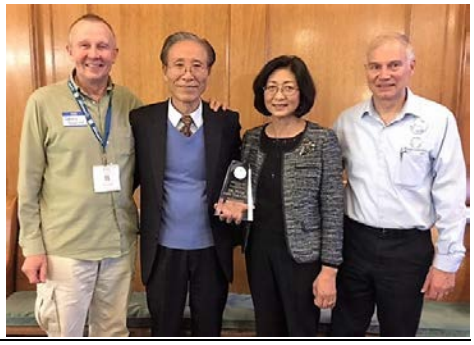
Christian Dental Society News-Brief
November 2016

The CDS Annual Mission Banquet during the ADA meeting was a spectacular evening held in the historic Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Denver with a catered Mexican feast. **Dr. D'Jonna Sewell** enlightened us with a wonderful presentation about her mission trips and work in India, to include building a church in memory of her mother. **Dr. Bryan (dentist) and Kareen (hygienist) Wilson** shared their passion for missions by focusing on their many trips to Haiti. **Dr. T. Bob Davis** played the piano beautifully and gave a piano CD of his music to each family present. **Dr. Frank and Tina Cho** were the recipients of the Ron Lamb Mission Service Award for 2016. **Dr. Bob Meyer** gave a summary of CDS activities for the year and introduced our new CDS President, **Dr. Denny Scharine,** who closed out the evening. The Annual CDS Mission Banquet will be held in Atlanta on the evening of October 21, 2017 during the ADA convention, so please add this event to your calendar.



2016 CDS Mission Banquet in Denver



L>R: Dr. Denny Scharine, Dr. Frank and Tina Cho, Dr. Bob Meyer

The Annual CDS Board Meeting was held on the afternoon of October 21st. According to **Dr. Robert Liebler,** our past Executive Director and Treasurer for many years, this was the best Board Meeting he can remember.



CDS Board Meeting



CDS Board and Advisory Council

Highlights of the major items of discussion and decisions made at the 2016 CDS Board Meeting:

1. The CDS Board elected a new President, **Dr. Denny Scharine**, who has served the CDS Board and who has been a previous President of the CDS. Dr. Denny has a comprehensive dental practice in Fremont, Wisconsin, was inspired to dental missions by the CDS, and has traveled to Belize, Guatemala, Ecuador, Mexico, Kenya, Liberia, Thailand, Ghana, Nigeria, India, Indonesia, and Uganda. **Dr. Denny and his wife, Bonny** recently celebrated their 39th anniversary on their way to a dental mission to Myanmar. The CDS is blessed to have such a capable Christian leader and a totally mission-minded servant as our new President.

2. CDS elected a new President-Elect, **Dr. Dave Moretz**, who will take over as President in two years. Dr. Dave has been our large equipment manager since 2011 and is an invaluable asset to our dental equipment rental program. Dr. Dave practices dentistry part-time in North Carolina and served in the Peace Corps in Nepal early in his career. He has been active in dental missions since 1990, concentrating in Mexico and Honduras. We are thankful for **Dr. Dave and his wife Gail**, who are willing and capable of leading our great organization.

3. **Dr. Randy Sanders**, our small equipment manager, reported on our surgical and restorative kits and showed the Board our three new hygiene kits, which include a stand-alone ultrasonic, added this year to our inventory of kits CDS can rent out to assist our members. **Dr. Dave Moretz** reported on our portable dental chairs and dental operating units. Both stated that CDS is sending out more kits and equipment to a larger number of countries and to more new members than ever before. Our sincere appreciation to **Dr. Randy and Dr. Dave** for all they do to facilitate missions around the world.

4. **Dr. Bob Meyer and CDS Treasurer, Dr. Jody Yarbro** gave the yearly financial report showing that CDS is doing well with the budget. Thank you to **Dr. Jody** for all of his work as CDS Treasurer. Our membership has grown to 464 members and the Board did not feel a need to raise dues. We would rather encourage others to join the CDS.

