



Enough SAID

Organization Gets New Name and Logo

At the 2008 SAID Annual Session, members voted to change the name of the organization from “Southern Association of Institutional Dentists” to simply SAID, with a tagline of “Special Care Advocates in Dentistry”. That name was subsequently registered with the IRS, making the change final. A contest was announced at the 2009 meeting to come up with a logo more in keeping with the new name, as opposed to the map of the southern states that served the group for quite awhile. Several entries were received, and a vote was taken among members present at the 2010 meeting. Some of the candidate logos are represented at right, and the winning logo is displayed on the masthead.

The Executive Committee is grateful to all the members who contributed their time and talent to provide such original and intriguing options. The process has given us a terrific new look. Congratulations to all participants!



Some of the candidates for the new SAID logo.

Annual Session A Big Success

The 2010 SAID Annual Session was held in Charlotte, NC October 27-29, marking the second year in a row that the “Queen City” was chosen for the meeting. The theme of the meeting was “Dental Treatment Concerns for Aging Patients with Special Needs”, and there were notable speakers who addressed a variety of issues related to that general theme, as well as many other topics. Congratulations to Dr. Bob Henry, Immediate Past President and all those who assisted him in pulling together a truly great meeting.



Members listen attentively to a presentation during the Annual Session.

Strategic Planning Meeting

Even people who have attended the SAID meetings for many years, are sometimes unaware of what happens at the Strategic Planning Meeting, which is generally scheduled on the morning of the first day of the Annual Session. At this meeting, to which all members are invited, topics critical to the ongoing viability of the organization are discussed and often key decisions are made. As an example, here are some key items that were discussed at the 2010 meeting:

- Strategy for SAID's growing national presence
- Changes to the Membership Dues structure
- Collaboration with AADMD and SCDA
- Changes to the SAID Website
- IRS and the status of the name change
- Financial Review

In addition to giving members insight into these broad-ranging topics, attendance at the Strategic Planning Session is often how candidates are identified for future Executive Committee posts. So when you are making your plans for next year's meeting, take a few minutes to review the agenda, and if you can make it to the Strategic Planning Meeting, please do! Member involvement is one of the key factors in the viability of any organization.

Carlton Horbelt Scholarship

Dr. Carlton Horbelt was memorialized at the business luncheon in Charlotte, and the recently established scholarship fund in his name was promoted. One of our speakers, Dr. Bill Caldwell was kind enough to donate his honorarium to the cause, which was added to the contributions of many other members. In order to make the greatest impact for a scholarship recipient, the collected SAID funds will be combined with those of SCDA and the AADMD. Each year, an award will be given to a promising young dental student, or recent dental graduate, who desires to learn more about providing dental care to people with developmental disabilities. The award will be used to provide educational opportunities for the recipient.



Attendees at the SAID Strategic Planning Meeting discuss topics important to the future of the organization.

Highlights Of the Annual Session

Mannie Levi, a SAID member from New Jersey, was overheard saying that the meeting in Charlotte was one of the best he had attended. He was not alone in that sentiment. From the President's Reception to the educational seminars, there were many chances for members to learn, see old friends, and get re-charged!

In addition to the traditional presentations, the excellent literature review, and the "Pearls" session, three dental residents from Charlotte and Kentucky participated in a table clinic competition! There were several excellent Exhibitors who not only shared their great products, but one of them also paid to place speaker presentations on a thumb-drive distributed to all members at the meeting. Finally, we elected new officers: Dr. Bill Milner as our new President-Elect, and Dr. Frances McClure as our new Treasurer.

At the conclusion of the Business Meeting, the new lineup of elected Officers for 2011 were announced:

President: Dr. David Itzkoff
 Immediate Past President: Dr. Robert Henry
 President Elect: Dr. Bill Milner
 Secretary: Dr. Robert Turner
 Treasurer: Dr. Frances McClure

The Social Side of SAID

SAID is a unique organization in many ways. Members often tell us that while they may have first attended a SAID meeting for the coursework, the thing that keeps them coming back again and again is the social side of SAID.

If a person wished to understand what is so different about being a SAID member, he or she might want to peek in on the President's Reception, which is generally held on the first evening of the SAID Annual Session. During the few hours of the reception, members get to know each other on a casual basis. It is here that dental professionals from different states compare notes about everything from budgetary issues to challenging patient behaviors to friendly sports rivalries.

