



# Enough SAID

## SAID Says “Goodbye” To A Good Friend

by David Itzkoff



Carlton (undoubtedly telling a joke) at the SAID meeting in Charlotte, less than 2 weeks before he passed away.

When Carlton V. Horbelt died on November 10th, 2009, SAID lost a great friend and long time member. Carlton could usually be seen at SAID meetings with his computer popped open, greeting everyone in sight and cracking jokes. In most cases he would be on the program to present some time during the meeting. For the 2009 meeting, he drove 14 hours from Memphis

through Nashville and then was forced to detour around a landslide to be with us in Charlotte. At the last minute, he had been asked if he could present. He agreed and we were treated to a wonderful session about products that he used in his clinic - virtually an hour-long Pearls session. Carlton was very generous with his time and expertise. In addition to

### SAID Reporter Returns & New Logo Sought

At the Strategic Planning meeting last year, it was decided to bring back the SAID Dental Reporter (now *Enough SAID*). Bob Leonetti volunteered to pull it together, and this is the first of what will be an on-going effort to keep our membership advised of SAID activities. The SAID website will still be the most current and interactive source for information. *Enough SAID* will provide more of the coffee-in-hand, feet up-on-the-ottoman, visit-with-some-friends type of communication.

You might notice that there is a new logo on this masthead. It is a interim graphic, while we await more input from our members to the logo contest (see Bob Henry's article on page 3). We encourage anyone to submit their logo ideas to [carolyn@specializedcare.com](mailto:carolyn@specializedcare.com).

presenting every few years, Carlton served our organization in the three year cycle of VP/ President-elect, President and Immediate Past President. For many years Carlton was the official representative from SAID to ADPD and SCDA. When it was announced a few years ago that we needed someone to be our Secretary, Carlton stepped right up and volunteered. At the

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time he was already serving as an officer in several other organizations, but he said he would find the time to meet SAID’s needs as well, and he did.

Carlton dedicated his career to special patients, working in state-operated facilities first in Richmond, TX and then Arlington, TN. He was a member of SCDA and AADMD serving in many roles, including: ADPD President, SCDA President (during a very difficult time) and editor and regular contributor of the SCDA interface. He was a diplomat of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry serving on its Board of Directors, as a writer for the qualifying exam, as their vice-president and then President. He was a vice president of AADMD and a representative from the United States to IADH (International Association for

Disability and Oral health). A few years ago Carlton was elected to the National Academies of Practice’s Dental Academy and was serving as the Dental Academy Chair and vice-president for membership and academic achievement at the time of his death. He authored many articles and lectured and presented extensively. He was a full professor at the University of Tennessee Dental School.

Carlton was a man with a wonderful sense of humor and an outgoing, friendly manner. He always had a nice word to say, including his famous “What’s the word, thunderbird?” and a smile and handshake for anyone he would meet. Who could forget his elephant trumpet call that could stop everyone in their tracks. He often used it to convince everyone it was time to get serious and

return to the business of the SAID meeting, as well as a way to charm his younger friends. Carlton was a Texan through and through and was famous for wearing his Texas shirt, belt buckle or if the occasion called for it, his Texas Cumberbund and bow-tie.



We at SAID, will miss his jokes, his upbeat attitude, his expertise, his leadership and his friendship.

## Do You “Forum?”

One of the best ways to communicate with fellow SAID members is via the Forum on the SAID website. It gives members a chance to ask questions and receive guidance (or to just share battle stories) with others who work with the same issues and constraints that you face. The information on the next meeting is

posted there, along with a member directory. You can regularly check the website to see what’s being

discussed, or (if you haven’t already done so) you can ask to be added to an e-mail notification system that will let you know when something new has been posted. To do so, contact Dr. George Johnson at [drdirty@directus.net](mailto:drdirty@directus.net).



SAID website: Home page

## President's Message To SAID Members

**Annual Session:** The 2010 SAID annual session is now just 3 months away and although there are still many things to do to get ready for the meeting, the most important thing you can do is plan to attend! This year will offer a wide array of topics for everyone, with a focus on managing older patients with special needs, and providing clinical dental care. I hope you will see something in the enclosed meeting brochure that will make you put this meeting on your calendar as a "must attend" for this year.

