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Frank Green receives Shepard Award

The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists' Board unanimously selected Dr. **Francis (Frank) P. Green** who practiced in Bloomington, Illinois, as the recipient of the 2011 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented in Chicago in May at the MSO Business Meeting held in conjunction with the AAO 111th Annual Session.



Frank and Catherine Green

Frank received his dental degree from Loyola University in 1964. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed with the United States Marines in San Diego, California.

After completing his military career, Frank practiced general dentistry in Elmhurst, Illinois, for approximately ten years. In 1976, he returned to graduate school and obtained his orthodontic specialty degree from Northwestern University. While there, he had the privilege of studying under the tutelage of individuals such as Drs. **Hal Perry, Don Apfel, Bailey Jacobson, Jim Jensen, Ray Warpha** and many other fine educators. Upon graduation, Frank joined the orthodontic practice of his mentor and friend, Dr. **Hal Perry**, the chairman of the Department of Orthodontics at Northwestern University.

After associating with Hal for two years, Frank moved to Bloomington, Illinois, and joined the practice of a good friend and former schoolmate, Dr. **James Smith**. Dr.

Green, along with partners Dr. Smith and Dr. **Fred Lauder**, enjoyed their partnership for many years. With the help and support of his partners and family, he was able to serve on many and various boards, commissions and committees at the local, state and national levels. He enjoyed interacting with the leaders of the orthodontic and general dental communities, including Drs. **Tom and Lee Graber, Steve Marshall, Spencer Pope, Tony Maloni, Steve Roehm, Ara Goshgarian, Frank Whipps, Mike Hayward, Dave Cleven, Jim Kohl, Joe Crisham, Nick Gordon** and many others.

Just a few examples of Frank's wide variety of involvement include being president of the McLean County Dental Society after serving on every committee; trustee of both the Illinois State Dental Society and the Illinois Society of Orthodontists; and liaison to the ISDS from the ISO. He served the ADA as a delegate and alternate delegate for a

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President's Report

ST. LOUIS REALLY DOES BREED CHAMPIONS!

We all know that St. Louis is the home of the World Champion Cardinals. What most of you don't know is that St. Louis also is the home of another champion!

This fall, the AAO sent out a membership survey.



Babette Cohen

One of the questions was "How would you rate the overall quality of your constituent society?" The MSO received THE HIGHEST SCORE of excellent/very good responses with a score of 67% compared to the average score of 57% and a range of scores from 31%-67%. Much of the credit for this satisfaction can be attributed to the great leaders we have had over the past few

years, most recently of course, Dr. **Jackie Miller**. In addition, we are so fortunate to have the highly intellectual and capable Trustee, Dr. **Brent Larson**, serving as our liaison to the AAO. However, the true champion of the MSO is our Executive Director, **Kristi Burmeister**, who manages to orchestrate and steer our organization to reach its full potential. Kristi has shepherded the MSO over the last two decades with great insight and is capable of bringing out the very best in our volunteer leaders. She is the MSO's real champion!

As we venture into this year, we would like to welcome our new Directors – Dr. **Kevin Denis** of Minnesota and Dr. **Conny Athanopoulos** from Manitoba. Dr. **David Gehring** will be the new Director from Iowa starting in the fall of 2012. I personally have had the pleasure of watching "Dr. Conny" work in his role as the President of the Manitoba Orthodontic Society over the past several years and know that our component and constituency will be well served.

Our Ad Interim Board Meeting will be held at the 3M Headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 9-10. The Board will have the opportunity to tour the Innovation Center at 3M to inspire us all to seek new heights. Traditionally, any issues that members wish to be presented to the House of Delegates at the AAO's Annual Session are discussed at this time. The MSO will be represented by the following Delegates: Drs. **Ross Crist**, Chair; **Ara Goshgarian**, Vice Chair; **John Kanyusik**; **Jim Klarsch**; **Deb Lien**; **Steve Litton**; and myself, **Babette Cohen**. The Alternate Delegates will be Drs. **Jane Bentz**; **Steve**

Marshall; **Kim Stafford**; and **Mike Durbin**. If any members have any issues they would like to discuss, we encourage you to contact either your local Director or one of the Delegates.

The MSO also is excited to announce that as of January, Dr. **Kevin Horner** of South Dakota will be taking on the role of our representative for AAOPAC. We all thank Dr. **Mike Hipp** of Iowa for his many years of dedication to AAOPAC. Mike leaves some big shoes to fill but we are confident Kevin will carry on the MSO's tradition of solid leadership.

The AAO Credit Union has been established and currently has over six million dollars accumulated. The MSO is proud to be a supporter of this new venture. All members are encouraged to consider personally supporting the Credit Union.

At the Board Meeting in September, the MSO proposed changes in its bylaws and policies to enable the position of the MSO Editor to continue to serve as a consultant to the board even if the membership category changes.

The MSO is honored to have both Dr. **Frank Miller** of Missouri (posthumously) and Dr. **Frank Whipps** of Illinois named as co-recipients of the 2nd Annual AAO Humanitarian Award. This award will be presented at the Excellence Luncheon at the AAO 2012 Annual Session in Hawaii.

I know this year will "sail" by. The highlight, I am sure, will be the MSO's 75th Anniversary Celebration aboard the *ms Westerdam* during the MSO 2012 Annual Session **ALASKAN CRUISE** August 4-11, 2012. The continuing education component for doctors and staff will include Drs. **Vince Kokich, Sr.**, **Lee Graber**, **Katie Graber**, **Anoop Sondhi** and Ms. **Rosemary Bray** and Ms. **Marylee Maender**. It will be a wonderful opportunity to explore the natural beauty of Alaska while enhancing your knowledge of orthodontics with colleagues and friends. Dr. **Mike Hipp** will be honored with the presentation of the MSO's 2012 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award aboard the ship. Please visit www.msortho.org for more information.

As always, your Board is here to serve the interests of its members. Please do not hesitate at any time to contact any Board member with your concerns. I personally can be reached as noted below.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve your interests.

All the best,

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Trustee's Report

There continues to be a flurry of activity at the AAO level to support the specialty of orthodontics and the practices of AAO members. Following are some of the highlights.

The AAO Professional Advocacy Conference is scheduled this year for January 23-25 in Washington, D.C. The political landscape should be particularly interesting this year as we head into a presidential election. As always, this conference is designed to have the collective voice of orthodontics heard on Capitol Hill, and the AAO is continually looking for members willing to spend time advocating for our specialty. If this is something that appeals to you, contact **Kevin Dillard** at the AAO central office (kdillard@aaortho.org).

Another exciting event happening January 27-29 is the 2012 Mid-Winter Conference in Marco Island, Florida. This event is co-sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. The conference is designed to be of value to both orthodontists and pediatric dentists and I suggest you invite a local pediatric colleague to attend with you. A wide variety of topics will be covered including crowding and space management, missing teeth, treatment of the developing crossbite, protection of teeth during orthodontic treatment, adolescent patient motivation and learning issues, and new technologies. I have been involved in the planning of this meeting and promise you an enjoyable and educational experience!

Of course, you already have planned to take your staff to the AAO Annual Session in Hawaii, May 4-8! The details of the meeting can be found at aaoinfo.org as well as a link to the meeting registration site. Those of you who attended the 2003 meeting in Hawaii will remember the wonderful atmosphere that this venue provides for both the education and social aspects of our gathering. Don't wait until the last minute to plan since both airline seats and hotel rooms are in very high demand.

I want to thank Dr. **Kevin Horner** for agreeing to be the new MSO representative to AAOPAC. Kevin will bring energy and enthusiasm to this position that is of great importance for our advocacy fundraising activities. Please respond positively when Kevin approaches you to contribute to the PAC or to be involved in AAOPAC activities on a local level. Also, thanks to Dr. **Mike Hipp** for his eight years of service as our previous AAOPAC representative.

You may have already seen it, but if not, look for the launch of the newly revised AAO Consumer Awareness Program. The campaign will continue to emphasize the specialty training of orthodontists but also will attempt to reach the adult audience to highlight the great benefits that

orthodontic treatment provides for all ages. Remember to check the AAO website for professional marketing materials that can be personalized and used by members to promote their practice.

The planning for the AAO Credit Union continues. The AAO board accepted nominations for the AAO Credit Union Board of Directors and other appointed positions. I am pleased to announce that Drs. **Leo Sinna** (Minnesota), **Steve Henseler** (Minnesota) and **Lucas Boe** (Iowa) have accepted appointments.

The Credit Union is in the process of completing all necessary documents so that they may be open for business by the target date at the end of March 2012. Please note that over \$6 million in deposits already has been committed by individual members and AAO entities.

The ADA is planning to publish, via electronic means, quarterly newsletters educating its members on various specialties including orthodontics. The AAO, at the request of the ADA, has agreed to provide resources as needed for support of the project. This action is consistent with the AAO's critical issue dealing with general dental and healthcare relationships.

Finally, the AAO board received the initial results of the recent membership needs assessment survey. This survey is conducted every five years and the data help shape decisions and directions for the organization. Of note for the MSO, this was the first time that questions about satisfaction with the constituent organizations were included and the MSO was rated the highest of all of the constituents with an excellent/very good rating of 67%. This is just one indication of the great job that the MSO officers and staff do for all of us. Special thanks to Executive Director **Kristi Burmeister** and her team for their level of support! Watch for more survey results in the *AAO Bulletin* and in AAO electronic communications.

