President’s Notes
by Carol McKown

Gentlemen and ladies, start your engines! It’s almost that time of year again in Indianapolis. As I write my last president’s notes, I can’t help but look over my shoulder and ask, “Where did the time go?” Twelve years seemed like such a long time! But then I just blinked and my cute little curly red-haired daughter, Katie, is now a grown young woman...16 years old, strawberry blonde wavy hair, gorgeous, driving, cheerleading, swimming, and a sophomore at Park Tudor. She wants to attend NYU and Stanford Law School and become a trial attorney. (George and I will definitely be working a few more years!) I started the IU Peds program in 1984 seven months pregnant with her. Poor Dr. Avery! If he only knew then that that was just the beginning! And then there’s David. I had him when I was the United Cerebral Palsy fellow in 1986. He’s 14 now, incredibly handsome, an excellent student, an eighth grader at Fall Creek Valley Middle School, dives five nights per week at the Natatorium, and wants to be on the US Olympic Diving Team in the year 2004 or 2008. We just recently returned from his first international diving competition in Montreal. And then there’s little Annie. I’m really having a hard time coming to grips with the fact that she’s almost ten. I had her in 1991 when I was full-time faculty at Riley Dental Clinic. She’s so bright, loves to read, and loves gymnastics, swimming, basketball, soccer, and dancing. She’s in fourth grade at Park Tudor. Annie wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. And then there’s George who just turned? (I’ll never tell nor will I mention my own age!) However, age is only a state of mind. George is now working harder than ever. After twenty years in the insurance industry, he decided to branch out on his own. He opened his own insurance company, McKown and Associates, two years ago. Now, he’s finally getting a taste of independent business ownership. We still live in the Geist area of Indianapolis with our three cats and golden retriever, Belle. I’m enjoying a very busy three-day per week private practice on the north side of Indianapolis. The rest of the time is spent being a mom, working at the kid’s schools, carpooling and watching their sporting events.

I just returned to Riley Dental Clinic as part-time faculty. The new Riley Outpatient Center is an impressive facility. You will all have the opportunity to see it when you come “back home” to Indianapolis in June. I am so impressed with the new residents! They are so eager to learn! There is just something about that enthusiasm that can’t be matched. It’s so nice to be back in the environment of learning. It’s with great pride I tell people I received my postdoctoral training in pediatric dentistry at Riley Children’s Hospital and I know that you all feel the same way.

It’s almost time for Atlanta! Jenny Ison Stigers and Leslie Tanimura have been furiously working to prepare another outstanding line-up of events in the IU hospitality suite. We promise, only one suite this year! It will be located at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel. Ask at the concierge desk at the Marriott for the suite number. We will be opening the suite Thursday afternoon, so plan on coming up to the suite after the continuing education program to have a refreshment and start buying raffle tickets! Don’t forget to get into the Indy 500 race pool also! The residents are in the process of calling all of the alumni for donations to the raffle. Please be generous...a monetary donation is always welcome. Remember, the money goes toward funding the suite and the resident’s travel and lodging at the Academy meeting.

I hope you have made your reservation for the 30th anniversary celebration of the IU Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association, honoring Dr. Ralph McDonald. We have alumni from as far as Ireland and England coming “back home” to Indiana for this special occasion. Please mark your calendar for June 21-23, 2001 and make your reservation soon!

Many thanks to Karen Deery who has been outstanding addition to our IU Peds team. She has organized all the local arrangements for the June IUPDAA meeting including the impressive brochure that you have all received regarding the meeting, made all the hotel arrangements for the hospitality suite in Atlanta, and has taken over the responsibility of working with Dr. Ralph McDonald on Our Tree. She has kept me on task, tried to keep me on schedule (although I am terrible at deadlines!) and been a wonderfully delightful person to work with. Thank you so much, Karen for everything!

See everybody in Atlanta and don’t forget...
Atlanta Hospitality Fun
by Jenny Ison Stigers

Plans are in the works for our hospitality suite at the AAPD’s annual session in Atlanta. Please note we will not be in the main hotel as no suite was available. Instead, we will be at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, the meeting’s overflow hotel, which is very close.

