

## USNS Mercy Pacific Partnership 2010: Another Success Story



**By: Maureen Malingkas**

In early May 2010, the military sealift command hospital ship, USNS Mercy left its home on the sunny shores of San Diego's ocean front for a six month deployment to the western Pacific and Southeast Asia as part of US Fleets' 2010 Pacific Partnership humanitarian mission across the world. Working with the host nations Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Timor Leste and visiting Papua New Guinea, and the Republic of Palau, the Pacific Partnership offered many services including medical, dental, optometry, and engineering outreach projects to strengthen regional ties between the countries as well as perfect disaster response skills. Working alongside military enlisted and officers, individuals from ten partner nations, and seven non-governmental organizations (NGOs) embarked on the trip. With

its third invitation aboard the Mercy, the UC San Diego's Pre-Dental Society sent a total of 133 volunteers to join the mission, making it the largest NGO onboard the ship.

On this mission, 109,754 patients were treated, 859 surgeries were performed, 60,883 glasses were delivered, and more than 2,800 animals rescued. Additionally 22 engineering projects, and 86 community service projects were completed.

The UCSD Pre-Dental Society did more than dentistry on this mission. Just as healthcare is interdisciplinary, the group supplied many NGO professionals and students to help with medical, engineering, dental, as well as translating. Included were many specialists such as pedodontists, physical therapists, internists, hygienists, veterinarians, and (Continued on page 7.)

### Director's Corner

*Greetings from  
Dr. Irvin Silverstein*



We had many wonderful things occur to our group over the last year. We have added an additional Dental Fellow, Dr. Randy Taylor who graduated from ASDOH in 2010. He has joined Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi in trying to make our clinics run smoothly and increase our educational component.

Last year, we had about 50 of our students get in to dental school. This year, as of the printing of this article, there are over 30 who will be attending dental school next fall. Every week we hear of a few more acceptances of our students. We now have over 350 of our students who have gotten into dental school in the last few years from our program. We are trying to develop an alumni network and directory. If you are one of our alumni, please email me where you are at, what school you are either currently attending or have finished, along with your contact email and phone number. This would be very helpful.

One new thing that is happening is that we are expanding our Baker Elementary School (Continue on page 2).

# U.S. Surgeon General Visits UCSD Pre-Dental Society



by David Wong

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the UCSD Pre-Dental Society welcomed a long anticipated visit from the U.S. Navy Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Adam Robinson. Admiral Robinson's arrival at UCSD coincided with the historical groundbreaking of the new Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton. The admiral spent the day speaking to reporters on the impact the new medical facility will have on tens of thousands of military service members, families, and retirees. The hospital, scheduled to open in 2014, is a product of the Obama Administration's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The goals of the hospital, in addition to meeting the increasing medical needs of the base, are to create jobs amidst the nation's economic hardships and to improve the methods of healthcare to the standards of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Here at UCSD, Robinson addressed an auditorium filled with UCSD students, faculty members, and healthcare providers. Although the admiral has much to boast of in his resume of prestigious awards and accomplishments, his speech highlighted the mistakes and lessons he learned from his youth. The more he spoke, the harder it was to believe he was

any different from any member of the audience who faced uncertainty and struggles in the paths to their career. His message to the future and present healthcare providers in the room was to remember the underserved. While the patients a healthcare provider serves may come from different cultural, religious, or racial backgrounds, Robinson reminds, "Healthcare is a universal language." That is to say, a healer's service to others should know no boundaries. It is inexcusable to ignore the healthcare disparities in our communities and around the world.

Robinson stood and lectured as if a friend to his companions, but it was not long until everyone was reminded he was the Surgeon General and had other obligations to fulfill. (Continued on Page 5.)



Above (left to right):  
Admiral Adam Robinson and Dr. Silverstein

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clinic. The San Diego School District will be providing a new facility in which we will be creating a 7-8 chair dental clinic. This is supposed to be done by 2013. Also, we may be opening our fourth dental clinic in the Lemon Grove School District.

