

## Christian Dental Society News-Brief January 2023



The CDS held a Zoom Board and Advisory Council Meeting on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Central Time to encourage each other and to share information. Following is a synopsis of your leadership team's discussion:

1. Initial greetings and opening with prayer by CDS President, Dr. Michael Vaughan. We welcome Dr. Randy Sanders back onto the CDS Board and Dr. Chad Araki and Glynn Reser to the Advisory Council. Those attending the meeting: Dr. Chad Araki, Dr. Katy Barlow, Dr. Jim Carney, Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, Dr. David Moretz, Dr. Randy Sanders, Dr. Denny Scharine, Dr. Jon Spenn, Dr. Michael Vaughan, Dr. Blake Westra, and Mrs. Tina Wendel.
2. There was discussion by members about what they are doing concerning missions: Drs. Carney had good medical results and are starting up student mission trips in Jamaica again. Dr. Spenn will move to be the CMDA Midwest Coordinator of the 17 dental school CMDA chapters starting in April 2023. Dr. Moretz and Dr. Sanders are sending out more teams through their CDS equipment and instrument kit rentals. Dr. Barlow is working and praying

with prisoners and with “Mission Smiles.” Dr. Westra will be restarting mission trips with his office in February. Dr. Scharine will go to Belize on a mission trip in April. Dr. Vaughan has been helping patients charitably. Dr. Araki is going on mission trips to the Philippines, Iraq, and Christmas Island in the Pacific (with the Meyers), who are also going on trips to Dominican Republic and Guatemala. Dr. Cheatwood is currently on a dental/medical/eyeglass trip to Oaxaca, Mexico with a large team. Many of our dentists’ spouses are ministering together with their husbands and helping bless ministries in various ways and we want to acknowledge their valuable contributions. The CDS encourages spousal and family support on mission trips.

3. There was discussion of the CDS, in-person, yearly Board Meeting and Mission Banquet at the ADA meeting in Orlando, Florida on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> rather than on Friday. Several Board members need to go to International College of Dentist (ICD) events for Fellowship induction and ICD banquet. Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer are scheduled to receive the ICD’s Humanitarian Award.

4. There was discussion of the ICD, the largest, honorary dental society in the world which has a major emphasis on missions. Active CDS members who are FICD include: Dr. Gayle Cheatwood, Dr. T. Bob Davis, Dr. Ron Fritz, Dr. Bill Griffin, Dr. Bob Meyer, and Dr. Michael Vaughan. Those in the process of being invited to become Fellows in the ICD on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> are Dr. Jon Spenn, Dr. Randy Sanders, Dr. Jim Wolf, and Dr. Diane Meyer. Induction as a Fellow requires a letter of recommendation with the nominees’ CV and a letter of reference from an ICD member. There is an induction fee. Dr. Meyer has received financial support for missions from the ICD, has published mission articles with ICD publications, and has spoken about missions at major conventions arranged by the ICD. If other CDS leaders or members would like to be inducted as a Fellow into the ICD, a distinct honor with potential Christian influence, please contact Dr. Bob Meyer at [bdmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:bdmeyer@comcast.net) or call for information at 719-351-2152.

**Mission: Emphasis on Service**  
**Vision: Serving Others Worldwide**  
**Core Values: Service**  
**Motto: Serving Others**



**ICD USA Foundation Projects:**

- Global Health Student Association
- Fellows in Action
- Peace Corps Program
- Volunteer Opportunities
- International Student Experience
- Volunteer Seminar Series
- Operation Stand Down
- Everyone for Veterans
- Great Expectations Mentoring

5. The Dr. Ron Lamb Missionary Award nomination for 2023 was discussed and voted upon, with a motion by Dr. Sanders and a second by Dr. Moretz.

6. Dr. Jim Carney gave an update concerning the Jamaica student mission trips. The Lord is providing help despite the adversities of a fire in the Jamaica clinic and problems with support from some dental schools concerning student participation.

7. An update on Guatemala and the CMDA was given by Dr. Meyer. The yearly dental student trip to Guatemala is planned for March 11-18 in the newly constructed, 21-chair clinic in San Raymundo. This trip is run by CDS members, Dr. T. Bob Davis, Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, Dr. Jody Yarbrow, and Dr. Jim Wolf. This trip is being advertised and supported by the CMDA, utilizing this e-mail from Dr. Bill Griffin to CMDA dental student leaders: “A dental student mission trip to Guatemala is scheduled for March 11-18 and, as a student leader, your team fee (\$970) can be 100% underwritten by CMDA and others! This means that your only expense is the travel to Guatemala City. This opportunity is only available to 12 student leaders. I can also tell you that I know all five of the overseeing dentists, and they are outstanding mentors, both clinically and spiritually . . . Another cool aspect of this trip is that it will consist mainly of student leaders like you, future doctors with a zeal for the Gospel to permeate their future careers. Iron will sharpen iron, no doubt . . . I hope many of you can go, it should be a tremendous experience!”

