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*"In Pursuit of Excellence Through Continuing Education"*



Utah dentists were conferred AGD degrees in Denver at the 2006 AGD meeting. Left to right: Drs. Ruedi Tillmann, DDS, MAGD of Salt Lake, Eileen Johnston DDS, MAGD of Salt Lake, Scott A. Tracy DDS, FAGD of American Fork, Mike Bennett DDS, FAGD of Spanish Fork, and Jason D. Norman DDS, FAGD of Salt Lake.

## Utah Dentists graduate at AGD National Meeting

Several Utah dentists were recognized for their accomplishments at the 2006 AGD meeting in Denver, CO and were awarded Mastership or Fellowship degrees. Belonging to the AGD means commitment to education and clinical skill. Through the FAGD and MAGD programs we gain more exposure to various techniques and thought processes than we would otherwise.

"Earning an advanced degree takes careful planning and lots of effort. It is a goal that we should all plan to achieve. It represents a commitment to our profession, the patients with whom we interact for a lifetime and most importantly to our family and ourselves".

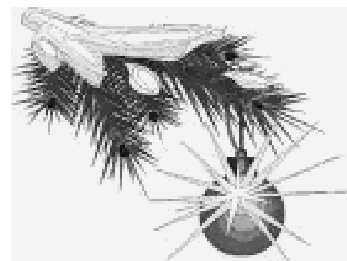
Congratulations to the following doctors, their families, staffs all who have supported them along the way:  
Eileen Johnston DDS, MAGD of Salt Lake City  
Mike Bennett DDS, FAGD of Spanish Fork  
Jason Norman DDS, FAGD of Salt Lake City  
Ruedi Tillmann DDS, MAGD of Salt Lake City



To help emphasize good oral hygiene in kids, Dr. Remford installed a dental floss zipline in his office.

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## President's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy, and looking forward to another year. As this year draws to a close, I look back and reflect on the many blessings I have in life. I have been extremely blessed with a wonderful family, a successful practice, and great friends. I know you are likewise blessed, and hope you will take time to reflect on the positive things in your life. As we recognize our blessings, may we recognize the things that are most important in our lives, and take the

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# Utah Dentists honored with Life Service Awards

Drs. Joseph G. Mirci DDS, MAGD of Salt Lake and Lynn D. Walker DMD, MAGD of Midvale were distinguished at the recent AGD Annual Meeting in Denver with the AGD Life Service Award. This prestigious award requires 10 years of service to organized dentistry and an additional 500 hours of continuing education beyond previous degree requirements.

Both Drs. Mirci and Walker have served for many years on the UAGD board in various positions and as president. We congratulate both of them on this achievement and extend our thanks for helping the UAGD grow into a nationally recognized constituent that sets an example for many other groups.

## Continuing Education Calendar

The UAGD Board continually strives to furnish the best possible CE courses at a reasonable price. There are at least four traditional CE courses offered per year. Two day hands on courses are given on the second or third weekend in March and the first or second weekend of November and follow the rotating schedule shown below. Attendees are often working on Mastership requirements that demand certain hours in each of several areas, but anyone is welcome to attend. Space is limited so register early. Lecture CE courses are usually offered in May and in conjunction with the UAGD Business Meeting in September. Suggestions for future course topics or speakers are welcome.

CE courses have also been offered at other UAGD sponsored activities such as the golf outing, cruise or special events.

### 2007

March 9-10	Implant hands on with Karl Koerner
May 11	Tricks and Pearls-ideas on office policy and fraud protection
June 27-Jul 1	AGD Meeting @San Diego Convention Center
September	Business meeting
November	Esthetics hands on

### 2008

March	Ortho/Pedo hands on
May	TBA To Be Announced
Jul 16-20	AGD Meeting @ Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL
September	Business meeting
November	Oral Medicine/Diagnosis, Basic Science hands on

### 2009

March	OSHA, Special Patient Care hands on
May	TBA
September	Business meeting
November	MPD/Occlusion hands on

### 2010

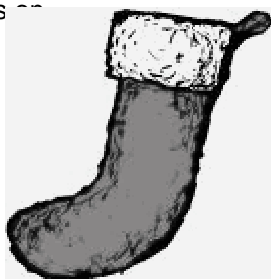
March	Operative hands on
May	TBA
September	Business meeting
November	Fixed Prosthodontics hands on

### 2011

March	Removable Prosthodontics hands on
May	TBA
September	Business meeting
November	Periodontics hands on

### 2012

March	Endodontics hands on
May	TBA



## UDA UAGD Luncheon

Who ever said "there ain't no such thing as a free lunch" wasn't a member of the Utah Academy of General Dentistry!. At the upcoming Utah Dental Association Convention, the UAGD will sponsor its annual luncheon event. This has traditionally been a wonderful break between courses at the convention to get together with other AGD members to share food and a great speaker. As at times in the past, the UAGD will again sponsor members of the AGD who bring a non-AGD friend with them to the luncheon.

