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Office of Development and Alumni Relations staff
DEAR FRIENDS,

Continuity and change. Everyone’s life is a balance between the two, and the same is true for the “lives” of institutions.

At the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, continuity is represented by the excellence of our students’ educations. Yet in many substantive ways, our students’ experience at the school has changed dramatically over the years.

I’ll never forget my first day as a student here in 1966. The dental school at that time was in Adelbert Hall, and we were supposed to report there one morning at 8:30. At 8:25, we first-year students were all milling around outside the building. A custodian came and opened the doors and we wandered in, totally on our own, with no idea what to do or where to go. Today, our students’ orientation is very structured and thorough. We do everything possible to facilitate their transition to both the school and to dental education.

Another example of our students’ changing experiences over the years can be found in the diversity of today’s classes. There was an era when it was unusual to find any minorities enrolled at the school, and each class may have had one woman. Today, we welcome male and female students of all races and of all religions from all over the globe. The school, and the students’ educational experience, is far richer because of it.

Perhaps the most striking change has taken place in the curriculum. In the late 1960s, the first year or two at the dental school were very much oriented toward basic science. Although there were preclinical laboratories, clinical experience was minimal. Hours of pure lecture were followed by multiple choice exams. If you had the temerity to ask, “Why do we perform a procedure this way?” the answer was typically a brusque, “Because it works.” Today’s culture of inquiry, of which we are very proud, was a long way off.

Today, our curriculum of active and interactive learning and early clinical experience is a widely praised model for dental education, and serves to attract outstanding students and faculty to the school.

The changes that have led to today’s dental school began in the 1970s. Prior to that, the environment at the school was strictly disciplined, hierarchical, and almost militaristic. In the 1970s we started changing to a very much more humanistic and collegial approach to education. We started working on the prototypes of the preceptor program, and began reaching out to the community to provide valuable and necessary services while garnering early hands-on experience for our students.

The change in the environment was striking. The humanistic and collegial approach to education became a hallmark of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, and to this day we work hard to maintain it — and will continue to do so.

Many dental schools today still operate much the same way we did back in the 1960s. It’s easy to resist change. To have made all these changes over the years while maintaining and enhancing our high standards of educational excellence is a tribute to our students, faculty and staff. It simply wouldn’t have been possible without them.

Our faculty and staff have been remarkable in their willingness to work hard to welcome and implement change and improve our students’ experience. They deserve thanks for what they have done, and encouragement to keep forging ahead with new ideas.

Our students, also, deserve to be recognized for their ability and willingness to do things in new ways. Change can bring stress, but we are very fortunate to have extremely high quality students who can adapt to the changes. Each class benefits from the changes made for and adapted to by the classes that preceded them, and the cumulative benefit grows with each class.

The ability to adapt to change is a good characteristic for us to encourage in our students. When they have graduated and are practicing dentistry, they’ll find that the external environment is always changing. Just as we are able to accomplish much here at the school because of our students’ adaptability and flexibility, those abilities are also going to benefit them throughout their professional lives.

Change, it is said, is the only constant. Yet there is one more constant here at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine: the pride we take in populating the profession with the next generation of outstanding dentists.

I’d like to close by extending a warm welcome to a new staff member: Simon Bisson, assistant dean of development and alumni relations. In another example of continuity and change, Simon is a new face, but he joins the wonderful team that has been in place for many years in our Development and Alumni Relations Department. Together, they will keep us moving forward.

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Students and researchers from the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine will travel this summer to Israel to make a house call on their oldest patient yet—an ancestor who lived between 300,000 and 20,000 BP (before present).

The research team, which will include six CWRU students, will search for additional remains in a cave that opened its ceiling in 2008 after being sealed for 20,000 years. The cave is below a foundation being excavated in Manot, Israel, in the western Galilee area.

“[The cave] turned out to be a treasure chest of a skull, stone tools and animal bones. They were scattered on the surface of the cave floor,” says Bruce Latimer, director of Case Western Reserve University’s Center for Human Origins and Department of Anthropology. He is collaborating with Israel Hershkovitz from the University of Tel Aviv’s anatomy department.

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It’s unusual for dental researchers to join excavation teams, but Latimer is interested in learning how the head evolved. Clues gathered in the field will shed light on the lifestyle of this hominin and offer an opportunity to study human craniofacial formation, says Mark Hans, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’79, ’81, chair of the Department of Orthodontics at the Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Hans will travel to the site in September and examine the craniofacial formation of the skull, comparing differences between modern man and this early ancestor. He is particularly interested in analyzing the skull’s chin for information about how it developed.

Two theories exist: first, that as the teeth recessed, the chin became more prominent; second, that the chin is its own entity and evolved over time.

Researchers also will focus on how gender has influenced chin development and will look into whether a more prominent chin leads to identifying these remains as a male or a smaller chin of a female.

Fossils and other artifacts from the site will be photographed, x-rayed and, in some cases, cast so that researchers will have something to take with them to continue their studies.

This site offers an important glimpse at life during the Upper and Middle Paleolithic eras. It was an important “bus stop” during the second major migration of hominids out of Africa to northern areas. It was also a site where Neanderthals periodically migrated to warmer southern areas when northern climates cooled.

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Leena Palomo, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’00, ’04 assistant professor of periodontics at the dental school, and Maria Clarinda Beunocamo-Francisco, from the Center for Specialized Women’s Health at the Cleveland Clinic, set out to study the long-term effects of bisphosphonate therapies on the jawbone.

They compared 28 postmenopausal women with normal bones to 28 women who had been receiving bisphosphonate therapies for at least two years or more. The participants — all of whom were between the ages of 51 and 80 — received cone beam computed tomography scans of their jaws and a complete periodontal check for dental plaque, bleeding, and loss of bone attachment at the alveolar bone socket.
Both groups of women had followed the recommended American Dental Association oral health standards to brush twice daily, floss regularly, and have at least two dental checkups a year.

The findings for bone strength and other markers for osteoporosis were similar for both groups. Women from both groups had similar bone health results and women on the long-term oral bone-strengthening therapies showed no signs of bone death. However, the researchers found that both groups had increased dental plaque levels, which could endanger the jawbone of normal postmenopausal women and reverse any benefits gained in bone mass.

The findings were announced in the article, “Is long-term bisphosphonate therapy associated with benefits to the periodontium in postmenopausal women?” that was published in the February issue of Menopause.

Menopausal women at risk for osteoporosis also are at risk for periodontal disease, which affects bone that anchors teeth, Dr. Palomo says, adding that women may need to see the dentist as many as four times a year to control dental plaque by deep periodontal cleanings.

“Women have to realize that bone disease and gum disease are two separate diseases,” Dr. Palomo says. “The bisphosphonate therapy isn’t enough to keep jawbones strong and healthy — that requires getting rid of the dental plaque.”

Co-investigators were Holly Thacker, Cleveland Clinic (Cleveland, Ohio); John J. Carey, Merlin Park Hospital (Galway, Ireland); and Mala Sivanandy, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital (Boston, Mass.).

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Thirty patients had the wires removed from their braces but kept the appliances affixed to the teeth to monitor any changes without a retainer. Nearly half of the participants’ teeth showed no movement, and many showed positive settling of the back teeth including the molars. Some did require additional orthodontic treatment at the end of the four weeks.

Dr. Valiathan says that without retainers specific prior conditions may return but that definitive research does not exist as to what conditions require ongoing retainer use. More evidence — and therefore more research — is needed.

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Have you been wearing your retainer? It’s a question countless parents ask of their children post-braces. Now, Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine researchers are getting serious about the question.