8. It was reported that the CDS website is now functioning correctly again (after a week's difficulty with the network) and the Curtis Group continues to support the CDS. Prayers are needed for them as Mark Curtis is not doing well physically.
9. Dr. Gayle Cheatwood has arranged for Mr. Ken McIntire to make another 100 pressure pot ring weights Mr. McIntire pays for the materials and makes these rings himself at no cost to the CDS, and we sincerely thank him for his valuable contribution to missions. Dr. Sanders just sent out six weights and some are being sold at CDS exhibit booths.
10. The CMDA purchased two, used, Aseptico tower dental units and one ADEC dental unit for use in Nicaragua for \$2,000. These were units the CDS was not using and benefited both organizations. Dr. Meyer has been helping CMDA with restorative instrument, supply, anesthesia, and rubber dam kits for use on GHO mission trips to equip restorative dentists in order to encourage more dentists to provide restorative treatment on GHO missions.
11. Dr. Randy Sanders reported that Sets and Kits are going out to interesting places like Sri Lanka. His assistant that has helped with these is retiring and the CDS wishes to thank her and Dr. Sanders for all they do and have done to distribute these kits over many years.
12. Dr. Dave Moretz reported that CDS equipment is also going out on trips to places like Thailand, Nicaragua, Mexico, Honduras, and Viet Nam. Thank you to all that Dr. Moretz does and has done to distribute the equipment over many years.
13. Mrs. Tina Wendel continues to help CDS in many ways and gratitude was expressed for all she does.
14. Any nominations to the Advisory Council for 2023 should be given to Dr. Meyer.
15. There was discussion on how to communicate to dental schools, who are not supporting and even actively discouraging, students going on mission trips. Students are legally free to do as they please on their school breaks and the CDS Board feels it is inappropriate to discourage service and opportunities to learn.
16. Dr. Chad and Sharyn Araki have offered to provide the food for the CDS banquet in Orlando, Florida this year. This was an amazing gift to the CDS in Houston last year and the CDS leadership is very grateful for their outstanding effort in this contribution. Much appreciation was extended to the Araki Family!
17. The next Zoom meeting will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Central Time. The CDS so appreciates Dr. Denny Scharine's contribution in arranging for all Zoom meetings! This is so helpful for the CDS to meet regularly in this way.
18. Dr. Meyer closed in prayer.

The CDS plans to participate in these upcoming conferences:

1. January 19-21, 2023 **Rocky Mountain** dental conference, in Denver, CO with Dr. Randy Sanders and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, who will present on short-term missions for two hours.

2. January 26-28, 2023 **Yankee** dental meeting in Boston, MA with Dr. Kunio Chan and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

3. March 17-19, 2023 **Hinman** dental meeting in Atlanta, GA with Dr. David and Gail Moretz, and Dr. Randy Sanders.

4. April 13-15, 2023 **Oregon** Dental Meeting in Portland, OR with Dr. Andrew Walls and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, who will present on short-term missions for three hours.

5. April 27-29, 2023 **Star of the North** dental meeting in St Paul, MN with Dr. Denny Scharine and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer. This meeting has a \$500 exhibiting fee and the CDS has never attended this meeting before due to costs. Dr. Tom Love has volunteered to pay the booth fee for this conference.

6. May 4-6, 2023 **Texas Dental Association** Meeting in San Antonio, TX with Dr. Jody and Nancie Yarbrow, Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer, and Mrs. Glynn Reser.

8. May 18-20, 2023 **California** dental meeting in **Anaheim**, CA with Dr. Frank and Tina Cho, Dr. Gayle and Nita Cheatwood, and Drs. Bob and Diane Meyer.

9. October 5-7, 2023 **ADA meeting in Orlando, Florida** with various CDS members. The CDS is hosting its annual, in-person Board Meeting and a Mission Banquet at a nearby church TBD.

As a new year begins, the CDS leadership would like to thank all life-time members and those who have rejoined for 2023. If you have not rejoined yet, the CDS, would like to remind you that your dues support our unique mission of encouraging, assisting, training, and equipping dental missions to help the underserved and in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ around the world.

Please send your mission trip pictures and reports to Bob Meyer at [bdmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:bdmeyer@comcast.net) so the CDS can encourage others through as you serve our Lord.

May God Bless you and your families during the New Year.

