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Ninth annual Sater Bros. Charities K-Froggers for Kids Radiothon raises $431,360

By Nancy Yuen

Four hundred thirty-one thousand, three hundred and sixty dollars was the grand total for the State Bros. Charities K-Froggers for Kids Radiothon, presented by Procter & Gamble. Announced on air at 7:00 p.m. September 15, 2010, volunteers answering calls at the phone banks at the Ontario Mills Mall responded with cheers and applause.

The $431,360 will benefit infants and children battling cancer on unit 4800 at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital.

Because of State Bros. Charities, K-FROG, and sponsors, including Procter & Gamble as well as generous listeners and volunteers, new cardiac monitors, equipment monitoring vital signs, and baby swings, among others, will help doctors and clinicians as they provide care.

“Throughout the radiothon” says Zareh Sarrafian, MBA, administrator, Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital, “it was heartwarming to hear the outpouring of support from the K-FROG listeners, as well as corporate partners.”

This year for the first time, listeners were invited to text donations, which provided a convenient way for them to support the kids. And listeners who donated at the $200 level provided the special gift for a patient of “K-Frogger Friendship Beads,” with two beads given to a patient—the first to keep and treasure and a second bead for them to give away, making a new friend. At Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital, children undergoing treatment for cancer are given special beads—a cat bead, for instance, when they receive a cat scan. The K-Frogger Friendship Beads become part of their treasured collection.

K-FROG listeners heard stories from numerous patient families, with several patients having fought cancer more than once.

According to Tiffany Hoekstra, major gifts officer, the 2010 radiothon was dedicated to Mathews Hamilton, a 19-year-old who passed away after having fought cancer, in November, 2009. “Many of the kids on unit 4800 mourned his death as if he had lost a big brother,” she says. “Every one of Mathews’ nurses recalls multiple stories of Mathews reaching out to the younger patients. A 3 year old was one of his buddies; and though Mathews was protective of his electric guitar, he would let the little guy hold it and strum the strings to his heart’s content.”

“Children’s Hospital,” says Mr. Sarrafian, “continually strives to provide world-class health care to the children in our community and beyond. I am tremendously grateful to know that we are not doing this alone, but have thousands of supporters who picked up the phone and donated what they were able, to make a difference in the life of a child battling cancer.”

This marks the ninth State Bros. K-Froggers for Kids Radiothon, which has raised more than $3 million. Over the years, funds have provided new cardiac monitors and hair clippers for patients receiving chemotherapy. In addition, donations have provided highchairs for infants, sleeping chairs for parents in each of the 33 patient rooms, and toys, video games, and learning materials for the playrooms.

LLU School of Nursing alumna serves as nurse leader for California prison reform

By Nathan Lang

In August 2009, a riot broke out at the California Institution for Men. More than 1,100 inmates were injured in the riot, and 55 inmates were transferred to 11 community hospitals.

Allen Francis, RN, LLU School of Nursing alumna and previous administrative charge nurse in the LLU Medical Center emergency department (ED), worked with health care teams that transported these inmates to hospitals. As statewide emergency medical services liaison nurse (SEMSLN) for California Prison Health Care Services (CPHCS), Mr. Francis serves to enhance prisoners’ access to medical care.

Mr. Francis is the only SEMSLN, a position being created in 2008 for the express purpose of the CPHCS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Community Interface Pilot Project. This project stems from the California Prison Health Care Receiver-ship, which commenced in 2005.

As a result of a lawsuit brought against the State of California in 2001, the receivership was established to improve prison health care in California until the minimum standard no longer would violate the U. S. Constitution. J. Clark Kelso, federal receiver, rather than the state, now oversees prison health care reform until this standard is met.

In 2008, after various EMS providers made complaints to the receiver’s office, the EMS interface project was created, and the nursing services department in turn created Mr. Francis position.

This position mirrors the EMS community pre-hospital liaison nurse (PLN) who, generally as an employee of a hospital or fire department, works with EMS providers to perform continuous quality improvement (CQI), including policy, communication, and patient care issues.

Similar to a PLN, Mr. Francis as an SEMSLN works with multiple organizations, both medical and custody, to route information and resolve any conflicts related to CPHCS. Mr. Francis meets
Nursing conference research spots relationship as a map to wholeness

By James Ponder

T he theme was “Nursing research: a map to wholeness” for the 11th annual Nursing Research Conference, sponsored by Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) on May 11, 2010.