I appreciate hearing from MSO members by phone or e-mail at anytime! Thanks for the opportunity to serve you at the AAO level.

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Membership Report

Current Membership – November 18, 2011

Active Members	1,005
Affiliate Members	3
Retired Members	340
Academic Members (non-US/Canada)	<u>5</u>
Total Members	1,353

Active Membership by Component

Illinois	366
Iowa	76
Manitoba	20
Minnesota	147
Missouri	146
Nebraska	54
North Dakota	16
South Dakota	23
Wisconsin	154

Deceased Members

Louis M. Andria – Kiawah Island, South Carolina (Illinois)
 Henry Cech – Lincoln, Nebraska
 Gary L. Luedtke – Punta Gorda, Florida (Wisconsin)
 Robert W. Mundt – St. Paul, Minnesota

Retired Members

Robert A. Bard – Lindenhurst, Illinois
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 Dustin C. Wilson – Jefferson City, Missouri
 Jane Wright – Kenosha, Wisconsin

Reinstated Members

Dennis T. Flanagan – Rockford, Illinois
 Susan T. Tsang – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Transfers to/from MSO

Larrissa Cali – Transfer from MSO to SWSO
 Emilie Troupe Del Mastro – Transfer from NESO to MSO
 Neal L. Jones – Transfer from MSO to PCSO
 Ki Beom Kim – Transfer from MSO to SAO
 Asha Madhavji – Transfer from MSO to SWSO

*Membership data from June 2, 2011 to November 18, 2011

Treasurer's Report

Cash Assets – As of November 30, 2011

Checking/Investment Accounts		Special Events Fund	
Money Market	\$171,303.85	Money Market	<u>\$2,103.81</u>
CDs	\$130,220.42	Subtotal	\$2,103.81
Mutual Fund Portfolio	<u>\$130,075.82</u>		
Subtotal	\$431,600.09	Total Cash Assets	\$433,703.80

News and Notes about our Members

- Congratulations to Dr. **Steven Marshall**, Illinois, who was selected as the 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year by the Illinois Society of Orthodontists.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Lee Graber**, Illinois, who will receive the 2012 Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award at the ABO reception in Hawaii.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Michael Zakula**, Minnesota, who was elected as president, and Dr. **Michelle Bergsrud**, Minnesota, who continues her term as treasurer of the Minnesota Dental Association.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Frank Miller**, Missouri (posthumously) and Dr. **Frank Whipps**, Illinois, who will receive AAO's Humanitarian Award at the AAO Annual Session in Hawaii.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Samir Bishara**, Iowa (posthumously), who will receive the Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award at the AAO Annual Session in Hawaii.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Ara Goshgarian**, Illinois, who was on WGN-TV in Chicago promoting the *Donated Orthodontic Services* program in the state.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Brent Larson**, Minnesota, who was appointed as the orthodontic consultant to the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Randall Markarian**, Illinois, who received a Gini Award for his services to the underserved from *Smiles Change Lives*.
- Thank you to Dr. **Mike Hipp**, Iowa, who completed his term as AAOPAC representative from MSO, and to Dr. **Kevin Horner**, South Dakota, who replaced him.

Athanasopoulos and Denis new MSO directors

The MSO Board of Directors welcomes Drs. **Constantine Athanasopoulos** and **Kevin Denis** as the new Directors from Manitoba and Minnesota, respectively.

Dr. Conny Athanasopoulos was born and raised in Winnipeg and attended the University of Manitoba, completing his BS and DMD degrees. He practiced general dentistry in Winnipeg for seven years prior to pursuing his orthodontic specialty training at the University of Western Ontario, completing his masters in 2002.



Conny Athanasopoulos

Conny and his wife, **Maria**, returned to Winnipeg to start a family and establish his practice. He also purchased an existing satellite practice in Kenora, Ontario, which he still operates

today. Their son is now ten and their daughter is eight.

Conny has been president of the Manitoba Orthodontic Society for the past five years and has begun part-time instructing at the University of Manitoba graduate orthodontic department. In his spare time he enjoys spending quality time with family and friends, traveling, reading the occasional good book and trying to improve his golf game when the opportunity permits!

Dr. Kevin Denis grew up in LaSalle, Michigan, a

small town nine miles north of Toledo, Ohio. He did his undergraduate work at Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1983. He received his Certificate in Orthodontics and Master of Science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1985. He was a full-time faculty member of the University of Minnesota



Kevin Denis

Department of Orthodontics for two years and a part-time faculty member for nine years.

Kevin has served on the boards of the Saint Paul District Dental Society, *Northwest Dentistry Journal*, Minnesota Association of Orthodontists and *Smiles Change Lives*. He has practices in Maplewood and Lindstrom, Minnesota. He currently lives in Mahtomedi with his wife, **Kristin Lundquist**, also an orthodontist, and children **Alyssa** (20) and **Colin** (16).

Outside of orthodontics, Kevin is a jack-of-all trades and master of none. He enjoys cycling, inline skating, water and snow skiing, Nordic skiing, sailing, fishing and hunting. He is happy to accept the new challenges of the position of director to the MSO.

The Board welcomes these two individuals and looks forward to their input and contributions to the MSO!

AAO Council and Affiliate Group Reports

These reports are submitted by MSO's representative on each of these councils and affiliate organizations.

Council on Communications

The Council met in July and December in St. Louis and via conference call in November.

The Council would like to make arrangements to have an orthodontist speak at local and regional meetings sponsored by the following healthcare professionals:

- Dental hygienists
- School nurses
- Pediatric nurse practitioners
- Pediatricians
- Speech pathologists
- Psychologists
- High school counselors
- Physicians' assistants

A calendar of local and regional meetings currently is being generated and will need to include key contacts at AAO component and constituent levels. For example, if the COC were to learn about a meeting in Jefferson City for Missouri hygienists, the president/officers of the Missouri component society would be made aware with a "cc" to **Kristi Burmeister** (MSO executive director) so that the component could contact the group and offer a speaker.

Drs. **Hugh Phillis** and **Devek Frech** are working in union with AAOMS on a DVD about oral and maxillofacial surgical procedures for orthodontic patients. The filming occurred in August in Chicago and featured Drs. **Lee** and **Katie Graber** as the AAO spokespeople and Dr. **Anthony Spina** as the AAOMS spokesperson. They will be able to review the footage before the close of 2011.

Dr. **James Paschal** will be delivering a presentation during the 2012 Annual Session that will showcase the different ways members may customize Consumer Awareness Program materials.

Ask an Orthodontist will be featured on the home page of yourlifeyourmile.org and will provide consumers with an opportunity to ask AAO-member orthodontists questions about orthodontic treatment. In addition to relying on consumers to post questions, staff has asked Ruder Finn to search orthodontic blogs and other social media outlets for questions being asked by consumers. There will be six Council members ready to respond to consumer inquiries and staff is aiming for a turnaround time of two business days. AAO legal counsel will be asked to review the responses prior to posting.

In addition to text answers, staff also would like to provide audio clips, video clips, and possibly some illustra-

tions as responses to member inquiries.

The Council discussed the Millward Brown Tracking Study and the fact that while the study provides some very useful data, there remain several unanswered questions. Following are a few of the questions for which the Council would like answers:

- Are there fewer kids in braces and trays compared to a year ago because of the economy or are there other factors at work?
- Are there fewer adults in braces and trays compared to a year ago because of the economy or are there other factors at work?
- Why is the number of orthodontists providing trays down compared to a year ago?
- What are parents paying for before getting their children orthodontic treatment?
- Why, according to Millward Brown, are more parents now considering an orthodontist to provide braces for their teens?
- Why, according to Millward Brown, are orthodontists now being considered more for trays?

Staff will discuss adding the questions to the tracking study. After a cost estimate is secured, staff will report back to the Council.

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Council on Governmental Affairs

The Council and the AAO will host the 2012 Professional Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. on January 23-25. The meeting seeks to build upon the 87 AAO members who attended last year's meeting. Attendees will meet with legislators and staff as well as learn about the AAO's federal advocacy efforts. **Tucker Carlson**, noted commentator and editor of dailycaller.com, will be the keynote speaker and will attend a post-address book-signing reception for \$500+ AAOPAC contributors. Additionally, members of Congress, representatives of the ADA and other allied organizations and **Charlie Cook**, pollster and editor of the *National Journal*, will address the Conference. Those interested in attending should contact Mr. **Kevin Dillard** at

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The Council is actively monitoring numerous issues at both the federal and state level, including health care reform and various small business-related tax issues. It also seeks to provide relevant testimony to Congress when the opportunity arises in an effort to represent the interests of orthodontists. Of particular note is AAO's activity on the "1099" issue. The AAO was active in several coalitions which sought repeal of the provision in the health care overhaul bill that would require businesses to issue 1099s to all vendors from which they purchase \$600 or more in goods or services. It also provided written testimony to Congress detailing the cost of compliance. The mandate was, in fact, repealed, largely due to the input from small businesses that would have experienced significant burden from the requirement.