Once again, we asked members of the anniversary classes to complete a survey about “then” and “now”. I encourage everyone to return his/her completed form. They will be compiled in a notebook and be on display in the suite. It’s a simple way to learn a little more about our fellow alumni. We will also take the notebook to the biennial session in June.

It is not too late to donate an item for the raffle. Consider teaming with a friend or classmates to donate a really nice prize. All donors will be recognized during our official alumni activities and receive a special glass mug etched with “our tree”. If you would like to contribute but have not yet been contacted, call Carol, Karen Deery, or Jenny. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our members.

Due to changes in the academy’s calendar of events, we have made some adjustments in our schedule. The suite will be open: THURSDAY: beginning at 4:30 PM, with Carol and the residents ready to greet and meet everyone. Raffle ticket sales, race pools, and story telling will begin. FRIDAY: at noon and from 4:30 PM till ??? There will be plenty of drinks, snacks, and raffle tickets. If you attend the academy’s theme party, plan to come by afterwards. SATURDAY (the AAPD’s night for alumni activities): Open during the day but the big party begins at 6 PM. Because this is the 30th anniversary of the IUPDAA, we have planned a 70’s theme. You probably can find something from the 70’s tucked away in your attic. Any tie-dyed shirts, tube tops or leisure suits out there? If you aren’t that daring, wear your mood ring or peace symbol or just bring photos. Official activities will begin at 6 PM. Residents will be introduced. Members of the anniversary classes will be recognized. We will try to get Jeff Dean and David Avery to give an update on the residency program and IU. Raffle donors will be presented their “thank you” mugs. Raffle tickets will be sold until the raffle is held, which will be held at approximately 7:30 PM. SUNDAY (race day): in time for the racing activities to begin at 10:00 a.m. Come by between the afternoon sessions and the Foundations’ reception & president’s dinner/dance. This will be our last night so the suite should be open late.

We hope to see you in Atlanta!


Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Meeting Update
by Brian D. Lee, Program Chairman

As this year’s Program Chairman for the 30th Anniversary Alumni Meeting to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 21-23, 2001, I want to remind everyone that if you have not received the brochure that was sent out to you regarding this meeting, please contact Karen Deery at the Alumni office at 317-274-8959. On Friday, the continuing education program “Behavior Management Techniques for the Pediatric Dentist in the New Millennium” will be presented by our guest speaker, Dr. Steven Wilson from Ohio State University. Dr. Wilson will also discuss the findings of a survey by the College of Diplomates on parental changes in America and the effects they have on our practices. That evening the “Class Reunion Dinner” will also be held in the new NCAA National Headquarters, so contact your classmates to come. On Saturday, the meeting will be held at the Riley Outpatient Center and will feature Dr. Gerald Z. Wright who will speak on “The Evolution of the Dental Office as a Management Tool.” Lunch and the business meeting will be held at the “Working Man’s Friend.” This will be followed by golf and a tour of the new Riley Dental Clinic. That evening, a reception and dinner will be held at the new Indianapolis Marriott Downtown Hotel honoring Dr. Ralph E. McDonald. I encourage all of you to come to this meeting. It will not only be a great opportunity to get together with your classmates and to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our Alumni Association, but also to pay tribute to Ralph and to reflect back on all the contributions he has given to us and to Pediatric Dentistry. This should be a fantastic meeting and I look forward to seeing all of you “back home again in Indiana.”

Our Organization
by Paul Starkey

The editor of OUR TREE recently invited me to write a narrative to explain how our organization came about. To do that it is necessary to go back to the development of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Indiana University School of Dentistry.

Following service in the United States Navy as a dentist aboard ship during World War II, Ralph McDonald joined the Faculty of Indiana University School of Dentistry. At the invitation of Dean Maynard Hine, Dr. McDonald organized the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Prior to that time, undergraduate students were assigned to the “Children’s Clinic” to gain some experience in treating children. Relatively little time was allotted for didactic work or clinical experiences.

There were only a few programs in the 1960’s for the education of dentists for the specialty of Pedodontics, later to be Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. McDonald developed such a program and records indicate that the first dentist to complete the program at Indiana University was around the mid-fifties.