According to Patti Radovich, RN, MSN, manager for nursing research and coordinator of the event, the conference attracted 86 attendees and 20 nursing students who came for the afternoon session on clinical studiis and evidence-based practice. The conference explored a variety of sometimes-overlooked aspects of whole-person care.

“The conference was very well received,” Ms. Radovich notes. “It engaged a wide variety of clinical areas from mental health to pain management and the spiritual aspects of our nurses and our practice. We were able to include presentations which applied to both adult and pediatric populations.”

The first presentation—the keynote message of the conference—was titled, “A Research Journey Toward Making a Community Whole,” by Loena Kendrick, PhD. Dr. Kendrick’s research focused on how young African-American men perceive depression and despair. Ms. Radovich says Dr. Kendrick’s talk “started our morning out with a dynamic presentation on participatory qualitative research, and engaged the whole audience.”

The second presentation of the morning was offered by Iris Mamer, PhD, assistant professor at the LLU School of Nursing, who presented an overview of her dissertation research on spiritual care practices at LLUMC. As reported in the April 28, 2010, issue of Today, Dr. Mamer conducted an online survey of 554 nurses regarding spiritual practices in nursing care. Her findings revealed that spiritual care practices add a vital element of healing at the Medical Center, but one taught along with; while the highest spiritual care practice scores were seen in pediatrics oncology, pediatrics as a whole scored below average. Dr. Mamer says the issue merits further exploration.

“There are some in the nursing community who express concern about spiritual care by Chris-}

Community supports LLU Children’s Hospital, raising $29,089 through Ralphs Food 4 Less Charitable Campaign

Contributed report

It was a simple idea—institute Ralphs Food4Less customers and store employees to support their local children’s hospital by placing donations in canisters at Ralphs Food 4 Less stores.

On February 1, 2010, donation canisters were placed at store checkstands in Southern California, Nevada, and Chicago, and the fundraising campaign lasted until May 22. And according to Carin Ridge, community relations, Ralphs Food 4 Less, the Inland Empire responded to the challenge in a big way.

Though in some communities donations remained constant or decreased “This year,” says Ms. Ridge, “donations in the communities surrounding Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital increased $10,000 over 2009.”

This means that Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital will benefit from a donation of $29,089.68 to help improve the health for the children and families who depend on the hospital for care.

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PHILANTHROPY

Nursing professor chosen for NLN/Johnson & Johnson Faculty Leadership and Mentoring Program

Contributed report

Jan Nick, PhD, RNC, associate professor in the School of Nursing, was recently chosen as one of five national mentors to participate in the joint National League for Nursing/Johnson & Johnson Faculty Leadership and Mentoring Program. This is the fourth year the program has been offered.

Each mentor is paired with an early or mid-career faculty member considered to be an emerging leader in nursing education. The 12-month program started August 2010, and will finish in September 2011.

“The intent of the program is to use mentoring as a method of enhancing leadership skills in the context of the role as teacher, scholar, clinician, and nursing education community member,” says Dr. Nick.

The year-long program involves two aspects of relationship building. The first is working one-on-one with the junior faculty in a mentorship role, to help the faculty identify and implement a focused action plan designed to develop selected leadership skills. The second aspect of the program is for the five mentors and five protégés to work as a team to develop a group project focusing on leadership in nursing education. The group project is intended to impact nursing education at the national level.

The participants will meet together as a group twice this year for planning, as well as participate in group telephone conference calls, web-based e-communities, and one-on-one communication throughout the year.

The group project will then be presented by the team in September 2011 at the National League for Nursing’s Education Summit held in Orlando, Florida. Travel expenses for the face-to-face meetings, conference registration fees, and additional stipends are paid to each mentor and protégé.

For more information on the program, please visit the following Internet site: <www.nlnfoundation.org/FacultyLeadershipMentor_Program_Applications.cfm>.

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STUDENT OUTREACH

International service learning in the LLU School of Dentistry
By Doug Hackleman

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LIFESTYLE RESEARCH

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FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Five-time IDP Teacher of the Year
By Doug Hackleman

Klaus Wolfram, DDS, MS, associate professor of periodontics since 1991, and on assignment to the International Dentist Program since 2005, was given the program’s Teacher of the Year award for the fifth consecutive year on May 27, 2010, at the International Dentist Program’s annual banquet.

Bemused colleagues are wondering what they have to do to end his streak. Dr. Wolfram says he doesn’t know why he keeps receiving this honor. “I just come to work on time, do my job, and practice periodontics,” he smiles innocently.

