate friends. She was a unique person who loved life and adventure. She was an avid traveller who toured the world to ski, swim, dive and enjoy new places. She was always very proud of her Swedish heritage. Those who knew Ragna would all agree that she was a breath of fresh air and her laughter was contagious. Ragna's free



soul will be greatly missed by her friends, co-workers and students. May she rest in peace.

**Dr. Wafa El-Badrawy**  
Associate Professor

*Ragna is survived by her husband Sas Bersenas a lawyer in Toronto, her daughter Alexa Bersenas, assistant professor in the Veterinarian School of Guelph and grandson baby Lucas.*

*"Ragna was vice president of our Alumni Association for a few years. She was an enthusiastic, bright, reliable and caring person. She and I were on the Ski Committee of the combined ski day associated with the Academy, Alpha Omega and the Cardiac Rehab Foundation and U of T Faculty of Dentistry. She also helped out on our Gala Committee. I skied with her at several of those ski days and had to put more wax on my skis to keep up with her – she was fast! We have lost a true jewel."*

**David Cowan 6T2**

## Dr. Sigmund Socransky

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Dr. Sigmund Socransky 5T7 who died peacefully in his sleep this past August. Sig dedicated his time, both professional and most of his private time, to research on periodontal diseases. He was among the most accomplished alumni of our Faculty's DDS program. Having started his research as a student in the 1950s, he was recruited to the Harvard/ Forsyth periodontology and microbiology graduate program when Jack Macdonald moved from U of T to assume the directorship [now called President and CEO] of the Forsyth Dental Center [now the Forsyth Institute]. Jack recruited Anne Dale 5T8 and Jack Dale 5T8 at the same time, and they all remained close friends.

Sig Socransky was one of my key teachers when I pursued the same graduate program 10 years after him, and he played a key role in convincing me to consider U of T's offer of employment very seriously. He also was the one who convinced me to pursue research into the biology of spirochetes, as he was the first to learn how to cultivate some of these very difficult microorganisms. Ask any credible member of the periodontology community worldwide, and they will tell you that Sig Socransky has been at or among the top investigators in periodontal microbiology for the past 50 years. He was a true leader in the field – a man with a brilliant mind and persistent work ethic. His became a "household name" among those in periodontal and oral microbiology research, as well as among clinical periodontists internationally.

**Dr. Richard Ellen**

### WE MOURN THE LOSS

Ragna Bersenas 7T0  
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Walter Kindiak 5T6  
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## 2012 AWARD OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENT

# Charles Filippo Cappa

*Dr. Cappa has been a selfless contributor to the dental profession and to his colleagues and patients. He has also made significant contributions to his community and to various national and international organizations, both dental and non-dental. He has been the recipient of numerous awards not only for his work in the dental field, but for his compassion and commitment to his fellow man which culminated in being invested with the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship.*

Born in St. Marys, Ontario, Fil obtained his DDS from the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry in 1955. Following graduation, he began his general practice in the outskirts of London.

His interest in preventive dentistry led to his appointment to the Dental Public Health Committee of the Ontario Dental Association from 1962-66. In 1970, Fil was appointed Editor of the Journal of the Ontario Dental Association, a position he held for three years and in 1970 he received a Gies Award for Editorial Writing. The ODA presented him with a Service Award in 2000, and in 2003 appointed him to the Honors and Awards Committee, as the citation writer.

A 50 year member of the London & District Dental Society, Fil has served on several committees including chair of the Dental Public Health Committee during the first (and unsuccessful) London Fluoridation campaign in 1963-64. In October of 2005 he was the recipient of the Robert Brandon LDDS Service Award in recognition of 'outstanding service and dedication to the community and the profession of dentistry.'

Always keenly interested in continuing education, Fil has been involved in the development of several study clubs. He was the founding President and long-time Secretary of the Western Ontario Dental

Study Group which began in London in 1960. For more than 25 years this group of 18 dentists brought outstanding clinicians to London to present two- and three-day weekend courses, several times a year. The list of clinicians included many of the 'Who's Who in Dentistry' from Canada, the United States and Europe.

Fil was also a founding member of an international dental study group comprised of 15 members. The Canadian American Mexican Study Group met annually for a period of four days from 1962 until the mid 1990s at venues across the United States, Canada and Mexico. Their goal was to exchange ideas and techniques.

As a founding member of the American Society for Preventive Dentistry, Fil served on the Board of Directors for six years, two of those as Secretary and another two as Treasurer. For 13 years (1996 - 2009) he was the Registrar of the Canadian Section of the International College of Dentists.

In 1962, Fil was among the first group of general practitioners to be admitted to Associate Membership in the Canadian Academy of Periodontology. He presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Academy in 1963, and was the first Canadian to publish an article in the Dental Clinics of North America in April of 1970.