“We found little written about the kinds of retainers prescribed and how compliant patients are in using them,” says Manish Valiathan, B.D.S., D.D.S., M.S.D. ’97, an assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics. He notes that this dearth of information persists despite the devices being common in orthodontic practice.

Consequently, Dr. Valiathan and fellow researchers embarked on three studies that examined how people are using their retainers, which types are prescribed, and what happens when patients don’t follow up orthodontic work with a retainer.

In a survey of 658 orthodontists throughout the country regarding the kinds of retainers prescribed, the majority (58.2 percent) prescribed removable retainers; about 40 percent opted for fixed lingual retainers.

Post-braces, the majority of orthodontists said they required wearing removable retainers full-time for the first nine months and then part-time after that. They also encouraged part-time retainer use throughout life.

Another survey, of 432 patients from four practices, focused on self-reported patient compliance two years after prescribing retainers. The researchers’ questions included type of retainer used, age, gender, length of time since braces were removed, and hours per day and night the retainer is worn.

The overall responses showed that 60 percent wore retainers more than 10 hours a day in the first three months and 69 percent wore them every night. By the time retainer users reached 19 to 24 months, 19 percent were not wearing retainers but 81 percent were — even if it was only one night a week. About four percent never wore their retainer at all.

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By Susan Griffith
Stephen Wotman, D.D.S., served as a leader and an inspirational mentor for more than 20 years at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine. Now, his legacy will live on through his generosity.

BY RON RAJECKI

A Gift That Transcends Dentistry

Stephen Wotman, D.D.S., endows a named professorship to ensure that his dedication to public health will live on.
The Wotman Professorship for Public Health has been established through a $1.5 million commitment made by Dr. Wotman and his wife, Sara, just days before Dr. Wotman passed away last October. It is the second endowed chair in the School of Dental Medicine’s 118-year history, following last year’s establishment of the Dr. and Mrs. R. William Cornell Jr. Endowed Professorship of Pediatric Dentistry.

“Stephen’s vision, energy, and commitment are largely responsible for the strong public health orientation that is emblematic of our school today,” said Jerold S. Goldberg, dean of the School of Dental Medicine. “He worked hard to ensure the quality of the faculty and students, and he played an important role in planning and implementing the R.E.A.L. curriculum. He was an important mentor and friend to many and will be missed, both professionally and personally.”

A native of New York City, Dr. Wotman came to the CWRU School of Dental Medicine in 1987 from Columbia University. Dr. Wotman served as dean of the dental school for two years before moving into the dual roles of professor of community dentistry and behavioral science at the dental school and professor in epidemiology, biostatics and international health at the CWRU Medical School.

During his time as dean of the dental school, he helped create the university’s master’s degree in public health (MPH) and used a $2.5 million federal grant to form the Community Research Oral Wellness Network (CROWN), which studied techniques for disease prevention in dental practices. A dedicated researcher throughout his career, Dr. Wotman published more than 50 papers on topics ranging from salivary chemistry to dental education to public health policy. He taught full-time at the school until the summer of 2010.

At a private celebration of his generosity held October 12, 2010, Dr. Goldberg told Dr. Wotman that he had touched many lives during his time at the school — perhaps more so than he even realized. “The gift of this professorship is actually in addition to the gift of work and the legacy you have already established at the school over 24 years,” Dr. Goldberg said. “We have benefitted from your extraordinary intellect, knowledge, experience, and wisdom for a long time.”

Dr. Wotman started the first National Institutes of Health-funded practice network in the country, and put together the “Save the Dental School Committee” in 1996 that played a large role not only in the school’s continued existence, but also its ongoing excellence. He worked consistently to ensure the quality of the faculty, and always pushed for the school to be an institution strongly oriented to public health.

“In spite of early resistance, today we are happy and proud of our demonstrated commitment to serve the public,” Dr. Goldberg said. “Steve and I occasionally disagreed, but we were in total agreement that our students must understand that the privilege we have to provide health care to people creates a responsibility to care for these people regardless of who they are. Also, that treating one person at a time is important, but that policies and approaches that benefit the health of populations allow for a difference level of impact and good. Steve has created an organization dedicated to these ideas.”

As the interest from Dr. Wotman’s gift will support a faculty member, “it truly is a gift that gives forever,” Dr. Goldberg said, “and in this case it will ensure that the ideas and principles that Steve held so dear will also be supported forever.”

The gift will allow the school to recruit and maintain the most outstanding faculty, allow a faculty member to pursue his or her career dreams, and ensure that public health initiatives and research will continue at the highest level.

Jim Lalumandier, D.D.S., M.P.H., chair of the Department of Community Dentistry, oversees the school’s Healthy Smiles Sealant Program. This program provides free examinations and preventive care to thousands of Cleveland Metropolitan School District students every year, and is a good example of the type of public health initiative that Dr. Wotman championed.

“It’s wonderful that an individual — especially someone who taught his entire career — could give a gift of this magnitude to the school,” Dr. Lalumandier said.

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Dr. Lalumandier called Dr. Wotman a true pioneer in dental public health. “His vision was before most, and I was fortunate that he paved the road before I started at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine,” he said. “It made my life a lot easier and it has given the dental students a public health perspective that they wouldn’t have had otherwise.”

Catherine A. Demko, Ph.D., assistant professor of community dentistry, said Dr. Wotman was influential in promoting the idea of dental research in real-world settings through his Direct Observation of Dental Practice Study and the creation of the practice–based research network. He was a strong advocate for prevention, and felt the profession could be more prevention-oriented for oral health and even some general health topics.

Dr. Wotman was also an outstanding teacher, Demko said. “He was the course developer and director of the Health, Science and Society curriculum module, which I shared with him,” she said. “He conveyed to the students, on the first day of class, the responsibility they have to society as health care professionals. That responsibility included, but also transcended, individual patient care. It included their involvement in the profession to maintain high ethical standards, their obligation to advocate for oral health for all segments of society, and their ‘giving-back’ by providing free care in their offices or through volunteering at clinics or health care events. This message aligned perfectly with his public health perspective.”

“Dr. Wotman’s gift is spectacular, and appreciated more than words can express,” Dr. Goldberg concluded. “The ripples will go beyond the walls of this university. It is a gift that will make a difference in the lives of individuals, the school, the profession, and society.”

Stephen Wotman made a positive difference in the dental school, the field of dentistry, the lives of countless individuals, and the public at large. Thanks to the legacy of his gift, that will remain the case even in his absence.
Dear Wotman Professor of Public Health,

Congratulations on being appointed the Wotman Professor of Public Health in the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. As I was thinking about ideas for this professorship, I tried to distill my thoughts along four general lines. I know that what I write today may have little relevance in future years when this professorship is fully funded, but I feel that the underlying principles might be useful to you.

First, I have for many years had the conviction that dental behavior to improve oral health and prevent disease should be what we as dentists do does any good. Clinical outcomes, new patients, treatment plans for vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, chronically ill individuals, handicapped children, and the near poor. Other examples are evaluation of specific oral health problems of a community, development and application of adequate managerial skills, and externships with various agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control. Every student should have these experiences and establish competency in these skills.

Second, I hope that you as the public health professor will take the lead in research into some of the basic questions of the day. Today, for me, that question is how do we know that what we as dentists do does any good. Clinical outcomes, new methods of measurement, and interventions to improve oral health of groups, populations and communities are fair game for this research. Changing practitioner practice and patient behavior to improve oral health and prevent disease should be a priority. Research in these areas should be aimed at improving both the general oral health and the oral health of specific vulnerable populations.