Dr. Wolfram enjoys his award.
Senior Health and Fitness Fair to take place October 27 at Drayson Center

By Larry Kidder

The Senior Wellness Program, headquartered at Loma Linda University Drayson Center, will hold its 8th annual Senior Health and Fitness Fair on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The fair will feature a number of exhibitor booths with products and services targeted to seniors, according to Romy Niblack, senior wellness coordinator. Admission is free. In addition, special senior membership discounts at Drayson Center will be available only at the fair. An informal presentation will feature Dr. Del Holbrook, a recognized authority on senior issues.

Free demonstrations of senior aerobics classes and senior massage will be available. Light refreshments and tours of the Drayson Center will also be available. Drawings will take place during the day for free gifts and services donated by the exhibitors. A special shuttle will run from the parking lot on the corner of Benton and Shepardson streets, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing through the close of the fair.

"Seniors who remain active as they grow older often enjoy a better quality of life and remain independent longer," says Ms. Niblack, a very active and fit senior herself. "At Drayson Center, we have a special group of seniors who are taking action in defense of their health and happiness."

Public health student appointed as Pasadena’s public health director

By Heather Reifsnyder

Eric Walsh, MD, MPH, an assistant professor of family medicine who is also earning his doctorate in public health at Loma Linda University, became public health director for the city of Pasadena on September 1, 2010. Pasadena is one of only three cities in California with a municipal public health department not under county jurisdiction.

Dr. Walsh provides overall medical direction and guidance for the Pasadena Public Health Department and is responsible for enforcing local and state public health orders, ordinances, and statutes. As a key coordinator for emergency response planning and operations, he will work with local, state, and federal agencies to take preventive measures to protect and preserve the public health.

"Public health is one of the few professional areas where you can help level society’s playing field," Dr. Walsh says. "This type of leadership role allows me to make impacts in meaningful ways."

Dr. Walsh is studying global health in the School of Public Health. Before transferring to Pasadena, he worked for the Orange County, California, Public Health Department as medical director of the family health division, county immunizations officer, and director of maternal-child adolescent health.

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School of Religion hosts lectures on gender and wholeness

Contributed report

The lecture “Gender and Wholeness: Healing the Wounds in the Body of Christ” will be presented at Loma Linda University on October 15 and 16, 2010. Judy Gundry, ThD, MA, research scholar and associate professor of New Testament studies at Yale Divinity School, will be presenting four lectures on what the apostle Paul really says about gender and families (men, women, and children) and the value to God and to the Church.

The presentation schedule is as follows:

• October 15, 7:00 p.m.: “Why Marriage is ‘Good and Gibbys Better’” (1 Corinthians 7)
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Development team gains new member

By Doug Hackleman

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School of Public Health takes on cause of environmental justice for residents near polluted rail yard

By Heather Reifsnyder

The LLU School of Public Health, teamed with a local environmental justice community organization, has begun a research project ultimately aimed at residing in cleaner air for the thousands of residents living near the BNSF San Bernardino rail yard—the one rail yard out of California’s 18 deemed to present the most public health risk by the California Air Resources Board.

With close to $1 million in funding from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, a team of public health researchers and community members will gather data on the health status of the several thousand people living closest to the bustling facility. Such data is key to bringing about change. While epidemiological studies have indicated a range of health risks associated with inhaling fine particulate matter or living near heavy traffic, no actual data exists on the adverse health effects experienced by people living near facilities such as the BNSF San Bernardino rail yard.

“This research could provide the necessary impetus to help mobilize the railroad companies to improve the air quality in and around their facilities,” says Suzanne Montgomery, PhD, MPH, co-principal investigator and director of the school’s Center for Health Research.

“Achieving a cleaner environment for residents will require interventions based on scientific data specifically about this population,” adds Sam Soret, PhD, MPH, co-principal investigator and chair of the department of environmental and occupational health.

Community members trained in health research practices, in collaboration with researchers, will collect primary data through household- and school-based surveys on the prevalence of cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, respiratory symptoms, and biologic outcomes, including lung function and airway inflammation. Researchers will also analyze secondary data from the California Cancer Registry to determine whether there is an excess of new and fatal cancers observed from 1999–2008 that could be attributed to diesel smoke and other airborne emissions.