Another topic at the forefront of the AAO's agenda is the repeal of the tax on medical devices, which also was part of the health care overhaul. While the tax, as currently defined, does not apply to orthodontic appliances, it does present a potential future threat to apply to a broader array of devices. Additionally, the AAO is working with the Organized Dental Coalition and others to seek to raise or eliminate the cap on Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs), currently set at \$2,500 beginning in 2013. Many patients use FSAs to pay for orthodontic treatment, and the AAO believes that the cap will effectively increase the cost of treatment for patients.

The Council is working with the AAO to increase usage of the Legislative Action Center, the online advocacy tool of the AAO. The Center allows AAO members to easily access AAO's positions on issues and send messages to their members of Congress. Last year, the AAO directed members to the site in regard to legislation related to the "1099" issue. Earlier this year, the AAO made available a state program for use by component and constituent groups. This program allows the groups to post advocacy messages targeting state lawmakers and executive departments.

The AAO is chairing the Organized Dental Coalition in 2011. The Coalition is comprised of all organized dental organizations and has worked to increase the efficiency with which organized dentistry communicates efforts to lobby Congress and regulatory agencies.

The Council continues to enhance the AAO's Government Relations Program through its efforts to increase the number of Key Contacts, increase visibility of its lobbying efforts at AAO meetings and focusing on increasing its effectiveness in shaping the policy agenda of Congress.

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Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

The Council met in St. Louis in December to discuss a variety of topics. Of particular value was information shared by Mr. **Jerry Jacobs**, a leading authority on nonprofit organization law, in a discussion of the Association's *Principles of Ethics* and *Code of Professional Conduct* and its associated procedural activities. As a result, a number of the Council's responsibilities will be reviewed and updated.

Group buying promotional entities have recently entered the healthcare delivery marketplace. In addition to encouraging the membership to review the October 11, 2011 *AAO Bulletin* article titled, *Caution on Charity Auctions and Group Discounts*, the Council agreed to issue the following statement regarding the legality of group buying programs:

The participation in group buying programs by healthcare providers has not been conclusively determined to be either legally protected advertising or fee splitting/rebating, which may be in violation of state, provincial or territorial dental practice acts. As such, members should consult with their own legal counsel regarding any potential violation of state laws prior to entering into any arrangement with such entities.

The Council also worked on tasks assigned to it by the Board of Trustees following last spring's Annual Session as well as reviewed requirements necessary for membership categories.

Please contact me with membership questions.

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Council on New and Younger Members

Council member Dr. **Justin Power** represented CONYM at the 2011 annual GORP meeting which was held this year in late July at Saint Louis University and attended by orthodontic residents from all over North America. Justin made a presentation to the residents about how CONYM can be of benefit to them and about its representation of the interests of residents and new practitioners.

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ners to the AAO community.

The 2012 New Orthodontists/Residents lecture and reception will take place on Sunday, May 6 during the 112th AAO Annual Session in Hawaii. The program will feature Dr. **Mark Yanosky** speaking on the “do”s and “don’t”s of orthodontic laser treatment followed by a reception. Registration is limited with a ticket price of \$30.

The American Student Dental Association (ASDA) is the national student-run organization which protects and advances the rights, interests and welfare of students pursuing careers in dentistry. AAO joins other dental specialties with concurrent sessions and exhibits. A CONYM representative will make a presentation on orthodontics at the next ASDA annual meeting in March.

The Council will hold its annual meeting on January 26 in Marco Island, Florida, preceding the AAO-AAPD joint clinical conference at that location.

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Council on Orthodontic Education

It has been an honor and privilege for me to have been able to represent the MSO on this Council. Under the very able chairpersonship of Dr. **Leslie Will**, this Council works in an atmosphere of mutual respect and a passionate dedication to educational orthodontics to ensure that everything that is important in orthodontic education in North America gets explored and debated and that appropriate recommendations are made to the BOT. Our most recent meeting took place in St. Louis in October. Here are some highlights to share with the MSO educators.

The 2012 Education Leadership Conference will be held in conjunction with the AAO Annual Session in Hawaii. It will be designated as the 2012 William Proffit Educational Leadership Conference in honor of Dr. **William Proffit**. This will be a special meeting as in addition to the customary updates from the ABO, AAOF and ADA, we will be holding an organizational meeting of the Society of Educators of the AAO. This new organization is designed to serve as a forum for ALL faculty – full-time and part-time, postdoctoral and predoctoral – to share their concerns, ideas and solutions. Look for more information to come, and please pass the word to all the faculty you know. Unlike previous years, where the workshop had limited enrollment,

ALL faculty will be welcome.

The following Bylaws amendments concerning the COE have been passed:

5. Council on Orthodontic Education: The duties of this Council shall be to:
- Study and make recommendations on all matters relating to orthodontic education;
 - Consult with all appropriate dental, educational and governmental organizations concerning orthodontic education; and
 - Form and recognize a committee of orthodontic educators at its discretion.

I did not receive any feedback since the last newsletter regarding Program Directors intending to attend the Alaskan Cruise. Accordingly, we will most probably try to arrange a conference call as our 2012 Educator’s meeting in the fall of 2012. Let me know if you have any agenda items you would like to be discussed. Those Program Directors going to Hawaii also can let me know at the leadership conference in Hawaii of items you would like on our MSO agenda later in 2012. The 2013 meeting, which will be the next time we will gather as an MSO educator group, will be in Kansas City. Mark your calendars now!!

- Council on Education – Saturday, March 17, 2012 (to be confirmed by ADEA), ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition, Hilton Bonnett Creek, Orlando, Florida.
- AAO Educational Leadership Conference – Friday, May 4, 2012, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Annual Session – August 4-11, 2012, Alaskan Cruise, Holland America’s *ms Westerdam*.
- Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Annual Session – September 19-22, 2013, Sheraton at Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Council on Orthodontic Practice

COOP continues to be busy with many excellent projects and programs for the good of the order. Programs and events are as follows.

COOP will host our very popular practice transition conference at the AAO Annual Session in Hawaii. U.S. participants will receive valuable information from our

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excellent panel of experts: **Roger Levin, Curt Nirenberg** and **Tom Ziegler**.

The usage of our practice opportunities/alternatives program continues to grow and receive great reviews from both new and seasoned practitioners. As of September 2011, there were 420 seekers and 167 opportunities with 68 matches made!

We are working on updating the office design website linked with the AAO website and are developing a template for a mutual aid agreement that should be ready soon. The aid agreement sets guidelines on disposing/managing of a practice due to death, disability and illness.

At the AAO Annual Session, we also will be holding the Staff Presentation Competition on Monday morning. This is a fun-filled event with lots of energy and great pearls for everyone.

Lastly, in 2011-2012, we are planning a series of sixteen webinars for doctors and staff. The doctors' lectures are planned for 75 minutes and the staff lectures will be 60 minutes. The topics are determined based on feedback from webinar participant evaluations, residents and council board member input.

Once again, it is my pleasure to serve on your behalf.

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Council on Scientific Affairs

In September 2011, drafts of the 2013 AAO award applications were reviewed by the Council on Scientific Affairs. On October 17, 2011, the Council met via conference call to further discuss the draft applications. In attendance were: Drs. **Frans Currier**, Chair; **Nan Hatch**; **Greg Huang**; **Shannon Owens**; **Bhavna Shroff**; **Lokesh Suri**; **Vincent Kokich**, Trustee Liaison; and Ms. **Jackie Hittner**, Staff Liaison. Discussion items included evaluation of newly drafted criteria for the 2013 Milo Hellman and Harry Sicher Research Awards and Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit. The 2012 applications for the Hellman, Sicher and Graber Awards were reviewed as well.

The following were agreed to by the Council:

- There should be two draft applications, one for the Milo Hellman Research Awards and one for the Harry Sicher Research Awards.
- Applicants who apply for the Milo Hellman

Research Award will not be considered for the Harry Sicher Research Award but would be considered for the Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit.

- Applicants who apply for the Harry Sicher Research Award will not be considered for the Milo Hellman Research Award but would be considered for the Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit.

- The Harry Sicher Research Award eligibility will be for research efforts performed during graduate orthodontic education at the certificate, masters or PhD levels.

- All mention of first research should be removed from the Harry Sicher Research Award.

- The Council will recommend to the BOT that the AAO Award amounts be:

- Milo Hellman Research Award – \$4,000 – up from \$3,000

- Harry Sicher Research Award – \$4,000 – up from \$3,000

- Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit – \$2,500 – up from \$2,000

- Reimbursed travel expenses for all the awards – \$1,000 – up from \$750

It was decided during the conference call to revise the draft applications and e-mail to COSA for approval, then write a recommendation to the BOT regarding the increase in award and travel amounts.

With respect to COSA's strategic plan, Council will continue to encourage AAO members to provide the highest level of orthodontic care and support accredited orthodontic graduate education programs to maintain the highest level of specialty education possible.

The Council's next scheduled meeting is Friday, January 6, 2012, via video and phone conference.

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American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

The Board of Directors of AAOPAC met January 24, 2011, in Washington, D.C. and via conference calls to prioritize candidate contributions and review our fundraising campaign.

