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"In Pursuit of Excellence Through Continuing Education"

President's Message

I hope this letter finds you happy, healthy and doing what you want to do. This has been a really busy summer for me and I am looking forward to a little relaxation at work! A couple of weeks ago my wife and I had the opportunity of participating on pioneer trek. We were able to go spend a week on the plains of Wyoming and re-enact part of the journey that thousands of pioneers made to this valley. It is hard to believe what these people went through to come here – months of travel over rugged terrain in a covered wagon or pulling a handcart. Then, when they did arrive, what was here? It was the same sage brush and dirt that they had just traveled through. They had to literally build a city. They were truly pioneers of this valley. We as dentists are also pioneers. We are pioneers to our patients. When new materials and techniques come out, we use them in our practice to hopefully improve efficiency and the final product that we deliver. I hope that all of you are actively engaged in continuing education. Things change so quickly now that this is the only way to stay on the "cutting edge". Hopefully you are planning on attending our course on September 14 at the Grand America Hotel. We will be learning about cosmetics from the past president of the AACD. This is just one of many opportunities that we have to learn about our great profession. We are working very hard to put together a 3 year calendar so that it will make it easier to plan for CE courses in your schedule. If you have a particular topic that you would like to learn about, please let us know. I hope that we will all continue on with that pioneer spirit and continue to learn everyday.

Dr. David Powell UAGD President

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CE and National Meeting Report

Every general dentist in the state received an invitation to the September Cosmetics course and UAGD Business meeting. This course will feature world class CE by the renowned Dr. Marty Zase. The hotel and the accommodations will be the best. Dentists and their staff are encouraged to come as an office to learn to incorporate the principles learned as a whole office. We have room for hundreds if we get that many sign up. .

At the National AGD meeting, we had 6 people from our state get their Fellowships: Grant Quayle - SLC, Ralph W. Ogilvie - Heber City, Joseph W. Stobbe - SLC. James Ivan Bailey - Price, Steve C. Christensen - Layton, and Judson W. Wall - Bountiful. Congratulations!

Duane D. Callahan - Sandy was awarded his Master. One of the very prestigious awards given was to Lynn Walker and Joe Mirci for the Lifelong Learning and Service Award. This year 2 out of 33, or about 6%, receiving that award nationally this year were from Utah. Thank you Drs. Walker and Mirci for the outstanding examples you set for each of us and the service you continue to render to your profession and communities.

Statistically, 7% of AGD dentists get their FAGD, 1% get their MAGD, and a fraction of the masters get their Life Long Learning and Service recognition. The ceremony was held on the deck of the USS Midway. This was a beautiful setting.

The May CE course was excellent. We had excellent reviews of all our speakers in the Tricks and Pearls seminar. Matt Schweppe presented in Pedro, Steve Larsen in Endo, Lloyd Tilt in Perio, and Lisa Harris and Ernie Kim in Fraud protection and embezzlement protection. People attending learned a lot more and will save a lot more money than they ever thought, by attending the course and implementing the ideas.

Hopefully you can see that CE is alive and well. The September course has people already signing up. Please sign up early so we can finalize details with the hotel. This course will be a winner.
Dr. Joe Stobbe

**Utah AGD Hands on Mastership Course
Pedo / Ortho
With Dr. Reed Dana, D.D.S.
November 9 & 10th, 2007**

Our topic

Come learn about phase-one, early interceptive orthodontics for the growing child.

Perhaps one of the most neglected areas of general practice is the topic of growth and development. Few other disciplines in general practice exhibit such disparity of opinion regarding what could be done, should be done, and when, as early interceptive orthodontics and growth and development.

Our Instructor

Here's your chance to learn from one of the best. Dr. Dana founded the Dana Institute of Advanced Orthodontics where he teaches orthodontics, dentofacial orthopedics, and TMJ therapies. He is a certified senior instructor with the International Association of Orthodontics and a member of the American Association for Functional Orthodontics. Dr. Dana has been doing orthodontics for over 30 years and he and his associate doctors have treated over 16,000 orthodontic cases!