Our international humanitarian missions are going strong. We have the Thousand Smiles and NorCal programs in Mexico along with our seventh and eighth Navy humanitarian missions. This year we will be on the USNS Comfort going to South America, Central America and the Carribeans and the USS Cleveland going to the Oceania Islands in the South Pacific. Last year, our UCSD Pre-Dental Society NGO placed 133 civilians from 21 states, 3 countries and 35 Universities on the USNS Mercy for Pacific Partnership 2010. Our volunteers consisted of 39 professionals along with 94 technicians and assistants in the dental, medical, pharmacy, nursing, hygiene, and engineering fields as well as translators. This mission saw over 101,000 patients, 2,800 animals and performed 800 major surgeries, 18 major engineering projects. The dental department saw over 12,000 patients and did over 11,000 extractions. What an amazing mission!

I hope to hear from our alumni. When you are in the San Diego area, please stop by. You can keep in contact with me at [dsilverstein22@cox.net](mailto:dsilverstein22@cox.net).

Best wishes to all,  
Dr. Irvin Silverstein

## Creating Smiles during the Holidays

By: Yating Tina Chou



Many families in San Diego as well as around the entire country have been affected by the decline of our economy in 2010. This holiday season, Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity and UCSD Pre-Dental Society collaborated to provide food for some impoverished families in San Diego. Alpha Omega generously donated 2,500 dollars, which provided about 3,000 pounds of food including potatoes, rice, juice, fruits, eggs, and vegetables that was delivered to families in need.

On Christmas Day, food baskets were assembled and handed out by both Alpha Omega and UCSD Pre-Dental Society volunteers to a group of approximately fifty families near Baker Elementary School. Most of them are patients that are currently being treated by our student-run dental clinics. The UCSD Pre-Dental Society Student-Run Free Clinics provide dental care to low-income, uninsured, and homeless families and individuals year round. During the event, many food basket recipients threw their arms around the volunteers with delight and appreciation. This was a heartwarming and rewarding event for everyone who participated in creating countless smiles on the faces of dozens of children and families on a sunny Christmas day in San Diego.

As Isaac Hong, one of our volunteers, describes his experience: "I felt very grateful that I could be of help to these less fortunate because I witnessed joy and gratitude on their faces when I handed to them bags filled with food. It was really something special and a very unique experience". And it was indeed.

## Short Distance, Global Impact

By: Ngoc B. Bui

For the little effort it took to make the 2.5 hour drive, much more was given back to the community of Ensenada, Mexico. During the first weekend of October 2010, five UCSD Pre-Dental Society students including me were lucky enough to have the unique opportunity to volunteer with a Rotarian sponsored event called Nor-Cal Project. Twice annually, dentists from California volunteer their weekends to provide free dental care at the Thousand Smiles Clinic in Ensenada, Mexico. The procedures offered range from prophylaxis, restorative, to oral surgery. The majority of our patients are children, often from local orphanages who arrive by the busload. For many it is their first ever visit with a dentist. As pre-dental students, we were fully integrated into the project through chair-side assisting, taking x-rays, sterilization, and communicating with patients with any Spanish we knew.

On a personal level, this opportunity to volunteer in an entirely different environment yet such a close drive away is truly uplifting. The opportunity to work with such a great team to deliver dental care to so many patients in one short weekend is an amazing feeling, especially when I think about the children who had not



been seen by a dentist until innocently jumping into our chairs. Even though it was a short weekend, for about eighty patients that we were able to treat, I know we have left a life-long impact on their lives, by treating infections and extracting teeth that gave them excruciating pain on a daily basis.

I truly value that weekend spent in Ensenada for it showed me that no matter where you go, near or far, there will always be people grateful for your love and care. This experience is one that I hold dear and keeps me continuously inspired, especially when I am at the UCSD Pre-dental Society Student-Run Clinics where I have the opportunity to help make that difference each week.



*From left to right: Dan Lotz, Ngoc Bui, Tim Hung, Andrew Lum, Christie Duong volunteering as assistants*

## Meet UCSD Pre-Dental Society Dental Fellows

They were once UCSD Pre-Dental Society student volunteers.  
After graduating from dental school, they are back to continue serving the community.



**Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi**

Graduated from:  
University of Pacific

Top 3 favorite hobbies:

- Thrift store shopping
- Being outside and active (swimming, biking, hiking)
- Seeking adventure, volunteering, and traveling

Favorite Color: Orange

Q: If you can have any super power, which one would you chose to have? Why?

