



Mercy Humanitarian Mission 2008: Bigger and Better



By Kristen Whetsell

Once again, UCSD Pre-Dental students have been given the opportunity to volunteer on the U.S.N.S. Mercy, a Navy hospital ship that operates on a strictly humanitarian basis. The U.S.N.S. Mercy has a total patient capacity of 1000 beds, 12 operating rooms, and has been compared to the 10th largest hospital in the United States.

This will be the third Navy humanitarian mission in which UCSD Pre-Dental students have

participated. In 2006, nine UCSD Pre-Dental students joined the Mercy deployment in Southeast Asia and in 2007, eight students joined the U.S.S. Peleliu, becoming integral parts of the dental team. They assisted in dental procedures, observed surgeries, and acted as ambassadors of goodwill to people all over Southeast Asia. This year, over 50 UCSD students will be joining the Mercy again. Dr. Irvin Silverstein and the Pre-Dental Society have

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Director's Corner

Greetings from Dr. Irvin Silverstein

I cannot believe that the academic year 2007-2008 is coming to a close. I know that many of you will be graduating and leaving our program. It will be hard to see many of you leave to continue on with your lives. I've gotten to know many of you over the past four years. I hope that all of you will be able to attend the graduation party at my house on June 7, 2008 at 7:30pm. It should be a fun event. It will be the last big get-together of the year for all of our members.



It has been an amazing year in that we have again had many distinguished people speak to our group. We have learned how diverse the field of dentistry is and how the various dental schools differ from each other. At the present time, I know of over 35 students from our group who will be attending dental school this coming fall. I hope you will all keep in contact with us.

We have received some prestigious awards and honors this year. Dr. Beck got the Public Health Champion Award from the County and our Student-Run Free Clinic Project received a similar organizational award. Our UCSD Pre-Dental Society and Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project received the University Student Organization of the Year Award and was one of three organizations featured at the opening ceremonies of the ADA annual meeting in San Francisco. However, these awards are not as impressive as the fact that we had over 50% more dental patient visits this year as compared to last year. This means that more people were helped by our program. We continue to change lives for the better.

One of the most significant projects that we have undertaken is to become one of the major civilian organizations on the USNS Mercy Humanitarian Mission. This ship will be going to several countries in the South Pacific and Asia, providing health care in much needed areas. We will have over 60 students and professionals on board the ship. We also were instrumental in putting on board four CEREC machines and a laser. This will hopefully change the scope of this humanitarian mission in that we are trying to restore dentitions and repair teeth. This mission will create many firsts. I was told by the Navy that our group will be the largest civilian group on this mission and the largest amount of students ever going on an active military ship.

We have been very lucky this year in getting to do some amazing field trips such as going to professional meetings, visiting dental schools, and doing work with the coroner's office. Many other

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UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project: A Public Health Champion

By Richard Sawaya

On April 4, 2008, Dr. Ellen Beck, Director of the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinics was recognized as Public Health Champion by the County of San Diego. In the jam-packed chambers of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the UCSD Free Clinics, and Dr. Beck received one of the ten Public Health Champions Awards given to individuals or organizations which exemplified "extraordinary achievements in areas of public health services that protect and promote the health of the local population." Upon accepting



Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Dr. Ellen Beck, PDS student leaders, and County representatives

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Drs. Kathleen Roth and Eugene Sekiguchi

ADA Past Presidents Visit

By "Kathy" Yen-Nga Nguyen



Dr. Gerald Vale, Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Dr. Eugene Sekiguchi, Dr. Kathleen Roth, Dr. Barbara Kabes, Dr. Harriet Seldin, Dr. David Milder, Ms. Susan Lovelace, Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi, Dr. Sam Dove, and PDS Student Leaders

Dr. Roth was one of four female students in her dental school. She described her ADA presidency as a great honor and an incredible opportunity to serve and make a difference in dentistry. Shocked by the preventable deaths and diseases of children due to a lack of healthcare, she firmly believed in the need to reform the U.S. health care system to better address unmet needs. In her address to congress, Dr. Roth stated that although dentists delivered \$1.6 billion in free or discounted care per year, volunteer and charitable efforts are not enough. "Dentists can do more, but only if state and federal governments give us the support we need. We call upon our many friends in Congress to work with us to ensure that every American child can face his or her future with a smile,"

