President’s Notes

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

This is an extraordinary time for the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association, as we embark on enhancing the programs and services we provide to its members. Earlier this year, it was my pleasure to join nearly 100 fellow Hoosiers in Kauai at the 22nd IUPDAA Biennial Conference. Drs. Dean and Kennedy gloriously headlined the continuing education lectures and Drs. Troyer, Hinz, Weddell and Hazelrigg followed with sessions on practice management. Those who know me well are keenly aware of my true love for the city of Indianapolis. Therefore, I must somewhat sheepishly mention that the setting for our 22nd conference was absolutely beautiful and a ridiculously amazing location for a continuing education course.

Our alumni group is an exemplar for being a dynamic organization that takes pride in its past while shaping and defining the future. It is indeed a wonderful feeling to be a part of the Hoosier family. Nationally, we are recognized for our commitment to the specialty of pediatric dentistry and when alumni like you and I get involved, others see our solidarity and admire our traditions. It is unquestionably important to remain engaged with IUPDAA. The next generation is looking to us for inspiration, encouragement and support.

On a more personal note, it is a great honor to have been asked to lead the IUPDAA at such an exciting time. I know the greatness of this group is inextricably tied to the commitment of its alumni. And so, again, thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as the 20th president of the Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association.

Very sincerely,

Leslie K. Tanimura
Class of 1991

Hala Henderson Named 2009 IUPDAA Distinguished Alumna

On May 20, 2009, Dr. Dave Avery gave a moving tribute to Dr. Hala Henderson our 2009 IUPDAA Distinguished Alumna Award recipient. Although Dr. Henderson was not able to make the trip to Hawaii to accept the award, her presence was felt that night as Dr. Avery spoke eloquently about her contributions to pediatric dentistry. Prior to the Biennial Conference, Drs. Jeff Dean and Jimmy Jones went to Hala’s home to present her award. The photo here is the award presentation. Her nominator, Dr. Jenny Stigers, said about Hala “I met Dr. Henderson during my residency at Indiana University and over the years grew to appreciate her dedication and contributions to IUSD, our alumni association, the pediatric dental community, and those who provide oral care for children. Dr. Henderson has been a wonderful role model; she has given selflessly of her time and talents.” The IUPDAA was honored to present Dr. Hala Henderson with the 2009 Distinguished Alumna Award.

2009 IUPDAA Biennial Dinner in Hawaii Attendees
We have said goodbye to another great group of pediatric dental residents. Dr. Marc Ditto will be joining his father’s practice in Lafayette, Indiana and has completed his research project on the Pediatrician’s Role in Children’s Oral Health. Dr. Cody Hughes has accepted a teaching position at UNLV and has completed his research comparing the microtensile bond strength of pit and fissure sealants. Dr. Lauren Weddell will be going into private practice in Carmel, Indiana and has completed her research on the dental maturity of non-Hispanic children in Indianapolis. Dr. Amy Nguyen is returning to Los Angeles, California to go into private practice and has completed her research on caries experience of children with attention deficit disorder. Dr. Lisa Porapaiboon is going into practice in Chicago, Illinois and has completed her research on the future plans of pediatric dental residents.

Dr. Marc Ditto was the recipient of the Baker Award and Dr. Lauren Weddell was the recipient of the Ralph McDonald research award. Dr. Julie Steinmetz received the Art Klein award. This is a relatively new award given to the first year resident(s) that have made the most significant progress on their research. This award is given in honor of Dr. Klein, who always encouraged residents to do research that helps to strengthen our specialty.

It was especially exciting this year to present the awards to the new graduates and welcome them as members of the Indiana University Pediatric Alumni Association at the biennial meeting held prior to the AAPD meeting in Hawaii.

We also welcome the incoming class of 2011. Dr. Gray Hicks, a 2005 graduate of the University of South Carolina, currently serving in the Navy; Dr. Ashley Killin, a 2009 graduate of the University of Louisville; Dr. Nassim Olabi, a 2005 graduate of Indiana University; Dr. Jaime Steele, a 2005 graduate of Indiana University and Dr. Andrew Williamson, a 2008 graduate of University of Louisville.

Just a brief update concerning resident research projects for the current two resident classes at IUSD / Riley Children's Hospital. I want to again thank Dr. Hala Henderson, through the Zawawi Pediatric Dentistry Fund, which funds the majority of resident research. We are fortunate to have the financial support of Alumni with respect to this important aspect of their post graduate education.