Kevin O'Neill from Patton & Boggs, LLP, briefed
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the Board on the 2012 elections and discussed various funding strategies to consider this cycle. The upcoming 2012 election will be an extremely important race and very likely will determine what type of healthcare policy our nation will have in the future.

AAOPAC has an ambitious fundraising goal of \$1,000,000 over the two-year political cycle. Currently, AAOPAC averages approximately \$600,000 per cycle. The PAC is growing but only enjoys the participation of 14% of our membership. By contrast, other specialty associations approach 30%. Our goal is very attainable at the 30% level of participation.

Without AAOPAC we would be spending thousands of dollars more per year in our practices by:

- filing multiple 1099 forms for goods and services purchased for over \$600 or more.
- complying with the “Red Flag” rule.
- being subject to regulation by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
- explaining to patients their loss of Flexible Spending Account (FSA) benefits.
- paying excise taxes on medical devices.

AAOPAC is working to protect your profession, but we cannot be successful without your financial support. It is challenging to solicit contributions in the present economy but it is more critical than ever in order to not lose ground on our previously successful advocacy efforts.

A special thanks to the following members for serving as state liaisons to promote PAC activities in their components: Drs. **Ara Goshgarian** (Illinois), **Wendell Stuntz** (Iowa), **Deborah Lien** and **Arnie Hill** (Minnesota), **Mark Dake** (Missouri), **Joyce Simmons** (Nebraska), **John Warford, Jr.** (North Dakota), **Ryan Van Laecken** (South Dakota) and **Jane Bentz** (Wisconsin). Whether you have participated in the AAOPAC in the past or not, you may be hearing from your colleagues and asked to participate now.

At the close of 2011, I complete my eight-year term on AAOPAC. I would like to thank MSO for the opportunity to represent you on PAC. I'm pleased to announce that Dr. **Kevin Horner** will become your PAC Board representative starting in January 2012. MSO will be in very capable hands with Kevin at the helm. Kevin is a former MSO Director from South Dakota and recently served on the Council on Communications.

The AAOPAC Board will meet in Washington, D.C. on January 23, 2012, in conjunction with the Professional Advocacy Conference.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

The College of Diplomates installed new officers and new councilors during its annual meeting held July 15-19, 2011, at The Lodge at Torrey Pines, La Jolla, California. They were Drs. **Rodney Hyduk**, Troy, Michigan, as president; **Michael Guess**, El Dorado Hills, California, as president-elect; **Robert Moss**, Albany, Georgia, as secretary; and **Kimsey Anderson**, Albuquerque, New Mexico, as treasurer. Dr. **Eric Dellinger**, Angola, Indiana, was installed as new incoming councilor.

Dr. **Perry Opin** was awarded the College's Founders Award for his exceptional dedication to the College and for his leadership example to the College Council and the orthodontic community. The first Samir Bishara Award of Merit was presented to Drs. **John Whitaker** and **Peter Worth** for their unselfish contributions to the College by volunteering their time to give review courses for the ABO Clinical Exam at the AAO and PCSO Annual Sessions.

The College and ABO have formed a joint committee to organize volunteers to make presentations in the orthodontic residency programs promoting and encouraging ABO Certification. If you are interested in this program, contact Dr. **John Kanyusik** at kanyusik@hickorytech.net.

At the 2012 AAO Meeting in Hawaii, CDABO will hold its annual luncheon on Saturday, May 5; its Resident Case Display program Sunday–Tuesday, May 6-8; and will offer courses to prepare for the ABO Clinical Exam on Friday, May 4. The registration form for the courses and the luncheon can be found on the College's Web site at www.cdabo.org.

The College will acknowledge orthodontic programs with a 100% participation rate in the ABO ICE Program at the annual luncheon during the AAO Annual Session.

The 2012 College of Diplomates' Annual Summer Meeting will be in the Midwest this year, July 19-23 at The Inn at Bay Harbor in Bay Harbor, Michigan. The theme of the scientific program is *Imbalance to Balance: Diagnosing and Treating Facial Imbalances for the Orthodontic Patient*. Speakers include Drs. **Peter Buschang**, **Hugo De Clerck**, **Hans Friede**, **Jamie Gateno**, **Ian Jackson**, **Mario Pollo**, **John Spolyar** and **Myron Tucker**. Registration materials will be posted at www.cdabo.org and mailed to

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American Board of Orthodontics

American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

I hope this reports finds you healthy and ready to tackle another Midwest winter. Thank you again for your financial support to the Foundation, and please know it is truly my pleasure to serve as the MSO's AAOF director.

The deadline for the 2012 AAO Foundation Awards was December 15, 2011, but of note is the fact that funding continues for Stage Two of the Collections Project (www.aaoflegacycollection.org), with one of the participating collections being located within the MSO. The Iowa Growth Study is at the Department of Orthodontics, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa.

Since 1994, the AAO Foundation Awards Program has provided \$8.2 million in funding, primarily in support of junior faculty, including 148 fellowship awards, 148 research awards and over 1,000 gifts in support of orthodontic education. Support for junior faculty has resulted in significant numbers of publications, lectures, tenured positions, NIH funding grants, etc.

The choice is yours when it comes to making a Continued Commitment to the Specialty® in support of the AAO Foundation. You can make a restricted gift in support of the AAO Foundation Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collections Project; a restricted gift to the Foundation's Endowment; or make an unrestricted gift which would allow the Foundation's Board of Directors the flexibility to use your support to fulfill the mission of the organization at their discretion.

Fulfillment options include pledging at a certain level, whether this is a new, first-time pledge or a pledge increase; making an open-ended, ongoing commitment of a minimum of \$100 per month, either by bank authorization or credit card (Century Club); or committing to including the AAOF in your estate plans and becoming a member of the Keystone Society.

The AAO Foundation web site may be reached either through the AAO Members web site AAOMembers.org or directly at aaofoundation.net.

If you have any questions, please call Robert Hazel at 800/424-2841 or rhazel@aaortho.org or me.

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The ABO completed the third Clinical Examination in the new St. Louis examination facility November 16-20. There were 27 total team members who participated in administering the Clinical Examination, four of whom were new examiner trainees. The MSO was well represented by Drs. **Vance Dykhouse**, Missouri; **John Kanyusik**, Minnesota; **David Schrody**, Iowa; and **Paul Castelein**, Illinois. The ABO staff is always a wonderful and necessary support group who are indispensable in guiding the daily activities and accomplishing behind-the-scenes work.

The first order of business during the Clinical Examination is to calibrate the examiners using two cases previously graded to a gold standard. The examiners' scores are compared to the standard and any score that is outside the norm by more than two standard deviations is discussed with the examiner. This process is to insure that each examinee receives the same result regardless of which room or examination team they are assigned.

There were 116 examinees who participated. The Initial Certification Examination (new resident graduates) had 29 examinees and ten banked five or fewer cases for future use. These examinees have ten years in which to complete the case requirements for Board Certification. The Gateway process produced 65 examinees and 49 became new Diplomates. The encouraging number was that seven examinees were Beginning Certification (orthodontists that did not take the Gateway offer or are not eligible for ICE). The Board would like to encourage eligible orthodontists to enter into the process through this route so we could examine ten or more per examination. There also were four voluntary recertification examinees. At this examination we started accepting all electronic case submissions on a limited basis. Two of the exam rooms were designated as electronic and two teams of two directors were the examiners. The patient records were all electronic except that the final models must be plaster models which are not produced from electronic models. During the June 2012 examination we will be increasing the number of electronic submissions.

The next Clinical Examination will be February 17-22 in Dallas. It will be the final examination there since it was contracted in order to accommodate the Gateway applicants. The examination is full, however, I would encourage orthodontists who have their cases ready to call the ABO office to fill a cancellation that may occur.

The next Written Examination is scheduled for April 17-20, 2012 at Pearson Vue Testing Centers and

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Component Reports

Illinois

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I'm pleased to be writing my first report as the new ISO correspondent. Dr. **Spencer Pope** has been our correspondent for the past six years and he will be a tough act to follow! He has been a valued and effective member/officer of our Board, culminating with his presidency in 2009/10. Spencer has graciously maintained his close association with ISO beyond his tenure on the Board by co-chairing the committee developing the Donated Orthodontic Services (DOS) program in Illinois and by contributing to this column. He also is staying busy as a member of the ISDS Public Relations Committee. I look forward to staying in touch with Spencer and with all who contribute to the success of the ISO by reporting on their goals and accomplishments in this column.

We are pleased to add new ISO Trustee Dr. **Randall Markarian** of Belleville to our Board. He replaces Dr. **Joe Crisham** who resigned from the Board and is retiring from private practice. We offer our gratitude and congratulations to Joe and we look forward to working with Randall in the coming years.

At our ISO meeting held December 5, Dr. **Robert Fry** presented *Tips on Orthodontic Treatment, Management and Marketing*. It was an excellent lecture, packed with "pearls" to take home and start using right away. Dr. **Mike Durbin** presented a check for \$1,000 on behalf of ISO to the AAO Foundation, represented by Dr. **Steve Roehm**. Steve then spoke about the importance of supporting AAOF. MSO Trustee Dr. **Brent Larson** was our guest at both our general membership meeting and our Board meeting. He updated us on the AAO's latest promotional campaign to increase public awareness of the benefits of treatment by members of our specialty. Finally, MSO director, Dr. **Ara Goshgarian**, gave our membership an update on MSO business and encouraged participation in the upcoming Alaska cruise where the MSO Annual Session will be held in August 2012.