It should be noted that this is not a hotel-sponsored activity, but much more personal with members bringing the refreshments and initiating the activities for the event. Naturally, that means a lot of work for someone, or a group of someones! For the past several years, Bev Holloway has been kind enough to organize the procurement and display of an amazing array of goodies, a torch passed along from Mary Tepper. Many attendees have expressed gratitude for the excellent job that Bev and her cohorts have done in continuing and strengthening this time-honored tradition. Rumor has it that Donita Henry may take on this role in 2011 as the meeting heads to Kentucky. Anyone wishing to help should contact Donita at henry.donita@insightbb.com.

Another tradition that is unique to SAID is the gift exchange, where attendees bring a little something from their home state to the reception, and there is a random drawing to determine who goes home with what gift. It's a lot of fun and helps to break the ice among both first time attendees and those who have come for many years. The coordination of this effort was previously headed by Mary Tepper and Charlie Brooks and now falls to whoever is the current President. Recently, a game has been added to the President's Reception where each attendee needs to answer a question and solicits the assistance of other attendees to find the answer. This fun event helps everyone to get to know each other, and is an opportunity for more prizes.

In addition to our special way of running a meeting, SAID is unique because of the special professionals who are attracted to our meeting. It's not just the *how*, it's the *who*. We hope you will chose to be part of the happenings at next year's meeting.



Above: Members enjoy the impressive spread that Bev Holloway and her helpers put out for the President's Reception. Below: Members enjoy a laugh as Jennifer Hew sizes up a shirt that she received in the Gift Exchange. Might be a tad big, eh Jenn?

See you in Louisville, KY • November 2-4, 2011

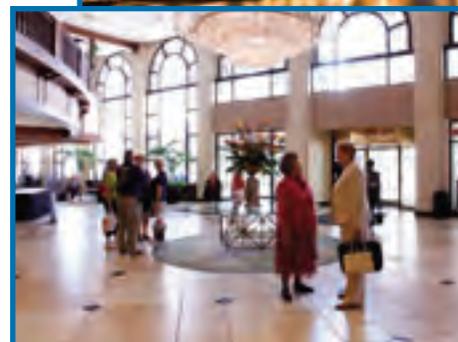
Dr. Robert Henry, Immediate Past President of SAID, announced at the 2010 meeting that the chosen site of the Annual Session for 2011 will be Louisville, Kentucky at the incomparable Galt House! The dates of the meeting have been set as November 2-4 (Wednesday - Friday). If you can plan your schedule to accommodate a few more days, Louisville is a vibrant area with many attractions. Additionally, the proximity to several leading dental schools gives the organization an impressive roster of renowned speakers who hail from Kentucky. This is a meeting you will not want to miss! Please mark your calendars, and make your plans. We look forward to seeing you there!

Where: The Galt House, the official hotel of the Kentucky Derby and the largest hotel in Kentucky.

Room Rates:
 Rivue Tower - Deluxe Rooms Single/Double \$110
 Suite Tower - Exec. Suites Single/Double \$135
 Maximum of 4 persons per room

Activities:
 Nighttime racing at Churchill Downs
 Walking distance to Slugger Museum and IMAX theater
 River walk and Muhammad Ali Shops
 Seven restaurants in hotel
 Many other restaurants in the area

Transportation: Airport is hub for Southwest.
 Reasonable flights
 \$16.00 Airport to Hotel Shuttle



Sarah Bradshaw Scholarship Candidates Sought

SAID has instituted a scholarship to recognize a dental auxiliary who exemplifies the characteristics that we associate with our late colleague, Sarah Bradshaw. We are currently seeking nominations for the 2011 award. The ideal candidate will:

- Be a dedicated dental auxiliary serving patients with special needs.
- Be a member in good standing with the SAID organization and,
- Have contributed to SAID by taking on responsibilities within the organization.

The winner will have their registration fee and dues renewal for the 2011 year waived, and will receive financial reimbursements for expenses related to meeting attendance.

Sarah Bradshaw Scholarship Nominations Procedure:

Please send your thoughts to Carolyn Fetter at

carolyn@specializedcare.com

Please include the rationale for your nomination.