Participating attendees must RSVP for the luncheon in advance and the non-AGD attendee must be a dentist eligible for membership in the AGD. The purpose of the luncheon is to stimulate interest in the AGD and recruit membership to our ranks. Many of us got our start with the AGD by having a mentor dentist accompany us to one of these luncheons or other activity and get us committed to becoming better, more educated clinicians. We owe a lot to those who inspire us to be stronger. Bring a friend and eat for free! Please RSVP to the UAGD Secretary Kenny Dibble by January 30 at 801-572-4430. Cost is \$30 per plate if you come on your own and is due with your RSVP. Checks may be mailed to Dan Boston at 1320 N 600 E, Logan, UT 84341.

## FAGD Test Packets Available at UDA Convention

Stop by the AGD booth outside the door at the UDA convention and see what's new! Those interested in taking the FAGD examination will find packets available to help you understand the process and prepare for this important step in achieving your Fellowship in the AGD.

There will be information for your non-member colleagues to sign up for the AGD and information on other AGD activities and service efforts. Find out about honors the Utah AGD has achieved, CE classes and updates on the calendar and pickup a form that you can use to submit convention CE credits to the AGD to enter on your transcript. It's that easy!

# Academy of General Dentistry Announces 2006 Fellows and Masters

**CHICAGO (August 29, 2006)** – The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) announced the recipients for its 2006 Fellowship and Mastership Award, who received their honors at the AGD's Annual Meeting & Exposition on August 5, 2006, in Denver.

More than 400 dentists who received the prestigious AGD Fellowship or Mastership Award come from nearly every state in the United States, from Canada and other countries. These dentists are united by their dedication to remain current in their profession and to provide excellent patient care.

"By completing the rigorous requirements for either a Fellowship or Mastership award, these dentists have distinguished themselves from others in the profession," says AGD President Bruce R. DeGinder, DDS, MAGD. "Receiving this award means that each individual dentist has made a commitment to offering his patients a better variety of diagnosis and treatment choices."

The AGD awarded more than 290 dentists with the Fellowship Award. To earn the Fellowship Award, dentists must complete 500 hours of continuing dental education and pass a comprehensive written exam given by the AGD. To date, more than 14,000 AGD members worldwide have earned Fellowship honors.

An additional 115 dentists received Mastership honors. Dentists must complete more than 1,100 hours of quality continuing dental education in the 16 disciplines of dentistry, including 400 hours of hands-on courses, to earn the Mastership Award. To date, more than 2,200

## Next Hands On Course Announced

The Spring hands on CE course (Mastership) will be held Fri. and Sat. March 9&10th. Our topic will be IMPLANTS and the speaker Dr. Karl Koerner. The course will take an A to Z approach covering a broad and diverse array of topics involving implants. Treatment planning to restoration with an emphasis on bone grafting and surgical placement will be covered over the two day course. We are trying to keep the sales rhetoric to a minimum and be able to take an objective look at the pros and cons of several different implant systems. This should be another good one!

Finally thanks to all those who both assisted and attended the Fall hands on course with Brasselier Endodontics and speaker Dennis Brave. It was an outstanding course! Those of you who missed it truly missed out. Don't miss out on the Spring hands on Implant course Schedule Early by contacting Dr. Rod Maxfield at 801-785-2631.



## FREE Online CE for all AGD Members!

The AGD and GC America have partnered to offer Web-based continuing education free to AGD members. GC America makes this high-quality, free online CE possible through a generous grant to the AGD Foundation.

