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# Enough SAID

**SAID Returns to Asheville**

**By Bob Leonetti**

For the fourth time in their history, SAID held their Annual Session in Asheville, North Carolina. The meeting was administered by MAHEC (Mountain Area Health Education Center) and held in their beautiful facility on Hendersonville Rd, a short walk from the Hampton Inn where attendees were accommodated during their stay in Asheville. The meeting began as always with the Strategic Planning Meeting on Wednesday evening November 15th and was well attended. As in the past the meeting was open to all attendees. It was called to order by President Betsy White. She outlined highlights of the two-day meeting to follow and then the group discussed the future. The spirited discussion is always an excellent kickoff for the SAID Annual Session.



On Thursday morning following breakfast and President Betsy White's warm welcome and introduction, the majority of the day's program was devoted to Medical Immobilization and Protective Stabilization. Former ADPD (Academy of Dentistry for Patients with Disabilities) President Dr. Steve Perlman began the discussion followed by Psychologist Eric Gabriel.



After time viewing the exhibits and having lunch, attendees participated in a round-table discussion of the ethics and practice of Medical Immobilization featuring prominent SAID Members. Drs. Milner, Itzkoff, Tepper, Espinoza along with Hygienists Ellen Anderson and Bev Holloway headlined a lively discussion which involved the entire group.



This was followed by the ever-popular “Pearls, Perils and Parables” moderated by the ever-popular Dr. David Itzkoff. I never fail to return home without something I can use in my practice on Monday following the “Pearls” discussion.

SAID’s Annual membership meeting followed where final decisions were made regarding the items discussed at Wednesday’s Strategic Planning meeting. The highlight of the business meeting was the presentation of the F. Thomas McIver Award: presented annually to Member Dentists who have distinguished themselves in the field of Special Needs dentistry. This year’s honoree was Dr. Mary Tepper from South Carolina who has worked tirelessly in the field and served the organization with honor for many years. The Business Meeting concluded with the presentation of Next year’s Officers.



**President: Kim Espinoza**  
**Vice President: Mary Tepper**  
**Secretary: Risa Levi**  
**Treasurer: Kristi Collins**



Thursday night we were all treated to a giant dose of Southern Hospitality as President Betsy White welcomed us to her President's reception. Great food and even greater camaraderie make this annual event a hit. As usual, attendees brought gifts from their home states as door prizes were exchanged.



After a good night's sleep, the meeting continued on Friday with an excellent introduction to Cone Beam technology presented by Ryan Roosenkrans from Carestream Dental. This was followed by updates in methods of Caries Detection given by Grethe Whitman from Dexis. After lunch, Kelly Beard, a North Carolina



Hygienist gave insights gained from her Oral Care Aide Program at Black Mountain Center. The session concluded with our Annual Review of the Dental literature this year expertly done by Drs. Veazey & Levi.

Friday night, a group attended the Christmas celebration, "Candlelight Christmas Evenings" at the world-renowned Biltmore House. The group enjoyed the breathtaking sights and sounds thanks to George Johnson and Betsy White and all of their hard work. We parted as always looking forward to next year's gathering!



## President's message

Greetings, Special Care Advocates in Dentistry.

I am pleased to announce that the 2018 SAID Annual Seminar will take place in Nashville, Tennessee on October 25th and October 26th. Last night I returned home from a site visit in Nashville and I'm excited to tell you about our upcoming meeting.



Our meeting will take place at the Clarion Hotel Nashville Downtown – Stadium, which is located just one-mile northeast of downtown Nashville. This is a hotel with history! The hotel was originally opened in 1970 by singer-songwriter Roger Miller. He named the hotel “King of the Road Motor Inn” after his famous song, King of the Road. On the top floor of the hotel was a club where musicians would perform, including Roger Miller and Ronnie Milsap. In 2014 the hotel underwent a major renovation and became the Clarion Hotel. The top floor was included in the renovation and is where our meeting will take place!

