

2007 MSOMS SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Hope this Summer Newsletter from the Midwestern Society of Oral & Maxillofacial surgeons finds you well. If you were at this past meeting in Snoqualmie, Washington you know what I am saying in "Oh what a wonderful place that was!!" If not you must visit the Salish Lodge and Spa sometime. Too bad you will not be able to write off your trip and pick up some fantastic Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery C.E. and enjoy the comradery with our Midwest society members. Now on that note, you can get caught up with old friends and enjoy Oral Surgery C.E. away from the frigid temperature of this wonderful place we call home "the great Midwest" in Feb/March (28th thru 2nd) in Cancun, Mexico. Yes the temperatures should be a little warmer as the region is a little closer to the equator!!!

Back to Washington State. The weather was very nice. Those that participated enjoyed golf and the food was wonderful. The Thursday evening reception and Friday Barbeque and Saturday Closing dinner and entertainment was well attended.

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Our hats go off to Dr and Mrs. Doug Fain for presiding over the meeting and helping with the planning of events. Dawn Myers was again on her best game with the meeting and arrangements to assure it was a successful event. Dawn has agreed to a 2-year extension to her contract this keeping a very stable environment for the Midwest Society.

The speaker for the professional program was Dr. Jerry Bouquot, D.D.S. chairman of the Oral Pathology department of the University of Texas at Houston. His thorough Oral pathology topics were extremely interesting, informative and well received by the Midwestern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery members present. I want to personally thank my mentor and friend "Dr. Jerry" for his time and effort preparing his excellent presentations.

I would next like to thank Dr. James Swift and Dr. Roy Cole for their active support in trying to resurrect the Resident Presentations for the Cancun meeting.

We would like to welcome three new members to the Midwestern Society. Drs. Pamela Hughes, Bradley Burnett and Bryan Bailey. Next time you have an opportunity to say hello, make them feel at home in the Society. Do not let your guard down, if you know of any new prospects do not hesitate to forward their name to Dawn or give them our new web site address

www.midwesternsoms.org and have them download an application with intention to send it in to join our group.

Our annual meeting next year will be a “Winter Getaway” in Cancun, Mexico Feb 28, 2008 to March 2, 2008 at the Hilton Cancun Golf and Spa Resort. This should be an exciting meeting with activities for the entire family. I will be our President for 2008 and will be working with my wife Kate to arrange the meeting. Watch your e-mail for further details and for you not with Internet access do not stress out as there will be something in the regular mail.

For 2009 Dr Roger Wilson will be presiding over the meeting in Jackson Hole, WY

For 2010 (our 60th year of existence as a society) will be handled by Dr. Steve Green. He is planning on a Midwestern meeting to allow for easy travel for everyone!!!

For 2111 Dr Roy Cole will be our leader and has yet to work on the planning for the meeting.

After being handed over the historical files for the organization I thought that it might be nice to reminisce. Here is a reprint of a letter that I found in the historical papers of the Midwestern Society of Oral Surgeons.

“In 1949 the organization was just a thought... Those in charge with the initial formation of the society were Drs. Merle Hale, Ferrel Webb and Don Woodland. In 1949 there were 11 Oral Surgeons in the Kansas City area that got together at Indian Hills Country Club and discussed the possibility of forming a Midwest Society of Oral Surgeons. After 3 or 4 hours of intense conversation it was agreed to send a form letter to every Dentist in Missouri and Kansas that limited his practice to Oral Surgery and included in this letter was an invitation to attend the organizational Meeting in 1950. This first meeting of the society was held on May 8th 1950 at the Hotel President in Kansas City, Mo. Twenty-Eight interested men were present from the states of Missouri and Kansas.

The Charter Members:

Kansas City Area:

H. Wilson Allen	C. J. Brown	Morven Curran	Ralph Edwards
Jack Freeman	Merle Hale	Douglas Irwin, Sr.	Robert Jersak Charles Keeling
Frank Klee	John Ronnau		

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Springfield – Bruce Ratcliff

The Original records were lost in the Kansas City flood of 1951. The information was gleaned from our first secretary Dr. C.J. Brown, as well as Drs John Heiser, LeRoy Peterson and Merle Hale.

The formation of the Midwestern Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons was basically an out growth of an attempt to calm Hostilities amongst Oral Surgeons in the Kansas City Area. The then Dean of Kansas City Dental School Dr. Ray Rinehardt approached Dr. Merle Hale and suggested that he visit with the local Oral Surgeons to see about forming a society to share problems and air their differences. The purpose of the society was voted to encourage communication among the oral surgeons within the area and aid in the advancement and education of the specialty.”

This reaffirms to me the importance and viability of this society. It has grown over the years to be broader in geographical area and membership has been steady. Attendance at meeting has been light in numbers but heavy in enthusiasm. I feel this society will continue to be a very important and vital component of the Oral and Maxillofacial Association. Please, if you know of any surgeons in your area or even with in your practice have them consider joining our society.

Enclosed you will find dues statements for active members and updates for Retirees. Any active members that are two years behind in dues (2007-2008) have dues statements with RED headings. The information from the dues statements is used as updates for the yearly roster. If you plan to retain your membership in Midwestern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons PLEASE RETURN the appropriate forms in a timely manner.

The executive council has renewed the contract for Dawn Myers as our executive director for 2007 thru 2009. Dawn has agreed to a two-year contract. She has been a tremendous asset to the society while arranging for wonderful meetings in Coeur d’Alene, ID, Snoqualmie, WA and our next meeting in Cancun, Mexico. She will be working with Dr. Wilson to coordinate the 2009 event in Jackson Hole.

I wish to thank all of you and please have patience with me as your President, Secretary and Treasurer for the year 2007. Please pat Dr. Jim Muller on the back the next time you see him for the wonderful job he did as our past Secretary/Treasurer. I hope that I can fill those SHOES.

Sincerely

Barton G. Bycroft, D.M.D.



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