By 1971, the year we officially organized, 80 pediatric dentists had received their education under the tutelage of Chairman Ralph McDonald, Director of the Graduate Program. Each had either received the Master’s Degree or a Certificate, qualifying them for practicing their specialty of Pediatric Dentistry and making them eligible to take the specialty Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Prior to this time of organization, Dr. McDonald had occasionally arranged for a guest speaker to provide a program for the postdoctoral students and had invited all those who had previously completed the program to attend. These meetings were referred to as “Pedodontic Conferences.”
While attending one of these get togethers, several alumni discussed the idea of officially organizing all individuals who had completed the program into an association. There was considerable enthusiasm for the proposal when alumni were contacted to assess their interest.

As the next planned program would be in the spring of 1971, there was a flurry of activity to prepare for organization. A Committee prepared a Constitution and By-Laws, another a Scientific Program, and still another planned the banquet to be held on the evening of May 27, 1971.

The Scientific Program was presented all day on the 27th and continued the morning of the 28th, followed by a business meeting. At that time a motion was made to accept the Constitution and By-Laws, and it passed unanimously, and we were on our way to where we are today.

Although all of you know that each member is highly scientifically minded and oriented, there seems to be a greater interest in the banquet. Not surprisingly, it turned out to be the highlight of the meeting and the banquet continues to be just that each time we meet. So, I am going to concentrate on what happened that evening and reminisce about some of the events resulting from the organization which took place that year.

One of the purposes of the 1971 meeting was to honor Ralph McDonald. The Ralph E. McDonald/Pedodontic Fund and the McDonald Scholarship were established. A beautiful ring was presented to Sarah Jane, Ralph’s wife. It was announced that an English Beech Tree was to be planted in the front yard of their attractive home on Potter’s Pike. A representative sculpture of the tree was presented to the McDonalds as a gift in memory of the occasion. The sculpture remains in their home and the planted tree virtually fills the front yard and is a beauty to behold.

It was explained that the tree is referred to as the “Tree of Knowledge.” It symbolizes the program which was developed by Ralph. An analogy has been also made to the extension of the tree branches, as our members have contributed to pediatric dentistry and education throughout the world.

Each of you have been presented with a gold lapel pin modeled after the sculpture of the Tree. If you didn’t know it before, now you know how our Newsletter got its name, OUR TREE.

The original thought was to name it THE TREE, but then came the idea of OUR TREE; also it is “Our Organization.” It is “Our feeling of belonging,” it is “Our privilege,” it is “Our experiences,” it is “Our pleasures,” it is “Our contributions,” it is “Our logo,” it is “Our educational background,” and it is “Our newsletter.” It is OURS AND IT IS YOURS, you earned it...enjoy it.

Dr. James P. McKnight wrote to Dr. Ralph McDonald

The years have certainly flown by and it is hard for me to realize that it has been thirty-nine years since I set foot on the IU campus to begin my graduate work under you. In June, you will be honored at the meeting of the Alumni Association, and I feel that this is the right time for me to express to you several things. First, my sincere admiration of you as an educator and as a fine man—for all that you brought to and gave dentistry in general and to pediatric dentistry in particular. Equally important I trust that I can claim you as a good friend and a fine mentor. I shall be eighty years of age this year. It will not be possible for me to attend the Alumni meeting for physical reasons, nor do I anticipate attending succeeding meetings. Therefore, I wanted you to know the high regard I have for you. I hope that the meeting will be a fine one and my wish is that you will continue in the good work and exert your influence for the continuing good of our profession.

In 1983 Sue and I realized one of our long sought dreams and moved to the country. We have ten acres; not a large "spread" as spreads go but as I have found out, more than I can care for. At
Coming and Going

The new residents for the Pediatric Dentistry Program will begin on July 1, 2001. Their names and the schools they graduated from are:

Michelle Halum Edwards - Indiana University
Hayley B. Heckman - Temple University
Nathan E. Kirk, II - University of Louisville
Craig D. Ritchie - Case Western
Marcia S. White - Howard University/U.S. Navy

The outgoing class and their plans are as follows:

Dr. Chad Hazeldrigg - Plans include private practice, probably on the north side of Indianapolis

Dr. Robert Long - He will begin the graduate Orthodontics Program this summer.