### **The Role Glass Ionomers Will Play in Children's Oral Health Maintenance**

Dr. Kevin Donly

### **Practical Management of Caries: Recognize, Rejuvenate, and Repair (Part I and Part II)**

Dr. Hien Ngo

### **Achieving Esthetic success with Direct Resin – Techniques for Success**

Dr. Wynn Okuda

### **A Paradigm Shift for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Dental Caries (Part I and Part II)**

Dr. Steven Steinberg

### **Nomenclature: Getting out of the Confusion and Exploring the Differences between Today's Materials (Part I and Part II)**

Dr. Joel Berg

### **The Art of Advanced Aesthetic Tissue Management**

Dr. Bob Lowe

### **Infant Oral Health: Early Childhood Caries Prevention**

Dr. Mark Cannon

### **The "Open Sandwich" Techniques for the Young Dental Patient**

Dr. Mark Cannon

## From the Web

The American Academy of Periodontology's (AAP) "Guidelines for the Management of Patients With Periodontal Diseases" was recently introduced. The AAP solicited input from the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), but the AAP has apparently ignored that input. The AGD is now asking the AAP to rescind these guidelines and remove the AGD's name from them. It is incorrect for the AAP to state or imply that the AGD supports the guidelines as they are currently written. AGD members should be aware that there are possible legal consequences for general practitioners should the guidelines become a standard of care. Please take a moment right now to e-mail Alice DeForest, Executive Director, AAP, and request that the AAP take all necessary and appropriate remedial action and rescind these guidelines as soon as possible.

Your rapid response is critical to our efforts in advance of the American Dental Association Annual Meeting.  
Bruce DeGinder, DDS, MAGD  
President

## President's message continued from page 1

time to prioritize. I would hope our families are on the top of our priority list. After all is said and done, it will be those family relationships that matter most.

We are fortunate to be a part of a great occupation that allows us to help people every day. We are also fortunate to be a part of the AGD organization which is devoted to continuing education and helping us all improve. We have had the opportunity to make friends through this organization. I am personally grateful for the many friendships I have developed through my association with the AGD.

At the beginning of every year, I try to plan out the CE courses that I would like to take for the year. I put the Utah AGD courses on the calendar first. The AGD has a great continuing education committee that has put a lot of time and effort into providing the best CE available, while keeping the costs low. I would encourage you to attend both the regular CE classes as well as the hands-on classes that will be offered this year.

As many of you are aware, the state is now auditing continuing education hours for dentists. This is a random process, but I have known several, including myself, who have been audited in the last year. When I was audited it was so nice to print off my transcript from the AGD website and turn it in. There was no need to go through files to find receipts, attendance certificates, or registration forms. Everything I needed was there on the website. Access to your transcript is just one more benefit of belonging to the AGD.

I desire this next year to be the best year yet for everyone. Take time now to set goals for yourself both personally and professionally. Setting and working toward goals will facilitate success in the new year.

## Living Life and Gratitude

I recently finished reading a book originally published in 1937. Its author Faun Murdock was a long time resident of Moab. She recognized that she was living on the shirt tails of many old-timers who had gone before her and wrote a history of the area called The Far Country: a history of the Moab and La Sal area. In the book, I read about the sturdy spanish traders, pioneers and native people who inhabited this land in the early days. I was impressed with their ingenuity, rigor, humor in hard times and fortitude. Although the whole book was written in a matter-of-fact way, there was an underlying recognition that what these early folks had to endure was often very hard. Many died, all suffered, some lived, a few prospered.

The story was told of an old miner who went to work looking for gold. Mining had been quite a lucrative, if not difficult, line of business for some and the area between Moab and Monticello was swarmed at times past by gold seekers, vanadium miners, uranium prospectors and others. This old miner staked his claim and went to work. After 37 years, he accumulated a grand sum of \$18. Although not overly prosperous, he certainly was persistent! He ended up making more when he turned his mine into a resort where people could come and "watch a real miner at work".

The slave trade was big business for the natives in the area at one time. Native families would sell there own children for trinkets and baubles that the traders would bring. When the Mormon pioneers refused to buy the slave children, the natives rebelled and made havoc.

Well, I'm glad that I don't have to live on 50 cents per year. I'm grateful that I'm not a slave child sold by my parents. I'm glad that many brave pioneer souls went before me to pave the way. So too, am I grateful for old time barbers and Green Vardemann Black and similar folks that experimented and imagined and paved the way so we could have the benefit of being much farther ahead today. I'm grateful for the AGD, dental schools and dental materials developers who continually are adding to the body of knowledge, success and failure that keeps us going in better directions. I feel like I'm standing on the shoulders of millions of others as I look to the future. And I can never repay them except in doing the best with what I have. That means giving back, it means dedicating myself to something bigger, it means keeping gratitude in my heart and hands. May we each feel gratitude by continually serving others and especially this holiday season. A Merry Christmas to all.