The research team, which includes Penny Newman, director of the non-profit Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, and her staff, will use community-based participatory research (CBPR) methods for this investigation and will therefore work in close partnership with the area’s residents, who have actively petitioned local government to begin such a study.

The goal is to develop a data-informed community response plan to reduce exposure to airborne emissions and their related impacts on health.

Other members of the research team are co-investigators Synnove Knutsen, PhD, MD, MPH; Larry Beazon, DrPH; John Morgan, DrPH; Seth Wulf, MPH; Rhonda Spencer-Huang, DrPH; and David Sturak, MSPhl.

Nursing research conference spotlights research as a map to wholeness ...

Nursing to Andrea Mason, RN. “Participants enjoyed reviewing the posters,” Ms. Radovich concludes, “and discussing the concepts behind these together.”

At the 11th annual Nursing Research Conference of Loma Linda University Medical Center on May 11, 2010, participants and attendees browsed among 19 posters focused on nursing research or evidence-based practice changes. Lorna Kendrick, PhD, presented the keynote message of the conference.

“Do the right thing.” Dr. Hughes’ message to the class of 2014 was “have fun and do the right thing.” Dr. Hughes’ message of “have fun” focused on the mission of the university “to make man whole” by reminding students that there are many important aspects of life while on the path to an education. In his final remarks, Dr. Hughes’ mentioned the appropriate behavior expected of those in the medical profession on and off campus. Health professionals always need to “do the right thing.”

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Nursing deans greet class of 2014

Student orientation for the class of 2014 began with a greeting by the dean and a warm welcome from the entire faculty and staff of the School of Pharmacy.

Planned and conducted by Linda Williams, MS, assistant dean, student affairs and admissions, student orientation at the School of Pharmacy is a traditional weeklong event aimed at informing the students about the many topics necessary for a successful start at Loma Linda University.

Along with a class session that can lead to CPR and first aid certification, the new students are introduced to the PharmD curriculum, learn about various professional pharmacy organizations, and receive a historical review of the university conducted by LLU historian and author, Richard Schaefer.

Students will also enjoy an off-campus retreat in the nearby San Bernardino mountains. Camp Cedar Falls, located one hour from campus and above the 6,000-foot elevation, greets everyone with cool autumn weather and has been a School of Pharmacy highlight for students in the past. The overnight retreat has meetings and events, and also provides everyone with a relaxing opportunity in which to meet the many people associated with the School of Pharmacy.

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Imagination Manor moves in next door to LLU Children’s Hospital

By James Ponder

Imagination Manor, a gigantic playhouse for kids of all ages, recently landed on a specially constructed building site at the south entrance to Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital (LLUCH). Weighing in at a hefty 5,800 pounds, the charming structure was donated by Steve and Denise Hertel. Mr. Hertel is executive director of parking and transportation for Loma Linda University; Ms. Hertel is a volunteer who serves on the board of directors of the Big Hearts for Little Hearts Loma Linda Guild and other charitable organizations.

“Our desire,” Steve notes, “is to give something to Children’s Hospital where children can be children while they’re going through their treatment, and we felt this would give a safe and secure environment in the sunshine and fresh air.”

“Kids need to be kids,” Denise adds. “Adults forget that.”

The journey of Imagination Manor began four years ago when Steve heard that the Inland Empire chapter of the Building Industries Association was sponsoring HomeAid Project Playhouse.

The event is an annual fundraiser in which leading contractors and homebuilders build larger-than-life playhouses to be auctioned to raise money for the charity, which builds and maintains dignified housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives. The Hertels decided to go see if they might find a playhouse that met their specific requirements.

“It needed to be non-gender-specific,” Denise points out. “There were several playhouses at the auction that were very cute—there was a fire station, an ice cream shop, a motorcycle shop, and a princess house—but we wanted something that would appeal equally to both boys and girls.”

There were other requirements as well. The playhouse selected must have an entry door large enough to accommodate IV poles and adult companions. It needed to look realistic, also, so kids would want to go inside and play.

“We bid on four homes before this one,” Steve remembers, “driving the price to our limit and beyond.” Although the couple does not wish to disclose the amount they spent on the playhouse, a glance at the details ensures that it was not cheap. Everything is very well made and scaled to size.

“It has all the furniture,” Steve notes. “The drapes are scaled, the chairs are scaled, it has a flat screen plasma with a game system, there’s a staircase to the loft, it has working light fixtures, the wall lights have shades, and the loft has a little bedspread mattress. It’s very realistic.”