Fil has been a presenter on the scientific program of the FDI, CDA, ODA Canadian Academy of Periodontology, Toronto Academy of Dentistry, Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry, Ontario Academy of General Dentistry and numerous local dental societies and study clubs.

Always a public-spirited citizen, Fil was a founding member of the Byron Lions Club in 1956 serving as President and Zone Chairman. His daughter Barbara's involvement in competitive diving, which led to her becoming a member of Canada's national team, motivated Fil to become involved in the Canadian Amateur Diving

Association (CADA). For two years he served as a Director, followed by a two year term as Secretary, and then four years as President of the Ontario Section of CADA. In 1977, Premier Davis presented him with the Ontario Special Award for Amateur Sport.

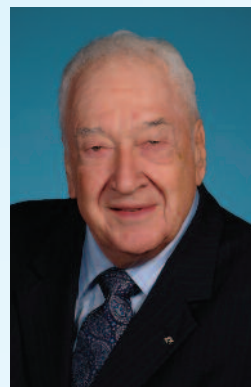
An active Mason, Shriner, and Anglican layman, Fil's greatest outside interest has been in rescue mission work. He first became involved with Mission Services of London in 1962, providing free dental services for transients at the Men's Mission. He served 30 years on the Board of Directors, nine of them as President. In 1998 he was made a Life Member of the Corporation of Mission Services of London, and a tree was planted in his honour at the Men's Mission Branch.

Fil's concern for those who were not able to access dental care led him and his wife Dianne to spend ten days working in the dental section of a clinic in a poor area of Kingston, Jamaica. Through this experience he was able to arrange to bring a Jamaican dental assistant to Canada, where she spent some time in his practice upgrading her skills.

Keen travellers, over the years Fil and his wife have visited 47 countries.

Undoubtedly the highest honour bestowed on Fil was being invested with the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship by Lieutenant Governor Henry Jackman in 1994. In 1997, the London West Rotary Club made him a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his community work.

Fil's commitment to his fellow man, his passion for dentistry and involvement in endeavours that would promote excellence in the field of dentistry make him a worthy recipient of this Award.



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## 2012 AWARD OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENT

# Ken Croney

*Mr. Croney has been a friend to the Faculty and its students for over forty years. His contributions to the Faculty through fundraising and dental community events are well documented. His dedication and impressive contribution of time, effort, knowledge and support of our students and young practitioners have made both the dental community and its individual members stronger and more successful. Not only has he successfully approached companies on behalf of the Faculty to donate much needed equipment, he has also arranged for dental equipment to be made available to dental clinics serving First Nations as well as for the Shout Clinic in Toronto.*

At the age of seventeen, Ken decided to pursue sales as a career and determined to give nothing but world-class service to each and every client. Long before the phrase 24/7 became popular, Ken applied this motto to his career, working long hours setting up young dentists in their practices and helping them to build a new office or renovate an old one.

Over the years Ken has worked with all the major dental companies. For the past seven and a half years he has worked for Henry Schein. His reputation for excellent personal service and expertise has enabled him to establish long-term relationships with his clients, so much so that he is now setting up practices for the children of several of his original clients.

Always unassuming, Ken enjoys solid relationships with many in the dental community. His belief that you need to support the profession that you work in has been exemplified by his organization and participation in many industry and professional events. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Awards of Distinction Gala when it was transformed from a modest Awards Dinner to a Gala that has raised funds for research, facility renewal, and patients in need. He was an ambassador for the Faculty, approaching dental companies and requesting sponsorships not only for the Gala, but for equipment for our media facility and Continuing Education Centre. A founding committee member for our annual Golf Tournament, he added a high degree of fun to the day as well as approaching potential sponsors, raising funds for student financial aid and activities.

Ken has used his personality and contacts to bring together the profession and the industry in productive and successful

ways, raising funds to help children, dental research and a host of other good causes.

Ken has a strong link to our Faculty. He has mentored our graduates when it came time for them to consider opening their own offices; he has forged life-long relationships with our alumni, always ready to be at their side when needed; and he has lobbied for the Faculty as a voice from within the dental industry.

A true supporter of the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, Ken has not only been of invaluable assistance in creating and equipping the Centre for Continuing Dental Education, but has also given his support to the numerous continuing dental education programs.

Ken has earned the respect and gratitude of many for his enthusiastic and community-minded commitment to our profession. He is an invaluable asset to the dental industry, the dental profession and the community.

For his unique contributions to the dental profession, and his volunteer service to the Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, Ken Croney is presented with the Award of Distinction.