Dr. Kyle Taylor - Plans include private practice, probably in southern Indiana.

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A Fond Thank You
by Ralph McDonald

I am certain the pictures in this issue of "Our Tree" will recall fond memories of our 30th Reunion in June 2001. Many of the pictures bring memories to me of when I had the privilege of working with so many of you in the classroom, laboratory, and clinic and visiting with you during social events.

The photo below means so much to me. It represents years of friendship of our alumni and support of our school. The $30,000 check was presented to Robert Baxter, a member of the Board of Governors of the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association. Jeffrey Dean, along with enthusiastic members of his committee, took up the challenge and the $300,000 check was the culmination of their efforts. The named professorship will soon be a reality.

Jeffrey Dean, Chairman; Pam Lovejoy, School of Dentistry Development Office; Robert Baxter, Board of Governors, Riley Memorial Association; Ralph McDonald and Carol McKown, President of IUPDAA. Mr. Baxter receives a check for $300,000 from the IUPDAA for the Ralph E. McDonald Professorship.

Please enjoy the pictures of our 30th Anniversary Alumni Conference, AAPD reception, and other photos spread throughout this expanded issue of "Our Tree."
President's Notes
by Brian Lee

What a great biennial meeting we had this last summer celebrating the 30th anniversary of our alumni association. It was a record turnout for this meeting, and again I want to thank the 167 individuals who attended. On Friday, Dr. Steve Wilson, the McDonald Lectureship speaker, gave us an outstanding presentation on the use of sedation in pediatric dentistry and the changes in parenting that have influenced a change in our behavior management techniques. The panel discussion which followed had Keith Roberts, Chuck Poland, Leslie Tanimura, Steve Fehrman, Brian Lee, and Steve Wilson discuss their philosophy on the behavior management technique they utilize in their practices. On Saturday, Gerry Wright gave us insight into the evolution of the dental office design as a behavior management tool.

Instead of having the three Irish tenors, we had the “three Irish pediatric dentists.” Drs. Martin Walsh, Liam Convery, and John Walsh, attended this meeting. Thanks to Chuck Kerkhove for putting together a great golf outing on Saturday. At the Saturday evening banquet held at the Marriott Hotel, David Avery and Paul Walker did a wonderful job in paying tribute to Ralph McDonald and the legacy he has given to us and to pediatric dentistry. It was also great seeing Paul Starkey, Bailey Davis, and Hala Henderson at this meeting. These people were our teachers who provided us with the knowledge and helped develop the necessary skills we needed to become pediatric dentists. My only disappointment is that we did not have a larger turnout of recent graduates attend this meeting. Hopefully, we can do something to encourage their attendance at the next biennial meeting in 2003.

Carol Braun, Program Chairman, is already busy at work planning the 2003 biennial meeting. We have also reserved a hospitality suite at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Denver, Colorado for IU graduates attending the AAPD annual meeting next year. The committee will be busy at work putting this endeavor together.

Finally, on a more serious note, Ralph McDonald, who is Chairman of the Comprehensive Fund-Raising Campaign, has written an article in this newsletter regarding the campaign. Co-Chairman Randy Long and I will be contacting members of the pediatric dentistry alumni association to help us with this fund-raising effort. With the shortage of pediatric dentists in this country, we need to support our teaching institutions in order to insure an adequate number of pediatric dentists are being trained. If we do not, there will be a question of whether in the near future the specialty of pediatric dentistry will have the ability to survive.
For those of you who attended the banquet during our 30th Anniversary IUPDAA Biennial Meeting in June, these next paragraphs will be familiar. I thought it would be appropriate in this article to record on paper, for the record, some of the comments I passed on to the group that evening during our Tribute to Ralph McDonald. Of course, many people made a lot of important and complimentary comments that evening. My assignment was to summarize the influence that Ralph has had on the scientific literature by his direct contributions and, by virtue of developing the formal advanced pediatric dentistry educational programs at Indiana, the contributions of our graduates. My comments follow.