Third, I hope that with the help of your colleagues, you will be able to imagine, construct, and implement pilot projects that might ultimately serve as models for the state, the country, and internationally.

Fourth, the mission of dentistry is to protect and improve the oral health of individuals and the society. While the profession is extremely successful in dealing with individuals, it has yet to come to grips with how to deal with oral health problems of the society. This is a primary ethical responsibility of the profession.

There is now substantial professional expertise at CWRU in the realm of social responsibility. Examples are the dental school’s course in health, science, and society, the Center for Biomedical Ethics in the medical school, the Law Medicine Center in the law school, and the professor for biomedical ethics in the nursing school. Working with and helping these groups to work together could be a primary function of this professorship. I hope that over the years professors of public health will be established in the medical, nursing, and social work schools. The Wotman Professor can serve as a convener of these individuals to help the university formulate a comprehensive policy in public health.

Social justice is the professional ethic that is often glossed over in our teaching, and it should be of primary interest to any professor of public health. Over the years, the United States has struggled towards universal availability of health care. Dentistry has mostly been left out, except for federal Medicaid for children and community health clinics. At the present time, only six states cover adult dental Medicaid. We in the dental profession have been waiting over 50 years for the federal government to assist us in caring for the adult underserved. Perhaps it is time for the profession itself, in the name of its ethical responsibility, to undertake a comprehensive program to serve underserved populations with continuity.

Dental practitioners today, by dint of their own efforts and the excellent techniques and materials available to them, have been able to attain a level of income and respect comparable to their medical colleagues. As a result, most of the 150,000 dentists in the U.S. today practice four days a week. Since the majority of the working population in the U.S. works five days a week, one can assume there is a 20% unused capacity in dental treatment and skills. The profession has both the capacity and the wherewithal to organize a scheme that will draw on the talents of many dentists in each community to provide services where they aren’t available. The profession then would assume leadership and responsibility for the oral health of the entire nation.

Even if there are no longer vulnerable populations without oral health care when you become the Wotman Professor, this is an example of how a public health professor in the School of Dental Medicine might assume leadership in the formulation of public policy.

Cordially,
Stephen Wotman, D.D.S.
We are exploring the addition of a general practice residency to the school’s graduate education offerings. A general practice residency makes sense because of our close association with University Hospitals Case Medical Center. It presents an opportunity to create a unique training program that would support our hospital services and also allow new opportunities for graduate education in the school. We expect it to complement our advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD) program, which we also are considering expanding.

We’re at the exploratory stage right now in determining how such a program would fit into our mix of existing graduate education programs.

I’ve initiated discussions with Lisa Lang, D.D.S., M.S.D., chair of the Department of Comprehensive Care, and much work must be done before such a program could become a reality. We would need to determine whether elements of a general practice residency would work together with the AEGD program, or whether it would exist better as a totally separate program.

As Dr. Lang points out, a general practice residency is a different type of program than anything that’s being done in AEGD. The residency is a hospital-based program rooted in medicine, whereas the AEGD program is designed more along the lines of a business model that helps students transition from dental school mode to private practice mode.

The purposes of these two programs clearly are different, so we have to examine how they would coexist and affect each other.

As I mentioned, we’re very early on in discussions right now, which is an exciting time for any new project. Dr. Lang is very good at bringing together groups of people with the goal of developing programs that have strong faculty support. She wisely prefers management to be from the bottom up rather than the top down.

Having said that, we’d like your input as to what a general practice residency would look like, how it would be structured, and what elements it would include. Feel free to e-mail me or Dr. Lang with your comments.

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ENDODONTICS

André K. Mickel, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’91, ’94, named as department chairman

Following a national search, André K. Mickel D.D.S., M.S.D. ’91, ’94, has been named chairman of the Department of Endodontics as of January 1.

“This appointment is both very exciting and humbling. I look forward to leading this outstanding department into a new era of excellence by building upon the powerful foundation left to me by my predecessors,” Dr. Mickel says. “It’s important to me to acknowledge that I did not do this alone. I am particularly grateful to my friend, mentor, and colleague, Dr. Jefferson Jones, who paved the way for me.”

Dr. Mickel has also taken on important roles in two organizations that are dedicated to the advancement of the field of endodontics. He is now president and chairman of the board of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics. The mission of the College of Diplomates is to encourage educationally qualified endodontists to pursue diplomate status, and make available diplomates to mentor candidates throughout the certification process.

Dr. Mickel is also serving as president and chairman of the board of Health Legacy of Cleveland, a private, nonprofit foundation which has a mission to increase the pool of African-American physicians and dentists in the greater Cleveland area.

“The field of endodontics, our department, the university, and society as a whole are all moving forward in exciting new ways, and I am thankful to be able to play a role in shaping that future,” Dr. Mickel says. “I am also truly blessed to be associated with this department’s great faculty, staff, volunteers, students, and residents. When I look around me, I see a future that is bright indeed.”

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ORTHODONTICS

Broadbent Institute extends department’s reach to special needs children

The care provided by the Department of Orthodontics is reaching new patients — and new heights — with the dedication of the Broadbent Institute for Craniofacial Research this past November.

The institute is dedicated to clinical research and craniofacial care. The three-tier clinic at the institute will greatly expand the capability of the Department of Orthodontics to provide care of the most complex malocclusions and special needs children. It will be used by the school’s new craniofacial fellow and the craniofacial team at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital.

The children who come to the institute will be treated for severe craniofacial deformations, major craniofacial syndromes, and bilateral and unilateral cleft of the palate, which is the most common craniofacial deformity. The institute also will serve special needs children, such as those who have Down syndrome, autism, and spina bifida.

The CWRU School of Dental Medicine is the largest provider of craniofacial care in Northeast Ohio. In addition to the affiliation with Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital, the school also works with the craniofacial teams at MetroHealth Medical Center and the Cleveland Clinic. The Broadbent Institute for Craniofacial Research and the addition of the craniofacial fellowship will allow for the consolidation of craniofacial care activities and maximize the teaching benefits for students.

PEDiATRIC DENTISTRY

Department alum’s outreach program provides care in underserved areas of New Mexico

Spencer Tasker, D.M.D ’04,’06, is providing care to underserved children in New Mexico via a state-of-the-art, 54-foot, six-chair mobile clinic. Since 2007, Dr. Tasker’s team of seven dentists — a team that includes friend and fellow CWRU School of Dental Medicine alum Ganon Rowan, D.D.S ’04 — has provided more than 12,000 patient visits at 41 elementary and middle schools around the state.

In addition to preventive and diagnostic services, the team has performed more than 4,100 operative procedures, such as crowns, extractions, and fillings, since 2007.

Dr. Tasker says he began the “Smiles for New Mexico Kids” program when he saw the need to provide care in remote regions of New Mexico. He was inspired by the success achieved by Pediatric Dentistry Department Chairman Gerald Ferretti, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H., with a mobile care unit at the University of Kentucky, and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile at CWRU.

“New Mexico ranks 49th out of the 50 states in the dentist-to-population ratio, and also has the oldest average age of dentist in the U.S.,” Dr. Tasker said. “Many areas of the state don’t have pediatric dentists — or any dentist, period.”

Dr. Tasker and his team provide care at no out-of-pocket expense for children who have Medicaid or private dental insurance. Patients without insurance are charged the Medicaid rate.

The program’s preventive services and education are working: Dr. Tasker says the average number of caries per child has dropped from 1.81 per child in 2007, to 1.38 this year.

“It’s very rewarding,” says Dr. Tasker. “You go to a place like Clayton, New Mexico, where there isn’t a dentist to serve the general public within 90 miles of town, and they’re very excited for you to come and provide that service and that experience to the kids. It’s very fulfilling. When we started the program here, I never anticipated this kind of response, and the influence we have has exceeded my expectations.”