A: "Teleport! So I could live life to the ultimate maximum with no time wasted! On my day off, how does this sound? Spending the morning in San Francisco, lunch on the top of Mt. Everest, afternoon zipping and adventure in Costa Rica, be at clinic at 5:30pm, then visit friends all over the world."

Q: Your favorite dental instrument. Why?

A: "Half Hollenbeck because it's a sculptor's best tool. Pointy on both ends for precision & accuracy, flat on the sides to sculpt your filling material. It's Versatile too, you can use it as a cord packer!"



**Dr. Randy Taylor**

Graduated from:  
Arizona School of Dental and Oral Health

Top 3 favorite hobbies:

- Traveling
- Being outdoors, camping
- Brewing beer

Favorite Color: Blue

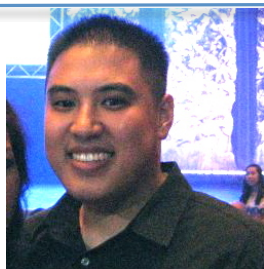
Q: If you can have any super power, which one would you chose to have? Why?

A: "Hmm.... Flying, because you can go anywhere."

Q: Your favorite dental instrument. Why?

A: "The elevator because you can get every tooth out with it."

## Pre-Dental Digest PDS Officer Spotlight



**Cuong Nguyen**

Current Position:  
**Student Director,  
DT Wednesday Clinic Manager**

Years involved with PDS: 4

Favorite Color: Lavender

Top 3 favorite hobbies:

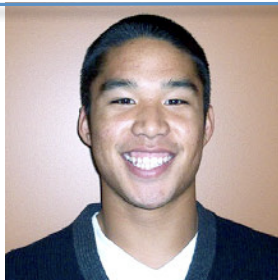
- Collect Marvel-based sculptures
- Paint balling
- Salt-water fish

Q: If you can have any super power, which one would you chose to have? Why?

A: "Mind reading because you can get the truth from people who are hard to read."

Q: Your favorite dental instrument. Why?

A: "Rubber dam because it makes procedures more efficient so dentists will have more time to explain the procedures to students."



**Kevin Lor**

Current Position:  
**Student Director**

Years involved with PDS: 4

Favorite Color: Red

Top 3 favorite hobbies:

- Working out at the gym
- Catching up with friends
- Working on potters wheel

Q: If you can have any super power, which one would you chose to have? Why?

A: "Slow down time, so that I can get a lot more things done and prevent people from getting injured."

Q: Your favorite dental instrument. Why?

A: "The explorer because it's very versatile."



**Becky Chiem**

Current Positions:  
**DT Wednesday Floor Manager,  
Professional Volunteer Dentist  
Scheduler**

Years involved with PDS: 3.5

Favorite Color: Yellow

Top 3 favorite hobbies:

- Collect shot glasses
- Traveling
- Playing tennis

Q: If you can have any super power, which one would you chose to have? Why?

A: "Fly so I can travel anywhere I want."

Q: Your favorite dental instrument. Why?

A: "The perio-probe because it tells you the most about a person's oral hygiene, their gum health and how prone they are to cavities."



**Yating Tina Chou**

Current Positions:  
**Pre-Dental Digest Editor,  
Media Publications Coordinator**

Years involved with PDS: 2

Favorite Color: White

Top 3 favorite hobbies:

- Practicing yoga
- Hiking, being outdoors
- Volunteering

Q: If you can have any super power, which one would you chose to have? Why?

A: "Superhuman speed so I will never be slow at anything, and I can get from one place to another without having to sit in traffic or pay for gas."

Q: Your favorite dental instrument. Why?

A: "The mirror because it helps me see things from different angles."

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Before his departure he left the group three principles he hoped would guide his fellow community of healthcare providers: know thyself, be responsible for your actions, and conversely, be responsible for your reactions. Shortly afterwards, Robinson took questions from the audience

regarding topics ranging from his opinions on the new health care legislation to what his dream car would be. The latter to which he responded, "The one that my wife would let me drive?"

The UCSD Pre-Dental society thanks the Surgeon General for his time

and will remember his words as it continues its commitment to helping the underserved on both a local community level and an international one. If there is one passion the UCSD Pre-Dental Society shares with Robinson, it is the capacity to touch lives positively and give others a second chance.