Dr. Dana will instruct us on growth and development of the dental/facial complex, orthodontic diagnosis, records, orthopedics and orthodontics for the early, late and mixed dentition.

Dr. Dana is one of us, a Utah general dentist, who has for many years limited his practice exclusively to orthodontics. His practice has multiple locations along the Wasatch front and he has graciously consented for us to be instructed in his Sandy teaching facility where he offers advanced orthodontic training to his associate dentists as well as other doctors from around the country.

Location: Dana Orthodontics, 9495 South 700 East, Sandy, UT 84070 ph(801) 553-1800

CE Credits: Earn up to 36 hours of AGD participation credits

Registration

Course fees will be \$300 for Utah AGD members and \$400 for non-members.

Due to the hands on nature of the course and limited seating, registration must be made in advance and will not be accepted at the door. Only 30 seats are available and are being offered first to those who have been involved with the UAGD in the recent past. After August 24th open registration will be allowed for non UAGD members and out of state participants, of which we have had several requests already. Don't be left out. Seating is 1st come 1st served and will close at 30 participants.

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UAGD CE CALENDAR

National Annual Meetings

July 16-20 2008 Orlando, FL

CE

September 14 Business meeting and Cosmetics @ SL Grand America Hotel
November 9-10 Hands on course @ Dana Orthodontics



Cosmetic Pearls for the GP CE course

The September 14th annual UAGD business meeting will feature Dr. Marty Zase who is currently serving as the President of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He is one of only eight dentists in the world to have both an MAGD and an accreditation from the AACD. He lectures internationally on cosmetic dentistry and has published many articles. We look forward to learning some key ingredients to enhance the cosmetic element in practice.

UAGD officers are elected during this meeting as well as the presentation of the UAGD dentist of the year. We remind you that any dentist may nominate a fellow colleague to this prestigious award. Please consider a meritorious dentist and submit a brief description of their character, service and qualifications to a member of the UAGD board. Deadline for submission is July 31, 2007 to be considered for this year's award. Meeting to be held at Ultradent.

Happy Summertime!

The Boy Scouts and I bounced down the last 35 miles of winding, dusty road to arrive in Scout camp. As we got out of the vehicles and made our way to our campsite, I took in the heavy scent of the deep pine forest. The memories flooded back about the water lapping at the lake shore, the clash of the paddles on the old aluminum canoes, the sometimes visitor moose being startled in the parking lot and banging his big antlers across the cars or stomping across their hoods, the crackle of a campfire, the stories told late at night, mile swims in the cold water, games with hundreds of young men and thousands of new friends I'd met through the years. Ahh! I was home again!

We spent a wonderful week earning merit badges, huddling under our ponchos in the rain, cooking memorable ashen meals and becoming life long friends.

I considered how fortunate I am to have lived in this wilderness each summer of my high school years and worked on staff at this camp. How neat it was to live in and protect a National Treasure. To be free. To live so close to heaven.

As members of this profession living in a land of liberty, we are called on to make a difference. As members of the UAGD, all of us care about others and doing a good job. We give back, we volunteer, we help those in need. May we gain strength from this season to continue. May we take advantage of the terrific CE being offered and feel the comradeship that we are privileged to enjoy.

In the confines of my office, I often feel restricted to a world of just a few cubic millimeters. My loupes always seeming to magnify to little... and yet, too much. I definitely need to get out and breathe. And this is the season for it.

Paul Harris, Editor

AGD Fellowship Award Requirements (simplified)

1. Current AGD membership for three 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	46
MPD/Occlusion	30	46
Operative Dentistry	30	46
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	30	46
Orthodontics	12	12
Pediatric Dentistry	12	12
Periodontics	30	46
Practice Management	0	24
Fixed Prosthodontics	30	46
Removable Prosthodontics	30	46
Implants	30	46
Oral Med/Oral Diagnosis	12	12
Special Patient Care	12	12
Esthetics	30	46
TOTAL HOURS	360	544
TOTAL REQUIRED	400	600



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