Our first ISO meeting for the 2011-2012 season was held September 26 where Dr. **Vincent Kokich, Jr.** gave an excellent presentation on an interdisciplinary approach to esthetic success in ortho-restorative patients. During lunch at this meeting, we welcomed ISDS President **Robert Bitter** and ADA Trustee **Joe Hagenbruch** who reported on ISDS and ADA business to our general membership.

Dr. **Steve Marshall** has been named ISO 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year. As a former student, I can attest to his excellence as a teacher and mentor. Steve's wise and patient approach to teaching has molded many careers. ISO congratulates Steve for this recognition of his long-standing commitment to educating future orthodontists. Presentation of the award will be at our April 2, 2012, ISO meeting in Oakbrook, Illinois. Past and present students and colleagues are encouraged to attend and offer their congratulations to Steve!

Two prominent ISO members will receive awards at the upcoming AAO Annual Session in Hawaii. ISO congratulates Dr. **Frank Whipps** for his selection as the 2012 Humanitarian Award co-recipient. Immediate Past AAO President **Lee Graber** also will be honored with the ABO Ketcham Award. Thank you to Frank and Lee for their tireless and ongoing commitment to our specialty! ISO is proud of our association with these colleagues and the recognition of their commitment to our profession.

ISO members are being encouraged to check out our new website at www.isortho.org. The new site offers more functionality and easier navigation for users.

The Donated Orthodontic Services program has been active in Illinois for a little over one year. DOS Committee Co-Chairs Drs. Durbin and Pope report that 99 ISO members have signed up as volunteers providing orthodontic treatment to children with severe malocclusions whose families cannot afford treatment. Committee members have been busy promoting the program, with Mike and Spencer reporting on its status at the September ISO meeting and sending e-mail blasts to our membership. Dr. Goshgarian was interviewed recently by WGN TV to promote DOS and can be viewed at www.isortho.org. The efforts have been so successful that there are 112 active patients and 187 patients on the waiting list and needs more volunteers, especially in Cook, DuPage and Lake counties. The DOS Committee strongly encourages all who have not signed up as a volunteer to consider making the generous commitment to provide this life-changing service for a child. Those who are interested can find out more about the program and obtain an application to participate at www.isortho.org or by contacting ISO DOS coordinator **Keri Trombly** at 866/201-5906.

We are looking forward to the ISO-sponsored lecture by Dr. **Robert Vanarsdall, Jr.** at the upcoming Chicago Midwinter meeting on February 24. Our final ISO meeting for the 2011-2012 season will be April 2 with Dr. **John Graham** speaking on orthodontic innovations.

Best wishes to all for the coming year.

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The Iowa Society of Orthodontists held its annual meeting once again at the Sheraton in Iowa City on October 6-7, 2011. Drs. **Tom Southard** and **Steve Marshall** updated the group on an overview of the research available on self-ligating bracket systems. Current University of Iowa orthodontic residents gave case-based guidance on a variety of topics. Dr. **Mark Yanosky**, a graduate of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Iowa, spoke the following day.

In addition to the fine lecture schedule and idyllic setting, please join us in honoring Iowa's own Dr. **Mike Hipp**, recipient of the MSO's 2012 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award, during the MSO's 75th Anniversary Session Alaskan Cruise, August 4-11, 2012. Make your reservation today!

If the readers have any updates that you would like me to include in future editions of this newsletter, please e-mail at the address below.

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Some of the most recent happenings occurring in the Manitoba Orthodontic Society are as follows:

We had our most recent MOS business meeting on October 27, 2011. Dr. **Susan Tsang**, our Canadian Orthodontic Association (CAO) representative, highlighted the following:

- Dr. **Richie Mah** became the CAO president.
- The Alberta Dental Association is investigating the use of logos as they apply to direct public advertising (including the use of the CAO/AAO logo to distinguish specialty designation). The CAO is committed to assisting with the legal challenge that will be initiated.
- The 64th CAO Annual Session will be in Ottawa, September 6-8.

Dr. **Babette Cohen** highlighted the following items:

- The MSO 75th Anniversary Celebration will be aboard the *ms Westerdam* for the 2012 MSO Annual Session Alaskan Cruise on August 4–11. For details, go to www.msortho.org.
- Dr. Cohen is now president of the MSO and she will be a delegate at the 2012 AAO House of Delegates in Hawaii.
- The MSO Board is in the process of eliminating the position of vice president to allow for a quicker ascension through the officer positions.
- If anyone is interested, there are a number of AAO committees looking for volunteers.
- Dr. **Conny Athanasopoulos** is our new director to the MSO.

Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** (Head of the Department), representing the Graduate Orthodontic Program, commented on the 45th Year Anniversary ("Sapphire Anniversary") celebration events that were held in November with Drs. **Wick Alexander**, **Leslie Will** and **Paul Kuo**. He also discussed the very successful alumni function at the CAO in Halifax, where several alumni and all nine residents were in attendance.

There was a fair amount of discussion concerning the happenings with the Alberta Dental Association, as noted above, and it was resolved that we draft a letter directed to the Alberta Dental Association expressing our concerns that their view is unacceptable and contravenes the standards of use of the logo to distinguish ourselves as certified orthodontic specialists. The letter will be forwarded to the CAO/AAO to encourage their support.

We now officially have completed the process of revising the MOS bylaws, thus allowing us to complete the AAO affiliation agreement in short order.

I look forward to starting my role as the newly installed MOS Director.

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MAO president Dr. **John Beyer** will preside over the 2012 Annual Winter Meeting of the MAO on January

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20 at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel. Dr. **J. Moody Alexander**, from Arlington, Texas, will be presenting to the doctors on the topic of guidelines for building facial harmony and long-term stability in the era of digital orthodontics. Additionally, **Susan McElvy** and **Cynthia Kohler** from Imagine Consulting Group will be presenting two workshops on customer service, new-age marketing and branding of your practice to staff members.

Our joint meeting with the Minnesota Academy for Comprehensive Dentistry on Friday, November 18 was very successful. We were well represented with 70 MAO members, guests and residents in attendance. Dr. **Vincent Kokich, Jr.** presented on the topic of *Esthetic Interdisciplinary Dentistry: Emphasizing Comprehensive Treatment Planning*.

The MAO Board met on October 24. The main emphasis of the meeting was regarding our future member survey, which will be mailed out in 2012. The Board is looking for member input as to the level of involvement that the MAO should have regarding the rapidly changing climate of today's orthodontic practices. We discussed various forms of competition that are affecting our practices more now than ever before. The results of the 2012 MAO survey will be used to direct the MAO leadership in the future to best serve our members.

Smiles Change Lives has now had a positive impact on over 100 underserved children in Minnesota as reported by Dr. **Steve Litton**. Approximately half have been in the greater metro area and half in out-state Minnesota. There are over 70 orthodontists signed up as providers and 55 have been assigned kids to treat or have completed treatment. Most of the remainder of the orthodontists should be assigned patients in the next few months. MAO members are encouraged to join in this effort to spread low cost care to many more patients in the future by contacting *Smiles Change Lives* at www.smileschangelives.org or 888/900-3554. If you have any further questions, please contact Steve at 612/868-9580.

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The Missouri Society had its business meeting on

February 4 in Kansas City. The Missouri bylaws need to be reviewed and updated to coordinate with MSO and AAO bylaws. The bylaws will be voted on and approved by Missouri members at the next business meeting which will be in August 2012 at the MSO Annual Session.

In May the Missouri Dental Board voted to support mid-level provider legislation in Missouri. It is the first dental board in the country to support such a proposal. The Missouri Dental Association (MDA) opposes this legislation and has begun contacting staff and key legislators to urge them to oppose passage. Members are encouraged to forward postcards, mailed by the MDA, to their legislators with thoughts and concerns about Missouri Dental Board's dental therapist proposal. It is important to contact your legislators before an upcoming vote or committee hearing. MDA Legislative Day will be February 22, 2012. Try to make arrangements to attend and meet with your legislators. For more information go to www.modental.org.

A.T. Still University is planning to start a dental program at their Kirksville campus. The program plans to begin by fall of 2013 and to start with a class of 45 students. The program will partner with Community Health Centers around Missouri.

An Expanded Function for Dental Assistants (EFDA) exam for orthodontic assistants will be given March 12, 2012. If you are interested, contact the Missouri Dental Association.

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The upcoming meetings of the Omaha Orthodontic Study Club and the Nebraska Society of Orthodontists have been planned.

The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club will meet January 20, 2012, at the Shadow Ridge Country Club. Dr. **Jason Cope**'s topic will be *Practice Differentiation*. Dr. Cope received his DDS, orthodontic certificate and PhD in craniofacial bone biology from the Baylor College of Dentistry. We would like to express our appreciation to **Tom Irvin** for this course as it is sponsored by 3M Unitek. Further information may be obtained by contacting Dr.