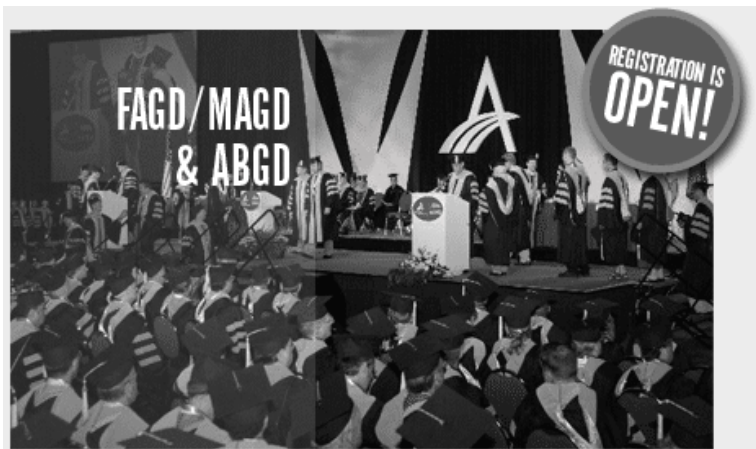
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**AGD2007SanDiego: Invite Your Entire Dental Team**

**The 55th Academy of General Dentistry's (AGD) 2007 Annual Meeting & Exhibits**

**Purpose:** The only dental meeting dedicated exclusively to advancing the value and excellence of general dentistry by providing continuing dental education for general dentists and the dental team.

**Date:** June 27 – July 1, 2007

**Location:** San Diego Convention Center  
111 W. Harbor Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Clinicians:** Top, renowned clinicians will provide participants with a full year's worth of

quality continuing education in one place. Courses include:

–Gordon Christensen, DDS, MSD, PHD, FAGD – Dentistry Update

–John Svirsky, DDS, MEd – Oral Pathology

–Dale Miles, DDS, MS – Digital Imaging

–Cherilyn G. Sheets, DDS, FAGD – Restorative Dentistry

–Robert Edwab, DDS – Oral Surgery

–Gerard Chiche, DDS – Prosthodontics

–Jeffrey Okeson, DMD – Orofacial Pain/TMD

– M. Nader Sharifi, DDS, MS - Prosthodontics

–L. Stephen Buchanan, DDS, FICD, FACD – Endodontics

–Linda C. Niessen, DMD – Geriatric Dentistry

–Samuel B. Low, DDS, MS, M.Ed. – Periodontics

–Terry Tanaka, DDS, MAGD – Special Patient Care & Treatment Planning

**Register:** Registration will be open online in early January 2007. Please visit

**AGD Fellowship Award Requirements (simplified)**

1. Current AGD membership for three (3) continuous years
2. Completion of 500 hours of FAGD/MAGD-approved continuing education credit, with at least 350 hours earned in course attendance. Mastership credit begins to accrue on the date that the 500-hours requirement has been met.
3. Successful completion of the Fellowship Examination.
4. Attendance at a Convocation Ceremony, held during the AGD Annual Meeting, to receive the award

**AGD Mastership Award Requirements (simplified)**

600 hours of MAGD-approved continuing dental education credit, 400 of which must be in participation courses. Mastership credit begins to accrue on the date that the 500-hour Fellowship Award requirement has been met. The 600 credit hours must be earned in specific disciplines, as outlined under "Subject Category requirements."

	Hands On	Total Hrs
Endodontics	30	46
Electives		30
MPD/Occlusion	30	46
Operative Dentistry		30
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery		30
Orthodontics	12	12
Pediatric Dentistry		12
Periodontics	30	46
Practice Management	0	24
Fixed Prosthodontics	30	46
Removable Prosthodontics		30
Implants		30
Oral Med/Oral Diagnosis		12
Special Patient Care	12	12
Esthetics		30
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>360</b>
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>600</b>



**2007 Annual Meeting & Exposition**

June 27-July 1, 2007

San Diego Convention Center

San Diego, CA

## CALENDAR

### National Annual Meetings

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2008

San Diego, CA  
Orlando, FL

### CE

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