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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By
Stephen Moran, DDS, FAGD

The 2011 New Mexico Dental Association's Annual Session "Pursuit of Excellence" was great due to the hard work of President Dr. Robert Manzanares and his crew. One of the highlights of the Annual Session was the inspiring Team Luncheon with keynote speaker Lt. Col. Ret. Dick Rutan.

Dick Rutan's speech spoke to "transitions". With a takeoff from land to air and a record setting, around the world flight without refueling, he described transitioning a new way of flying in his 1986 aircraft, the Voyager. Likewise, our New Mexico Dental Foundation has now made a transition with not one, but two major outreach programs, the Donated Dental Services Program and now the Mission of Mercy Program. Like the 1986 Voyager flight, the first New Mexico Mission of Mercy in Albuquerque took the same elements of faith and synergistic support of pilot Dr. Larry Lubar, the Dental Foundation, the Dental Association, and community supporters to "fuel" the first record setting NM MOM flight!

A new crew is guiding the next MOM event in Las Cruces with Dr. Marty Poel at the helm to build on past successes. A new President of the Foundation will be chosen in September as I step into the President Elect position of the NMDA. Transitions abound as we look forward to even more growth and successful outreach within the Foundation....simply put, the "heart of dentistry".



Left to right: Moran, Poel, Salazar; Zubrod

Dr. Steve Moran, President of the NM Dental Foundation, and Dr. Marty Poel, MOM 2012 Event Chairman, are presented a \$15,000 check by Conoco Philips employees, Louis Salazar and Sharon Zubrod. Conoco Phillips has generously committed \$25,000 sponsorship for the second Mission of Mercy. In addition, they will provide each patient with a reusable tote-bag filled with educational materials.

8th Annual Albuquerque Pre-Dent Mentor Dinner

**Presented by Patterson Dental
October 28, 2011**

**Please consider joining
Patterson Dental in helping to
sponsor this important event.
See the enclosed letter for information
on the Pre-Dent Dinner.**

Relief Fund Contribution

The New Mexico Dentist Relief Fund, administered by the Dental Foundation, has contributed \$5000 to the relief efforts of their Joplin, Missouri colleagues who lost offices and homes in the recent tornadoes that struck their city. The New Mexico dentists are joining many dental groups from around the country who are trying to assist in the rebuilding and relief efforts.

CALENDAR of Events

NM Dental Foundation

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 9th – 1:00–5:00

NMDA office conference room

9201 Montgomery Blvd. NE #601

Albuquerque, NM

A WEEKEND OF FUN AT SANDIA RESORT IN ALBUQUERQUE ALL BENEFITING THE NEW MEXICO DENTAL FOUNDATION:

Friday, September 9th

7 pm – midnight

Generously donated

by Henry Schein

The Fundango Gala

An Evening to Schein

Register at

www.nmdentalfoundation.org

Limited to 250 people

Minimum donation to attend:

\$75/person (tax deductible)

Saturday, September 10th

8:00 a.m.

Golf Tournament sponsored by

Molina Watson Dental

Register at (505) 994-3832

Albuquerque Pre-Dental Mentor Dinner

Presented by Patterson Dental

Friday, October 28, 2011

6 – 9:30 pm

Embassy Suites Hotel

Albuquerque, NM

Mission of Mercy in Las Cruces

March 1-4, 2012

(clinic days: March 2-3)

Las Cruces

Convention Center

Notes of Gratitude From DDS Patients

“I wish to give you and your staff many thanks for your professional work and making me feel like a real person again in the latter part of my life...”

—Roy N.

“I thank God for a wonderful organization like NM Donated Dental Services and the providers that helped me with my smile and that continue to help others that cannot get the required dental services due to disability and financial constraints...Dr. Tran and his staff made me feel so special...”

—Roberta S.

“Dr. Halle...I can only tell you that you have changed my life and health both physically and mentally...”

—Rick C.

Committed Sponsors for 2012 Las Cruces Mission of Mercy Event

Delta Dental

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Patterson Dental

Memorial Medical Center

Sisbarro Car Dealership

First New Mexico Bank

in Silver City

Trophy Country

Sun Rise Lions Club

Dentaquest

Individual Donors

TRIBUTE GIFT

Dr. Kennedy Merritt provided a gift to the Foundation in memory of the following dentists:

- Dr. Albert Mulliken
- Dr. Jerry Crook
- Dr. David Miller

New Mexico Mission of Mercy Update



Planning for the second Mission of Mercy event in Las Cruces, New Mexico is in full swing! The Las Cruces Convention Center has been contracted as the venue for the event on March 1-4, 2012 with patients being seen on March 2nd and 3rd. A 2/3 time Event Coordinator in Las Cruces, Terri Sugarman, has been hired to plan the event and a 1/3 time Event Coordinator, Trish Rule, has been hired permanently in Albuquerque to help with this and future MOM events. Dr. Marty Poel, the Las Cruces Event Chairman, and his planning committee are busy working on the logistics of the event.

The website for Mission of Mercy in Las Cruces will emerge gradually this summer and registration on line will begin on September 1st at www.nmdentalfoundation.org.

**The mission of the New Mexico Dental Foundation is to
inspire benevolent dental outreach and to promote
dental health in New Mexico.**