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President's Message

by Dr. Jim Loos



Two thousand and twelve is now behind us and we look forward to big accomplishments for USC in the near future. In every way the landscape of the University has changed immensely since most of us graduated from the Orthodontic Department.

Most recent examples are the new University Tutor Center, the Engemann Student Health Center, the McKay Athletic Center, the University Club, and the third new building for the School of Cinematic Arts which is directly across from the Dental school on Thirty Fourth Street.

If you have not had a tour of the University in the last five years you will be amazed.

As you may know, the University currently has major plans for even more expansion and improvements over the next ten years. "The Village at USC" will be a major development of the property just to the north of the Dental School access Jefferson Ave. Our Orthodontic Department will then be in the middle of one of the most attractive and upscale university campuses in the world.

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Likewise our Chairman, Dr. Samashima, the Orthodontic Alumni and DTOF have major aspirations and plans to upgrade all aspects of our Orthodontic Department. Our current graduates are maintaining USC's excellent reputation by demonstrating that at their education has prepared them to produce high quality orthodontic outcomes as well as perform well at the Tweed foundation and the American Boards.

Unfortunately, without continuous improvements and advancements, we cannot expect to automatically maintain our reputation. For over fifty years, Drs. Dougherty, Tanaka, Sinclair and Sameshima, along with a dedicated faculty and staff has worked to achieve the status that we all enjoy today.

To have graduated from USC's Orthodontic Department has a special meaning which is highly respected. Again, this reputation cannot be sustained unless we not only keep pace, but become leaders in advancing our specialty.

Long story short, we will need major funding to provide our department with the facilities, technology and faculty needed to leave no doubt in anyone's mind that USC Orthodontics is the Premier Specialty Program in the World.

We are very excited to have Dr. Ron Redmond as a new DTOF Board of Directors member and to have heard his announcement at the recent 50th anniversary of the USC Orthodontic alumni Association banquet. Dr. Redmond is now chairing our major fund raising Committee and has plans to raise several million dollars. This money will be given directly to the Orthodontic Department and will be carefully spent to achieve our Department's goals.

Happy New Year and we will see you at the Steiner Sinclair meeting on January 18th.

Harry and the Redmonds

By Ron Redmond, DDS, MS

Last Fall, Margaret and I made a trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico. To celebrate my birthday and our 51st wedding anniversary, I planned a surprise trip to New Mexico.....a surprise for Margaret. One of the highlights of our stay in Santa Fe was the opportunity to visit with Dr. Harry and Mary Dougherty. We had not been to their home in Santa Fe, so our visit presented a terrific opportunity to visit. Dr Hap Dougherty provided me with their phone number and address. I planned to visit Harry while Margaret shopped and Mary was playing in a bridge tournament in Albuquerque.

Using my trusty GPS, I left downtown Santa Fe and started driving to Harry's home. Twenty minutes later, I had left paved roads, and within 5 minutes, my GPS announced that I had arrived. Only one problem, there were no homes in sight. I went on, and the dirt road changed to a "goat-path" that switched back and forth to the top of the mountain. Miraculously, I arrived at Harry's home. I was greeted by three dogs (one looked like a wolf) and Harry's caregiver, Nancy. Harry was resting inside, but stood up to greet me.....he looks great (see photo). My first question was "Are you in the witness protection program?" Why else would anyone live on the top of a mountain? Harry laughed, and explained that their son, Dr. Bill Dougherty, Head Trauma Surgeon at the local hospital, lived next door.

Dr. Harry Dougherty has been suffering from early stages of congestive heart failure, a condition I'm very familiar with because my dad had the same heart problem, and I have inherited the genetic tendency. Congestive heart failure compromises breathing, so Harry walks slowly and sleeps with a CPAP device. Health issues have not curbed his humor or memory. We spend the next two hours talking about France, China, and his trips to Japan with Dr. Tanaka. Harry was sad that he couldn't attend the 50th anniversary of the USC orthodontic alumni association, but his doctor will not let him travel by air.