## Take a Break, Have Some Fun: WORD SEARCH

**Find the following words:**

**Pacific Beach**

**Downtown**

**Baker**

**Pre-dental**

**Floss**

**Smile**

**Community**

**Service**

**Gum**

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**Teeth**

**Toothbrush**

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1385 North 2nd Street  
El Cajon, CA 92021

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Donations: Crown/Bridge  
7050 Frairs Road Suite 101  
San Diego, CA 92108

#### R-Dental

Donations: Crown/Bridge  
530 Lomas Santa Fe Dr Ste F  
Solana Beach, CA 92075

#### Centre City Dental Labs

Donations: Dentures  
1215 S Escondido Blvd C  
Escondido, CA 92025

## Congressman Bob Filner on Election night

By: Iliana Nguyen



On Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 members of UC San Diego's Pre-Dental Society were honored with the presence of Congressman Bob Filner. Congressman Filner serves as the representative for California's 51<sup>st</sup> district, one of the most ethnically diverse districts encompassing southern San Diego County and all of Imperial County. He is known as the congressman for California's border because his district includes the entire border between Mexico and California. Congressman Filner has been elected every two years since 1992 when he was first elected to the House of Representatives. This was the second time the Congressman came to speak to our group.

The topics he discussed included the state of our

union, the problems of our current healthcare system, and other issues concerning our government. He also shared how taking part in the civil rights movement as a teenager sparked his interest in politics. Congressman Filner's political career began when he was an 18-year-old undergraduate college student at Cornell University. He and a group of friends participated in the Freedom Rides of 1961, which resulted in his arrest and two months in the Mississippi State Penitentiary. He then returned to Cornell University and graduated with a degree in chemistry and a doctorate in the history of science. Before running for the House, Congressman Filner was a history professor at San Diego State for over twenty years. His other involvements in the community include being president of the San Diego Board of Education, serving on the San Diego City Council, and serving as Deputy Mayor for the City of San Diego.

One personal anecdote he shared reflected how he came to understand the importance of teeth and dental hygiene in our everyday life. While campaigning, the Congressman disguised himself as a homeless person; he went to a shelter to spend the night and experience what it was like to be homeless. After cleaning himself up and changing back into his normal attire, he ran into a homeless man that had been at the shelter. The man recognized Filner and told him that he suspected the Congressman was a phony and not a true homeless person because Congressman Filner displayed an unusual action that most homeless people rarely do. He made the mistake of smiling and showing his teeth. Homeless people do not have insurance nor dental care benefits. Therefore, most of them have rotting or missing teeth, which they are ashamed to show. Congressman Filner is a strong supporter of having accessible, affordable, and comprehensive healthcare available to all Americans and holds the work that the UCSD Pre-Dental students do in high regard.

## Trudi Birger Award 2009 Goes to Our Own Dr. Silverstein

By: Marty Weinstein

December 26, 2010 – Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Community Advisor for the UCSD Pre Dental Society and Free Dental Clinic Project received the 2009 Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity Trudi Birger Award for Volunteerism.

Trudi Birger was a holocaust survivor who established a free dental clinic in Jerusalem, which treats children of all faiths and nationalities. This award was created to honor outstanding individuals who display the same kind of compassion, volunteerism, and selflessness as Trudi Birger.

At the 2010 Alpha Omega Sunny Days Conference opening ceremony in San Diego, Dr. Silverstein was recognized with the 2009 Trudi Birger Award for his incredible amount of community service and compassion for the needy in San Diego as well as around the world. They



noted how he has gone beyond the scope of his community to being a major player in US Navy Humanitarian Missions. In addition to the Alpha Omega fraters from around the world in attendance, several UCSD Pre-Dental Society members were also able to join the festivities.

## Pacific Partnership 2010 Photo Gallery

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as well as medical, pre-medical, dental and pre-dental students.

Besides working in the health field, the group participated in the twice-daily *sweepers*, chores where the whole ship was cleaned to a sparkle from the ceiling to the deck, and working in the scullery, or dish room where we washed dishes after dinner for the full experience. We were well entertained too. The whole ship got together for karaoke nights, and ice cream socials frequently throughout the mission, uniting teamwork between departments aboard the Mercy. Celebrations for the newest Senior-chief and fun tours planned for the days off (liberty) rewarded the ship's crew for hard work done.