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Dodgeball Giant, Global Defender, General Dentist

BY RON RAJECKI

Ramiro Lambaria’s goal of building long-term relationships in a general dentistry practice honors the spirit of the Ralph Creig, founder of the Ralph E. Creig Scholarship Fund.

It turned out that day with the dentist made quite a lasting impression.

“I thought it was great to get to work in a science field and yet be with people all the time. There are many careers in the science fields where you don’t get to interact with people. I liked the idea that I could help people and make a difference in their lives,” Lambaria says. “I also liked that there are variations in the things dentists see every day. Each patient is different and there are daily challenges to keep it interesting.”

After graduating from Grand Valley State with a degree in biology, Lambaria looked to pursue his dream of a career in dentistry. He was able to select the CWRU School of Dental Medicine in part because of assistance from the Ralph E. Creig Scholarship Fund.

Ralph Creig, D.D.S. ’18, practiced general dentistry in Cleveland from 1929 to 1971. A past president of both the Greater Cleveland Dental Society and the Ohio Dental Association, he was chairman of the Greater Cleveland Dental Society’s fluoridation committee and led the drive to have the city’s drinking water fluoridated. He also left the legacy at his alma mater of the Ralph E. Creig Scholarship Fund.

Ramiro Lambaria is a recipient of the Ralph E. Creig Scholarship Fund, one of the crucial sources of support to the school. Gifts like these and bequests allow us to continue to attract the best and brightest students and educate them for future careers in dentistry. If you’d like to do your part to support future professionals, please contact the development office at (216) 368-3480 or toll free at (877) 468-1436.

A question that has long gone unanswered in the field of dentistry is about to be addressed at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine.

The question: can a national dodgeball champion become an outstanding dentist?

The answer will be found by following the career of Ramiro “Romy” Lambaria. The first-year student from Davison, MI played on — and even captained — the Grand Valley State Lakers as they ran roughshod over the rest of the National Collegiate Dodgeball Association from 2007 to 2010, winning four championships.

Lambaria and Grand Valley State beat some tough competition, including Ohio State and Bowling Green, to claim their championships of the 17-team league.

The skills Lambaria learned from dodgeball, such as leadership and the ability to think fast on his feet, may serve him well in dentistry — a field he knew he wanted to enter since the 11th grade.

“I was always good in the sciences, but, ironically, it was a high school English class that really sparked my interest in dentistry,” Lambaria says.

An assignment for that fateful honors English class called for Lambaria to “job shadow” someone for a day, and then tell that person’s story. He chose to shadow his dentist, simply because “he was a really cool guy.”
To this day, dentists who studied under Robert P. Dressel, D.D.S., at the Western Reserve School of Dentistry still approach Edith Miller to share their thoughts about her father.

“My father was a taskmaster, and students from his era still come up to me and say, ‘Oh, your dad was so tough, but boy did I ever learn dentistry from him,’” Miller says.

That is the spirit behind the newly created Robert P. Dressel Memorial Scholarship Fund: it is designed for students with financial challenges and specific qualities that exemplify the spirit of Dr. Dressel. In other words, the faint of heart need not apply.

Robert Dressel grew up in a small town about 50 miles outside of Minneapolis. He graduated from the University of Minnesota’s School of Dentistry in 1923 and accepted a faculty appointment at the Western Reserve School of Dentistry later that year.

Dr. Dressel taught at the school for more than 45 years, serving much of that time as professor and director of restorative dentistry, and faculty secretary. He received the school’s Outstanding Faculty Member Award in 1968. He lectured at many universities both in the United States and abroad, and authored numerous articles and papers for professional journals. He also worked with Julius Aderer Inc., in New York City, to create his own alloy called “Dressel Gold.”

He was a very active member of the Cleveland Dental Society, the Ohio Dental Association, the American Dental Association (in which he held numerous leadership positions), the American Academy of Crown and Bridge Prostodontics, and Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity.

“My father loved his work, and he was a consummate professional and a role model for ethical conduct,” Miller says.

When he passed away in 1969, the dental school had just moved from the old building on Adelbert Road to the current building, and a materials and research room in the new building was named in his honor.

In 1978, Edith and Ted Miller established a charitable annuity trust in the memory of her late father, to be used to establish a fund to provide support for the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. Ted Miller passed away in 2005, and Edith became the sole remaining income beneficiary.

In August of 2010 Edith released all of her rights and interest in the charitable remainder annuity trust in favor of the university. This decision was brought about by a call from a lawyer at the university informing her that the value of the original stock donated had quietly grown dramatically. This information inspired Edith to establish a scholarship in memory of her father.

Miller wished to be involved in process to determine who will receive the scholarship that bears her father’s name. The application process requires students with financial challenges to write a one-page essay identifying their career intentions and explaining why, after reading Dr. Dressel’s biographical sketch, they would be an appropriate recipient of the scholarship. Miller will review the essays and select the recipient with input from the school’s director of admissions.

The recipient will meet with Miller early in his or her first year of school, at graduation, and at appropriate times in between.

“My father worked very hard to put himself through dental school,” Miller says. “He earned some scholarships but still had to work in a restaurant and live in one room while going to dental school.” So, in talking with Dr. Jerold Goldberg, D.D.S., dean of the School of Dental Medicine, Miller stipulated two standards that must be upheld in the selection process: the students must need the financial help, and the students must have the highest ethics and moral standards. In fact, they must agree to be evaluated along the way to make sure they’re adhering to those principles. “That was very important to my father, and I knew that’s what he would like,” Miller says.

Dr. Dressel may have been a tough and demanding taskmaster to his students, but Miller remembers him as a warm and loving father. She used to accompany him when he would go to the school on weekends to catch up on work, and has many happy memories of roller-skating in the “fabulous” hallways of the old dental school with her sister.

Her father also was an avid butterfly collector, and Miller thinks he may have sent her a message via a Monarch butterfly — which were his favorites — on the day she approved the creation of this new scholarship.

Miller was driving home from the dental school that spring day, when a group of Monarch butterflies flew toward her car. One of the butterflies got caught in the seam between her hood and fender, and its wings fluttered in front of her all the way home.

“When I got home, I opened the hood and looked at how tight that space was, and thought of the odds of a butterfly becoming caught in there, and I knew, ‘This has to be Dad saying thank-you for what I had just done in his name,’” Miller says.
A bequest to Case Western Reserve University makes a lasting statement.

To start a confidential conversation about making provisions in your estate plan for the university, your school, or a special initiative or program, contact 855.368.GIFT (4438) or giftplan@cwru.edu.

cwru.edu/bequest
IRA Rollovers
A CREATIVE WAY TO LOWER YOUR TAXES AND SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY

Did you know that individuals 70½ or older can transfer as much as $100,000 a year directly from an IRA to Case Western Reserve University and enjoy numerous tax advantages? Whether you qualify for a rollover yourself or are sharing this news with a friend or loved one, here is what you need to know:

- The $100,000 figure is a per year number and is not cumulative; whatever you didn’t make use of in 2010 does not carry over to 2011.
- Charitable IRA rollovers reduce your taxable income.
- Charitable rollovers are, however, credited against your required minimum distribution from the IRA in the year in which made.

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To learn more about making a gift through an IRA rollover, please contact the Office of Planned Giving at 1.877.477.1143 or giftplan@cwru.edu

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1946

Herbert Adelstein lives in Pepper Pike, OH, with his wife of more than 50 years, Shirlee, and has volunteered in the heart department at the Cleveland Clinic for 20 years.