We are happy to be here this evening to honor Ralph E. McDonald, Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus. Dr. McDonald is our inspiration, model, and leader. Ralph is always ready to encourage us to move forward in practice, research and education for the welfare of the world’s children.

The McDonald Tree of Knowledge has one trunk, Dr. McDonald. It has 220 branches, the number of other graduates of specialty education in pediatric dentistry from Indiana University. The leaves of Our Tree represent our collective achievements in advancing the science and service of oral health care for children and disabled individuals throughout the world. My job for this evening was to calculate and report the number of leaves on Our Tree that represents our contributions to the scientific literature.

Dr. McDonald and our other 220 graduates have published at least 797 articles in scientific journals. We also have produced approximately 400 chapters in textbooks. There have been 98 M.S.D. theses approved and published by graduate students majoring in pediatric dentistry at Indiana University. Finally, Our Tree is responsible for the production of at least 24 complete textbooks related to the science of pediatric dentistry. Please bear in mind that these numbers are conservative and somewhat incomplete because I simply obtained this information from searches I conducted using my computer. There are undoubtedly other contributions in local and component publications and considerably more in international works that my searches did not discover.

I would like to make a few more comments about one textbook contribution in particular. Dr. McDonald’s textbook, Dentistry for the Child and Adolescent, was recently published in its 7th edition. I think it is important to point out to you this evening that no other comprehensive pediatric dentistry textbook in history has ever extended to seven editions! Only one other pediatric dentistry textbook has been published in 6 editions and even then the number of years it was in print were considerably less than Ralph’s book through the 6th edition. This kind of longevity only happens when the publishers of a textbook view it to be highly successful by sustained popularity.

These conservative numbers of contributions to the scientific literature allow us to boast of at least 1,319 leaves on Our Tree. I believe 1,319 is a noteworthy number of published works by a relatively small group of people who have devoted most of their professional lives to the clinical science of actually providing oral health care services. Can you even imagine how many leaves Our Tree supports for the number of helpful patient care visits that the 221 of us have provided over our careers? Of course, that number is incalculable, but none of us doubt that it is a very large number.

Some of you here tonight will remember that our logo, The McDonald Tree of Knowledge, was Walter Doyle’s idea. Walter had many good ideas in his lifetime.

Ralph, I’m sure that Walter and Dick Baker and the 12 other deceased members of IUPDAA are looking down here on us this evening, smiling.......... and I know they join us here tonight in thanking you for your vision and for creating the opportunities that we have had to serve others.
Editors Notes  
By Ralph McDonald

I have the privilege of serving as honorary chair of the School of Dentistry portion of the IUPUI Comprehensive Campaign. The dollar goal of the campaign is $700,000,000 to be raised during the next three years. The Dental School’s goal is $10,000,000. It was announced at our campaign kick off on September 21, during the School of Dentistry Fall Dental Alumni Conference that even before the formal announcement, the School of Dentistry has achieved 64% of the $10,000,000 goal.

Our alumni members are playing key leadership roles in the campaign for the School of Dentistry. Chairman of major gifts section is Ron Ditto assisted by Phil Pate and Chuck Kerkhove. Our pediatric dentistry section is co-chaired by Brian Lee and Randy Long. I am certain that Brian and Randy will assist in identifying gifts for you to consider.

During our alumni meeting in June, I announced that Dr. Avery has prepared a “Wish List” for Pediatric Dentistry. The list includes the following items:

* Revamp conference room in Undergraduate Pediatric Dentistry Clinic
  Add table/desk and view box for patient/parent consultations  $1,500

* Digital Panoramic/Cephometric Machine  $25,000

* “State of the Art” Media Center for McClure Conference Room
  (Mobile unit in case relocation is necessary)  $25,000

* Televisions and 2 VCRs for Riley Dental Clinic  $3,000

* Teaching Aids for students to use in the community during
  “Dental Health Month”  $500

* Instruments and equipment for the newer technologies for
  early detection of caries  $10,000

* Orthodontic Educational Systems “Comprehensive Early
  Treatment Marketing System for Practice”  $3,000

* Computerized Pharmaceutical Dispensing/Storage Cabinet
  for Sedatives, Antibiotics, etc.  $5,000

* Hard Tissue / Soft Tissue Laser Unit  $20,000

* Cell Phone (Two-year trial period contract) for residents’
  use while on call  $1,500

Any gifts that you make to the Pediatric Dentistry Department through IU Foundation will count toward our $10,000,000 goal. Thank you for your past, current, and future gifts.