## 2012 AWARD OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENT

# Dorothy McComb

*Dr. Dorothy McComb 7T4 MSc D has played a significant role in the growth and development of the largest academic program in undergraduate dentistry at our Faculty. All of our students over the past 25-30 years have been taught by her, will remember her and have greatly benefited from her contribution.*

*Before retiring in December 2011, as Professor and Head, Restorative Dentistry and Director of the Comprehensive Care Program at the Faculty of Dentistry, Dr. McComb played a central role on the Undergraduate Education Committee and in curriculum renewal and reform. She has won several prestigious teaching awards in recognition of her contribution and has been invited throughout her academic career to speak at numerous continuing education courses and academic symposia across North America and beyond.*

Dorothy McComb obtained her dental degree at the University of Edinburgh in 1968 and did a one year internship at Sutherland Dental Hospital at the University of Newcastle-on-Tyne in England.

It was during her studies at Edinburgh University that she met her future husband – Dr. John McComb. After they had both completed their dental degrees they made the decision to leave England for a short time to pursue his career goals in Winnipeg. The idea was to return to England once this was completed, but the decision to spend a little time in Toronto before they returned home was to change their whole future. Coming to Toronto afforded the opportunity to pursue graduate studies at the University of Toronto. Dorothy considers herself particularly fortunate to have had the opportunity to do her graduate work in the biomaterials field with an international leader, Dr. Dennis Smith.

In 1973, she passed the Canadian National Dental Examining Board. Once in general practice, she also took on the role of pre-clinical instructor, Department of Dentistry, University of Toronto.

In 1978 Dorothy became an Associate in Dentistry at the Faculty and a year later applied for a tenure stream appointment as a full time assistant professor in the department of Restorative Dentistry. This position provided her with the opportunity to utilize her research knowledge as well as her clinical experience.

In 1985 Dorothy was appointed Head, Restorative Dentistry. Although she continued with her research, and lecturing outside of the Faculty, her commitment to the students and how they were taught became her major focus. She was convinced that teaching must be evidence-based – it must be rational, because thousands of patients are impacted by the treatment they receive once our students graduate and go into practice. It was for this reason that her research concentrated on investigating newer restorative materials and techniques, in order to ensure optimal teaching and understanding for both undergraduate students and clinicians in practice.

Her commitment to her students and to the field of education has not gone unnoticed. In 2002 she won the Teacher of the Year Award for dedication and commitment to the Class of 2002. In 2004 she won a 3M ESPE National Dental Teaching Award (now known as the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry National Dental Teaching Award). In 2005 she was awarded the prestigious WW Wood Teaching Award, and in 2009-10 and again in 2010-11 she once again won the Teacher of the Year Award at the Faculty.

In the early 80s, in the area of research, Dorothy conducted a clinical study with **Dr. Jim Brown 6T8** on the use of composites for the back of the mouth. A great deal was learned from this trial in terms of how these new materials performed, providing valuable information for clinicians which ultimately benefited their patients. This study also provided excellent clinical material to use in teaching.

Dorothy is quick to credit people in her department for the many papers she has published, particularly Dr. Brown and Dr. Laura Tam, pointing out that much of the work she has done for publication has been collaborative. One area that she is particularly proud of is the work done on dentin bonding, primarily because this was done at a time when dentists needed evidence-based information to counteract some of the claims that were being made.

Being involved in a US National Institute of Health Consensus Development Conference in 2001 was also a highlight for her. A firm believer in the fact that dentists have to change and be more conservative was reflected in the paper she developed on a Systematic Review of Conservative Operative Caries Management Strategies. This major paradigm shift in dentistry with respect to the diagnosis and management of dental caries and how minimally invasive dentistry can be safely instituted has been one of her main foci.

She also emphasized rational, conservative patient care, based on sound science and combined with effective disease prevention, throughout her leadership of the multi-disciplinary Comprehensive Care Program (and its predecessor, the Clinical Clerkship) at the Faculty. The strength of this program is a direct result of her commitment to patients, the profession and the students.

Dorothy's work in the field of biomaterials research, her commitment to providing the best possible curriculum for students and the significant role she has played in the academic program at our Faculty reflect the standard of excellence that she has aspired to throughout her career.



# Alumni and Friends: Helping Students

*With DDS tuition at \$36,000 a year, the combined debt load for a student graduating from the Bachelor and DDS program often approaches \$200,000. The generosity of alumni and friends of the Faculty who establish bursaries and scholarships are making a meaningful difference in the lives of dentistry students who are struggling to meet the financial cost of choosing this career path.*

*Thank you to all those who step forward to invest in the future of dental students. Without the support of our many generous alumni and friends we would not be able to achieve the excellence necessary for training tomorrow's leaders in clinical care, education and research.*

## Scholarship Value Doubled!

Each donation shown here has been matched by a program which doubles the support each gift generates for students. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Advancement Office for information.