During her presidency, Dr. Roth participated in several humanitarian missions to Africa and Alaska. Aside from serving as ADA president, Dr. Roth has served as trustee of the ADA's 9th District, representing Wisconsin and Michigan, a past President of the Wisconsin Dental Association, and Chair of the Wisconsin Workforce Committee. At the ADA, chaired committees on diversity and information technology, and was senior trustee on Strategic Planning committee. Dr. Roth is also interested in zoological dentistry and often cares for the oral health of animals.

Following Dr. Roth's presentation, Dr. Sekiguchi began lightheartedly by relating a story of his childhood. Born a Japanese American, the man who now inspires much respect in the world was bullied by other school children and expelled from school a number of times for engaging in fights of self-defense in his early years. But perhaps, thanks to these adversities, as he progressed through high school Dr. Sekiguchi found determination to succeed and reach his career goals. Not yet discovering dentistry, Dr. Sekiguchi obtained a B.S. and M.S. in electrical engineering and worked in this field following graduation. He got married and only then was his interest in dentistry inspired by his father-in-law who was a dentist.

At the age of 26, Dr. Sekiguchi decided to go back to school to pursue dentistry. As he wisely says, "It is never too late to change your career path once you have found your passion. Once you have found it, don't hesitate to pursue it." He wanted to send this message to students who may have feelings of self-doubt about their own paths. Following the talks, the UCSD Pre-Dental Society presented Dr. Sekiguchi and Dr. Roth with certificates of appreciation. It was late in the evening, but both stayed to attend a reception afterwards and to personally interact with the students.



Left to Right: Dr. Eugene Sekiguchi, Kristen Whet-sell, Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Dr. Kathleen Roth, and Ricky Lugo



On Left from Left to Right: Alan Wong, Deborah Kim, Clarence Lin, Dr. Kathleen Roth, Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi, Dr. Eugene Sekiguchi, Akta Amin, and Cheryll Kang outside of Baker clinic.

On Thursday, January 10, 2008, the UCSD Pre-Dental Society were honored with visits by Dr. Kathleen Roth and Dr. Eugene Sekiguchi, two of the ADA's past presidents. Dr. Roth, who served in 2005-2006, enthusiastically shared her experiences as the second woman president of the ADA. Dr. Sekiguchi, who in 2003-2004 was the first Asian president of the ADA and is currently a Professor and Associate Dean at the USC School of Dentistry, also had amazing life stories to share.

Dr. Roth is a general dentist from West Bend, Wisconsin, and a graduate of Milwaukee's Marquette University School of Dentistry in 1974,

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events are being planned for the summer. Our clinics will be operating and we will be having biweekly meetings. Hopefully, more students will be getting involved. There are still some positions open for those who want to step up.

Our last meeting of the year will have Congressman Bob Filner as the speaker. The date will be on Monday, June 2 at 6:30pm in the School of Pharmacy Basement Lecture Hall with a reception to follow. He was a history professor at San Diego State who has successfully been involved in politics at the board of education, city council and congress for the past eighteen years. We plan to have several prominent community leaders and university personnel at the meeting. I hope everyone can make this very special event.

Our new website address is:

<http://fdc-pds.ucsd.edu>

I wish everyone well on their finals.

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the award Dr. Beck eloquently referred to many inspiring and thought provoking quotes from various leaders and progressive visionaries in history such as Mahatma Gandhi, Robert Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She ended with a quote by Dr. King who said that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere". Following Dr. Beck, Dr. Silverstein spoke of the vast unmet need for dental healthcare that exists in our society and its impact on the social and overall well-being of the individual who lacks access to care. He accepted the UCSD Free Clinic Champion Award on behalf of the clinics.