Picture of “Our Tree Statue” taken this summer at Ralph McDonald’s home.

Two “Old Timers”
Robert Spedding and Paul Starkey
Alumni Achievements

Dr. David Avery has been elected president of the School of Dentistry Faculty Council.

Dr. Chester Coccia has been honored several times during the past year. The University of Detroit, Mercy Dental School, established the Chester T. Coccia Pediatric Dentistry Award. This award is given annually to the undergraduate senior who exhibits outstanding clinical ability in the area of pediatric dentistry. Dr. Coccia also received the Joseph L. Ponka Caring Physician’s Award. This award is presented annually to the outstanding caring physician within the Henry Ford Medical Group. There are approximately 750 individuals eligible for the award. Dr. Coccia was the first dentist to receive this award. He was also the recipient of the Henry Ford Health Care System’s “Outstanding Patient Satisfaction” Clinical Care Award.

Dr. Jeffrey Dean has been appointed consultant to the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. Dr. Dean will have the responsibility of reviewing postdoctoral and residency programs in pediatric dentistry and recommending to the commission their status regarding accreditation. Dr. Dean was also inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists at the annual meeting of the College in Kansas City.

Dr. Philip Pate completed a very successful year as president of the IUSD Alumni Association. Dr. Pate has also been inducted into the Hine Legacy Society, an organization honoring donors who have provided a planned gift to the Indiana University School of Dentistry.

Soon to be second-year residents with Carol McKown
Left to right: Terence Chan, Andrew Garabedian, Carol McKown, Jennifer Kugar, Melissa McHenry, Shahnaz Ahmed, Scott Morgan

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Barry Burgess, Director; Brian Lee, President; Carol Braun, Vice President; Leslie Tanimura, Director; Jenny Ison Stigers, Secretary-Treasurer; William Keaty, Director; Carol McKown, Immediate Past President

The presentation of a newly created award and a check for $500 was a surprise addition to the Faculty Research Conference in 2001. Dr. Brian Sanders, Associate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry and the Director of the Riley Dental Clinic, received the first Johnson Public Health Faculty Community Service Award for his outstanding commitment to IUSD-linked community-based oral health services. The award is named for Dr. Donald Johnson, a 1956 IU dental graduate who devoted his career to U.S. Public Health Service. Dr. Johnson is retired and living in Carmel, Indiana. He is a longtime supporter of IUSD’s community outreach program. For several years, Dr. Sanders has been directing an effort to provide oral healthcare to Amish children in Shipshewana and in other northern Indiana communities that have large Amish populations. Cost of treatment and access to dental offices are challenges that often stand between the Amish and routine dental care. Dental decay is a common problem, in part because many Amish homes in that part of the state use well water, which contains minimal amounts of fluoride. In the mid-1990’s, Dr. Sanders and a small team of volunteer IUSD faculty, staff, and students began making routine trips to Shipshewana, first to identify children in need and then to provide their treatment in the Elkhart dental office of another volunteer, Gregory Robbins (DDS ’85). In 1997, Dr. Sanders and colleague Dr. Amy Shapiro were awarded a grant that supported these dental services and also provided start-up funds to build the Shipshewana dental clinic that now serves as the program’s site. Dr. Sanders continues to serve as the clinic’s director and as a faculty mentor along with Dr. Douglas Barton for the clinic’s student volunteers. Last year, he obtained grants from Goshen Health Systems and LaGrange County Community Foundation to further supplement the program.
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SAVE THIS DATE!!!
2003 IUPDAA Biennial Meeting
June 20-21, 2003

The 2001 Indiana University School of Dentistry Alumni meeting was a great success. As with all great successes, planning for the 2003 biennial meeting has started. As Dr. Avery alluded to in his notes, we are planning to have the meeting at the new Indiana State Museum. It has had spectacular reviews. The Museum is in the vicinity of the 2001 meeting at the NCAA Headquarters in downtown Indianapolis.

