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2011 SAID Annual Seminar Left Lasting Impression on Attendees

By Bob Leonetti

The SAID Annual Session returned for a second straight year to beautiful Louisville Kentucky. Situated on the banks of the Ohio River, the Galt House Hotel played host to the 2011 conference. Overall the scientific program was first-rate as was the social element of the meeting with the Breeders' Cup serving as a backdrop for a great time in Louisville. The weekend began with the annual SAID executive board strategic planning session to which all



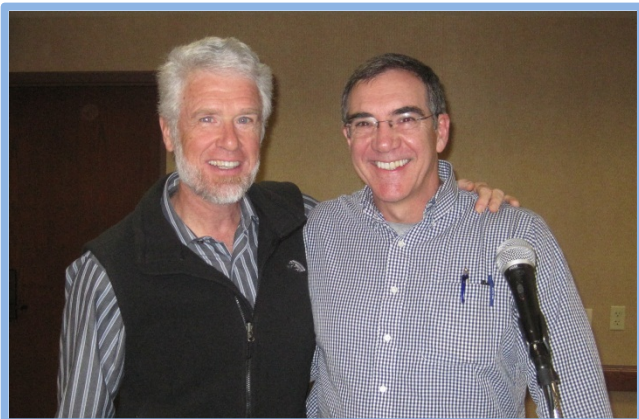
are invited and at which important decisions are made regarding the future of the organization. This year proved no different as new officers were selected along with a site for next year's meeting. Discussed as well was a new direction for the SAID web presence. The meeting was well attended and infused with the kind of energy that

characterizes just about all SAID activities. Old faces and new blended together as ideas took shape that will influence SAID for many years to come.

The scientific program kicked-off in the afternoon with the annual Sarah Bradshaw Forum named for the long-time SAID member now deceased who chaired this afternoon symposium for so many years. The first offering was entitled *"Eliminating Disparities in Access to Healthcare for Americans with Neurodevelopmental Disorders"*.



Presented by Dr. Henry Hood, the talk dealt with the nature and origins of the disparities and then discussed potential solutions. The next hour and a half was devoted to the annual SAID Literature Review. Drs. Henry and Veazey combed the literature and presented synopses of the most interesting articles written recently that deal with the care of Special Needs patients. Normally a highlight of these annual sessions, this year's presentation did not disappoint, giving the attendees a road map for locating new information regarding care for these special patients.



**Save the date for the 2012
SAID Annual Seminar:
November 1-3, 2012 in
Raleigh, North Carolina
Remember the meeting
this year starts on a
THURSDAY!**

That evening attendees were treated to the President's Reception, an evening of food, drink and fun hosted by SAID President David Itzkoff. Door prizes were donated by attendees asked to bring something symbolic of their home state and everyone went home with a nice gift.

The next day brought with it an excellent series of lectures. The keynote speaker this year was Dr. Craig Miller whose lecture was entitled "*Physical Evaluation and Risk Management*" a talk that provided a review of the diagnostic process for common oral lesions, and therapies for these lesions. A past president of the *American Academy of Oral Medicine* and editor of the prestigious journal *Triple OOO*, Dr. Miller wowed the audience for three hours giving each attendee a lot to take home and put into practice. After a "lunch-and-




learn" generously provided by sponsors, the afternoon session began with a presentation entitled "*Salivary Gland Dysfunction*" by Dr. Juan F. Yepes. Participants were taught the different aspects of salivary gland dysfunction including etiology, clinical presentation, differential diagnoses and treatment

options including an introduction to some state-of-the-art treatment modalities which are definitely on the horizon but not yet available in this country. The afternoon session ended with a table clinic competition in which students presented their research on several topics of interest to the group. All of the students were well prepared easily answering the many questions put to them. The group then spilled out into Louisville's plentiful restaurant and night life. Several of the participants took advantage of Louisville's unique **Hotel 21C**, a combination hotel and art museum which is essentially open all night. On Friday morning, Dr.



Catherine Binkley presented a lecture called *"Research Among intellectually and/or Developmentally Disabled Persons"*. This presentation reviewed scientific research findings published by Dr. Binkley, as well as other related studies. It provided practical suggestions for dental practitioners who care for people with special needs. The annual session concluded with the always popular *"Pearls"* forum, this year hosted by Dr. Bobby Turner. *"Pearls"* consists of multiple short presentations each providing

practical tips and advice to facilitate the delivery of dental care for special needs patients. Members never fail to take something home from these short informative presentations. The group then went their separate ways taking home with them their "pearls" and their memories looking forward to next year when we will all meet again in Raleigh. 

MEMORIES OF DR. HOWARD BLAIR

By Doug Veazey

Carrot top. Red. These are adjectives that bring a flood of memories of our SAID colleague, Dr. Howard Blair.

Howard passed away May 3, 2012 at the age of 64. His passing has been difficult for me and those that knew him. As Dental Director at Broughton Hospital (N.C. psychiatric hospital), I hired Howard as a staff dentist in October 1978. He had experience in private practice and

served as the Dental Director of the dental hygiene/dental assisting program at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, NC.