**Second Year Residents Research Topics**

**Dr. Sean Beattie:**
Failure of Posterior Esthetic SSC’s

**Dr. Julie Quinn:**
Stress in Dental Residency and Contributing Factors

**Dr. Adam Rector:**
Microbial Contamination of Stainless Steel Crowns Prior to Oral Placement

**Dr. Julie Steinmetz:**
Fluoride Content of Water Used to reconstitute formula

**Dr. Nicole Weddell:**
Assessing Health Literacy of Inner-City Hispanic Parent Population In Relation to Respective Pediatric DMFS

**First Year Residents Research Topics**

**Dr. Gray Hicks:**
Working Title: A report of the dental status of children newly diagnosed with cancers.

**Dr. Ashley Killin:**
Working Title: Is pediatric dental treatment performed more efficiently conventionally, during private-office based GA, or during hospital based GA?

**Dr. Nassim Olabi:**
Working Title: Longevity of restorations under GA in Pediatric Patients

**Dr. Matthew Rasche:**
Working Title: Comparison of Frankl score assessment in children following hospital based general anesthesia versus office based general anesthesia

**Dr. Jaime Steele:**
Working Title: Fluoride content of infant formula

**Dr. Andrew Williamson:**
Working Title: Dental Practitioner Gender Preference in the Pediatric Patient
This is an update on the status of the Starkey Research Professorship. With the continued help and assistance of Drs. Ron Ditto and Burt Horwitz, progress toward reaching our goal slowly continues. The following is a list of those individuals that have either sent their pledge in full or have arranged payment over a defined time period. Pledges to date total approximately $280,000 (an increase of approximately $5,000 since 3/31/09). Many alumni have been contacted and have verbally committed to giving but have not returned their forms as of this date. The list, and giving levels, of those individuals contributing to the campaign are as follows:

**Dr. Paul E. Starkey Research Professorship**
(This includes gifts and pledges as of 8/26/2009)

$25,000
Dr. and Mrs. Roland R. Ditto
Dr. Burton A. Horwitz
Dr. and Mrs. Brian D. Lee
Dr. Paul E. Starkey
Dr. Paul M. Yim

$10,000 - $19,999
Drs. Carol and Ken Braun
Dr. Donald E. Gardner
Dr. and Mrs. Daniel N. O’Brien

$5,000 - $9,999
Dr. Harry E. Bopp
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen R. Branam
Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey A. Dean
Dr. and Mrs. Stanley C. Herman
Dr. and Mrs. James E. Jones
Dr. W. Randall Long
Dr. Ralph E. McDonald
Dr. and Mrs. Phillip R. Pate
Dr. and Mrs. Brian Sanders
Dr. Frederick H. Simmons, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. James A. Weddell

$2,500 - $4,999
Dr. L. Rhett Fagg
Dr. and Mrs. Richard M. Quinn

$100-$2,499
Drs. David Avery and Susan Zunt
Dr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Barton
Dr. Joe H. Camp
Dr. Guthrie E. Carr
Dr. Chester T. Coccia
Dr. Virginia W. Crose
Drs. Diane and Gary Dilley

The Goal for the Campaign is $600,000 to establish the Professorship in Dr. Starkey’s name. It will take time, but with your continued support, I am sure we will attain our goal. If you would like any additional information concerning this effort, please contact me at your convenience. My number at Riley is 317-274-9604.

**Dr. Susan Zunt Installed As President AAOMP**

IU School of Dentistry faculty member Dr. Susan L. Zunt, professor of oral pathology, was installed as president of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP) during the organization’s annual meeting in Montreal, May 15-20. She was elected to the office last June during the AAOMP’s joint meeting with the International Association of Oral Pathologists in San Francisco. (*Dr. Zunt is the wife of Dr. Dave Avery, Class of 1970. Dr. Avery attended the presentation and then flew early the next morning to Honolulu to make a presentation honoring Dr. Hala Henderson, 2009 IUPDAA Distinguished Alumna Award recipient.*)

A member of the IU dental faculty since 1979, Zunt chairs the dental school’s Department of Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology. She holds a dental degree from Case Western Reserve University and an IU master’s degree in oral and maxillofacial pathology, and is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

Zunt is a former chair of the American Dental Education Association’s Council of Faculties and the association’s Pathology Section. She also served as education director for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and as president of the American Cancer Society’s Great Lakes Division. She has represented the IU School of Dentistry on the Indiana Cancer Consortium since 2002.

Zunt's term as president of the AAOMP will be completed at the academy's annual session in Tucson, Ariz., in May 2010.
Hawaiian Memories

Leslie Tanimura & Jenny Stigers
Brian & Sandy Lee
Jenny, Stephen and Li Fu Stigers

Vickie Hemann & husband, Matthew Kraatz
Jim Jones & Jim Weddell
Keith Roberts & Dave Avery

Ralph McDonald, Jeff Dean and Joanne Muncy

Linda & Rick Troyer

Paul & Janell Yim
Dave Avery and his namesake, Avery Tanimura. Avery Tanimura is the daughter of our president, Leslie Tanimura.