Assisting in treating patients was by far the best experience one could ever have. In the dental department, three sites with five to eight team members each went off ship to remote locations where crowds upon crowds of town folk waited in lines hoping to be cured of their ailments. Some of the pre-dental society members were selected to go on overnight trips via boats and helicopters to reach to places that have not seen medical or dental care in years.

The dental trips off the ship, called DENTCAPS, provided basic dental services including exams, extractions, cleanings, fluoride varnish, and education. Dental professionals were provided with the equipment and dental assistants, as well as a sterilization area and a checkout area. Cases that needed advanced care such as impacted extractions and abscesses were brought to the clinic on the ship for further evaluation. On board the ship, glaucoma, hernia and oral surgeries took place, and dental emergencies were treated.

The dental department on board the ship consisted of two fully equipped large oral surgery suites and three dental exam rooms. The department also had an x-ray room using reusable phosphorous x-rays and a panoramic machine, as well as a complete sterilization area, and a dental lab. The rest of the ship was just as equipped for serving the patients with surgery rooms, a triage area and even special wards for hosting overnight surgery patients.

The volunteers' experience was amazing. Seeing a tiny remote village of only 500 people, from where only a boat could reach its shores and dental care has never even been a thought in people's minds, to installing a flushing toilet with running water in a school. The Pacific Partnership team changed lives in numerous ways.

The common quest to serve those who need help the most was evident during the Pacific Partnership humanitarian mission trip of 2010. It was a truly remarkable journey where unity and trust was developed between countries. Ask anyone who was part of it, and they will tell you their life altering stories.



## NYU: The Dental School In the City that Never Sleeps

By: Dan Lotz

On November 4-6, 2010, Cuong Nguyen and I were invited to visit NYU's dental school in New York City. While the school is large, the classes are divided up into "clinical offices" of about 30-40 students. In each of these sections there are always two general dentistry clinic faculty members and at least one faculty member for endodontics, oral surgery and prosthodontics on the floor at all times. The student to faculty ratio in the clinical setting turns out to be about 1:5.

Throughout our visit we had the chance to talk to students and faculty to get their perspective on the true culture of the school and how it runs. Everyone we talked to had nothing but good things to say about the school. The level of education, resources and help they received during their time at NYU has been above and

beyond what they expected from such a large school. Contrary to popular belief, the dental school does not try to fail out students. On the contrary, the school watches the students very carefully and if there are any problems they try to help the students get back on track. The admissions staff takes its job very seriously and they want their students to succeed. Once you join NYU's Dental School you are seen as a colleague and NYU family member. I hope in the future people will take a serious look into NYU Dental School and the program it has to offer.



## Dominican Republic Outreach

By: Dan Lotz



Andrew Kim (left) and Dan Lotz

After a short stint in New York visiting NYU Dental School, Cuong and I flew down to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, with about thirty dental students, staff and faculty to provide dental care to the underserved communities. Upon our arrival, a local representative from the Dominican Republic's national dental society showed us the elementary school where the clinic was set up. An earlier group of people from NYU

had already set up the makeshift clinic into five sections:

radiography, endodontics, oral surgery, restorative and pedodontics (in a separate room for the sanity of the rest of the clinic).

The first thing that hit me when we arrived at the school was the level of organization and efficiency. I have been privileged to be a part of many dental outreach programs around the world and I can say from experience that NYU's is by far one of the best. They try to maintain a high level of sustainability instead of showing up briefly and leaving with no follow up care like some other programs. By working with local elementary schools and dental schools, they try to provide

fluoride treatments and records of children treated in order to keep up the continuity of dental care.

Although the focus is primarily on children in these underserved areas of the world, they try to help the adult population as well. Doctor Hirsch, the outreach director at NYU Dental School, explained to me the overall philosophy of their outreach programs is to attack the root cause of a nation's dental disease by primarily treating children. Teaching them good oral hygiene, providing fluoride treatments and following up with dental care throughout their lifetime is their approach. I found this approach very refreshing and inspiring.