If you have a chance to extend your stay, there is so much to enjoy in Nashville. Downtown Nashville is a particularly vibrant and walkable area. It's just a quick shuttle ride to downtown Nashville, which the hotel provides every half hour. There is live music everywhere, many restaurants and bars, and little shops sprinkled throughout (especially for boots). Downtown Nashville also boasts the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum as well as the Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline Museums. Nashville has many other wonderful venues for entertainment, including the famous Grand Ole Opry and the Ryman Auditorium. Nashville also has many fabulous parks, including Centennial Park, with jogging paths and a replica of the Parthenon, inside which is an art museum. Another art museum is the Frist Art Museum, with a focus on the visual arts and new exhibits every 6 to 8 weeks. The Frist Art Museum is just a few blocks from the main downtown area. Exhibits planned during October include artwork from Paris museums (“Paris 1900: City of Entertainment”) and contemporary art on domestic existence (“Do Ho Suh: Specimens”).

Look out for future announcements on our website regarding seminar speakers and schedule as well as hotel booking information. Also, if you are on Facebook, don't forget to “like” our Facebook page for meeting updates

(<https://www.facebook.com/SpecialCareAdvocatesinDentistry/>).

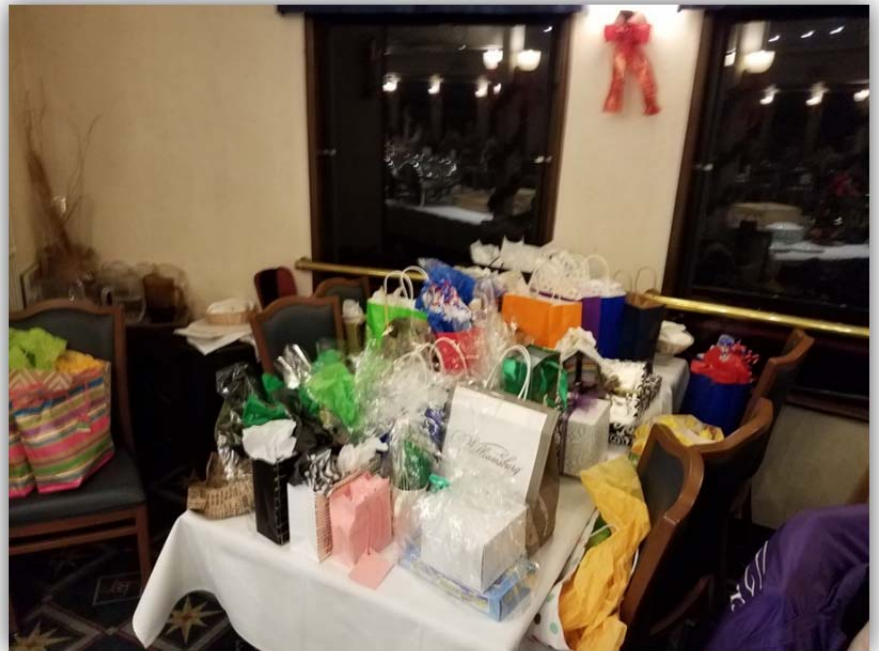
I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting.

Take care,

Kim Espinoza, DDS, MPH

President, Special Care Advocates in Dentistry

- Those of you coming to Nashville....
- 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  
53RD ANNUAL SESSION

NASHVILLE, TN

OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>TH</sup>

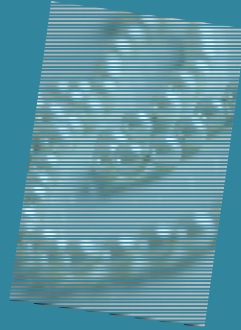
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becomes available...



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

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And don't forget your pearls...when you come to Asheville!!



**Not those pearls.....**

*....short (4-6 minutes) bits of information, products or techniques that you think may be a help to others. You can present your pearl on Friday afternoon. You never know what just might be an inspiration to someone else.*