Jim Weddell with daughters Lauren and Nicole
Twenty Seven Months

27 months of planning, 2 babies and over 800 emails later, Karen Jones and Leslie Tanimura proudly announce that they not only survived the 22nd IUPDAA Biennial Conference, but enjoyed it as well. Indulge us please by allowing us to once again thank the McDonald speakers, David Kennedy and Jeff Dean, and also Rick Troyer, Gary and Joann Hinz, Jim Weddell and Chad Hazelrigg who graciously followed them.

A very special thank you goes to Paul Yim and his wife, Janell. They organized the Kauai Golf Tournament, secured the Honolulu banquet location, brought leis for all banquet guests and hosted a spectacular Polynesian dinner for everyone at their Oahu residence.

Bob Spedding deserves a grand thank you from us for his memory filled speech on the history of our illustrious organization. A special edition of the IUPDAA history written by David Avery and Stan Herman was given to all banquet attendees. We sincerely thank the three of you for your time and dedication to this historical project.

We also recognize David Avery for his introduction to the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award which was presented to Hala Henderson at her home in Indiana. As you know, she was not able to attend the conference and so we must thank Jimmy Jones and Jeff Dean for arranging the visit and its videotaping.

Lastly, we thank each of you for attending the biennial conference. Without your support, this meeting would not have been such a memorable success. Actually, without the support of her fellow residents and one former Riley hygienist, Leslie would not have made it off the mainland and don’t even get her started on the details of getting two infants in car seats and a stroller past airport security. So to all of the alumni and residents who helped us create our conference, thank you and of course, much aloha!

Visit the IUPDAA Website for photos of the biennial, history of our organization, and many other exciting finds. The website is: http://alumni.iupui.edu/associations/pdaa/
**Editor’s Notes**  
*by Ralph McDonald*

**A Continuous Student**

Dr. Jeffrey A. Dean is enrolled in an ADA – Kelly School of Management course at Northwestern University. The ADA enjoys a working relationship with the program designed for dentists who want to learn more about management from the top rated management school. This 18 day program will conclude November 10, 2009.

The ADA description of the program says “The American Dental Association (ADA) enjoys a working relationship with the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University in producing a number of programs. Again for 2009, ADA and Kellogg are offering a special program for dentists—the ADA/Kellogg Executive Management Program.

The program is designed for dentists who want to learn more about management from the nation’s top-rated management school. This is not a practice management course. Instead, the curriculum draws from the core content areas for Kellogg MBA students, including: business strategy, organizational leadership, marketing, finance, accounting, economics, quantitative methods, and information systems. Classes will be held at Kellogg’s Chicago campus, just down the street from the ADA. All classes are taught by Kellogg professors. Participants receive a Kellogg certificate and continuing education credit from the ADA.

The program features advanced business subjects, as opposed to dental practice management. Topics include management strategy, organizational behavior, leadership, marketing, economics, finance, accounting, information systems and quantitative methods for management. The curriculum is based on core courses taken by Kellogg MBA students.”

To find out more information on the program, go to: [http://www.ada.org/prof/events/featured/kellogg/index.asp](http://www.ada.org/prof/events/featured/kellogg/index.asp)

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**Ralph E. McDonald Research Award**

Dr. Raymond J. Tseng was the recipient of the Ralph E. McDonald Research Award at the AAPD Meeting in Hawaii. Dr. Tseng is in his last year of a combined pediatric dentistry residency and postdoctoral research fellowship in Nutrition at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Tseng’s research indicates that overweight or obese children may actually have less tooth decay that their non-overweight counterparts. He believes further that the hormones that are non-regulated by obesity actually slow the growth of cariogenic bacteria.

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**2011 Indiana University Pediatric Dental Alumni Association Meeting**

It is not a rumor! We will be having the next Bi-annual IUPDAA meeting in conjunction with the New York AAPD Meeting in May of 2011! So mark your calendars!! The AAPD meeting is scheduled May 26th – May 30th, 2011. It seems most would prefer to have the IU Meeting before the academy which would mean the IU Meeting would start Monday the 23rd with the banquet on Wednesday the 25th.

I have started searching for speakers and have had several submit topics. I will be soon making a trip to New York to work out details with the hotel and search for a suitable location for a banquet and other activities.

If you have any suggestions about ideas on speakers, accommodations, activities, etc, please email them to me at keaty620@aol.com or tanawilson1988@yahoo.com.