Patricia Main, Interim Head, Dental Public Health; Susan Alksnis, Director of Advancement; Nancy and George Vasiga; Dean David Mock; Carlos Quiñonez, Program Director, Dental Public Health

## Dr. George and Nancy Vasiga Scholarship in Dental Public Health

George Vasiga 7T0, 7T2 Dip Ortho and his wife Nancy wanted to help patients facing barriers to receiving adequate dental care. They chose to give \$50,000 to establish a scholarship for students in the Dental Public Health graduate program. The Vasigas gift has real impact for these students, who often forego lucrative careers in private practice dentistry to work in the areas of research, policy development, public health and teaching.

Ultimately, George and Nancy's financial support of dental public health students will benefit large numbers of patients. Groups such as low-income children and families, seniors and others in the long-term care sector, will be the recipients of more effective policies and outreach programs developed by our graduates.

Alumni of our Dental Public Health

program have a strong history of leadership locally, nationally and internationally. The program is Canada's only specialty training program in this important dental discipline, and the teaching, research and policy work by our graduates and faculty lead directly to new ways to improve oral health for high risk groups.

With their donation doubled by a matching program, the Vasigas have invested in a program of national and international impact.

*The combined debt load for a student graduating from the Bachelor and DDS programs often approaches \$200,000*

*"Lessening student loans helps provide the financial flexibility for them to pursue careers in teaching and/or research."*

SUSAN ALKSNIS  
Director of Advancement  
Faculty of Dentistry



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## Dr. Aldo and Peggy Boccia Scholarship

It was through his own experience as a student, faced with a funding shortfall in his final year, that Dr. Boccia 7T4, along



with his wife Peggy, was inspired to provide a \$30,000 scholarship for DDS students on the basis of financial need. A successful practitioner, long time clinical instructor at the Faculty and active member of the Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Association, Dr. Boccia is also a recipient of a 2007 Arbor Award and 2010 Faculty of Dentistry Award of Distinction. Dr. Boccia has also been in leadership roles in many community organizations, helping to raise significant funding.

The generosity shown by Aldo and Peggy will directly help students in financial difficulty.

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*"The value of the knowledge and skills I will have gained upon graduation from the Faculty of Dentistry will be far greater than the financial sacrifices it took to get here, especially with the generous support of donors."*

### Antony and Hedy Kalamut Award and Dr. Thomas Howard Graham Bursary

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*"I was able to buy the required courseware for second semester, pay a portion of my rent, as well as pay interest payments on my loans. It has really helped lighten the burden..."*

### Dr. L.W. Leake Bursary

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*"It is my goal to become a dentist for those who are unfortunate, disabled and require special treatments."*

### Dr. Paul LaDelfa Admission Scholarship and Dr. Harry Jolley Bursary

*"Your gift will help relieve some of my financial stress and help me focus on achieving my goals of working in the public sector and with marginalized populations."*

### Zindart Award in Community Dentistry

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*"...this award will contribute to my rent..."*

### Classic Dental Laboratories Bursary

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## Charles G. Hunt Bursary

David Hunt of the Shaw Group of Dental Laboratories has established a \$30,000 bursary as a lasting tribute to his father, Charles G. Hunt. This new bursary has been made possible through contributions from friends, colleagues and family. These funds were originally raised by the Dentistry Canada Fund to honour the many contributions Charles Hunt made to the dental profession and industry. His son, David, chose to direct the funds to the Faculty of Dentistry with the goal of making dental education more affordable for students.



Charles G. Hunt

An active volunteer for the Faculty, David has served on the committee for the Awards of Distinction Gala, and his company, Shaw Lab Group, has sponsored Faculty events including our annual Golf Day and Gala, as well as CDE programs.

A highly respected dental industry executive with Ash Temple Limited and Premier Dental Canada, Charles G. Hunt was active in Canadian dentistry from 1933 to 1992. His son David is the Sales and Marketing Manager at Shaw Lab Group and his daughter Deborah is a Restorative Dental Hygienist RRDH – the family dental tradition/commitment continues..

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*"It is my dream to one day help other students and pay back my spiritual debts to my supporters along the way."*

### J.N. Wilkinson Prize

## Dr. Nicholas A. Mancini Bursary

Dr. Mancini served as Chairman of the Board of the Ontario Dental Association (ODA) from 1969 to 1996. This unprecedented length of service, and his outstanding contribution to the ODA over almost 30 years, resulted in the ODA taking the unusual step of appointing him Chair Emeritus for life, a position that required a unanimous vote and allows him all the privileges of a board member. This Honorary Membership is the ODA's highest award.

Dr. Mancini received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto in 1945. He practiced dentistry in Hamilton where he was an active community member and served on numerous local committees, boards and agencies. The \$25,000 bursary he has established was made possible through donations from family and friends in Dr. Mancini's honour.

