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Grant Recipients Make Good Use of Grant Funds

The winners of the 2008 round of Illinois State Dental Society Foundation Community Grants didn't waste any time putting those much needed monies to good use around the state.

The Bureau County Dental Clinic received \$10,000 to equip a dental operator in order to expand access to care for low income families in the community. In addition, some 18 local dentists are now volunteering their time at the clinic. Part of the clinic's goal for the funds is to increase pro bono services by 25%.

The Free People's Clinic also received \$10,000 in grant monies. The clinic sought to use the grant funds to increase access to care to medically indigent patients in the Chicago area. As the economic crisis has worsened, the clinic has seen an increase in patients. Grant monies have helped the clinic to identify chronic conditions, develop treatment plans, improve oral health education and awareness, and prepare patients to manage their chronic oral health conditions.

Dr. Robert Rada of Adventist La Grange Hospital received more than \$5,000 to purchase a portable X-ray unit. The hand-held machine has proved invaluable in treating developmentally disabled patients. It has been particularly useful when treating a patient bedside in the hospital. Among those to benefit from the new unit have been a



Dr. Robert Rada uses the new portable X-ray unit.

45-year-old man with Fragile X Syndrome and a 12-year-old child with cerebral palsy.

The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, which received \$3,000 in grant monies, has implemented an Infant and Toddler Fluoride Varnish program. In addition, staff are providing oral health education and materials to patients of the Maternal and Child Health Division in an effort to prevent early childhood caries.

Other organizations also receiving grant monies were the United Way Success by Six, Illinois Public Health Association, and the McHenry County Cooperative Dental Clinic. Grant applications are now available on the ISDS Foundation website for the 2009 round of community grants. Visit www.isds.org/isdsfoundation and click on *Donations at Work*.

Congrats to the United Way Success by Six!



The United Way Success by Six Volunteer Care Network in Rock Island received a \$5,000 grant to support the Give Kids A Smile Program and the Volunteer Care Network Dental Program to increase dental care awareness to those families living at or below the Federal Poverty level in the community. This year the program was able to screen 383 children and 85 dentists participated. Of those seen, 56% required additional treatment.

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Physicist Turned Dentist Took the ‘Scenic’ Route to DDS

To say that Dr. Larry Tschopp took a roundabout road into the field of dentistry would be a bit of an understatement. This Ph.D. physicist turned dentist tried his hand in multiple areas before discovering his true professional passion.

Growing up in the Appalachian coal country of Pennsylvania, young Larry Tschopp, the son of a shirt factory worker and a coal miner, originally went to college to study construction trades. He had plans to become a carpenter, but in the economy of the times, there was no guarantee he would be able to earn a living in the field, so he returned to school to study architecture at Penn State.

The year was 1957. On October 4, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik. It reportedly circled the Earth in 98 minutes, which one might speculate was about the same amount of time that it took Dr. Tschopp to decide that his future was not in architecture. With the battle lines for the space wars clearly drawn between East and West, the carpenter-turned-architect saw opportunity on the horizon in the field of engineering.

By 1961, Dr. Tschopp had earned his bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics from Penn State, and with the boom in technology at the time, he quickly found employment with IBM where he worked on transistors and later RCA laboratories working on semiconductor technology. While working at RCA, he earned his master's in electrical engineering from The University of Pennsylvania. However, it wouldn't be long before Dr. Tschopp realized several of his colleagues were losing their jobs. In the mid 1960s, many jobs were going overseas to Japan. The handwriting was on the wall, and he wasn't going to leave his professional fate to anyone but himself. He had enjoyed his previous experience teaching physics at Penn State, so it was back to school to get his

Ph.D. in physics while teaching and doing research at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Tschopp kept busy working on various contracts, but he realized engineers and physicists were flooding the market. It was time to consider yet another career move. He remembered an experience he had early on in college. “When I went to Penn State, they did a very thorough psychological profile on all their students and predicted which fields they were more likely to succeed in; dentistry was one of those fields for me.” Although he had not considered the profession in his earlier college years, it was an area in which he was interested even as a child. “When I was growing up, my family dentist would allow me to hang out in his office and watch him work, and my high school sweetheart's father had a dental laboratory where I liked to spend time. So I had a curiosity about dentistry early on.”