Many students from the UCSD Pre-Dental Society and Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project were present at the ceremony. This award is one of the many awards that the UCSD Free Clinics has been honored to receive over the years. It embodies the mission that the Free Clinic Project aims to achieve, which is to "provide accessible, quality healthcare for the underserved in a respectful environment in which students, health professionals, patients, and community members learn from one another". This recognition of the Free Clinic Project by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency strengthens and reinforces the Free Clinics' core endeavors which focus on commitment and justice to the San Diego community. In this way, the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project can continue to be a Public Health Champion, tackling the "injustice" that Dr. King told us "threatens justice everywhere."

America Bracho Inspires Students to Take a Stand for Health Care



By Diana Lin

Our pre-dental students were honored to have Dr. America Bracho speak at one of our meetings. Bracho is an inspiring person who stands for the right to health access and makes you believe you should be doing your part too. This intelligent, compassionate woman is the CEO of Latino Health Access (LHA), an award winning, non-profit organization that assists with providing solutions for the multiple health needs of Latinos in Orange County. LHA currently has many sponsors which fund its community programs but, this was not always the case. Early on, Bracho's resourceful thinking provided a strategy to overcome their financial needs; she decided they would make tamales and sell them to raise money for community programs. Today, tamales are still being sold along with cookbooks containing recipes for tamales and other Latino cuisine.

Bracho told our students that her mother, who had a huge influence on her, always used one bargaining chip that proved to work 100 percent of the time. She would simply state that it was either "her way or no way". Now, Bracho uses this bargaining technique when planning her events. For example, when her volunteer medical students were not given permission to do anything hands-on, Bracho bargained with the university to allow them to get trained so they could be more hands-on or else she was not going to have them volunteering at all. Consequently, the medical students were trained and given the opportunity to do hands-on work thereby increasing the amount of people able to obtain medical treatment.

LHA focuses on improving the quality of life of uninsured, under-served people through providing preventive health services and health education programs. These programs arise from the community as needs emerge or as requested by community members. LHA believes in inclusion and true community partnerships. Therefore, LHA not only meets the needs of every program participant, but also recognizes each person's assets bringing them into play to benefit the entire community. Bracho's vision for LHA is to promote healthy living and disease prevention. Prior to LHA, Bracho was a director for the AIDS projects for Latino Family Services in Detroit, Michigan. She has also served as a trainer, presenter, and consultant for government and private agencies such as: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The National Council of La Raza, the University of Michigan, UCLA, John Hopkins University, and the National Conference of Community Outreach Workers. Bracho has a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan with a specialty in Health Education and Health Behavior and is a Certified Diabetes Educator. In Venezuela, she is a physician. To our pre-dental students, she is a role model and inspiration for outreach and has taught us that if you have a vision you can make it happen.

PDS Observes Autopsies at the San Diego Medical Examiner's Office

By Ryan Takeda



Dr. Glenn Wagner, Dr. Irvin Silverstein, and pre-dental students at the San Diego Medical Examiner's office

In November of 2007, pre-dental students visited the San Diego Medical Examiner's office to observe two separate autopsies. Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Glenn Wagner, led the tour and answered many questions from our curious students. On one of the visits our students were able to witness El Cajon forensic dentist, Dr. Anthony Cardoza, identify the body of a heavily decomposed individual based on dental records.

Students initially toured the office and laboratory to observe behind the scenes work. Then suited up with aprons and masks for the autopsy. The first subject was a middle-aged man. An explanation about the nature of the individual's death and what they were looking for was given before Dr. Wagner proceeded with the autopsy. There were instances where a student became uncomfortable and stepped outside for a few minutes. Since this subject died from a suspected heart attack, doctors used a scalpel to take cross sections out of the heart until the location of restricted cardiac tissue was found. Once located, this confirmed that a heart attack was the cause of death.

During the second visit, the 90 year old man being autopsied was believed to have suffered from bruising to the head. This was confirmed by inspection of the subject's brain tissue to check for a possible aneurysm. A saw, typically used to remove casts, was used to cut through the skull and allowed for inspection of the brain tissue.

Shortly before the end of the first autopsy, the students were surprised to see Dr. Cardoza with another white body bag on a gurney. Dr. Cardoza explained to the students that his subject required identification through use of dental records. According to Ben Pham, "The best part of this experience is that it allowed us to observe a side of dentistry we normally don't see in our clinics." Dr. Cardoza chose a few students to help by holding the head in a fixed position or holding labels while he took photographs.