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*"My family was unable to assist me with the payments for dental school..."*

### Antony and Hedy Kalamut Award

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## ODA Student Bursary

The Ontario Dental Association has established a new endowed bursary with a donation of \$20,000. Doubled to \$40,000 by a gift matching program at the University of Toronto, this bursary will help students with financial need.

For many years the ODA's support of the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry has included an annual student award, which the ODA plans to continue in addition to the new bursary. A recent recipient of the annual award expressed the impact of the support:

*"At a time of heightened stress, receiving this award was comforting and gave me a real sense of support. It reminded me that those who have taken the path of dental medicine understand the hard work that goes into training and want to contribute to the success of the future generations of dentists."*

Thank you to our many friends and colleagues at the Ontario Dental Association.



## RETIREMENTS

*The Faculty of Dentistry has said goodbye to several longtime faculty and staff in recent months.*

Retiring almost 50 years after entering the Faculty as a student, **Dr. Aaron H. Fenton** 6T7 worked in the Prosthodontic department and was involved in the early days of implant dentistry. He helped found the Faculty's training programs for international dentists seeking careers in Canada, and was the Director of the program until his retirement.

Dr. Fenton has taken a lead role in a new initiative to send faculty to help develop a new dental school in Ethiopia and will continue in this role in his retirement. He was dedicated to the students and staff at the Faculty. Although retiring as Full Professor, Dr. Fenton has agreed to stay on as a clinical instructor for the winter term.

In 1978, **Dr. Catherine Kilmartin** 7T5 completed her Diploma in Oral Pathology at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, obtained her Fellowship of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in Oral Pathology and joined the professorial faculty in Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine. By 1994, she was an Associate Professor and Acting Director of the Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine Clinic and the Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine undergraduate program. In 1999, she became the Director

of this program. Since 2003, Dr. Kilmartin has been on the IPE Committee.

From 2007 until her retirement, Dr. Kilmartin was the representative of the Faculty of Dentistry on the Interfaculty Curriculum Committee for Inter-professional Education and helped create this unique and highly successful program. At the same time, she revamped the undergraduate programs in Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine, demonstrating the need for such collaboration in the clinical setting.

Dr. Kilmartin will continue to provide us with the benefit of her expertise and enthusiasm as a Clinical Instructor. The Faculty and its students are grateful for her ever present willingness to share her knowledge and skill, as well as her collaborative attitude.

**Dr. John McComb** joined the professoriate of the Faculty in 1976 after completing his Diploma in Oral Pathology in 1975 at the University of Toronto, and was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor in 1978.

He was Dentist-in-Chief at the Toronto Western Hospital from 1975 to 1987 and then at the Toronto General Hospital (University Health Network) from 1987 to 2003. Upon the retirement of his mentor, Dr. Jim Main, he became Head of the discipline of Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine. Dr. McComb was cross

appointed to the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. He served on the Council of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario and served on a number of committees. He chaired the Task Force to produce the infection control guidelines. Dr. McComb was Chief examiner in Oral Pathology for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada from 1980 to 1986, Vice-President from 1991 to 1993 and President from 1993 to 1995.

He has left his mark on his profession and his specialty through his teaching, his academic activity, his publications and involvement in organized dentistry. All the while, he has been an active clinician and diagnostician, demonstrating superb expertise in both. His legacy will reside for a long time with the policies and programs he developed, the students (undergraduate and graduate) he has taught and amongst his colleagues.

**Dr. Dorothy McComb** also retired this year. A 2012 Award of Distinction recipient, her profile can be read on page 20 of this issue.

The Discipline in Periodontology hosted a retirement dinner for **Dr. Eric Freeman** 6T5, 6T9 Dip Perio, 7T0 MScD. He spent over 41 years teaching at the Faculty of Dentistry. He was the course director for Histology and second year undergraduate Periodontics. He has been consecutively awarded Teacher of the Year by the first year undergraduate dental class from 2008 to 2011.

Dr. Freeman's contribution to education was summed up by one of his former students, **Dr. Lee Colfer** 9T6 who is currently a periodontist in Vancouver. Dr. Colfer said, "It is not often, if ever in a lifetime, that you meet a person who truly affects your life in a most positive way. Someone who gave their time and knowledge to teach or guide you when they could have done less; Someone who took the time to make you feel valued when uncertainty loomed, or Someone whose kindness never failed no matter the circumstance. Dr Eric Freeman was that Someone for many of us at the Faculty."

After 41 years at the Faculty, **Mrs. Janice Young** took early retirement at the end of the 2010-11 academic year. Janice was a knowledgeable, adept and very experienced member of the Clinic Office staff. Janice took some time over the summer to return to the Faculty to advise the interim Director of Clinics. She has been instrumental in ensuring that all patient transfers and assignments have been organized for the new academic year. The Faculty is extremely grateful, not only for her longtime work and dedication in patient management, but also for her willingness to continue working in a part-time capacity.