Samuel Barone lives in Snyder, NY.

1951

Harold Copperman and his wife, Denise, live in Lorain, OH.

Harry Glatz and his wife, Gloria, live in Jamestown, NY. He keeps busy as a member of the board of directors of the Resource Center, which provides services for area residents who have disabilities; as a member of his church choir; and with the YMCA.

J. Norman Johnson and his wife, Kathryn, live in Jamestown, NY, where woodworking is a serious hobby for him in retirement.

Howard Koch and his wife, Patricia, live in Lima, OH. In 2008, he received a Prime Time Award as the outstanding older worker in Ohio by the Experience Works organization.

Donald Pirl lives in Fresno, CA, where he enjoys watercolor painting, tennis — even after two knee and hip replacements — and serving as an elder at his church.

Daniel Price is retired and living with his wife, Clara, in Vernal, UT. He has been active in city, county and state government and his church. They have four children, 19 grandchildren, and 33 great-grandchildren.

1955

Burt Saidel turned 80 Feb. 21. He went skiing for a week and then went to Albuquerque, NM, for the USA Masters Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

“There, the elusive grail of a national title became mine,” he says of winning the men’s over-80 division 60-meter race. “While I ran as a member of the Dayton Masters [Track Club], I also ran, in my heart, as a CWRU and Haverford alumnus.”

The organization interviewed him at the meet; to see the interview, visit www.youtube.com and search for it using his name. “It proves that an old dog can learn a new trick!” Burt says.

1956

Alan Breitbart and his wife, Eleanor, live in Tucson, AZ, where he moved after retiring from teaching and practicing. He volunteers in the community thrift store.

Gaylord James is retired and living in Glenville, NY.

James Leslie and his wife, Susan, live in Columbus, OH, where he is retired.

1957

Sanford Aaronson is retired from his orthodontic practice but continues to put his law degree to use by serving as an expert witness in orthodontic malpractice cases. In his free time, he paints, sketches, and works in stained glass. He lives in Los Angeles.

1961

Stanley Brown and his wife, Barbara, live in Longboat Key, FL, where he plays lots of tennis. He enjoys traveling to see family.

Manuel Freeman and his wife, Bella, live in Dayton, OH.

Thomas McCune lives in North Royalton, OH, where he still works part-time and is “trying to be a loyal Browns fan.”

Carl Montione and his wife, Barbara, live in Rochester, NY, where he still works as a volunteer one day a week at a health clinic, extracting teeth and making dentures and partials.

Cletus Oswald is retired and living with his wife, Patricia, in Parma, OH, and Florida.

John Taylor and his wife, Phyllis, live in Falmouth, MA, where one of his interests is his prototype scale model railroad.

Alfred Votypka lives in Woodbury, NY.
Howard Pressman and his wife, Marlene, live in Slingerlands, NY. He still works full-time as chief of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Albany. He enjoys cycling, cross-country skiing, tennis, walking, and exercising at the YMCA.

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Charles Wiedman and his wife, Dolores, live in a Del Webb retirement community in Frisco, TX. He is retired but active with golf, gardening, landscaping, and serving on committees. He won at the state level of the Senior Olympics for pole vault, high jump, triple jump, and hammer throw.

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1966

Dennis Agin lives in Columbus, OH.

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Neil Cantor and his wife, Dolores, live in Pepper Pike, OH. He works six days a month in dentistry and is involved with the city’s community emergency response team and the Hillcrest Dental Study Club. He also enjoys traveling.

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Yede Baker-Dennis and her husband, Emmet Dennis, live in South Plainfield, NJ. She works part-time in a health center and through mission projects also provides dental care to rural communities. In March, she expected to go to Liberia, where she ultimately would like to adopt a small village and make it self-sufficient.

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James Fanno and his wife, Maria, live in Canton, OH, where he also practices.

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James Frank and his wife, Jacqueline, live in Peru, IN, where he also practices.

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James McGraw and his wife, Janice, live in Bellevue, WA, where he also practices. He is a member of the UW dental school admissions board, is on the board of directors of the Woodland Park Zoo, and is a wildlife nature photographer. You can check out his photography at www.McGrawMedia.com.

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Robert Tarkany and his wife, Penny, live in Bay Village, OH. He has been retired for five years, so they spend their time “traveling, spoiling grandchildren, golfing, snowshoeing, and enjoying classmates and friends.”

1971

Edward Durica Jr. and his wife, Karen, live in Littleton, CO, where he is retired. They recently enjoyed a trip to Europe.

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William Evanko and his wife, Valarie, live in Florida and Ohio. He is retired from oral and maxillofacial surgery practice.  
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Robert Markowitz and his wife, Pearl Prizant, live in Fairfield, CT. He is still working in nearby Bridgeport.  
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Donald Sutherlin is retired in Simi Valley, CA.

1976

Stephen Bloom and his wife, Sharyl, live in Beachwood, OH, and he practices in nearby Highland Heights.

Elliot Check and his wife, Karen Rubinow, who is a chiropractor, live in West Hartford, CT.  
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Thaddeus Mandato and his wife, Barbara, live in Olmsted Falls, OH. He practices in nearby Fairview Park.  
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Louis Smith and his wife, Susan, live in Amherst, OH.

Mark Webman and his wife, Bonnie, live in Miami, where he practices pediatric dentistry, serves as the chief of dentistry, and teaches part-time in the pediatric dental residency program at Miami Children’s Hospital. They recently spent a month in China and Tibet.

1980

Wendy Synenberg retired in September and is enjoying a slower pace.

1981

Richard Cavolo and his wife, Bernadette, live in Chardon, OH, and he has practiced in the same location in Highland Heights for 30 years. He enjoys traveling and collecting and driving classic cars.  
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Joseph Finelli and his wife, Colleen, live in Syracuse, NY, and he practices in Camillus.  
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Maj. James Fisher lives in Highland Falls, NY, where he enjoys skiing, hiking, scuba-diving, traveling, and spending time with family.

1984

John Kling, who is in practice in Alexandria, VA, was recently named as one of Washington’s Top Dentists and has been recently published in the Washingtonian & Men’s Journal. He holds a Mastership of the Academy of General Dentistry (less than 1 percent of all dentists have earned). He has been published regarding raising a child with autism. He enjoys golf and dogs as well.  
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2010

Kari Cunningham met the current president of the American Dental Association, Raymond Gist, D.D.S., at the organization’s 2010 annual meeting in Orlando. Dr. Gist, the first African-American president of the ADA, was a special guest at the 2010 Student Ambassador Program of the Committee on Career Guidance and Diversity Activities. The ambassadors are dental students committed to increasing diversity and minority representation in dentistry and dental schools across the nation. Dr. Cunningham is a former ambassador in the program.  
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Andrew Bruner and Casandra Tessaro recently became engaged to be married. They met in dental school.

Andrew Bruner ‘10 and Casandra Tessaro ‘10.

Tab Bingham and his wife, Pamela, live in Draper, UT, and he practices in Magna.

Robert Buda lives in Lake Tapps, WA, and he is in private practice in Tukwila.

Denise Heyman and her husband, Thomas Hales, MD, live in Cincinnati.

Steven Hoagland and his wife, Rebecca, live in New Albany, OH, and he practices in Powell.


Robert Sipko and his wife, Nancy, live in Painesville, OH.

Brian Smith and his wife, Cristina, live in Avon Lake, OH, and he practices in Lakewood.

Jennifer Zoll and her husband, Thomas Kucera, live in Sylvania, OH, and she is in the private practice of pediatric dentistry in Toledo.

Robert Caruso and his wife, Gina, live in Doylestown, PA, and he practices in New Britain.