Dr. Cardoza removed the mandible and maxilla in preparation for a set of x-rays. Using digital x-ray imaging, he compared the post-mortem x-rays to pre-mortem x-rays provided by another dentist. Comparative visual analysis of the x-rays confirmed the individual's identity. Identification landmarks such as unique restorative dental work, particularly amalgam fillings, helped make the identification process easier.

The autopsy gave students insight into the complex network of human anatomy. According to pre-dental student, Kristen Watanabe, "Dr. Cardoza's presentation was really interesting. I never thought I would be able to see dental forensics at work". The trip to the San Diego Medical Examiner's office gave pre-dental students the rare opportunity to observe the forensic applications of dentistry first hand.



Dr. Glenn Wagner preparing students for the autopsy

Dr. Anthony Cardoza with pre-dental students before the autopsy

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Left to Right: Lieutenant Commander Ralph Raya, Head of Dental USNS Mercy; Captain James P. Rice, Commander of the USNS Mercy; Rear Admiral Edward Reedy; Dr. Irvin Silverstein.

worked hard to forge a solid relationship with Navy officials. UCSD is the only university to successfully negotiate a contract to act as a Non-Government Organization that participates in Navy missions.

Our pre-dental students are expected to have a larger role on the ship than ever before. The head dental officer plans to run the dental clinic on the ship 24 hours a day with three shifts. Also, SIRONA has donated four CEREC machines that fabricate crowns to be used on the deployment. All students going on the ship took a special course that certified them in the use of CEREC machines. (See CEREC story on page 4). Our students will be running the CEREC machines in addition to taking dental x-rays and doing dental assisting. Students will also be going onshore to assist in providing dental care to people in need. SIRONA also donated a laser to use on this humanitarian mission.

UCSD students have visited the Philippines, Indonesia, West Timor, Australia, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Bangladesh and more. This time the ship will be visiting some of the same locations, but also some new ones in Southeast Asia and Australia. The experience will surely touch our students as they augment the Navy mission to provide goodwill in the form of healthcare.



Left to Right: Student Leaders Sheetal Ray, Joanne Nguyen, and Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi see the Mercy off earlier this month



Side view of the U.S.N.S. Mercy in San Diego

CEREC Training at the Naval Base

By Brian Huh



Officers of the US Navy, civilian dentists with the pre-dental society, students of the pre-dental society, and CEREC trainers on the second day of CEREC training

This summer, the UCSD PDS will embark on a humanitarian mission with the U.S. Navy to Southeast Asia. This will be the second time that our Pre-Dental Society will join the Mercy Hospital Ship to provide medical, dental, and other humanitarian assistance such as house building and public health education.

One unique aspect about this mission is that the Navy will be

putting four full functioning CEREC 3D and corresponding milling machines provided by Patterson Dental on board the ship. CEREC 3D is one of many products of CAD/CAM technology, which is making its name as the future of dentistry. This will allow the Navy to fabricate prosthetics such as inlays, onlays, and full crowns on patients within the span of one hour. Normally, a crown requires multiple visits to a dentist's office because dentists have to work with a dental laboratory to make a crown. However, a crown can be completed and ready to be seated within an hour using the CEREC 3D and the milling units because it does not involve impressions or lab time. Once a dentist has finished the crown prep, he or she can scan the prep into the CEREC 3D software using an intra-oral scanner. After the image is in the computer, either the dental assistant or dentist can design the tooth using various forming tools in the software. The fully designed crown is then milled in the milling chamber. A dentist can choose from a variety of blocks that range in shades and material strength. In about 30 to 40 minutes most crowns are done milling in the chamber and can then either be polished or stained and glazed to give a shinier look in the mouth. If needed, porcelain can be added for esthetic reasons or shade corrections.