**Membership Dues:** SAID has announced a change in the way meeting dues are assessed. In the past, meeting registration included annual dues. At last year's board session and at the general session, members voted to pay a nominal dues amount to keep the organization going and to get a firm number of who our members are. The membership dues for 2010 will be: \$50 for dentists and \$25 for all other categories (hygienists, assistant, corporate member, etc. The good news is that this amount will be deducted from the registration fee for the meeting. The annual membership fee is good from January 1 through December 31. In future years mailings and announcements will only be sent to members who have paid their dues, and there will be a members-only section on the website.

**Logo Contest:** Now that the name of SAID stands for "Special Care Advocates In Dentistry", the executive committee and leadership of SAID feel the current LOGO (of the Southern States) is no longer applicable. A new LOGO contest among the members of SAID has been announced. Two stipulations are the letters of SAID must be on the LOGO, and the tagline "Special Care Advocates in Dentistry" should be included. Submissions should be addressed to Ms. Carolyn Fetter at Carolyn@specializedcare.com by October 1, 2010. The winner will receive free registration to the SAID meeting, plus all the acknowledgement and good feelings that come with being a winner.

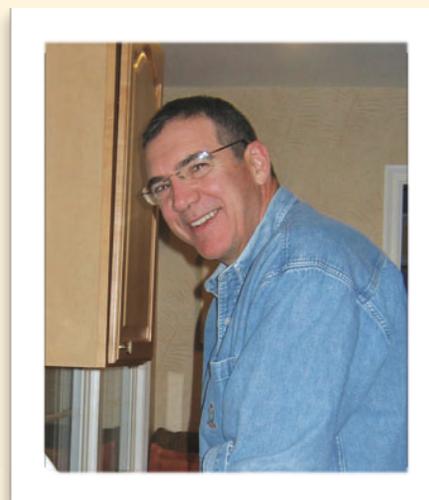
**Next Year's Annual Session:** The meeting in 2011 has been set for Louisville, Kentucky. I have met with the meetings coordinator in Louisville, and she is willing to give SAID a really great deal on rooms and accommodations. For those who have never attended a running of the Kentucky Derby, this would be a good opportunity, as Churchill Downs has initiated nighttime events beginning with the 2010 season.

**Horbelt Scholarship:** With the passing of our friend and former President of SAID, Carlton

Horbelt, SAID has joined with AADMD and SCDA to begin a scholarship in Carlton's name. Money raised will be distributed annually to a deserving student (either dental student, dental assisting student, or dental hygiene student) who is planning on going into practice to work with patients who have special needs. Contributions can be sent to our Treasurer Dr. Charles Brooks, made out to SAID with a notation that it is for the Horbelt Scholarship. Address: Charlie Brooks, 2815 Canterbury Rd, Columbia, SC 29204. There will be also be opportunities to donate money at the meeting in Charlotte.

My best to all! Looking forward to seeing all of you at the annual meeting!

Dr. Bob Henry



**SAID Awards First Annual Sarah Bradshaw Scholarship** *by Bob Leonetti*

The first recipient of the Sarah Bradshaw award was Monica Roberts, who was honored in Charlotte at the 2009 SAID Annual Session. Monica currently serves as a Dental Hygienist & Clinical Coordinator at the Greater New Orleans Supports & Services Center. She has developed a dental recall preventive and assessment program along with an oral health training component for direct care providers. She is also collaborating with the psychology department to develop dental desensitization protocol.

Monica participates in the Special Olympics, Special Smiles Program and has been a presenter at the Annual Louisiana Disability Summit. She has been a SAID member for five years and was instrumental in orchestrating the SAID program in 2009. President Carolyn Fetter says that Monica was “her right hand” this past year. Members like Monica, who take the torch from members like Sarah and keep SAID vibrant and growing are the future of our organization.