Ten years after earning his first college degree, he was enrolled in dental school at Indiana University. Ironically, as successful as Dr. Tschopp has been throughout his careers, the Penn State psychological profile, while it noted he would be a good candidate for dentistry – as well as farming, engineering, and physics – it also flagged him as someone who was not likely to succeed in college. “The high school I attended in the Appalachian coal country was not equipped to prepare students beyond the 12th grade. When I started college, I had never even heard of calculus.” Obviously, that didn't stop him from achieving significant success in all of his professional and educational endeavors. This multi-degreed, highly educated professional has enjoyed more than 30 years as general practitioner.



Dr. Larry Tschopp

In addition, throughout his career he has been actively involved in organized dentistry holding numerous positions at the state and local levels. Today, Dr. Tschopp serves as Chair of the ISDS Foundation's scholarship committee, and he emphasizes that it was through scholarships and grants that he was able to put himself through college and earn his degrees. “There are plenty of opportunities available to students to secure grants and scholarships. Rather than increasing the burden of already heavy debt, dental students should look for opportunities, such as those offered through the ISDS Foundation. With a little time and effort, they can secure several thousand dollars,” he emphasized.

Dr. Tschopp and his wife, Carolin, reside in Savoy. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Dental Students Awarded Scholarships

Congratulations to the winners of the 2008 ISDS Foundation scholarships. The winners of the Shapiro Scholarship are Miloslava Miller from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry and Brock

Droll from Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine. The winners of the Clopper Scholarship are Katie McCann from UIC and Courtney Scheffelbein from SIU/SDM.

For further information on ISDS Foundation scholarships and to download an application, visit the Foundation website at www.isds.org/isdsfoundation and click on *Donations at Work*.

Fore! Don't Miss the Foundation Golf Outing

The Illinois State Dental Society Foundation invites you to join us on the links for the second annual ISDS Foundation golf outing Thursday, Sept. 10 at *Ruffled Feathers Golf Club* in Lemont. The golf outing, which will be held in conjunction with the ISDS Annual Session, Sept 10-13, in Oak Brook, is a fundraiser for the Foundation.

"The ISDS Foundation provides scholarships for dental students, community grants to expand access to care, oral health education, special programs for dentists in need, and much more. Given all that the Foundation does for dentistry in Illinois, we hope to have several sponsors and golfers join us in supporting this worthwhile fundraising event," noted Golf Co-Chair Dr. John Kozal.

Several affordable sponsorship opportunities are available, including golf hole sponsorships as well as box lunch and gift bag sponsors.

All golf event sponsors will be recognized through appropriate signage, noted in the official program distributed to all attendees, and verbally acknowledged during Annual Session. In addition, sponsors will be mentioned on the ISDS Foundation website, recognized in the Foundation publication, *Cornerstone*, and noted in *Illinois Dental News*.

For further information on serving as a golf sponsor or participating in the golf outing contact Foundation Program Director Tess Fyalka via email at tfyalka@isds.org or phone at 800/475-4737. Or visit the Foundation website at www.isds.org/isdsfoundation.

Special thanks to all of those individuals and businesses who supported last year's golf outing: Dr. Keith Bryant, Dr. Keith Dickey, Dr. J. Barry Howell, Dr. Bill Osborn, Dr. Michael J. Mintz, Chicago Dental Society, North Suburban Branch of the Chicago Dental Society, West Suburban Branch of the



Doctors David Browne, Pete Pirmann, Joe Hagenbruch and Dennis McDowell enjoy a great day of golf.

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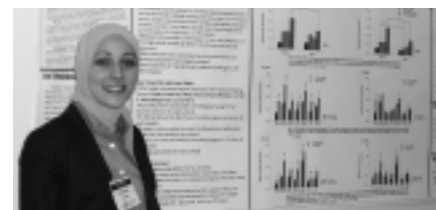
UIC College of Dentistry Table Clinic Awards

Dental Student Table Clinics awards were presented February 4 to students from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry. There were 19 Undergraduate Table Topic presentations.