André K. Mickel has been named chairman of the Department of Endodontics at the Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine.

Stephen Girdlestone and his wife, Abigail, live in Canton, OH, where he also practices.

John Hood lives and practices in Pensacola, FL.

Quynh Lan Nguyen married Dang Tri Huu Nguyen on April 2 in Houston.

Steven Huffaker and his wife, Bonnie, live in Lake George, NY, where he is a “busy father.” He practices endodontics in Glens Falls.

Richard Kun lives in Bay Village, OH, and practices in Strongsville.

Jonathan Ross lives and practices in Bluffton, SC.

Gretchen Bush lives in Rochester, NY, where she also practices — in an office that’s about a year old. She and her husband, Matthew Palmer, are expecting their first child in June.

Irene Lin lives in Ontario, OH, and practices in Mansfield.

Megan DeSimone and her husband, Joseph, are the parents of son Kellen, who was born July 25.
dentists today are faced with many challenging situations. the economy is not as robust as we would like it to be; outside organizations are trying to create inappropriate and unfair competition to conventional dentistry with the Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT); and the normal challenges of providing consistently excellent care to our patients are always present.

so what do we do about all of that? alone, not one of us has all the answers. but by becoming involved in the Alumni Association you will get some of the answers, and realize that we are all working towards finding out the answers and dealing with the challenges that face us.

To that end there are two events that should be of great interest to you.

the weekend of may 13th -15th, will be the reunion weekend. reunions for classes ending with 1 and 6, dinners, tours of the school, continuing education, cooking demonstrations, the distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award Gala dinner, the class of 2011 graduation and much more will occur on this weekend. please plan on attending.

this year Thomas E. Van Dyke ’73 is our distinguished Alumnus of the year. he has greatly contributed to our school and to dentistry, so plan on attending the dinner to honor his contributions.

For more information on reunion weekend, see page 22, call (216) 368-3480 or (877) 468-1436, or visit http://dental.case.edu/alumni/events to see the registration brochure and events list.

the other great event takes place September 9th -11th. It’s called “Dental Alumni on the Lake,” and it should be a great weekend for alumni and their families. In this first-ever event, the CWRU School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association is taking over Geneva-on-the-Lake.

We will be starting off with a barbecue on Friday evening. Saturday morning we will have a continuing education program, a program for children, scarf painting, and other activities. Saturday afternoon is open but we encourage visiting the many wineries in the area or boating or hiking and much more. We will have all the information regarding this for you. Saturday evening will have an outstanding dinner with wine pairings for adults and programs for the children. Sunday morning we will have a brunch with Dean Jerry Goldberg. Geneva-on-the-Lake is a great tourist area. There are many activities in Geneva for the whole family, so come out and have some fun. We hope to see you there.

For more information on Dental Alumni on the Lake, see page 24, please call (216) 368-3480 or (877) 468-1436, or visit http://dental.case.edu/alumni/events.

we always love to hear from our alumni. send me an email at the address below and tell me what’s happening in your practice, the challenges you’re encountering, and how you’re dealing with them. remember, we’re stronger together than we are alone.

Stu Katz, D.D.S ’69
email: sbk@stuartkatzdds.com
IN MEMORIAM

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF THESE SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS AND EXTEND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THEIR LOVED ONES.

George Andrews, DEN ’57, of Newark, OH, and Naples, FL, died Dec. 14, 2009. He was 76.

Michael H. Baxt, D.D.S., M.S. ’48, died at home on March 30, 2011, after living with heart disease for a number of years. He volunteered his time at the Variety Health Center and the NW Oklahoma City Rotary Club. He felt his life was very productive and happy, and he took great pride in his profession, which he practiced for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Pauli, his two daughters, one son, three stepsons and he was “Papa Mike” to his six adored granddaughters.

Nigel Black, DEN ’97, of London, Ontario, died March 13, in Sarasota, FL. Dr. Black was born in Ireland but moved to Canada as a child. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; three children; his father; three sisters and their husbands; two brothers-in-law; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and mother-in-law.

Robert S. Bodenstein, D.D.S. ’57, passed away on December 16, 2010 at the age of 84. He was a World War II Navy Veteran, 33° Mason, past potentate of Al Koran Shrine, Emeritus of Cincinnati Shriners Burns Hospital Board of Governors and Emeritus of 32° Masonic Learning Center. He is survived by his wife, Paula, one daughter and two grandchildren.

Warren Brocklehurst, DEN ’55, of Minvera, OH, died Oct. 9, 2010, at Affinity Medical Center in Massillon. He was 81.

James Carlson, DEN ’64, died Nov. 9, 2010, in Meadville, PA. He was 71. He is survived by two sons, two grandchildren, and other relatives.

Stephen Wotman, D.D.S., professor of community dentistry and behavioral science and former dean of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, passed away October 16. He was 79. Dr. Wotman established the Wotman Professorship for Public Health, the second endowed chair in the School of Dental Medicine’s 118-year history. Dr. Wotman’s vision, energy, and commitment are largely responsible for the strong public health orientation that is emblematic of the school today, and he played an important role in planning and implementing the R.E.A.L. curriculum. He was an important mentor and friend to many. Dr. Wotman is survived by his wife, Sara; son, Joshua; and two grandchildren. Another son, Russell, preceded him in death. Please see the cover story in this issue for more information about Dr. Wotman.

Robert L. Chivers, D.D.S. ’62, passed away March 1, 2011 in Boise, Idaho. He established his dental practice in Boise where he was one of the first dentists to treat AIDS patients. He was active in Boise Little Theater where he was named “Best Supporting Actor” twice. He had a love for music, the Spanish language, antiques, traveling, and restoring old houses. He is survived by his five children, 22 grandchildren, and one sister.

Eugene Dybowski, DEN ’45, of San Bernardino, CA, died Sept. 15, 2010. He was 89. He was a fellow of the American College of Dentists, joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1945, and continued in service from the inception of the U.S. Air Force (USAF). He was the dentist on the flight line during the Berlin airlift, a member of the Retired Officers Association, and worked 15 years in the Surgeon General’s Office of the USAF. He was the command dental surgeon at Norton Air Force Base and retired as a colonel in 1975. Survivors include his wife, Florence, a son, three daughters, nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret.
Charles Edwards, DEN ’61, died April 21, 2009, in North Salt Lake, UT. He was 86. He was a veteran of World War II and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service. He had practiced dentistry in his native state of Utah, first in Layton and then in North Salt Lake. He was survived by his wife, Merle, three sons and a daughter. A son had preceded him in death.

Roland C. Hardy, D.D.S. ’62, passed away on February 24, 2011 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He practiced dentistry in Pinole, CA for 35 years.


Milton Jacobson, DEN ’65, of Vero Beach, FL, died Jan. 18, 2011. He was 75. He had practiced in Pompano Beach for more than 40 years. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Alice, a daughter, a stepson, a brother, two sisters, and other relatives.

John Janas, DEN ’56, died Nov. 6, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Christine, two children, and other relatives.

Lincoln Lawrence, DEN ’81, died Sept. 12, 2010. He was 58. A native of Roxbury, MA, he practiced periodontics in the Cleveland area. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Elssy, four children, three brothers, and five grandchildren.

Dwight Loomis, DEN ’59, of Granger Township, OH, died Oct. 14, 2010. He was 76. A member of the Cleveland and American Dental Societies and a founding member of the Southwest Dental Study Club, he practiced dentistry in Parma for 25 years, retiring in 1985. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia, two sons, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

Philip Lubitz, DEN ’48, died Oct. 21, 2010. He was 88. He is survived by his wife, Gladys; two daughters, four grandchildren, and other relatives.