Dr. Rick Fox along with Dr. Simon from Patterson Dental were kind enough to volunteer their time for two days to teach about 50 of our students and dentists how to use CEREC 3D. The morning of the first day was set aside to train the volunteer dentists and navy dentists who will be embarking on the mission. It was important to set aside some extra training time for the dentists, because CEREC 3D crown preps need to be prepared slightly differently than traditional crown preps. For example, there cannot be any sharp line angles or "J" shaped preps in order for the burs to mill out the crown successfully. After the morning session, the students joined the class and were taught how to scan and design with the CEREC 3D software. On the second day, the students had hands on time with the intra-oral scanner and the software. In addition to the class, our group of selected students was allowed to tour the Mercy ship that was docked at the Naval Base.

Being part of the UCSD PDS, students often get great opportunities to learn about multiple aspects of dentistry and obtain hands-on experience. Experiences like these are not only invaluable on their dental school application, but also give them an advantage once they become working professionals.



Pre-dental Society students and dentists, and CEREC trainers tour the USNS Mercy

11th Annual Free Clinic Benefit Dinner

By "Kathy" Yen-Nga Nguyen

On Sunday, March 30, 2008, the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project held their annual benefit dinner to celebrate 11 years of success and raise funds. This project is a collaborative effort of professional and community partners and individuals who unconditionally provide healthcare services to those who do not have access to care, primarily the working poor. Although the clinics and services offered have grown every year, the unmet needs of the community have also grown. On this evening, professionals, volunteers, and friends of the community joined together to reinforce the mission of the project.

Awards were given to individuals who helped make the Free Clinics Project successful. The UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project Founder Award was presented to Dr. Katherine Day Reinleitner of the Eugene Mindlin Foundation whose funding enabled the start of the Free Dental Clinics. The Eugene Mindlin Foundation supports a variety of science activities and provides young people with the incentives and the means to fulfill their dreams and society's needs for excellence in all kinds of scientific endeavors. Katherine Day Reinleitner was given this honor for her instrumental role in the early and continued success of the Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project.

The Dan Kershner Award, which honors the memory of a dedicated volunteer dentist who played a valuable role in forming the dental clinics, was presented to one dentist and one student volunteer. The dentist award went to Dr. Samuel Dove, who is very dedicated to the clinics, and the student award went to Ricky Lugo, the Student Director of the Pre-dental Society. Special Community Leader Awards were given to Ms. Jenni Prisk, Ms. Carol Pilner, and Mr. Jim Blyth. The Scott Perry Award, in memory of a dedicated pre-dental volunteer, was given to Richard Sawaya and Ben Pham, two student volunteers who show strong dedication, service and commitment to the clinic project. Student Directors Awards went to Ricky Lugo, and the two Assistant Student Directors, Brian Lu and Kristen Whetsell. The UCSD Pre-dental Society and Free Dental Clinic Project also recognized a number of volunteer dentists for their continued work in helping the underserved and educating pre-dental students. Additionally, 19 students who regularly volunteer at the clinics, were recognized for their successful acceptance into dental school for 2008. A mentorship award was given to Dr. Irvin Silverstein by the Mindlin Foundation along with a gift to the free clinics.



Lieutenant Commander Matthew Chang, Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi, Dr. Gerald Vale, Dr. Katherine Day Reinleitner, Dr. Irvin Silverstein,

People affiliated with the medical, pharmacy, law, social work, and acupuncture clinics were also honored during the evening. Overall, about 330 people attended the benefit dinner, throughout which were special features such as wine tasting, a silent auction and opportunity drawings. Entertainment was provided by two pianists, the band Escape Rhythm, and a traditional Aztec Dance.

The benefit dinner was a wonderful success and the funds raised will be used to further improve this project and ensure its existence into the future.

Rear Admirals Christine Hunter and Edward Reidy Visit

By "Tiki" Thien-Kim Le



Left to Right: Ricky Lugo; Rear Admiral Edward Reidy, DDS; Rear Admiral Christine Hunter, MD; Brian Lu; Kristen Whetsell; and Dr. Irvin Silverstein.

Navy Rear Admiral Christine Hunter, MD and Rear Admiral Edward Reidy, DDS kicked off the Spring Quarter Special Speakers for the UCSD Pre-Dental Society on April 3, 2008. The event attracted many pre-dental students as well as military personnel, local dentists, and other healthcare professionals.