Bill Keaty

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**The Little Lima Bean**

Dr. Brent Ching, Class of 2000, is also an author. He recently published the children’s book *The Little Lima Bean*.

The book is available by going to [sales@booksHawaii.net](mailto:sales@booksHawaii.net) or calling 1-866-900-BOOK.

Congratulations Dr. Ching!
Second Year Residents:

**Sean Beattie**

You rang? Our very own “super-resident”, Sean continues to amaze us with his endodontic skills. His most recent feat was in the OR – molar endo among many other restorations in just under 2.5 hours. We have tried to Americanize him without success – he still ends his GA cases quite Canadianly with “Throat pack’s coming out (out), don’t cha know.” He has been keeping busy this year– counting down the days, making plans for the future, and taking frequent trips to Exeter to visit his dear friends – the white squirrels. This year he is particularly thrilled to no longer be on 1st call – it’s great being a second year, ay?

**Adam Rector**

Long after we’re gone, Adam’s voice will echo through the halls of Riley – mainly because he is the loudest resident ever. He’s been enjoying year two – usually trying to convince me to set up new rules for the first years to follow; “How about the first years review the medical history of our new patient before we see them?” Then they can send out all the medical consultants! You know, for experience.” It’s tempting to listen to him, but I’ve resisted. Adam’s personal life, per usual, is very busy. New fiancée Sarah and new puppy, Bayley, have been very smart additions to his life – but he still manages to keep his social calendar completely packed.

**Julie Steinmetz**

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Julie’s brand new baby girl – coming 9/29/09! It’s true we can’t wait to meet her, but we really can’t wait for Julie to stop using the “Pregnancy-Card”, which is mainly utilized when food is around. To be honest, we are always motivated by Dr. Steinmetz and her ability to balance the demands of residency, the demands of a 2-year-old, the demands of her husband, and the demands of this darling baby girl (most likely to be named Julie – after me, not her mom). In fact, by the time this is published, Julie will probably be reading this, holding brand-new baby Julie, and relaxing at home. If that’s the case…We miss you terribly, Julie! Give our love to baby Julie (named after your fearless chief)! Come back soon!

**Nicole Weddell**

She is our comic relief, our voice of reason, and our advocate for children’s rights. Nikki (her non-professional name) constantly reminds us that we are “doing it for the kids” which gets us through many long days at Riley. You should always keep an eye on Nikki – she’s the “consult queen” has been known to bust out robot dance moves at the most unexpected times. This summer she has been busy with her research and the addition of her sweet puppy, currently named… “Puppy.” We all truly appreciate her relentless hard work and I personally appreciate her stepping in as the “bad cop” to my “good cop” when reprimanding the first years.

**Julie Quinn**

As for me it has been an extremely busy few months. Not only am I getting used to this new “chief” thing and focusing on my research like my co-residents, I’m also settling into a new apartment, planning a wedding, and preparing for a trip to Vietnam with Operation Smile. All before Thanksgiving! I find the role of Chief Resident quite challenging – Marc made it look so easy – it just seemed like he never did anything…At any rate, I am (for the most part) loving life at Riley and am looking forward to the rest of my time in the Midwest.

On behalf of the residents, I’d like to thank our full- and part-time staff for their patience, guidance, and generosity over the past year. We also are very grateful to you, Indiana’s generous alumni, for your continued support to this program. We look forward to all that the rest of this year has to offer and recognize that much of it would not be possible without your contributions.

**Student Awards**

![McDonald Scholar Award recipient Lauren Weddell with Brian Sanders and Jimmy Jones](image1)

![Baker Award recipient Marcus Ditto with Brian Sanders and Jeff Dean](image2)

![Klein Award recipient Julie Steinmetz with Brian Sanders and Jim Weddell](image3)
Plans Underway for Alumni Suite at the AAPD Annual Meeting in Chicago

By Chad Hazelrigg

Hello alumni! I just wanted to let everyone know that plans for next Spring’s IUPDAA suite are already underway. As most of you know, the 2010 AAPD annual meeting will be held in Chicago, IL. Currently, our hospitality suite has been reserved at the Chicago Hilton hotel. Our suite will be open the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings of the conference.

As usual, there will be lots of activities planned. Some activities include: our famous auction, the IU raffle, door prizes, the Indy 500 race pool, and countless hours of entertainment! Our current residents will be contacting all alumni early next year to ask for donations and raffle items. More details to follow…

Strongly consider stopping by our suite and spending time with your Indiana alumni and friends. Those of you that have been to our Alumni suite know just how much fun it can be!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Chicago!