The basic science winner was Cameron Walker. He won for his work on osteopontin and rankl modulate tooth drift by affecting osteoclastogenesis. Hiba Diab was the Clinical Science Winner for her

research on the topic of Older Individuals Exhibit Early Delays in Gene Expression in Wounded Oral Mucosal Tissue: A Possible Mechanism For Age-Impaired Healing.

Dr. David Kumamoto, Dr. Larry Tschopp, Dr. Joseph Hagenbruch, and Dr. Sue Bishop represented the ISDS Foundation as judges. Cash awards of \$600 each were presented to the winners in each category.



Nominate the Next Greek Leader

The Illinois State Dental Society Foundation is taking applications for the William J. Greek Memorial Leadership Award. The award recognizes an ISDS member dentist who has exhibited sincere involvement in organized dentistry, has demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities, and has been out of dental school for fewer than 10 years.

The nominee must be a member of the Illinois State Dental Society. In addition the nominating component/branch or individual must provide a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae and a brief supporting essay detailing examples of the nominee's leadership qualities, community service, and involvement in organized dentistry. For more information, visit www.isds.org/isdsfoundation and click on Awards. Or call Tess Fyalka, ISDS Foundation Program Director, at 800/475-4737.

ISDS Foundation Offers \$40,000 in Grant Monies

The Illinois State Dental Society Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2009 round of community grants. This year, the ISDS Foundation will award \$40,000 in grants to causes that promote and encourage improved oral health in Illinois. All applications must be postmarked by Monday, June 1, 2009.

Proposals will be evaluated based on audience/community impact, feasibility of the project's success, potential for continuing after the ISDS Foundation grant monies have been expended, and project potential to achieve the goals and mission of the ISDS Foundation.

For further information on grant guidelines and to obtain a grant application, visit www.isds.org and



Foundation President (center) LuAnne Mclean and grant winners.

click on ISDS Foundation or contact Ms. Tess Fyalka at tfyalka@isds.org or 800/475-4737. Grant awards will be announced in September.

The ISDS Foundation Community Grants initiative is made possible because of the generous support of

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65 Students Take Field Trip to the Future

Fourth-year dental students from Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine and the University of Illinois College of Dentistry recently participated in the annual Field Trip to the Future. The field trip, which is sponsored in part by the ISDS Foundation, enables students to see organized dentistry in action. The students tour the American Dental Association headquarters, participate in

educational seminars, and network with practicing dentists and dental leaders.

Among the many excellent presentations and speakers, was ISDS Foundation Board President, Dr. LuAnne McClean. She spoke about the importance of giving back to the profession through the Foundation's *A Case Today Secures Tomorrow* program.



Students Visit ADA Headquarters

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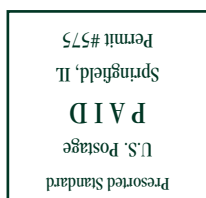
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Why Do We Need this Program Now? The physical facilities in which dental education is delivered must be improved. Persistent faculty shortages and decaying facilities threaten the future of that education and curriculum development. Additionally, because dental education is very costly, it is becoming unaffordable. Tuition costs and post-graduate debt prevent many talented students from middle and lower-income families and under-represented minorities from pursuing dental careers.

What is at Stake? Without a solid educational infrastructure in place in Illinois, the long-held standards of excellence in dental education and, subsequently, dental care for our citizens are at risk. Dr. Art Dugoni, former ADA president and dean of the University of the Pacific, summed up the situation most effectively at the ISDS Capital Conference last spring when he emphasized that "... **If nothing is done to repair the [educational] system, it will eventually turn the profession of dentistry into a trade.**" The integrity of dentistry as a trusted health care profession in Illinois is at risk.

Please help dental education in Illinois and future dentists by taking a moment to complete the enclosed pledge form and returning it to the ISDS Foundation, P.O. Box 376, Springfield, IL 62705.

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