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SAID Returns to the “City of Oaks” for 2014 Meeting

By Bob Leonetti

Last fall, the members of SAID returned to North Carolina’s Capital City for their 49th annual session. President Bob Hollowell planned an outstanding scientific program as well as some wonderful social events. The 2014 SAID Meeting featured a change in format. For the first time the annual strategic planning session was held as a dinner meeting on Wednesday evening



followed by two full days of Continuing Education on Thursday and Friday. The strategic Planning session was well attended



and some important issues discussed. One of which involved Online CE for members by completing the SAID modules. The program was initiated in a beta-testing mode for 2014 meeting

attendees only. Once the bugs are worked out, online CE will be available to all members. Also discussed was the venue for the 2015 meeting which will be SAID’s 50th. New Orleans was proposed and approved. There was a palpable buzz surrounding the selection of the “Big Easy” for next year’s meeting.

Thursday morning began with Bob Hollowell extending a warm Raleigh welcome to all attendees. The scientific session began with Dr. Michael Brennan speaking about Osteonecrosis of the jaw. He presented the most up-to-date information regarding pre-op considerations, recognition and treatment of Medication-related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw (MRONJ). After the break, Dr. Brennan moved on to a discussion of Xerostomia in which he detailed causes as well as the most current therapies regarding dry-mouth.



After lunch, Thomas Spangler from the American Dental Association gave attendees a national perspective on the Affordable Care Act (ACA; also known as Obamacare). He discussed how our nation's new approach to health insurance might affect care for vulnerable populations. His talk was followed by a panel



discussion centered on a more local perspective. This was a lively session that left attendees with more questions than answers, extremely thought-provoking questions that became the basis for discussion throughout the session.

Next came the 2014 SAID business meeting. Officers for next year were elected and installed. They are:

President: **Jennifer Hew**

Vice-President: **Paul Kovalski**

Secretary: **Betsy White**

Treasurer: **Frances McClure**

Immediate-Past-President: **Bob Hollowell**



The day concluded with a reception and dinner hosted by President Bob Hollowell. As always, the night provided an opportunity for camaraderie, fellowship and discussion.



Friday morning began with breakfast and a welcome by Dr. Hollowell. He then introduced Dr. Allan Samuelson who lectured on minimally invasive treatment for geriatric patients. He provided literally dozens of helpful techniques that attendees could bring home to their practices on Monday. This was followed by a discussion of Integrated Care for People with Developmental Disabilities given by Jill



Don't forget your pearls...

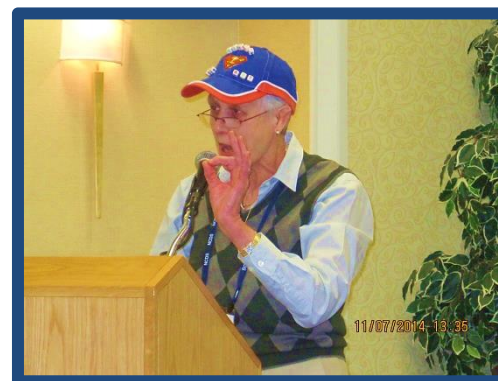


Not those pearls.....
...short (4-6 minutes)
bits of information,
products or techniques
that you think may be
a help to others. You
can present your pearl
on Friday afternoon.
You never know what
just might be an
inspiration to someone
else.

Hinton and Jacqueline Cavadi. They discussed their program as it relates to other programs.

After a short break, the Pearls section of the program took center-stage. More than a dozen attendees presented short tips or cases from their own experience for the benefit

of all in attendance. This is a perennial favorite at the SAID meeting. Attendees routinely report that the things they learned in pearls could be immediately incorporated into their daily routines. Dr. David Itzkoff did his normal masterful job of keeping the session lively and informative.



The scientific session ended with the SAID Annual Literature Review presented again this year by Drs. Doug Veazey and Bob Henry. Together, Drs. Henry and Veazey reviewed all of the dental literature pertinent to the practice of dentistry on patients with disabilities. They catalogue and abstract articles of interest and present the ones of particular significance to the group. This is a labor intensive effort and one of the highlights of each SAID Annual Session. Dr. Henry announced that he would be stepping down this year as a "Lit



Reviewer” and he was thanked for his efforts during the many years that he has served SAID in this capacity.