The meeting will be structured to provide continuing education, social time and introduction to the post-graduate students and faculty. Be sure to plan now for 2003!

Carol Jean Braun

Paul Walker, MC for the Saturday evening banquet, and Elizabeth Hatcher, Past Executive Secretary

Charles Kerkhove presents awards to the winners of the golf tournament
Ralph E. McDonald and Sarah Jane McDonald Professorships in Pediatric Dentistry Report
by Jeffrey A. Dean, Campaign Chair

That’s right! There are two McDonald professorships in pediatric dentistry. Secondary to our tremendous success with the initial Ralph E. McDonald Professorship and due to the generosity of the McDonalds, the Sarah Jane McDonald Professorship in Pediatric Dentistry has been established. As you may already know, at this past summer’s alumni conference, the alumni association was able to transfer $300,000 to the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association to formally establish the first professorship. The Riley Memorial Association donated $200,000 to our $300,000 to give us the $500,000 needed to establish it.

In the meantime, Sarah Jane McDonald made a significant contribution to the professorship campaign such that your campaign committee realized that a second professorship was an attainable goal. As of this fall, we have in cash and pledges approximately $285,000 of the $300,000 needed to establish it. Just like with the first professorship, the Riley Memorial Association will contribute $200,000 once we’ve reached our $300,000 goal. We anticipate final appropriate signatures on the Sarah Jane McDonald Endowed Professorship in Pediatric Dentistry agreement in the very near future.

I would also like to let you know that Dean Lawrence Goldblatt has initiated the search, screen and nomination process to appoint an outstanding individual to be the first Ralph E. McDonald Endowed Professor of Pediatric Dentistry. This is a very formal process that goes all the way to the Board of Trustees of Indiana University for final approval. However, we might be lucky enough to have an individual named into this position by next summer.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your wonderful support of this professorship campaign. Obviously, without your help this would have never been possible. I cannot tell you what a wonderful pleasure it has been working with our alumni members for this project. You have once again proven what a strong and generous group of supporters you are. I would like to particularly compliment the McDonald professorship donors listed on the accompanying page. You are a major part of what makes our alumni association so great. The atmosphere here in our program is upbeat, strong and looking forward to many other future accomplishments. Just as an aside, I thought you would be interested to know that we have broken all application records this year for our residency positions. As you know, we have five resident positions each year for a total of 10. We are currently interviewing prospective candidates for the graduating class of 2004. For these five positions, we have received 94 applications! This is the highest number of applications that Indiana University has ever received in a single year for its pediatric dentistry training program. Also, for those of you with internet computer access, you can review the School of Dentistry’s new web site at the following address: http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/Depts/OFD/PediatricDentistry/default.htm.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your professorship campaign chair! Please don’t hesitate to contact me at 317-274-4217 or send me an e-mail at jadean1@iupui.edu. Have a great winter!
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Chuck Poland III, Bailey Davis, Keith Roberts

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IUPDAA Directory
After several months of work, we are very close to publishing the 2001 IUPDAA Alumni Directory. This publication will contain some additional information from what we had in the past. In addition to alumni listings alphabetically and geographically, we will also include lists of deceased members, past presidents, and award recipients. The directory should be in the mail by the end of November.

Annual Contribution Notice
By now, you should have received your annual contribution notice. This previously was referred to as your annual membership dues. Your annual contribution of $40 helps pay for many activities including the newsletters, our alumni reception during the AAPD, and the biennial meeting. Your contribution is tax deductible.

If you have lost your annual contribution form, please call Karen Deery at 317-274-8959 or e-mail her at kdeery@iupui.edu. She can send you a form in the mail or electronically.

Also, your form includes a few lines for you to update classmates and friends on your latest news. We would love to have some information from you to publish in the next newsletter!
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