If you know someone whom you feel would be worthy of the 2010 Sarah Bradshaw Award, feel free to submit your nomination in writing to President

Dr. Bob Henry (Robert.Henry@va.gov). Nominations must be received by September 1, 2010. The two criteria are 1) Excellence in the field of Special Needs Dentistry and 2) Service to the SAID organization.



Past President Carolyn Fetter presents the Sarah Bradshaw Scholarship to Monica Roberts, RDH

**In Honor Of Sarah Bradshaw** *by Bob Leonetti*

Sarah Bradshaw was the first person I met when I walked into my first SAID meeting. But I’m sure many others could say the same thing; because that’s the kind of person Sarah was, warm, outgoing, engaging. She reached out to so many to make sure they knew they were welcome at SAID. But Sarah was so much more; she was an outstanding dental hygienist who provided the finest care to her special patients. She cared about dentistry and cared

deeply about her patients. Mostly Sarah was a friend. Though we saw each other only once a year at the annual SAID Seminar, we would talk or e-mail often throughout the year as we planned the next meeting. Sarah put her own stamp on the Wednesday session, chairing or co-chairing it for many years. After her death, the Wednesday afternoon session was renamed the Sarah Bradshaw Forum in her honor. Last year, the SAID Executive board decided to

further honor Sarah while fostering the traits she personified-excellence in dental hygiene, working with patients with disabilities, and contribution to SAID. The board decided that SAID would award a scholarship to a SAID member who exemplified those characteristics. The scholarship would include waiving the annual session fee, along with help with expenses.

**SAID Annual Session Returns to Charlotte** *by Bob Leonetti*

The SAID Annual Session returned to the Queen City in 2009 following two great years in Myrtle Beach. The Embassy Suites played the gracious host as attendees were treated to a revised program format with additional CE credits. The Wednesday session, which had traditionally been an “auxiliaries only” event, was enhanced to provide continuing education for all.

The Annual Session began early on Wednesday morning with an executive board meeting and strategic planning session. That meeting helps shape the future direction of SAID, and it is open to all members. The Wednesday afternoon session has been re-named the Sarah Bradshaw Forum in honor of a long-time SAID member who gave so much to the organization. The session began with a warm welcome by SAID’s President Carolyn Fetter and then moved right into the scientific program. First on the agenda were “Pearls of Wisdom” a series of short presentations by members geared to give participants something concrete they can take home and immediately use in their practices. Then came the annual literature review, where significant articles relevant to patients with disabilities are reviewed, critiqued and abstracted for the participants. Next came a hands-on session where participants learned how to safely and ergonomically

transfer patients with disabilities from wheel chair to dental chair. The Wednesday session came to a close with Carolyn Fetter hosting the Annual President’s Reception, two hours of fun, fellowship, and door prizes. Thursday’s talks followed the theme **“Guiding Your Patients to Acceptance of Dentistry, and Managing Behavior in the Meantime”**. There were talks by internationally renowned speakers such as Dr. Ray Lyons, Dr. Clive Freedman, Ms. Kathy Olson RDH, and Dr. Bob Henry. The talks sparked many questions with conversation continuing through the dinner hour. The Annual Session concluded on Friday with lectures on bisphosphonates, hand-held X-ray technology, and the latest in dental materials. In all, thirteen hours of Continuing education were granted along with memories enough to last until we meet again in Charlotte in 2010.



Pam Elske-Leonetti speaks at the SAID Annual Session



The Williams’ practice wheelchair transfer



Ms. Kathy Olson, RDH

Each SAID meeting seems to get better and more “on topic” than the year before. In 2009, we were treated to first-class presentations on the topic of Guiding Your Patients To Acceptance of Dentistry, and Managing Behavior in the Meantime. Presenting at this all-day session were notables in the field including Dr. Clive Friedman from Ontario, Canada; Dr. Ray Lyons from New Mexico; Kathy Olson, RDH from Illinois, and our current President, Dr. Robert Henry from Kentucky.



Dr. Ray Lyons



Dr. Clive Friedman