Howard and I practiced together for the next 30+ years with a 3 year gap when Dr. Blair worked at Foothills Correctional Facility, Morganton, NC. Over these many years, Howard basically served as co-director of the dental department.

Howard always had exceptional organizational and computer skills. He helped to develop policies and procedures; update infection control, radiology and other similar manuals. He was a wizard at developing forms and documents on the computer. Dr. Blair worked with numerous SAID people to update educational modules, format, and convert to PDF files for placing on our website. He also served a year as President of SAID and helped out in many other capacities over 20 years.

Anyone that knew Howard would always marvel at his knowledge regarding computers, printers, and the software programs. He was basically self-taught in the area of computers. His analytical mind gave him a broad understanding of the technology and how to use it to solve everyday problems. He developed a computerized inventory and ordering system for our

dental clinic. His greatest contribution was designing and implementing a computerized dental patient record system. The state discussed a computerized medical/dental record but never seemed to find the funding. As a testament to the usefulness, Howard's computerized dental record program is still in use after 15 years.

If I had to use two words to describe Howard, I would say he was a "renaissance man". Other than his extensive knowledge of computers, he also loved photography, videography, and was a ham radio operator. He loved music and could play guitar, banjo, and piano and sang in his church choir for many years. But he was not confined to indoor interests alone. He loved the outdoors and was an avid downhill and cross country skier, canoeist, sailor, hiker, and a naturally gifted runner. A regular highlight of SAID meetings was to get together with Paul Burtner and run 4-5 miles after the Thursday program. That would put us in an excellent frame of mind to enjoy the leftovers of the President's reception and partake of a couple of cold beers.

Dr Blair will be truly missed at the 2012 SAID meeting in Raleigh. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn a daughter, Deanna and a son, Jessie.



Sympathies from SAID for Dr. Howard Blair's Family

To Marilyn Blair,

On behalf of the Special Care Advocates in Dentistry (SAID) organization, I would like to extend sympathy to you and your family on the recent passing of Dr. Howard Blair. Howard was an active member of our organization for over 20 years. He served as President, participated in writing and updating the educational modules, served on committees and attended numerous meetings. More importantly, he served the special patient population at Broughton Hospital and Foothills Correctional Center for 30+ years.

He will be greatly missed by many of our organization that knew him in various capacities. We are planning to honor his service at our next annual meeting in Raleigh, NC in November.

Yours truly,
Bill Milner, DDS, MPH
President-Special Care Advocates in Dentistry (SAID)

SAID set to Roll into Raleigh

By Bob Leonetti



How time flies! It seems as if we just said our goodbyes in Louisville and here, the 2012 SAID Seminar is just around the corner. This year for the first time in its 37 year history, SAID has planned its annual seminar in Raleigh; North Carolina's capital city. Raleigh is nicknamed the "City of Oaks", a tribute to the multitude of oak trees that fill its many wooded tracts and



grassy parks. The blend of old and new makes Raleigh one of the fastest-growing cities in the country, consistently ranked among the nation's best by publications like Forbes, Money and Time.

This year SAID is moving to an exciting new format. The meeting will begin on **Thursday**,

November 1st and run through **Saturday**, November 3rd. It is hoped that this format will better accommodate those SAID members who travel significant distances requiring less days off from work. The meeting will begin on Thursday morning with the Strategic Planning meeting, open to all interested members. Here attendees help the executive board plan SAID's future.

After lunch the scientific session kicks off with a warm welcome by SAID President Dr. Bill Milner. This theme of this year's seminar is ***"Special Minds; Special Dentistry"*** and will explore how dentistry deals with Autism, Dementia, Traumatic Brain Injury, Post Traumatic Stress and more. There will be sessions on Risk Management as well as preventive dental care for at risk patients.



The always popular SAID Annual Literature Review along with ***"Pearls & Parables"*** will be featured in the Saturday program. As always there will be ample time for socializing and sharing ideas and stories. Lunch on Friday is included in the registration fee and Raleigh offers many fine venues for evening dining. **The Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport-Brier Creek** will play host to this year's meeting. It is conveniently located near the Raleigh-Durham Airport and



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accessible by shuttle bus to and from the airport. If you are driving, the address is 8021 Arco Corporate Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27617.

The phone number is 1-919-484-0500.



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When you get on the site, you will see a red bar marked “**Check Availability**” on the left. Just above this, there is a link marked “**special rate codes**”. Click on this link and enter the code **DEN** in the “Group Code” block. Then click on the “**Check Availability**” bar and the **SAID** rate will come up. You can then proceed with your room reservation.

- ❖ To register for the meeting click on the **Annual Seminar Registration** tab on the left side of the home page of this website.
- ❖ Click onto the following website for a glimpse of what’s happening in Raleigh.
http://www.visitraleigh.com/visitors/things_to_do/

Don’t miss a minute of the 2012 SAID 2012 Annual Seminar. Register today!!



SEE Y'ALL IN RALEIGH!!

Don't forget your "pearls", brief examples of things that work for you in caring for "special needs patients" or short case studies. Remember that the "pearl" you bring may of "great worth" to someone else!