Anthony B. Muni, ’41, of Ocala, FL, passed away at age 97 on February 8. He is survived by sisters Josephine Colonna and Mildred Manno; daughters Diane Muni, Jan Muni, and Charlotte Zelina, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Nina A. Nielsen, DEN ’80, of Newport Beach, CA, died Jan. 15, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Tom Smith, and a daughter.

Robert P. Obenauer Sr., ’43, passed away March 22 at age 90. Obenauer, a longtime Brecksville resident, provided dental services to patients in Cleveland’s Old Brooklyn area, Parma, and adjacent communities through his private practice for more than 50 years. He also trained student dentists at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine for nearly 30 years. Survivors include his wife, Diane Terry, five children, 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Two sons preceded him in death.

Richard Polachek, DEN ’50, of Los Angeles, died Feb. 14, 2011. Born in Albany, NY, he grew up in Cleveland and was a veteran of World War II. He spent 60 years teaching and practicing oral surgery, first in Cleveland and then in the Los Angeles area. He was president of the Los Angeles Dental Society; a fellow of the Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, the International College of Dentistry, and the American College of Dentistry; a member and former president of the Alpha Omega dental fraternity; and a clinical professor of oral surgery at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Southern California dental schools. He also served on the Hospital Hope Ship in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), where he treated many local patients in need of oral surgery. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lucille, three sons, four grandchildren, and other relatives.

Eugene Saare, DEN ’45, died Sept. 3, 2010, in San Diego. He was 88. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he also served in the Naval Reserves for 20 years, retiring as a commander. He had practiced dentistry for 40 years in Ohio and California. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marilyn, a son, a daughter, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

Raymond Sasaki, DEN ’61, of Monterey Park, CA, died Aug. 6, 2010. He was 81.

Syna Soraya, DEN ’87, died June 17, 2009. He was 49.
**In Memoriam continued**

**James Steiner, DEN ’56**, died Dec. 7, 2010, in Edmonds, WA. He was 80. He had been on faculty at the University of Washington (UW) for more than 20 years; among the positions in which he served were endodontics department graduate program director, assistant professor, acting chairman of endodontics, acting dean, associate dean of student services, and holder of the Washington Dental Service Endowed Chair in Dentistry. He retired in 2008. In 2009, the UW Dental Alumni Association honored him as Distinguished Alumnus; he had earned his certificate in endodontics there in 1966. His career also included time at Louisiana State University and the University of California, Los Angeles, where he headed the endodontics department. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, four children, and two grandchildren.

**Edward Tomko, DEN ’55**, of Grafton, OH, died Sept. 23, 2010. He was 83. A member of the American Dental Association, he practiced dentistry in Grafton for 30 years. He also served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Pat, five children, and five grandchildren.

**Daniel Yee, DEN ’54**, died Jan. 6, 2011. He was 86. A veteran of World War II, during which he served in the U.S. Army, he had practiced dentistry in Cleveland until retiring in 2008. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Peggy, a daughter, two sons, five grandchildren, and other relatives.

**Bernard Zulewski, DEN ’52**, died Jan. 16, 2008. He was 82.
Reunion Weekend 2011
Friday, May 13 – Sunday, May 15

Remember your years in dental school? You can reconnect with your classmates, the faculty and staff at the School of Dental Medicine May 13-15, 2011.

Events occurring at the dental school and at the InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center, 9801 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Welcome Back Cocktail Reception and Class Photos

7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Reunion Class Dinners

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Return to the Classroom (Two classes to choose from)
InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center

Craig McDonough, D.D.S.
Memorial Continuing Education Course
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Thomas E. Van Dyke, D.D.S., Ph.D. ’73, is currently the Vice President for Clinical and Translational Research, Head, Department of Periodontology and Senior Member of the Staff at the Forsyth Institute in Boston, MA.

His free continuing education course will offer two hours of continuing education credit. The course will discuss Periodontal Disease and the Diabetic Patient.

Financial Seminar
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Brandon Collier (LAW ’97) is a practicing attorney and President of Collier, Sarner & Associates, Inc., a forty-year-old firm specializing in representing dentists with practice transitions and providing objective unbiased advice regarding the business aspects of their practices, law, taxes, insurance, investing and how to live a good life. No continuing education credit offered.

Cooking Demonstration and Lunch
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center
Join us at the Table 45 Chef Table in the kitchen with a full view of all the action as the Wyndham culinary team prepares a three-course. Space is very limited. $40 per person.

Walking Tour of the Dental School
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Dean’s Barbecue Lunch
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
$15 per person.

Cocktail Reception and Gala Awards Dinner
6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Gala Awards Dinner
InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center
A short program will recognize the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Tom Van Dyke ’73, all of our reunion volunteers, and members of the School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association Board of Directors.
$85 per person.

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH
2:00 p.m.
School of Dental Medicine Commencement
Church of the Covenant
11205 Euclid Avenue

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To assist us in planning, please indicate the number attending even if an event is free.

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Total Amount Enclosed = $__________ **

- Check here if you will need transportation from the InterContinental to campus for the Dean’s Barbecue Lunch or School Tour on Saturday.

Let us know how we may help with special needs or dietary restrictions ______________________________________________

- _____ I would like to contribute to the Reunion Giving Challenge in honor of my class $__________ 11D12
  Please include amount in a separate check.

- _____ I would like to contribute to the Reunion Giving Challenge in honor of my class by making a planned gift. Please contact me.

Please return this form with your payment to the address below. Make checks payable to CWRU School of Dental Medicine. You may also pay with one of the following credit cards:

- MasterCard  
- Visa  

Amount $__________

Account # __________________________________________ Exp. Date __________________________

Name on Card __________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________ Date __________________________

**Unfortunately we are unable to refund reservation fees after May 6th.**

Please return your registration form by May 6, 2011.

For registration assistance, please call the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at (216) 368-3480, toll free (877) 468-1436 or email to dentalalumni@case.edu.
CONTINUING EDUCATION WEEKEND HOSTED BY
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF CWRU SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

The Lodge & Conference Center
4888 North Broadway, Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH 44041
www.thelodgeatgeneva.com

Bring your family and travel with the Dental Alumni to the shores of Lake Erie to enjoy continuing education, family fun and Ohio’s Wine Country,

The Lodge is the perfect place for family fun with indoor pool, fitness center, and game room to keep the whole family engaged throughout your stay.

Local attractions to the Geneva area include over 20 local wineries

A 5-day Caribbean cruise will be raffled off

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lakeside Barbeque

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
CE Course

FEATURED SPEAKER – STEVEN RASNER, DMD, MAGD
Extraordinary Success Begins Today – The Relevance of Clinical Excellence

OTHER MORNING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
Exercise Class – no charge

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Silk Scarf painting – $55
Wine Glass painting – $20
Children’s activities – $15 (includes t-shirt and snack)

OPTIONAL DINNER AT GAREAT
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Wine tasting and wine pairing dinner – $80
Shuttle provided from lodge

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
7 a.m. – 8 a.m.
Exercise Class – no charge

9 a.m.
Brunch with Dean Jerold Golberg

Weekend price – $350 for dentists ($400 after August 1)
(includes 3.5 hours CE, Friday BBQ and Sunday brunch)
Saturday dinner (optional) – $80 per person
Non-dental guest price – $150
Youth 13-18 – $25
Child under 12 – Free

Make your room reservations by calling the Lodge toll free at (866) 806-8066 and ask for the CWRU School of Dental Medicine rate of $139 per night. Only a few rooms are left, call us or check our website for other area lodging.