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The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, March 23, 2012, at the Shadow Ridge Country Club. Dr. **Dan Rinchuse**, a Professor and Associate Director of Seton Hill University Graduate Program in Orthodontics, will present *Controversies in Orthodontics*. Dr. Rinchuse is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and an editorial consultant for a number of peer-reviewed journals. He maintains a private orthodontic practice as well. This event is sponsored by American Orthodontics. If you would like further information, please e-mail Dr. **Matthew Pershing** at matt@pershingortho.com.

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The SDSA will have its annual meeting on Friday, April 13, 2012, at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Mitchell. At this meeting officers will be elected.

In conjunction with the meeting there will be a seminar by Dr. **Jay Bowman**. Dr. Bowman practices in Portage, Michigan, and his presentation is entitled, *Concepts & Controversies in Contemporary Clinical Orthodontics*. For more information on attending this lecture please contact either Dr. **Rick Fuchs** or Dr. **Ryan VanLaecken**.

Congratulations and thank you to Dr. **Kevin Horner** who was appointed to be the MSO representative to the AAOPAC. His eight-year term began in January. Kevin has replaced Dr. **Michael Hipp** from Des Moines, Iowa.

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The 2011 WSO Fall Conference was held October 2-4 in Minocqua at The Pointe Hotel. Our special guest speakers were Dr. **Cliff Alexander** and **Cary Schoenfeld**. Their presentations on the Incognito™ Appliance System were enjoyed and appreciated by those in attendance.

The 2012 WSO Spring Conference will be held March 5-6 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Appleton. The guest speaker will be Dr. **Birte Melsen**.

For more information, please contact the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists by phone or fax or visit our Web site at www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com.

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number of years and was on the ADA's Council of Dental Accreditation (CODA). He served on the State Board of Regulations for Illinois and as an examiner for NERB and CRDTS. He was a volunteer for the Chicago Midwinter meeting for ten years and a board member of the Paul Clopper Foundation, which awards grants for dental student research in Illinois.

Dr. **Scott Peterson** succeeded Frank in his practice in the Bloomington/Normal area. Since his retirement in 2009, the orthodontic practice continues with Dr. **Robert Lauder**, the son of Dr. **Fred Lauder**, the founder of the original group.

Frank and his wife of 47 years, **Catherine** (Tykee), enjoy the blessings of their seven children and their six grandchildren. In his retirement he plans to stay active in dentistry at the state and national levels.

Hearty congratulations to Frank for all that he has accomplished on behalf of our entire community.

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registration has already closed.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Graduate Program Reports

Marquette University

On November 3-4, 2011, we held our applicant interviews for the new incoming class. The number of applicants was up considerably this year and we were very pleased with the quality of the applicants. The new class members of 2014 are Drs. **Amanda Olejniczak** (Marquette), **Amrita Rakalla** (University of Illinois–Chicago), **Peter Longo** (University of Nebraska), **Ami Inoue** (Creighton) and **David Kennedy** (University of Pittsburg). We are looking forward to welcoming our new colleagues in the summer of 2012.

A decision was made to extend the length of the postgraduate orthodontic residency from 24 to 26.5 months. The additional time will allow the residents to complete more cases before their graduation in August which also will enable them to bank cases for ABO certification.

On November 15, 2011, Dr. **Terry McDonald** (Opal Orthodontics) gave a full-day seminar for the residents on the McLaughlin philosophy.

Dr. **Jose Bosio** once again will serve as an examiner for the February 2012 American Board of Orthodontics in Dallas, Texas. In October 2011 Jose and his wife, **Maria Marta**, welcomed a healthy baby girl, **Julia**, to their family. In November, Dr. **Dawei Liu** and his wife, **Nanyan**, welcomed a healthy baby boy, **Alex**, to their family.

I would like to wish all a happy, joyous and healthy New Year from Marquette!!

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Mayo Clinic

Greetings to all! Mayo Clinic orthodontics continues to enjoy positive and exciting growth in our program and clinical practice.

The resident component of the program continues to be strong. After graduation this past July, Dr. **James Stork** moved to Missouri and is now an associate orthodontist at LaFerla Orthodontics in Joplin. He plans to challenge the ABO Clinical Examination in February 2012. Dr. **Li-Ping Chew** is our newest addition and brings both her talents and enthusiasm. She is a 2011 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Chew completed her orthodontic “boot camp” and is doing well in the clinic. She is an avid runner, and the faculty and other residents are challenged to keep up with her.

This past July all of the residents attended a great GORP program hosted by Saint Louis University. In September Dr. **Grant Collins**, our second-year resident, attended the ten-day Tweed Foundation course in Tucson. This continues to be a highlight for our residents. We are indebted to Dr. Klontz’s hard-working faculty. Drs. Chew and Foley attended practice management seminars in Chicago. In November, Dr. Collins completed the Invisalign Clear Techniques II course given in Phoenix.

Clinic improvements include a new clinic schedule which optimizes patient appointments with extended hours and the scheduling of all orthodontic education courses on Fridays. We also are continuing the implementation of OraMetrix (Suresmile) into the clinical practice and curricu-



l to r: John Foley, Li-Ping Chew, Mark Varberg, Grant Collins, Darrell Schmidt and John Volz

lum, so that our residents can start their orthodontic training with the latest orthodontic technologies. Dr. **Darrell Schmidt** recently visited the program and presented a day-long Suresmile seminar.

The fall also has been busy with new-resident interviews for the Class of 2015. We have met a fantastic group of talented candidates. The selection committee is in the process of finalizing the Match list. The match results were announced in November. We are impressed, once again, with the caliber of this year’s applicants for orthodontic training.

The faculty also is grateful to our alumni for the incredible amount of support and input to maintain the level of excellence of our program in the areas of patient care, education and research. We can’t thank you enough.

We look forward to seeing everyone in May at the AAO Annual Session in Honolulu, Hawaii. Please note that our alumni dinner will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel, right next to the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Sunday, May 6 at 6:30 pm.

Finally, we wish everyone Happy Holidays.
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Saint Louis University

Fourteen residents graduated in December of 2011 and they have scattered across the U.S. and the world and are expected to serve their patients and specialty admirably. They and their home dental school are: Drs. **Nicole Kaplan**, University of Sydney (Australia); **Mary Ellen Helmkamp**, The Ohio State University; **Luiz Barbosa**, Un Ribeirao Preto (Brazil); **Anita Bhavnani**, Case Western Reserve University; **Konstantinos Kazanis**, University of Athens (Greece); **Julianne Ruppel**, University of Illinois; **Avrum Goldberg**, Dalhousie University (Canada); **Nicholas Azar**, University of Nevada Las Vegas; **Ryan Hinckley**, Baylor College of Dentistry; **Michael McEwan**, University of Iowa; **Shereen Azizollahi**, University of Southern California; **Utumporn Laowansiri**, Chulalongkorn University (Thailand); **Bryan Wirtz**, The Ohio State University; and **Hiroshi Ueno**, Tohoku University (Japan).

The Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation will hold its next meeting in St. Louis on March 2-4, 2012. Many fine speakers will enlighten the audience, including Drs. **Gerry Samson**, **Cheol-Ho Paik**, **Clark Colville**, **Lysle Johnston**, **Rolf Behrents**, **Phil Campbell**, **Christian Stohler**, **Peter Buschang**, **Paul Zuelke**, **Greg Jorgensen**, **Dennis Ward**, **Mark Berkman** and **Steve McCullough**. Dr. **Christian Stohler** will receive the OERF Merit Award. Contact moscalb@slu.edu for information on the OERF meeting.

In addition, the Saint Louis University orthodontic program has a number of guest speakers arranged for the spring of 2012. All MSO students are encouraged to look at the schedule on our website (it is updated periodically) and if they find a presentation they would like to attend, please let us know.

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University of Illinois – Chicago

Our new full-time faculty member is Dr. **Phimon Atsawasuwana**, a May 2011 graduate of UIC's orthodontic specialty program and winner of the AAO's Thomas M. Graber Research Award in 2011. After completing the DDS program of Mahidol University in Bangkok, he finished two periodontology specialty programs, namely at Mahidol University and Eastman Dental Institute in London. He then moved to the United States for a PhD degree in Oral

Biology/Bone Biology followed by a postdoctoral research position at the University of North Carolina. During his orthodontic education at UIC, he worked in the Brodie Laboratory for Craniofacial Genetics under the mentorship of Drs. **Xianghong Luan** and **Thomas Diekwisch** and answered important questions related to the role of ameloblastin in cranial suture development. Phimon is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, has a commendable bibliography and is setting up his research laboratory in the Department of Orthodontics.

The September 7-8, 2012, meeting of the Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois features a program on *Orthodontic Practice Transition* moderated by attorney and practice transition authority **Randall Berning**. With him are **Paul Baumann**, CPA, ABV, CFF, ASA, presenting on practice valuation, as well as Dr. **David Musich** and his office manager, **Beth Barrett**, who will discuss the orthodontist as CEO and leader. Attendees may invite a close dental colleague, accountant or spouse to the program. The meeting is free to dues-paying members of the Alumni Association.