Our routine over the next few days would be to eat a good breakfast at the hotel's restaurant and head out as a group to the makeshift dental clinic, assignments in hand. Because of my previous experience working with the portable x-ray unit (Nomad) and digital x-ray, I spent the majority of my time as the radiography technician. Both Cuong and I were able to work with endodontists, oral surgeons and general dentists who were able to reach a suitable diagnosis based on discussion of the radiographs and examination of the patients. They treated us like dental students and helped us form an educated guess as to the problem and the possible treatment options.

This educational experience was a highly informative look into the process of treatment planning for complex dental cases. We helped out a lot more than expected and learned invaluable skills and tools that will help us become better dental students and dentists in the future.



Cuong Nguyen assists in Pediatrics

# Spreading A Thousand Smiles

By Danny Huynh

Many members of the UC San Diego Pre-dental Society are given the opportunity to give back to the underprivileged children in Ensenada, Mexico. The pre-dental students volunteer and are able to experience hands-on dental assisting for dentists providing care for the underserved community. The free care is provided by the Thousand Smiles Foundation which is a non-profit organization formed by Rotarians of the National City Rotary Club in National City, California. The two-day clinics are generally held in February, May, August and November of the first Friday and Saturday on the month. This year's charitable work took place on November 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 when eight pre-dental students (4 males and 4 females) arrived early in the morning from UC San Diego to assist dentists who restore many children's teeth until late in the afternoon.

The first day of clinic consisted of examination of the children's health condition by medical doctors and other professionals, including audiologists and speech pathologists. Then they are sent to the dentist to be checked. Many of the children that are seen come in with toothaches, decaying teeth and maxillofacial deformities such as cleft lip and palate. The pre-dental students have the opportunity to assist in many different treatments. The most common treatments usually involve the restoration of teeth with dental caries (fillings), extractions of teeth that cannot be restored, scaling of teeth to treat periodontal problems and endodontic root canal treatment for abscessed teeth. Orthodontic care is also provided by the clinic for young patients who have gone

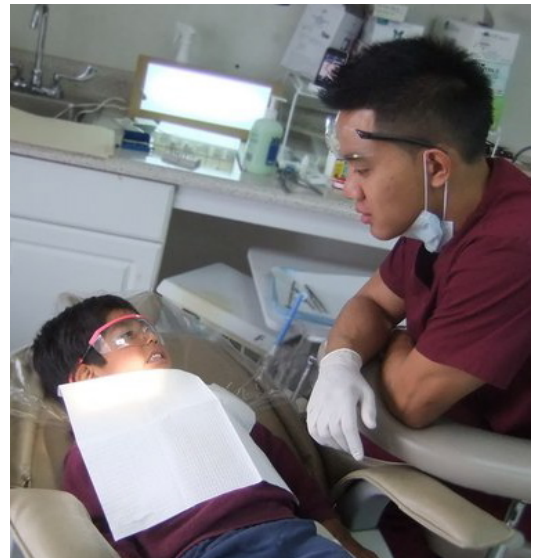


through a cleft lip and palate surgery.

The second day, while some of the students continued to assist the dentists at the clinic, the others were given the opportunity to observe oral and medical surgeons perform cleft lip or palate operations at the Ensenada General Hospital. The volunteer students were able to observe the operation within fifteen feet of the operators.

Having the privilege and opportunity to assist the dentist was an eye-opening experience as was being able to observe the disadvantage within the Mexican community. Many of the children including the adults lacked the knowledge of proper oral hygiene and food, and this leads to their teeth decay. Student volunteers also see the importance of outreach to underserved individuals who cannot gain access to healthcare including dental care. Helping to provide care will help decrease the amount of dental problems. Many volunteer dentists come back to Ensenada every three months of the year

*Above: Nov. 2010 Thousand Smile volunteers: Danny Huynh, Andrew Lum, Frank Fu, Haerin Kim, Susan Ku, Chris Kim, Chloe Mai, and Alice Nguyen*



*Danny Huynh Comforting a Pediatric Patient*

because they know how much they can change a person's life. The same thing can be done as a volunteer too. The main lesson experienced on this short trip is the importance of taking the initiative and helping others when needed. Whether simple teeth cleaning or a major oral operation, assisting here will certainly spread a thousand smiles.