*On Dr. Valenzano's last day at the Faculty, immediately prior to his sudden death, he carried out Mrs. Young's retirement presentation at the Faculty's end-of-year luncheon.*

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## APPOINTMENTS

**Dr. Getulio Nogueira** has accepted a tenure-stream appointment in Preventive Dentistry at the rank of Assistant Professor. Dr. Nogueira obtained DDS status and completed his doctorate in Periodontics in Brazil. His post-doctoral studies have been in molecular biology. His most recent academic appointment was in the Division of Periodontics, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba.

**Dr. Yoav Finer** OT0 PhD, OT3 MSc Prosthodontics was appointed Head of the Discipline of Biomaterials at the Faculty of Dentistry replacing Dr. Paul Santerre.

**Dr. Grace Bradley** 7T9, 8T4 MSc was promoted to Head of Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine. She already serves as Associate Dean for Biological and Diagnostic Sciences at the Faculty.

**Dr. Karen Burgess** 8T5, 9T5 Dip OP, 9T5 MSc is moving into the role of Director of the Oral Diagnosis Clinic, teaching Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine.

**Dr. Omar El-Mowafy** has agreed to assume the position of Discipline Head for Restorative Dentistry.

**Dr. Jim Posluns** 9T1, 9T8 Dip Ortho returns to the Faculty to serve as Director of Clinics.

**Dr. Richard Rayman** 7T0 will serve as Assistant Director of Clinics and Director of the Comprehensive Care Program.

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## In the News

**Dr. Lynn Tomkins** 8T1 has been featured in several news media stories regarding Toronto's decision to continue water fluoridation; the risks of over-bleaching teeth by using home whitening kits; the importance of the oral exam in early detection of oral cancer; and a Toronto Star article dealing with "Zero Tolerance" which resulted in interviews with the CBC Ontario Morning Show and Newstalk 1010.

Dean **David Mock** was featured in a Toronto Star supplement discussing the risks of oral cancer and the importance of a regular oral exam as the ideal method of early detection and diagnosis.

**Dr. Herenia Lawrence** was featured in the University of Toronto's Edge magazine for her ambitious new study towards reducing tooth decay in partnership with dozens of communities, including First Nations

communities on Manitoulin Island and in the Sioux Lookout Zone in Ontario, the Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba and urban First Nations groups in Toronto and Winnipeg.

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## A Smooth Transition

At the Dean's request, **Dr. Greg Anderson** 8T6 generously agreed to be Interim Director of Clinics, understanding the significance of the loss of Dr. Valenzano to the Faculty. Greg worked extremely hard to fulfill this demanding role and has been instrumental in ensuring a smooth transition into the new academic year.

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## Canada Research Chair Awarded in Oral Microbial Genetics

We are very proud to announce that

**Dr. Celine Levesque**, Oral Microbiology, has been awarded the Canada Research Chair in Oral Microbial Genetics.

Dr. Levesque is investigating how biofilms – collections of organisms such as bacteria – resist antibiotics. This is an extremely significant milestone in Dr. Levesque's career. We are also very proud of other Faculty of Dentistry academics who have held, or are continuing to hold, the designation of Canada Research Chair – **Professors Dennis Cvitkovitch, Siew-Ging Gong, Christopher McCulloch** 7T6, 8T2 PhD, **Barry Sessle, Ze'ev Seltzer** and **Craig Simmons**.

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## Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders

This alliance was created to find ways to help dental schools in the third world improve the education and delivery of oral health and to improve communication among dental schools. **Dean Mock** attended the conference in August 2011. A total of forty-five invitations were made to U.S. and international dental schools. The Faculty was the only Canadian dental school invited to attend. The University of Philadelphia dental school and Henry Schein, Inc. are among the organizations funding this initiative. The Alliance plans to sponsor dental school students to receive international placements as volunteer teachers and providers of oral health care.

## Using Non-Invasive Oral Rinse to Identify High Risk Patients

**Dr. Michael Glogauer** 9T3, 9T9 PhD, 9T9 Dip Perio and his colleagues from Matrix Dynamics Group and Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH), recently published the results of a study to investigate whether monitoring the timing of neutrophil delivery to the oral tissues with a non-invasive oral rinse has the potential to allow the physician to identify those patients who are at high risk of failure of Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT). Thirty one patients were recruited during their pre-allogeneic transplant appointment at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. The underlying conditions for which these patients were being treated included leukemia, lymphoma, and myelodysplastic syndrome. All patients completed a full dental and periodontal examination prior to treatment at PMH dental clinic, and any periodontal inflammation was treated and resolved prior to treatment. Results of the study show that it is possible to identify those patients who are at a high risk of HSCT failure within just a few weeks of the initiation of treatment. The full study can be read in the Journal of Oral Pathology and Medicine (2011).