The three phases of the department's renovation and rebuilding projects are completed and now we are furnishing the spaces. For example, we have a collection of orthodontic antiques and memorabilia that will be displayed in an old-fashioned seminar room with a copper tile ceiling and hanging lights that we're calling the Graber Gallery. Many of the antiques were donated to the department by alumni and friends.

The impending conversion of the National Board examination to a pass/fail format and the increasing number of pass/fail dental schools has generated interest in other quantitative means of evaluating orthodontic specialty applicants. UIC's residents are participating in a multi-center study of the attributes and competencies of students enrolled in American and Canadian orthodontic specialty programs. The predictive value of first-year resident test scores will be assessed after de-identified data are collected by the data center at Boston University.

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University of Iowa

We wish to welcome the members of our new first-year class: Drs. **Mina Abdollahi** (Virginia Commonwealth '11), **Laura Bonner** (Colorado '09), **Jordan Poss** (Iowa '11).
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'11), **Alison Ray** (Iowa '02) and **Brendon Swenson** (Iowa '11). Our second-year class consists of Drs. **Sara Howe** (Colorado '10), **Nathan Johnson** (Alabama – Birmingham '09), **Eric Shell** (Virginia Commonwealth '10); **Karl Swenson** (Iowa '10) and **Kaci Vela** (Texas '06). Our faculty is grateful to these young persons for coming to learn with us.

A special word of thanks to Drs. **Paul Hermanson, Clay Parks, Tom Stark, Mike Callan, David Gehring, Steve Marshall, David Meyers, Melissa Bernhardt, Robert Fuhman** and **Matthew Croco**. As our adjunct and part-time faculty, they regularly give us their time for the betterment of the orthodontic program and our residents' education. The Department would have a very difficult time managing without their help.

The 33rd Annual Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar will be sponsored by the Iowa Orthodontic Department under the direction of Dr. **John Casko** and is scheduled at the Lion Square Lodge and Conference Center in Vail, Colorado, from January 22-27, 2012.

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University of Manitoba

This has been the 45th (Sapphire) Anniversary celebration year of Manitoba's graduate program. We celebrated with a bumper alumni function at the Canadian Association of Orthodontists conference in Halifax in September. Dean **Tony Iacopino** placed such importance on this event that he decided to also attend the alumni celebrations and brought greetings. Our senior residents, Drs. **Huda Sawan, Andrew Bernas** and **Vivek Cheba**, presented three research posters and a roundtable breakfast presentation.

Our year-long celebration culminated with a visit by Dr. **Wick Alexander**, sponsored by American Orthodontics, who presented a one-day course, and Drs. **Leslie Will** and **Paul Kuo** who presented surgically-based orthodontic lectures. Friday evening's celebration dinner took place at the *Terrace 55* restaurant and part-time professor Dr. **Frank Hechter** provided a fitting tribute to the 45-year history of the program and the 15-year anniversary of Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** as Head of Orthodontics at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Wiltshire also presented two Program Director's Awards, one to Dr. **Frank Hechter** for dedicated

service to orthodontics for 38 years and one to Dr. **Milos Lekic** for extraordinary services to orthodontics at the University of Manitoba. Dr. **Wick Alexander** also presented Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** with a signed autographed copy of his new textbook in recognition of his 15 years of service to orthodontics at the university. Alumnus Dr. **Dan Sullivan** who attended all our Sapphire celebration lectures, summed the year up as: "I thought everything you organized this year was top notch...congratulations on such a long and successful tenure."

Four presentations were delivered at the International Functional Association conference held in November in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which included a keynote address by

Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** and three research oral presentations by Drs. **Andrew Bernas, Bobby**



l to r: Michael Gorbonos, Matthew Kotyk, Andrew Bernas, Billy Wiltshire and Robert Ward in Buenos Aires

Ward and Mr. **Matthew Kotyk**, one of Dr. Wiltshire's BSc (Dent) research students. The trip was funded, in part, by generous support from the Canadian Foundation for the Advancement of Orthodontics.

The redevelopment of the fourth floor is complete with a new lecture theatre and seminar room as well as three offices dedicated to the nine orthodontic residents. The remodeling of the fourth floor was made possible, in part, thanks to generous funding by part-time orthodontic instructor and undergraduate alumnus Dr. **Tim Dumore**. Tim completed his orthodontic residency at UCSF and joined our program as a part-time instructor some 13 years ago, shortly following his return from San Francisco. He has been a strong supporter ever since, recently also donating several new orthodontic textbooks to our library. Dr. Dumore also was instrumental in inviting Dr. **David Sarver** to give a Saturday morning presentation to all nine of our residents in his private office. Tim really is just one of those wonderful people who "never stops giving."

We are currently in the process of installing new computers at all the clinical work stations in the graduate orthodontic clinic and a new computer for each resident in the new residents' offices. At the CAO meeting in Halifax, two alumni, Drs. **Dan Stuart** and **Iain Meldrum**, were so

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impressed with our upgrade plans that they each donated several thousand dollars to help offset the costs.

We say goodbye at this time to part-time instructor Dr. **Kris Row** who has moved to Beijing, China, and to Dr. **Wellington Rody** who is moving to Florida. At the same time we have been pleased to welcome alumnus Dr. **Luis Piedade** who flies in every six weeks at his own expense to teach as well as Dr. **Katia Montanha** who has been appointed a full-time orthodontic instructor in the program. We presently have two active searches for full-time tenure-track positions.

Whilst our third-year residents are busily preparing for their Royal College Exams and the Program's mandatory comprehensive orthodontic exams, our first-years are actively banding and bonding their 60 new patients assigned to them, and the Master's research projects of our nine residents are in various stages of progress. The Graduate Orthodontic Program at the University of Manitoba remains a hive of activity and we are able to look back happily at a successful 2011. Our accomplishments are thanks to our dedicated staff members, support staff and instructors, both full- and part-time, who continue to give so generously of their time, talents and expertise.

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University of Minnesota

Change is a constant in life and certainly within an academic orthodontic program. I mentioned in the last newsletter that Dr. **Suzan Ekim** had resigned her full-time position and that we were searching for a replacement. Since that time, Dr. **Jim Miller** also has resigned his full-time faculty position – like Suzan, to respond to the demands of a growing young family. Suzan and Jim have been an exceptionally important part of our program since they graduated together in the Class of 2003, and I want to take this opportunity to thank them both for their outstanding contributions during the last eight years.

The great news is that I have the chance to introduce two new faculty members who will fill the positions that were vacated by Jim and Suzan. These two people are Drs. **Erik Langsjoen** and **Stan Williamson**. Here is a brief bio on each of these new members of our academic team.

Erik is a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and of our orthodontic program. He is a retired Colonel in the U.S. Air Force and was the first

Chairman of the Tri-Service Orthodontic Residency Program in San Antonio, Texas. For the past 13 years he has been in the private practice of orthodontics in St. Cloud, Minnesota and the surrounding communities. Erik has a wonderful wife, **Mary**, and two adult children, **Maria** and **Sten**. I have personally known Erik for many years and have spent several years trying to convince him that he needs to return to teaching here in our program.

Stan is originally from Iowa and received his dental degree from the University of Iowa. He completed a pediatric dental residency at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio and practiced pediatric dentistry for nine years in Wisconsin. He returned to Loyola University in Chicago for his orthodontic training and has been in practice in Minnesota ever since. Stan is board certified in both orthodontics and pediatric dentistry and has been an active participant in the Cleft and Craniofacial programs at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. Stan and his wife, **Cathy**, have three adult daughters. Stan has been a valuable and loyal adjunct faculty member in our program for many years and we look forward to his increased participation.

The change in faculty also allowed us to move Dr. **Thorsten Grünheid** to a tenure-track position. This is an appropriate change for Thorsten because of his extensive scientific training and research background. Dr. **Nanci De Felippe** continues to do an outstanding job directing our pre-doctoral orthodontic courses and contributing to our residency program as well. Dr. **Kim Mansky**, a PhD bone biology researcher who is a member of our orthodontic faculty, recently was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor. Kim adds a valuable basic science focus to our faculty and contributes in many ways to our success.

We all know that full-time faculty are important for an orthodontic program, but we also are aware that our part-time adjunct faculty are absolutely critical for a successful clinical program. I want to thank Drs. **John Kanyusik, Alisa Madson, Keith Erickson, Bill Becker, Dave Resch, Bob Grossman, Doug Vayda, John Beyer** and **Wayne Sletten** for their continuing efforts. They do a marvelous job of bringing clinical reality to our program and they help to prepare our students to step into practice.

I also want to acknowledge Dr. **Jay Bowman** who spent some time with our residents in August sharing some of his great clinical material. Jay's visit was a volunteer effort on his part to add to the knowledge base of our residents and it is representative of the selfless attitude that makes our profession what it is. Thanks, Jay!

As always, we welcome you to stop by and visit if you are in Minneapolis!

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Dr. **Don Thompson** received the 2011 Dr. Samuel E. Hayes Award on September 28, 2011, at the UMKC School of Dentistry's Annual Recognition Ceremonies held in the newly opened Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. The Hayes award is given to a part-time faculty member at the School to recognize her/his dedication and outstanding service. Don is currently the Clinic Director for the UMKC Advanced Education Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. He began teaching here right after completing his own graduate education and has been a devoted teacher for 36 years. Current students describe Dr. Thompson as: "amazingly knowledgeable while being so humble and approachable;" "he pushes us to keep up with current literature and offers level-headed and practical advice from his extensive clinical, business and personal experiences;" "he is always so willing to give his time no matter how busy he is." We are so thankful to have Don working with us. Congratulations, Dr. Thompson!