# WINTER 2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

- January 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Christian S. Stohler D.M.D.**, Dean, University of Maryland Baltimore College of Dental Surgery  
6:30pm Location: UCSD School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Rooms 2 & 3
- January 8<sup>th</sup>  
OSHA Training and California Law with **Joy Howard RN, BSN**. 8 am at UCSD School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Auditorium
- January 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Avishai Saden B.Sc. DMD**, Dean, Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC. 6pm Location: UCSD School of Pharmacy, Rooms 2 & 3
- January 20<sup>th</sup>  
**John Featherstone MSc, PhD**, Dean, University of California, San Francisco, Professor, Preventive and Restoration Dental Sciences.  
6:30pm Location: UCSD School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Rooms 2 & 3
- January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Western University College of Dental Medicine Tour
- January 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Mert Aksu DDS, JD, MHSA**, Dean, University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.  
6:30pm Location: UCSD School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Rooms 2 & 3
- January 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Dr. David Garber D.M.D.**, Periodontist, Prosthodontist (Summit Dental Group Special Event)
- January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Special Open House at Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health (ASDOH) for PDS Members Only.
- February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Petros Minasi**, National Director of Pre Health Programs & Organizations, Kaplan at 6:30pm Location: UCSD Liebow Auditorium
- February 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Craig S. Yarborough DDS**, Executive Dean, University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry  
6:30pm Location: UCSD School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Rooms 2 & 3
- February 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Stuart Hirsch, DDS**, Vice Dean of International Programs and Development, and **Eugenia Mejia MA, M.Ed. PhD**, Director of Admissions from New York University College of Dentistry. At 6:30pm Location: UCSD School of Medicine, Liebow Auditorium
- February 21<sup>st</sup> Presidents Day - Holiday
- February 24<sup>st</sup>  
**Fred Kasischke, D. Min**, Dean for Admissions and Service Learning, Loma Linda School of Dentistry.  
At 6:30pm Location: UCSD School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Rooms 2 & 3
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Bradley Henson, DDS**, Assistant Professor and Co-Chair of Admissions, **Elizabeth Andrews, DDS**, Assistant Professor and Co-Chair of Admissions and **Timothy Martinez, DMD**, Associate Dean for Community Partnerships and Access to Care at Western University College of Dental Medicine School. At 6:30pm Location: UCSD School of Medicine, Liebow Auditorium
- March 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Hal Lippman DDS**, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions, Nova Southeastern University School of Dentistry  
**Mark Schweizer, D.D.S., MPH**, Assistant Professor, Director of Clinical Services Ryan White Program  
6:30pm Location: UCSD School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Rooms 2 & 3
- March 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Rear Admiral Christopher Halliday, DDS, MPH**, Chief of staff for the Surgeon General, former Chief of U.S. Public Health for Dentistry and Indian Affairs At 3:30pm. Location: Embassy Suites Downtown San Diego.
- March 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>  
**ADEA Conference**, American Dental Educational Association (ADEA) Annual Session and Exhibition  
\*\* ADEA Pre-Dental Workshop
- March 26<sup>th</sup> - UCSD Student-Run Free Clinics Fundraiser and Awards Banquet. At 6pm at UCSD Price Center Ballroom
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - UCSD University Spring Break
- March 31<sup>st</sup>  
**Christine C Ancajas, DDS** Director of Admissions, and **Jonathan E. Rothbart, DMD, FAGD**, Associate Professor, Clinical Sciences, at University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine. At 6:30pm. Location: UCSD School of Medicine, Liebow Auditorium
- April 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Lawrence Garetto, PhD**, Associate Dean for Dental Education and Admission, University of Indiana  
**Anika Ball, MA, BS, RDH**, Executive Director, American Society for Dental Ethics, Loma Linda University  
At 6:30pm. Location: UCSD School of Medicine, Liebow Auditorium
- April 13<sup>th</sup>  
**James Betbeze, MPA**, Director of Admissions for University of California San Francisco, University of California School of Dentistry  
Time and Location TBA
- April 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Leo E Rouse, DDS, FACD**, Dean of Howard University College of Dentistry, ADEA President and former Head of Dental Army Corps  
6:30pm Location: UCSD School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Rooms 2 & 3
- April 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Stanley Malamud, DDS**, Professor, Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of University of Southern California.  
6:30pm Location: UCSD School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Rooms 2 & 3

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