I enjoyed my visit with Harry, and suggested that we should go to dinner together the following evening at Ristra, a local French restaurant. Harry has been studying French and was delighted with the restaurant choice. Bill joined us after he finished at the hospital and we enjoyed a wonderful meal and fun.

Margaret and I had a great time in Santa Fe. If you decide you want to visit Dr. Harry and Mary Dougherty, please contact me about the lovely home we rented for our stay. It's centrally located and practically everything is within walking distance. Ristra is just down the street, less than a block away.

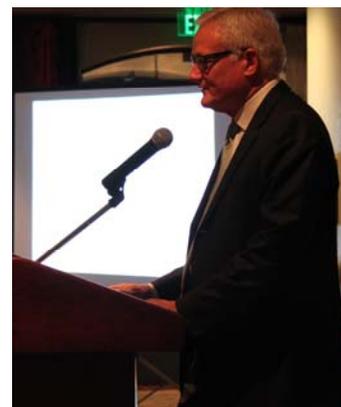
Before your visit, you may want to contact Hap to make sure your visit is well timed.



50th Anniversary Celebration of the USC Orthodontic Alumni Association



**Over 100 people attended the
Alumni Association Celebration on
October 27, 2012**



Department Update

by *Dr. Glenn Sameshima*



As another eventful year comes to an end, let me begin by giving thanks to the many, many people who make the department special. To the volunteer faculty: Milton Chan, Rob Hambleton, Thuan Le, John Trotter, Dick Mays, John Digiulio, Saijai, Peng, Alice Shen, James Loos, Paul Upatham, Chris Hydo, Bob Schacter, Warren Schacter, Dan Banh, Peter Sinclair, and Hap Dougherty - thank you for your generous gift of time and knowledge out of your busy lives to teach our students. To our faculty and staff - Dan Grauer, Ellen Grady, Hongsheng Tong, Ivan Shnorhokian, Ralph Allman, and our excellent front and back clinical folks - it is great to have such a loyal and dedicated group to work with. And finally to our alumni – the boards of the Alumni Association and the Foundation – the department could not do what it does so well without your support!

Our graduating class was an outstanding one this year. George Abichaker won the Charley Schulz award for the best resident research at the AAO competing against 25 other programs. This is the first Schultz award for USC. Four from this class – George Abichaker, John Jerome, Laura Harshbarger, and Mike Meru have already passed the clinical part of the ABO and are now board certified. Current senior resident Thao Nguyen had one of the top scores in the nation on the written part of the test.

All of our clinical faculty are board certified. It is our philosophy that outstanding clinical care as evidenced by the qualifications of the faculty and recent graduates is central to defining what a truly great orthodontic program is. There are very few programs that have as many Angle Society members among their faculty as we do. I may be a relic but I still believe in solid fundamentals as evidenced by hands-on typodont courses, cephalometrics, and time tested clinical techniques. Sadly many programs define how good they are by the toys they have (fancy computer screens, multi dimensional imaging machines, self treating appliances, wire bending robots, warp-speed tooth accelerators, etc) rather than what their residents and faculty have accomplished!

Our primary mission is to prepare our graduates for a long and successful career in clinical practice. We want our graduates to be the most desirable orthodontists for hire - who can bring a level of talent and skill that will make any practice more productive, profitable, and fun. We also want our graduates to become leaders in whatever they choose – organized orthodontics or dentistry, alumni associations, community service, teaching, or academia. To achieve this goal, we must also recognize the need to stay abreast of current developments in our profession. As Peter Sinclair says, “if you aren’t moving ahead, then you are falling behind.” This does not mean we must purchase or beta test every new gadget that comes down the pike, but we should carefully follow current trends and determine which of these trends will truly benefit our patients.

Our school budget is enough for us to maintain the status quo, and with skillful management we keep our clinic minimally supplied with no cushion for extras. With the support of all of you we can move forward with plans to keep the clinic current with advanced information technology, ensure the students continue to have the best teachers and staffing possible, and to truly make USC orthodontics the center of all that is relevant and important in orthodontics in the world. 2013 promises to be a year of major changes for us and we look forward to your support in making our plans become a reality.