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Sign me up!

Name ____________________________________________

Guest Name _______________________________________

Youth/Child name(s) _______________________________________

Home Phone __________________________ Email Address __________________________

Friday

Barbecue

CE

Silk painting

Wine glass painting

Grape Lakes children’s activities

Saturday

_____ adult _____ child

_____ adult

_____ adult ($55)

_____ adult ($20)

_____ child ($15 includes t-shirt and snack)

__________________________ ages

__________________________ t-shirt size

Option dinner at GaREAT

Wine pairing dinner

Shuttle from Lodge provided

_____ adult ($80)

_____ child ($10 under 12)

Sunday

Brunch with the Dean

_____ adult _____ youth _____ child

Let us know if you have any special dietary restrictions

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** Unfortunately we are unable to refund reservation fees after August 1st **

Please return your registration form by August 31st

Return to Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, Office of Development and Alumni Relations, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106-4905. You may also fax credit card reservations to (216) 368-3204.

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MAY

May 13-14, 2011
Reunion Weekend
Events occurring at the InterContinental Hotel and at the School of Dental Medicine
For more details, go to http://dental.case.edu/alumni/2011weekend

May 14, 2011
Gala Awards Dinner
Join us as we honor the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Thomas E. Van Dyke, D.D.S., Ph.D. ’73
InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center
9801 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, OH
6:30 p.m.

May 14, 2011
Reception at the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session
Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers
301 East North Water Street
Chicago, IL
6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

May 28, 2011
Reception at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Session
Marriott Marquis Hotel
1535 Broadway
New York, NY
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

JULY

July 24, 2011
Reception at the National Dental Association Annual Conference
Marriott Waterfront
700 Aliceanna Street
Baltimore, MD
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

AUGUST

August 11, 2011
Reception at the Academy of LDS Dentists Conference
Provo Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
101 West 100 North
Provo, UT
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

September 8, 2011
Dean’s Reception hosted by Kerry Damascus, MSD ’81
425 Taconic Road, Greenwich, CT
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

September 9-11, 2011
Dental Alumni on the Lake
The Lodge at Geneva
4888 North Broadway (State Route 534)
Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH
CE courses and family activities

September 15, 2011
Reception at the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Annual Session
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
1201 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

September 16, 2011
Reception at the Ohio Dental Association Annual Session
Hyatt Regency Columbus
350 North High Street
Columbus, OH
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

October 11, 2011
Reception at the American Dental Association Annual Session
Mandalay Bay Hotel
3950 Las Vegas Blvd. South
Las Vegas, NV
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Events

2011 Alumni Events

October 13-16, 2011
University Alumni Weekend
Details at www.case.edu/alumni/weekend/index.htm

October 14, 2011
Reception for Alumni and Friends
InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center
Six Continents Room
9801 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, OH
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 15, 2011
Parade, Tailgate, Football Game - Football Field at The Village at 115
Start the morning off with the exciting parade (10 a.m.) and tailgate (Leutner Commons-11 a.m.) Join the Dental School Alumni Association as we cheer on the championship Spartans as they play Hiram College in the Homecoming Game (1:00 p.m.). Then stop by the Dental School after the game (3:00 p.m.) for a 5th quarter event to include food, tours, and more fun.

November 2011 (TBD)
November 2011 (TBD)
Reception at the American Academy of Periodontology
Annual Meeting
Miami, FL

November 27, 2011
Reception at the Greater New York Dental Meeting
Landmark Tavern
626 11th Avenue (on 46th Street)
New York, NY
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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We asked... You responded... We listened...

Beginning in 2012 the School of Dental Medicine will join with the rest of the university to celebrate reunions with Alumni Weekend in the fall. This will include special events for reunion year classes and great events around campus for all alumni.

When asked in our Fall 2010 magazine if we should keep reunion in the spring or join in with the university’s fall events we heard you loud and clear.

Comments made for moving to the fall:
– there are so many weddings in the spring
– we take vacations in the spring
– there are graduations and commencements in the spring so I can’t attend my reunion
– there will be activities that involve the entire campus so I can see my friends from other schools

No time of year is perfect for everyone but we appreciate your feedback.

Those classes ending in 2 and 7 will celebrate their reunion combined with Alumni Weekend – October 4-7, 2012.

We look forward to the fun in the fall!!!
Faculty & Staff Service Milestones

James Simmelink – Biological Science, 45 years
Barbara Sculli – Registrar, 25 years
Hanka Brown – Student Services, 20 years
Fady Faddoul – AECD, 20 years
Janet Draganic – Faculty Practice, 10 years
Thomas Dunton – Comprehensive Care, 10 years
Yiping Han – Periodontology, 10 years
Monica Jackson – Clinic, 10 years
Bin Jiang – Biological Science, 10 years
C. Jack Love – Comprehensive Care, 10 years
Faisal Quereshy – Oral Surgery, 10 years
Carol Samuels – Oral Diagnosis, 10 years
Margaret Bertin – Oral Diagnosis, 5 years
Martin Chambers – Comprehensive Care, 5 years
Maya Chane-Shaw – AECD, 5 years
Betty DeFilippo-Qadri – Comprehensive Care, 5 years
Chandra Drews – Pediatrics, 5 years
Gerald Ferretti – Pediatrics, 5 years
John Gerstenmaier – Pediatrics, 5 years
Santosh Ghosh – Biological Science, 5 years
Brian Glenn – AECD, 5 years
Alfredo Hernandez – Comprehensive Care, 5 years
Beverly Houston – Community Dentistry, 5 years
Laura Huffman – Academic Affairs, 5 years
Stephanie Humphrey – Community Dentistry, 5 years
Mace Landau – Pediatric Dentistry, 5 years
Nick Limbert – Pediatric Dentistry, 5 years
Melody Long – Oral Diagnosis, 5 years
Cynthia McConnaughy – Orthodontics, 5 years
Sena Narendran – Community Dentistry, 5 years
Susanne Opsitnick – Oral Diagnosis, 5 years
Jacqueline Roulette – Periodontics, 5 years
Robert Skillicorn – Periodontics, 5 years
MaryBeth Taylor – Clinic, 5 years

THE GREATER CLEVELAND DENTAL SOCIETY NORTHCOAST SPRING MEETING
MAY 6, 2011 - HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTER, INDEPENDENCE, OH

2011 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE LISTINGS

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO GCDS.ORG/NORTH-COAST-SPRING-MEETING.ASPX OR CALL (440) 717-1891.

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2011 Course Fees
ADA/GCDS Members/Case Faculty Individual Courses $125
Non-ADA Members Individual Courses $200

SPECIAL PRICES:
Staff – $65
Students/ Retired – $25
Dean Jerold Goldberg on the road...

March Events

LOS ANGELES

Dean Goldberg was hosted in the home of Richard Benveniste ’64. Alumni from the Los Angeles area enjoyed the fun and fellowship.

1. Reception attendees 2. Dean Goldberg ’70 and Richard Benveniste ’64 3. Corry Huffman, Dean Goldberg ’70 and Laura Bucci ’05 4. Dean Goldberg ’70 and Ron Watanabe ’77 5. Joseph ’52, Barbara, and Joseph ’73 Cain

DAYTON

A week later Dean Goldberg visited with the alumni in the Dayton area at the home of Dan German ’85.

1. Burt Saidel ’55 and Lisa Alvetro ’93 2. Cameron and Mark ’89 Armstrong with Myrna and John ’90 Gazzerro 3. Reception attendees 4. Dean Goldberg ’70 with Myrna and John ’90 Gazzerro 5. The German family presents Dean Goldberg ’70 with a big check
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