## alumni today

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# George Zarb Clinical Research Lecture

The inaugural George Zarb Clinical Research Lecture was presented on October 20th by Dr. Sreenivas Koka who prefaced his lecture by acknowledging Dr. Zarb as a 'rock star' in clinical research. Dr. Koka is the Chair of the Department of Dental Specialties Consultant in the Division of Prosthetic and Esthetic Dentistry, and holds the academic rank of Professor of Dentistry at Mayo Clinic. There were over 100 attendees at this inaugural event including donors and alumni as well as clinical instructors.

This Lectureship, which has been made possible through the generosity of many of Dr. Zarb's colleagues and friends in honour of his outstanding career, will help advance and sustain the Faculty's clinical sciences development and leadership by bringing world-class clinician scientists to the Faculty for two days of small group discussions with students and faculty, as well as a keynote lecture open to the profession.

We continue to accept donations to support the Zarb Lectureship. Participation at any gift level will encourage clinical research at the Faculty of Dentistry.

## Donor Recognition

*Thank you to our many alumni and friends who have generously supported the Zarb Lecture Series.*

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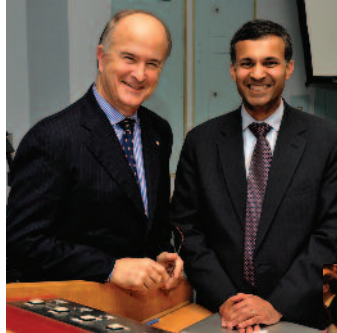
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# From Canada's Far North to Europe

*This summer students enjoyed a variety of experiences ranging from a summer research exchange program in Germany to providing dental care to First Nations peoples in Moose Factory.*

## Guten Tag! Greetings from Wurzburg, Germany!

We are the first group of students to be involved in a summer research exchange program with the University of Wurzburg, and it has been an incredibly enriching experience.



The city of Wurzburg itself is an exciting place to visit, and is rich in culture and history. The university facilities are technologically advanced, which contributes to the high calibre of studies generated by researchers, many of whom have been recognized world-wide for their contributions to the field of tissue engineering.

We would like to extend our thanks to Dr. **Bernhard Ganss** who was instrumental in establishing this program, and to donors to the Faculty of Dentistry Annual Fund for their generous support which has enabled us to participate in this incredible program. We hope that it will continue in the future and enrich the educational experience of dental students for many years to come.

**Lauren Allen, Linda Shao, Saswati Sen**

## Moose Factory

The dental department in Moose Factory is the only source of dental care available to the First Nations peoples along the James Bay coast including the communities of Peawanuck, Kashechewan, Fort Albany, Attawapiskat and Moosonee. Some of our students who elected to work there this summer share their experiences:

"The four weeks I was in Moose Factory was an amazing experience. Before I went there I wasn't really thinking of pediatric dentistry, but it certainly became one of the things that I am now looking into. The Pediatric Dentistry residents that I worked with taught me so much. I also got to do my first root canal on a real patient!"

**Eun-Ji Kwon DDS 1V**



*Left to right: Darsi Perusini, the pediatric resident at Mount Sinai, Mahwaesh Zaidi, Eun-ji Kwon.  
In front: Sheila Gagnon Wesley the co-ordinator/hygienist at Moose Factory.*

"During my time in the Weeneebayko Dental Clinic I was able to treat pediatric patients, children, adults and the elderly and provide them with a wide scope of treatments, from recall examinations, to restorations, to root canal therapies to extractions. I have learned many aspects of dentistry by partaking in this elective and I have enjoyed my brief time with the staff and peoples of Moose Factory. I would most certainly like to return to Moose Factory again and provide treatment for this community in the near future."

**Anthony Pino DDS IV**

"I feel really blessed to have been able to serve a community which has limited access to dental services. Career wise, it was an extremely positive experience for me as it enhanced my self-confidence and decision making ability giving me a taste of what it would be like when we start working."

**Mahwaesh Zaidi DDS IV**

# Undergraduate Research Program 2011

The Undergraduate Research Program (URP) provides DSS students a summer experience in laboratory and clinical research in the Faculty of Dentistry for up to three months. Supervisors submit research projects for which students can apply.

The aim is to enhance research exchange and to foster communication between laboratories and our future scientists. A total of 28 students participated in the presentation and posters workshop held by James Fiege and competed for the URP awards on August, 26, 2011. All of the projects will be displayed as posters at the Faculty of Dentistry Research Day on February 14.