It was announced that Dr. Mannie Levi would be taking Dr. Henry’s place for next year’s Lit. Review. This ended the scientific session of the Annual meeting but not the festivities. Dr. Hollowell had planned a terrific evening of food and fun that he called “A Taste of Raleigh”.



It began with a trolley tour of the City of Raleigh. Pictured to the left is SAID’s new President Jennifer Hew just prior to boarding. Our guide treated us to a fascinating story of Raleigh’s history along with all the sights. A favorite was the giant acorn sculpture that adorns a city park 364 days a year but on New Year’s Eve becomes the equivalent of NYC’s Time Square Ball.



The Acorn is the symbol of Raleigh because of its many oak trees.

The trolley then dropped us off at a brew pub for a quick pint (or two)! This was followed by appetizers at a Lebanese restaurant; then dinner at an Italian restaurant. The food was great as was the company. Dr. Hollowell was thanked for an amazing evening!



See everyone in N’Awlins!!!



President's Message

By Jennifer Hew



A warm hello from the Sportsman's Paradise – New Orleans, Louisiana!!

I am hard at work getting the 50th SAID Annual Meeting together for N'Awlins!! The meeting will be held November 12th – 13th, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome. The Hotel is walking distance to the Mercedes – Benz Superdome – Home of the New Orleans Saints, the New Orleans Arena – Home of the New Orleans Pelicans, the French Quarter, The National WWII Museum and right outside the front door – you're steps away from the Streetcar line. Average November weather conditions are Highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s.

<http://www.neworleanscvb.com/visit/about/history/>



So plan to make your reservations by calling 1-800-HOLIDAY and refer to the group code **SCA** or the attached link:

http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/new-orleans/msydt/hoteldetail?qAdlt=1&qBrs=6c.hi.ex.rs.ic.cp.in.sb.cw.cv.ul.vn&qChld=0&qFRA=1&qGRM=0&qGrpCd=SCA&qPSt=0&qRRSrt=rt&qRef=df&qRms=1&qRpn=1&qRpp=12&qSHp=1&qSmP=3&qSrt=sBR&qWch=0&srb_u=1&icdv=99801505&icdv=99801505



The room block will be available till Sunday October 11th at the rate of \$139 per night. After the October 11th, reservations will be by availability only and remember the New Orleans SAINTS football season will be in full swing. The room rate is available +/- 3days if you want to stay a little longer to enjoy the city!!



SO, we hope you'll join us for the meeting!!

“Laissez les bon temps rouler!!” “Let the good times roll!!”



Two SAID members Inducted as “Distinguished Fellows” to N.A.P.

The **National Academies of Practice (N.A.P.)** is a group of health care professional dedicated to affordable, accessible, coordinated quality healthcare for all. They believe that healthcare that has an inter-professional foundation is better healthcare. Two SAID members were inducted at this year’s N.A.P.’s Annual Forum bringing to four the number of SAID members with fellowships in this organization. Bob Leonetti and Kim Espinoza joined David Itzkoff and Jerry Kleponis as distinguished NAP Fellows



From Left, Bob Leonetti, Kim Espinoza, David Itzkoff, & Jerry Kleponis

A “Newcomer” talks Frankly about SAID

By Elaine Berkowitz, DMD



Dear Members and Friends of S.A.I.D.,

Greetings from Steeler Country.....

I joined SAID in 2013 at the Philadelphia meeting. I had received flyers and never was able to attend until last year. Had I known how great an organization it was, I would have made an earlier attempt. Besides a great clinical program we were entertained by the Mummers that year. Raleigh was my second of many meetings. What a great time was had by all. Between the great speakers and the super city (with trolley rides and food, food, food) I had a great time kibitzing with all of the members. I recognized a handful from the year before and was greeted like an old friend.

I belong to many dental and military organizations but I must say this is the friendliest group I’ve ever been with. From dentist, hygienists, lab techs, sales reps.....pediatric, geriatric, general, special needs dentist to spouses; it’s a wonderful mix.

So many credits and things to do are packed in 2 of the most cost efficient days. The CE and dues are not expensive so come, meet, greet and bring your staff to a 2 day fun filled, educational meeting.

In 2015 it is in New Orleans. Each year a different city with promises of good CE and a great introduction to the fun things to do in the city of the year.

Don’t hesitate; join today.



Don’t forget to bring a door prize from your hometown to this year’s seminar

November 11th-13th 2015