Dr. Hunter, the Commander of the Navy Medicine West and Naval Medical Center in San Diego, possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience in providing healthcare both locally and globally. Dr. Hunter shows that leadership skills are acquired through the challenges one encounters. For her, such experiences included the earthquake disaster in Seattle in 2000. At the time, she was commander of the Naval Hospital in Bremerton and – having spent many years at the naval base in San Diego – ‘knew an earthquake when she felt one’. She had to act fast and declared an emergency in which patients were moved out of the hospital and into tents to ensure their safety.

Her leadership ability landed her a new position as the Chief of Staff, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in 2004. At that time, hospital ships were on the verge of retirement; however, they were further maintained with the onslaught of the tsunami that hit Indonesia in December 2004. For the first time, the military partnered with non-governmental organizations (NGO) in a humanitarian mission. Within hours of the disaster, the Navy sent its hospital ship, *U.S.N.S. Mercy*, to the region. This partnership between government agencies and NGOs was a completely new concept that changed Dr. Hunter's perspective on management in the military as she organized the mission.

Students heard another perspective of leadership roles in the military from Rear Admiral Reidy, Deputy for Total Force Integration and Deputy Chief of the Naval Dental Corps. The Navy currently offers students a \$20,000 sign-on bonus and \$1,900 stipend per month while attending any dental school of choice on their scholarship. Although Dr. Reidy believes that the scholarship is an excellent deal, he spoke to students on the importance of Dental Corps in the Navy. The Navy dentistry's mission is to ensure dental readiness while optimizing dental health', he told the audience; reminding us to put others before ourselves.

Both Dr. Hunter and Dr. Reidy applauded the students and dentists who volunteered their time in the UCSD Pre-Dental Society and Student-Run Free Dental Clinics, which announced the new clinic managers and coordinators for the next academic year of 2008 – 2009 that same night. Also, the Navy presented Certificates of Appreciation to eight students who participated in a Navy humanitarian mission called the Peleliu Pacific Partnership last summer of 2007. The students who received this award were Kjeld Aamodt, Stephanie Canton, Kennie Kwok, Diana Lin, Ben Pham, Sheetal Ray, Alex Nguyen, and Joanne Nguyen. Once again this summer, UCSD pre-dental students will have the opportunity to participate in a Navy humanitarian mission. Dr. Reidy emphasized that this is a huge responsibility and that teamwork and communication are essential components to carry out this mission to provide dental care on a global level.

Dr. Hunter and Dr. Reidy ended the night with inspiring messages



reminding us of our responsibility as healthcare providers to lend a helping hand and the need to build relationships with other nations in order to have a more peaceful world.

On Left from Left to Right: Rear Admiral Edward Reidy, Diana Lin, Joanne Nguyen, Kjeld Aamodt, Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Sheetal Ray, Ben Pham, Rear Admiral Christine Hunter

UCSD Pre-Dental Society Picture Page



A group of 40 UCSD pre-dental students and some Boy Scouts toured the USS Reagan with Commander Kurt Hummendorf.



A group of over 100 UCSD pre-dental students, Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi, and PDS alumni at the California Dental Association (CDA) Anaheim convention.



Alex Nguyen, Robert Jungman, and Don Cheunklung learning how to adjust margins using CEREC software.



Goli Pahlevanlou and Charles Tai teaching elementary school children how cavities form.



Kristen Watanabe oiling handpieces at Downtown clinic at the end of the night.

Meet the New Leaders of the Pre-Dental Society



Name: Abel Monzon

School: UCSD Warren College

New Leadership Role: Student Director

Worked at the Free Dental Clinics since: 2005

Past jobs and contributions to the PDS: Flyering, tabling, calling companies for donations, x-ray coordinator, and Pacific Beach Wednesday manager

Hobbies: Playing electric bass guitar and drawing

Favorite TV Shows: The Office and Most Evil

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Name: Mykel Rae Anderson

School: UCSD Thurgood Marshall

New Leadership Role: Head of Data Compilation for patient treatment and volunteer hours