This year's awards were presented to **Stephen Spano** (1st prize), **Stephanie Hume** (2nd prize), **Mike Laschuk**, **Sobia Sultan**, and **Eli Weitzner** (all 3rd prize). Congratulations! Enjoy the travel supports to attend a scientific conference next year and show the great research that is done in

our Faculty! A big 'thanks' goes to Drs. **Limor Avivi-Arber** 9T3 Dip Prostho, 9T4 MSc, 0T9 PhD, Jane Cheung, Boris Hinz, Tara Moriarty, **Sean Peel** 9T5 PhD, and **Carlos Quiñonez** 0T9 PhD for abstract and presentation judging of 28 projects and to Leah Raz for organizing the event.

*"This summer I had the fortunate opportunity of working with Dr. Boris Hinz in the Matrix Dynamics Group. While working on my project, 'The mechanosensitive role of kindlin-2 in cardiac fibroblasts,' I learned a huge variety of laboratory skills and was introduced to an extremely interesting area of research. I was examining how cardiac fibroblasts responded to stretch, which perfectly combined my interests in biology and physics. I could not have asked for a better first lab experience, and I am extremely grateful to have had this opportunity."*

**Stephanie Hume**



*"My summer research involved developing and testing a novel bone grafting material and resulted in interesting findings that are now being followed up with further experiments. My project started off with a lot of technical difficulties and failure, but reminded me that perseverance is essential for any success. I have immense gratitude for the Discipline of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Faculty of Dentistry and Summer Research Program for making this a wonderful experience."*

**Sobia Sultan**

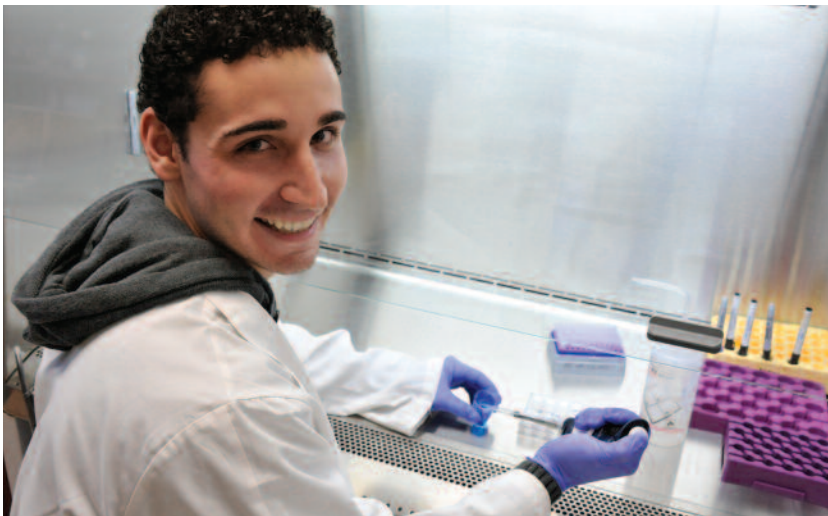




*Over the summer I became increasingly interested in gingival overgrowth and its causes. Gingival overgrowth is a common adverse outcome of cyclosporine A treatment and a clinical problem in dentistry. In this disorder, collagen remodeling is disrupted, but the fibroblast receptors that mediate remodeling and that are dysregulated by CsA are not defined. In my research project, we attempted to determine whether discoidin domain receptor 1 mediates collagen remodeling by fibroblasts and how cyclosporine A may be affecting this receptor in gingival overgrowth.*

*Having never done research before, the Undergraduate Research Program provided me with a great opportunity to become involved in research relevant to my dental education. It has allowed me to appreciate the importance of research and has inspired me to consider research as a viable component of my future career. I was also fortunate enough to win first place for my work. I would like to thank Dr. McCulloch and all other members of the Matrix Dynamics Group for such an enjoyable experience this past summer.*

**Stephen Spano**



*"Throughout this summer, I developed a deep appreciation for the importance of evidence based research as well as a more in-depth understanding of the issues that Canadian citizens face with respect to access and affordability of dental care. I would like to thank my supervisor Dr. Carlos Quiñonez for his guidance and support as well as the Faculty of Dentistry for allowing this program to exist and broadening the horizons of many students."*

**Eleanor Weitzner**

*For the past two summers I have worked with Dr. Paul Santerre and Dr. Meilin Yang in the Biomaterials Department at the Faculty of Dentistry. My research investigated how to chemically incorporate the antibiotic ciprofloxacin into a polymer matrix for use in restorative dentistry. This would allow for a more predictable and controlled release of antibiotic material into adjacent environments, improving the longevity of dental restorative materials. Using basic science knowledge to problem solve was a significantly rewarding task, which resulted in the eventual synthesis of a new type of dental polymer system. This has been a great opportunity for me to apply the concepts learned in my undergraduate degree in chemistry, to a more practical application for potential use in my future dental career.*

**Michael Laschuk**





# Academic Awards 2011

*Congratulations to all our graduating DDS award winners, and our sincere thanks to all the donors who make these awards possible.*

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