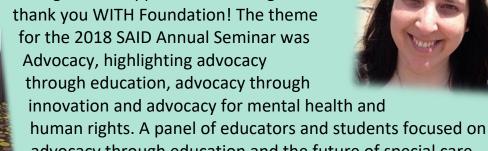


## Enough SAID

## **SAID Rocks & Rolls into Music City** By Kim Espinoza

Special Care Advocates in Dentistry held the Annual Seminar in Nashville, TN October 25-26, 2018. SAID wants to give a big thanks to the WITH Foundation for a grant to support this meeting –





dentistry. Ashland Doomes presented on the results of qualitative research analyzing what influences general dentists to treat adults with developmental disabilities, including educational and contextual factors. Several talks highlighted advocacy through innovation, including Ellen Anderson and Carol Roszel's talk on tele-dentistry and Juri Hayashi's talk on optical coherence tomography as well as the annual SAID Literature Review session presented by Mannie Levi and Doug



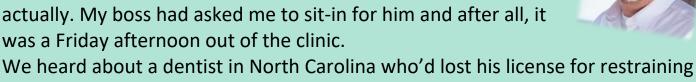
Veazey. There were several great presentations on mental health and human rights, including on the civil rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, abuse and neglect in vulnerable populations and trauma informed care. Paul Kovalski and Tom Butler rounded out the meeting with a fantastic

infection control update. The meeting also included a fun trolley tour of Nashville, a mac and cheese bar, a taco buffet and a fantastic group of exhibitors! In addition to thanking the WITH Foundation, SAID would also like to thank our exhibitors and sponsors, including Access Dental Care, Carestream, GC America, Ora-Brite, and the Specialized Care Company.

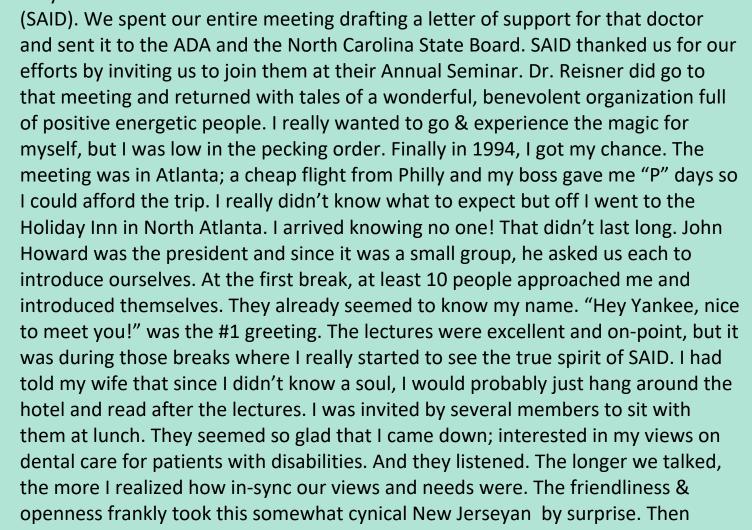
## **Missing SAID**

By Bob Leonetti

I remember the moment I first heard about SAID. It was at a Dental Chiefs' Meeting in Trenton in the late 80's-my first actually. My boss had asked me to sit-in for him and after all, it was a Friday afternoon out of the clinic.



patients with disabilities in order to facilitate their dental care; something we did in New Jersey on a daily basis. Lee Reisner, a colleague also spoke about a group of dentists who were working to have his license restored. It was an organization whose main purposes were educating dental professionals to better care for patients with disabilities and advocating for their care. At the time they were called The Southern Association of Institutional Dentists



came dinner. As I retreated to my room, George Johnson approached me and asked me to dine with his group. Even though it was over 25 years ago, I remember the dinner like it was yesterday. We went to Dante's Down the Hatch, a now defunct fondue restaurant in the Atlanta Underground. It was there over pots of warm cheese & hot oil that I fell in love with SAID. We talked and laughed for hours; discussing anything, everything & nothing. At the conclusion of that 28th Annual session, I vowed to return every year. And to a great extent I have kept that promise. The intervening years have produced a multitude of SAID memories both happy and sad. In 1999, New Jersey was formally recognized as a member state. In 2001, I was named the 36th President of SAID. Many SAID members have become friends for life. And sadly, some have moved on to their eternal rewards including

Sarah Bradshaw who was with me at that first dinner at Dante's. About 10 years ago, SAID in an effort to be more inclusive, changed its name to Special Care Advocates in Dentistry (still SAID). A new logo and a new website accompanied the change. SAID was moving into the new millennium with renewed energy. But no matter how things change,

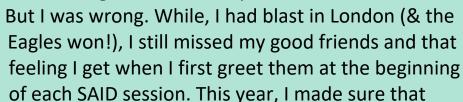
there are so many things that remain the same. SAID's modules continue to educate scores of dentists in care of those with disabilities even as the number of such patients living in the community increases. The friendliness and openness that greeted me at my first SAID meeting are still as prevalent as ever, as are the friends I have made along the way.

This brings me to my broken vow! Last year Joyce surprised me by



booking us a trip to London to watch my Philadelphia Eagles play in Wembley Stadium. It wasn't until the following month that the dates for SAID's 53rd Annual Session were announced. Alas, they

conflicted. So last year, I missed my first SAID meeting. I thought that in the excitement surrounding the London Trip, it wouldn't bother me.



nothing will interfere with my annual dose of SAID information, camaraderie, & fun. I've already booked my hotel & flight. See y'all in Charleston.



"Greetings from Florence South Carolina"

I'm very happy to announce that the 2019 SAID Annual Seminar will be held in Charleston, South Carolina October 23-25 at the Embassy Suites on Meeting Street. We'll begin on



early Wednesday evening with the combination of the meal and strategic planning/task force committee meeting.



The Embassy Suites Hotel is located in downtown Charleston in the historic

district and is convenient to many sites you may want to visit.



The Downtown Market, The Aquarium, Rainbow Row, The Battery, and Waterfront Park are among the many must see sites

and venues in Charleston. Walking tours and carriage rides are available to tour this historic city. For attendees

who want to venture further you can take the Arthur Ravenel Bridge over to Mt. Pleasant, Sullivan's Island, and Isle of Palms.

The Charleston area has so many exciting options, I guarantee you'll be able to plan some exciting outings.



Embassy Suites is providing block rates for SAID Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the week of the SAID seminar. The rates will increase for Friday and Saturday due to the high demand for lodging in the historic district of downtown Charleston.

I made arrangements with several speakers who graciously gave me advanced commitments to present at the 2019 seminar. This week I was able to get a commitment from my first-choice keynote speaker. I plan to provide an update when the agenda and schedule are closer to completion. I'm looking forward to seeing y'all at the 2019 SAID Seminar. Thank you,

Mary Bradley Tepper, DMD 2019 President SAID

## Those of you coming to Charleston....

- Don't forget to bring a door prize.....
- Something from your home city or state that shows off your hometown pride...
- We promise you'll leave with something equally as wonderful!



DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US AT **SAID**'S 54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

Charleston, South Carolina
OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

Check the website as more details becomes available...

E-mail us photos of you hard at work. SAID is revising our website collage to include more present members.....

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