5. The CDS Board solidified a number of concerns concerning membership:

a. A retired dentist or a non-working dentist will pay a yearly due of $75 and be granted full Active Membership to enable him/her to vote and to rent equipment.

b. A retired hygienist or a non-working hygienist will pay a yearly due of $40 and be granted Active Membership to enable him/her to vote and to rent equipment. A hygienist can now become a Life Member for $800.

c. Dental students who have gone on a CDS mission are granted free membership until December of their graduation year. If they want to rent equipment, after they graduate, they can become an Active Member by paying dues which will be good through December of the following year.

d. If a prospective member applies for a CDS membership after August, he/she may pay half dues, since CDS runs on a January to December billing cycle. If membership is applied for after October, the dues will cover until December of the following year.

e. The CDS will offer, for the first time, an opportunity for CDS members to automatically renew their memberships. Information will be sent out in the upcoming dues notice.





Dr. Gayle's Battery-operated CDS's Modified Aseptico Bell Dental Portable

6. The CDS, with **Paul Shada and Bell Dental,** has modified our five Aseptico Task Force units. The cases were not durable enough to withstand the rigors of shipping and the use on the mission field. Paul reconfigured the components of the Aseptio unit and secured them in a hardened Pelican case with handle and wheels, which has proven durable enough to be shipped and used on the mission field. A big thanks to **Paul Shada**.

7. **Paul Shada** and Bell Dental has also developed a new Portable Dental Operating Unit which was demonstrated at the Board Meeting. CDS decided to buy two of these units to add to our rental inventory.

8. **Dr. Gayle Cheatwood** has developed a Battery-operated Dental Operating Unit which was demonstrated at the Board Meeting. CDS decided to buy two of these units to add to our rental inventory. We now have a unit which will work off a car battery and can be charged with a solar cell. With a converter, the unit can also be used with 110V or 220V. Thank you **Dr. Gayle (and Mike York)**, who have helped in this unit development.

9. CDS members exhibited at ten major dental conventions last year, only costing our organization a total of $1700. This has been an extremely valuable opportunity to encourage, assist, and connect. We plan to exhibit at another ten conventions this year. Click on the "Events" section on our website www.christiandental.org to keep informed on where the CDS will be exhibiting this year. Thank you to all who have participated at the CDS convention exhibit booths. Please join us at any CDS booth, if possible, and give us recommendations on worthy convention sites.



CDS Booth at ADA in Denver



CDS Booth at Phoenix Meeting

The CDS recently updated our Website www.christiandental.org and urges Members to contribute with stories and pictures. If you need mission participants, you can now advertise trips to our members through our "Mission Trip Opportunity Form" under the "Members Area" of CDS' website, thanks to **Dr. Jim Wolf**. The Board also encouraged Members to go to our Facebook and contribute, to "like" us, and to check it out.



Dr. Gayle and Bob Presenting to the ADI



Portable Dental Clinic on Display

CDS members, **Dr. Gayle Cheatwood and Dr. Bob Meyer** were asked to be the key note speakers at the USA Annual Academy of Dentistry International meeting on December 19th in Denver. The topic was "The Why and How of Portable, Short-term Dental Missions," and the Gospel message was emphasized without a hint of concern. There was so much interest that the three-hour presentation turned into four and a half hours as they were asked to continue speaking after lunch. This was a great opportunity to carry the Christian Dental Mission message into an international setting as the ADI has members in 88 nations and is focused on "Sharing Knowledge-Serving People." CDS members **Dr. Victor Bradford, Dr. Gayle Cheatwood, Dr. Bob Meyer, and Mrs. Sharyn Markus** were inducted as Fellows into

the Academy of Dentistry International later that evening. If interested in becoming a Fellow of the ADI, please contact Dr. Bob Meyer at bdmeyer@comcast.net.

A special thanks to **Dr. Jim Carney and Dr. Bill Griffin** who have mentored over 300 dental students from 12 different dental school in Jamaica this year. We also thank **Dr. T. Bob Davis** who took 80 students to Guatemala, and to **Dr. Bill Sasser** who leads student trips up to six times a year to Ecuador and Peru. CDS Members assist mPower and I-Tec train indigenous Christians how to extract teeth and to help in other ways where there are no dentists. We thank all our Members who do missions and contribute in so many ways to making the world a better place and who point the way to Christ using their God-given dental skills.

Many Blessings!!!