As of August this year, our four senior residents completed their UMKC School of Graduate Studies MS theses and received their certificates in Advanced Education in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. All of our newly minted orthodontists returned to areas familiar to them – Dr. **Jodi Hentscher-Johnson** to Waterloo, Illinois; Dr. **Dustin Wilson** to Jefferson City, Missouri; Dr. **Julie Olson** to Omaha, Nebraska; and Dr. **Stephen Darmitzel** to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Our new first-year residents, Drs. **Natalia Henbest** (University of Missouri - Kansas City), **Adam Reynolds** (University of Kentucky) and **Michael Olsen** (University of West Virginia), started their postgraduate education on July 1. Second-year residents Drs. **Gena McGivern**, **Ashlee Williams** and **Lauren Gossett** have taken up duties as mentors to their junior classmates, along with their continued projects associated with their MS degrees and an increased workload in the clinic.

We want all our alumni to know that our office administrator, Ms. **Michele Elmore**, has been promoted by UMKC. Over the past years, Michele has "stepped-up" to meet the challenges of escalating responsibilities and duties in the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. She was recognized for this October 1, 2011 when her job was officially reclassified from Administrative Associate to Office Supervisor. Congratulations and many thanks for all that you do, Michele!

We are about 75% completed in the construction of

the Seminar Room to be named for Dr. **George Muehlebach**. He was a part-time clinical instructor in the Orthodontic Department from September 1980 until his untimely death in 2005. He was much beloved as an instructor by all the residents he came in contact with over the twenty-five years of teaching. We currently are raising funds to finish the renovation of this much-needed space.

The 2012 Dan L. Blackwell Lecture will be held on June 1, 2012. The topic of focus will be *Bone Remodeling in the Clinical Arena: From Diagnostics to Therapy*, to be presented by Dr. **Sarandeep Huja**, Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director of the Division of Orthodontics at the University of Kentucky. There is no charge for this half-day lecture, which no doubt will be of interest to all given Dr. Huja's prominence in the field of bone physiology and the application of the basic sciences in clinical practice.

We are pleased to report that Dr. **Gina Pinamonti** was a 2011 Pittsburg State University Outstanding Alumni Awardee. Dr. Pinamonti earned a Bachelor of Arts (Biology) degree from there, having graduated magna cum laude, and was selected for this award based on her professional achievements as well as community and organizational involvement.

It is a pleasure to announce that Dr. **Mike Klein** is joining the ranks as a part-time instructor in the graduate orthodontic clinic. Dr. Klein will be in clinics on Friday mornings, with Dr. **Frank Crist**'s clinics moving to Thursday afternoons. Thanks to all our part-time instructors for your participation in the education of our future alumni.

A final bit of news relates to Drs. **Laura Iwasaki**, Leo Rogers Chair of Orthodontics, and **Jeff Nickel**, program director. As principal investigators, they have recently been awarded \$3 million from the NIH. This much-needed funding allows the continuation of their research into the variables that contribute to degenerative joint disease. The project titled, *Joules, Genes, and Behaviors*, is a continuation of their previously funded work. UMKC is the overseeing institution and they are collaborating with investigators at universities in Buffalo; Lincoln; Zurich, Switzerland; and at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City.

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University of Nebraska

Dr. **Sundaralingam Premaraj** mentored two

dental students from the class of 2013 in the College of Dentistry Student Summer Research Fellowship Award Program. **Kelly Russel**'s project was entitled *Differential Expression of Chemokines in Compression and Tension Sides During Experimental Orthodontic Tooth Movement*, and **Tami Luebke**'s project was named *Differential Expression of Chemokines in PDL Cells Subjected to Mechanical Loading*.

Our program's newest faculty member, Dr. **Thyagaseely (Sheela) Premaraj** mentored **Amanda Meyer** (dental class of 2013) as they worked on her student summer research fellowship award project titled, *Cytotoxicity of Invisalign/Clear Aligners on Gingival Epithelium*. Dr. Sheela (as she is known here) was awarded a seed grant in July for a project titled, *Molecular Bacteriological Analysis of Supra Gingival Plaque of Orthodontic Patients and White Lesions*.

A soft-tissue laser unit, which has complemented clinical care in our graduate orthodontic clinic, was purchased using the Dr. **James** and **Nancy Weesner** memorial fund. Dr. Weesner was known for his kindness as well as his treatment quality and precision. He taught orthodontics and supervised a clinic for many years. We all owe a debt of gratitude for his dedicated years of service and support.

In October, Dr. **Jackie Berkowitz**, presented an all-day seminar entitled *Basic and Evidence-Based Diagnosis, Treatment Planning and Treatment Mechanics in Contemporary Orthodontics* for our residents, faculty, alumni and Nebraska orthodontists. Dr. Berkowitz shared his view and extensive experience in regard to the specific elements that must be present to create the optimal orthodontic patient experience.

Congratulations to Dr. **Peter Spalding** for completing his work on Chapter 55, *Craniofacial Growth and Development: Current Understanding and Clinical Considerations* in *Peterson's Principles of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* (Third Edition), (ed) Michael Miloro, B.C. Decker Inc., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada (In press). In 2011 he also published, with College of Dentistry colleagues S. Gonzalez, J. Payne and P. Giannini, *A Dentigerous Cyst Associated with Bilaterally-impacted Mandibular Canines in a Girl: A Case Report*, in the *Journal of Medical Case Reports* 5:230.

Recognition was inadvertently omitted from the last *MSO Newsletter* University of Nebraska report. Please allow us the opportunity to note presentations made by our faculty this year as follows: Dr. Spalding presented *Potential of rhBMP-2 Replacing Secondary Autologous Bone Grafts for Congenital Alveolar Defects* at the 68th American Cleft Palate–Craniofacial Association Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico in April 2011. Dr. Spalding also

presented *Correlations of Mini-screw Structural Design with Primary Stability in Bone* at the 111th American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session in Chicago in May 2011.

Dr. S. Premaraj presented a paper, co-written by I. Souza and T. Premaraj, entitled, *Molecular Mechanisms of Tooth Movement: Emerging Concepts* at the 87th Congress of the European Orthodontic Society, June 2011, in Istanbul, Turkey. An article, *Mechanical Loading Activates Beta-catenin Signaling in Periodontal Ligament Cells*, written by the same colleagues, was published in *The Angle Orthodontist* 2011 81(4).

Another class of successful graduates would not have been possible without the contributions of our part-time faculty who generously provide excellent clinical and didactic instruction to both dental students and post-graduate residents. We extend our sincere appreciation for their efforts to Drs. **Brett Cascini, Robert Glenn, Paula Harre, Rebecca Hohl, Robert Schoettger** and **Kim Stafford**.

Drs. **Fouy Chau, Vesna Ferrer** and **Mark George** will graduate from the program in December. Dr. Ferrer joined our program with a PhD, and Drs. Chau and George will be earning a masters degree in addition to their orthodontic certificate. Dr. Chau will be practicing in California after graduation. Dr. George will be practicing in his home state of Colorado. Dr. Ferrer is currently looking at private practice opportunities or faculty membership in a university within the U.S. or both. We wish them all the best and are pleased and proud to see them become a part of our orthodontic profession.

We just received notification of the residents who will make up our class starting July 1, 2012. We are very excited to welcome Drs. **Jeffrey Rector** (University of Pacific), **Nima Rohani** (Columbia University) and **Jared Schoettger** (UNMC).

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MSO Web site changes

The Board of Directors of the MSO have made a change of the hosting site for the MSO Web site, www.msortho.org. Since its inception in 2005, the MSO site was hosted by the AAO's server. The decision to move to TeleVox was made in order to update the site, add some new enhancements to the site and give it a new, modern look.

Plans are to have the site go live in February.

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For more information on the cruise itinerary and cabin reservations call **800/422-0711** or go to www.specialeventcruises.com/mso_2012.html

For the meeting registration form call the MSO at **636/922-5551**, go to www.msortho.org to download the registration form or e-mail the MSO office at msortho@charter.net

In addition, if you plan to arrive a day early, Friday, August 3, and wish a hotel reservation for that night at your own expense, the Seattle Airport Marriott Hotel will have a discounted rate of \$135 (single/double) plus tax. Space is limited in this discounted room block and is only available with online booking. Go to www.msortho.org for a link to this reservation form.

Mike Hipp to receive MSO Shepard Award



Aside from the fabulous cruise, the opportunity to hear internationally-respected speakers and social time with your MSO colleagues, the MSO will be presenting the 2012 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to Dr. **Michael Hipp** of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mike has been involved in organized dentistry and orthodontics at the local, state, and national levels in many different areas. He just completed eight years representing MSO on the AAO's Political Action Committee, including two as its chair. It will be a great opportunity to congratulate Mike for all that he has accomplished and continues to do.

In addition, MSO will conduct its annual business meeting on the ship.

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