Worked at the Free Dental Clinics since: 2005

Past jobs and contributions to the PDS: Flyering, tabling, dental volunteer coordinator, storage organizing, and Downtown Monday manager

Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, dance (jazz and hula), playing the drums, traveling, and trying to surf

Favorite TV Shows: Friends, CSI, House, and anything on Discovery or Animal Planet

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Name: Diana Grace Lin

School: UCSD Muir College

New Leadership Role: Head of Special Events and Donations

Worked at the Free Dental Clinics since: 2005

Past jobs and contributions to the PDS: Flyering, data entry (before we went digital), driving special speakers, calling companies for donations, envelope stuffing, tabling, storage organizing, palette organizing, lab coordinator, and newsletter editor

Hobbies: Singing, dancing, watching movies, kickboxing, and playing video games

Favorite TV Shows: Scrubs and How I Met Your Mother

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Name: Joanne Nguyen

School: UCSD Thurgood Marshall

New Leadership Role: Head of OSHA, Thousand Smiles, Norcal Project, and the Mercy Trip

Worked at the Free Dental Clinics since: 2004

Past jobs and contributions to the PDS: Flyering, tabling, reminder calls for dentists, TGIF reservations, envelope stuffing, palette organizing, driving special speakers, pizza/drink, lab donations, dentist scheduling coordinator, Baker lab contact, Dr. Silverstein's driver on Thursdays, and Baker Wednesday manager

Hobbies: Outdoor sports, museums, theatre, eating, and making balloon animals

Favorite TV Shows: Heroes

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Name: Sheetal Ray

School: UCSD Thurgood Marshall

New Leadership Role: Head of the Student-run Free Dental Clinics

Worked at the Free Dental Clinics since: 2005

Past jobs and contributions to the PDS: Flyering, data entry (before we went digital), driving special speakers, reminder calls for dentists, storage organizing, palette organizing, cooking food for the club, and Downtown Wednesday manager

Hobbies: Playing golf, wikipedia, watching movies, and learning different types of dance

Favorite TV Shows: Scrubs, Heroes, The Tudors, Daria, and anything on the Food Network or the History Channel

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In Memoriam Charles Meyer Goldstein



Dr. Charles Meyer Goldstein 1921-2008

Director of the USC Mobile Clinic and Director of Community Outreach Programs

He was a humble, compassionate man that helped in providing treatment for thousands of underserved people each year and inspired students to do so as well.

He will be sorely missed by many people including our organization.

Congratulations UCSD Pre-Dental Society!
Winner of the UCSD Student Organization of the Year Award 2008!



Left to Right: Emily Marx, Ricky Lugo, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Penny Rue, and Ben Pham

Congratulations Dr. Irvin Silverstein!
Winner of the UCSD Community Advisor Award 2008!

Events Calendar for Spring 2008

Thursday, May 29th
6:30pm to 9:30pm

Mahvash Navazesh, DMD

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Student Life
University of Southern California School of Dentistry

UCSD School of Pharmacy, PSB Education Room 2 and 3

Monday, June 2nd
6:30pm to 9:30pm

Congressman Bob Filner

UCSD School of Pharmacy, Basement Lecture Hall
Reception to follow in PSB Education Room 2 and 3

Saturday, June 7th
7:30pm

Graduation Party

Dr. Silverstein's house

Monday to Friday, June 9th to 15th

Finals Week

Good luck! Remember to get there early because of the US Open!

Thursday to Saturday, June 26th to 28th

ADA New Dentist's Conference

Golden Apple Award Presentation Lunch on the 28th

New Orleans, Louisiana

Saturday, July 26th

2:30pm to 10:00pm

Silverstein-Hammond Beach Picnic

BBQ, Bonfire, & Fun - Honoring Volunteer Dentists

Behind Bahia Hotel

Food and Drink Provided

Saturday to Tuesday, September 6th to 9th

American Academy of Periodontology

Seattle, Washington

Thursday to Sunday, September 11th to 14th

CDA Convention San Francisco

San Francisco, California

Contact Diana Lin for information at dianagracelin@gmail.com

For a complete, up to date schedule of events:

<http://fdc-pds.ucsd.edu/calendar.php>

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