Denise agrees. “It’s also got pickled hardwood oak floors,” she adds. “If you include the loft, it’s a little over 100 square feet in size. It’s 80 feet without it.”

On the morning of Thursday, August 19, 2010, the Hertels—along with LLUCH administrator Zareh Sarrafian, MBA, and a crowd of spectators—watched as the playhouse was hoisted off the large flatbed truck that brought it here, using a giant crane. Slowly, steadily, the crane lifted the playhouse several feet into the air, transported it across the parking lot, and set it down on a special concrete pad built especially for the structure. From start to finish, the move took just over one hour.

A team of volunteer workmen that the LLUCH Foundation recruited donated their time and equipment to move the building. But even though the playhouse is in place, it’s not quite ready to play in yet. The yard must first be finished around it, a bench has to be built, and—as with any fine house—the grand opening must be held before it’s truly a home. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies are set for Monday, October 4, 2010.

“One of the things I love about this,” Denise explains, “is the name: Imagination Manor. Everybody can relate to that!”

She pauses for a moment before sharing the couple’s motivation for purchasing the expensive playhouse and donating it to LLUCH for the benefit of the children of the Inland Empire.

“We’ve said all along, that if it brings a smile to just one child’s face, it will be worth it!”

Just inches above its final destination, volunteer workmen guide Imagination Manor onto its permanent location just outside the south entrance to Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital. Following a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 4, 2010, the new playhouse will open its doors to provide a safe, playful haven where hospitalized children and their siblings can play to their hearts’ content.
STEVEN MORROW

Pharmacy students travel to Romania to provide medical care to poor villages

By Richard Weismeyer

Eleven students from Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy returned from a mission trip to Romania on August 10, 2010. The trip began on July 31.

Headed by Naomi R. Florea, PharmD, the 11 students, accompanied by Dr. Florea, went to Romania where they provided medical care to patients in two underserved poverty-stricken villages.

Prior to their departure, the 11 students received intensive clinical training from Andrew S. Florea, MD, a 2001 graduate of the School of Medicine, and Dr. Naomi Florea, in physical examination and diagnosis, disease state management, patient consultation, as well as cultural appropriateness.

“Having grown up in a developing country myself, I have witnessed first-hand many of the difficulties of gaining access to medical care. I never thought I would find these type of difficulties in a European country,” says Michael Ibrahim, School of Pharmacy class of 2011 student. “But I did in Romania. Through our mission trip to Romania, I have come to feel a deep sense of satisfaction for helping underserved populations, and I am looking forward to continuing the pursuits as I strive to become a doctor of pharmacy.”

While in Romania, the team was joined by three local physicians, and together, the medical mission group was involved in screening, diagnosing, and treating hundreds of patients with numerous disease states including congestive heart failure, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, and a wide variety of acute and chronic infectious diseases, as well as other novel disease states.

All of the medications and medical supplies for the mission trip were donated by the Loma Linda University Medical Center pharmacy, thanks to the efforts of Paul Norris, PharmD, executive director of pharmacy and medical management, LLUMC, and associate dean for clinical affairs and professor of pharmacotherapy and outcomes science, School of Pharmacy.

“The kindness, mercy, and love that poured out of the 11 School of Pharmacy students was unparalleled,” says Dr. Florea. “They worked in the most difficult conditions, caring for hundreds of patients, while maintaining the most hardworking and gracious attitudes. They clearly showed the love of Jesus in all their actions.

“They were shining lights in a darkened world and this opened the door for us to share the gospel with patients in Romania. This trip truly brought all glory and honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

The trip to Romania was a unique and life-changing opportunity for all involved to witness first hand the need for medical care in countries outside the United States,” says Dr. Florea, as

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STUDENT OUTREACH

Governor appoints endodontics professor to Dental Board of California

By Doug Hackleman

Steven Morrow, DDS, MS, professor of endodontics, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, has been appointed to the Dental Board of California by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Dr. Morrow has worked for Loma Linda University School of Dentistry as professor of endodontics since 1981, and director of patient care services and clinical quality assurance since 2000. Previously, Dr. Morrow practiced privately in the San Fernando Valley and Loma Linda from 1962 to 2005. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps on active duty from 1960 to 1962 and in the U.S. Navy Reserves from 1962 to 1968.

Dr. Morrow has been a member of the American Dental Association, California Dental Association, Tri-County Dental Society, American Association of Endodontists, California State Association of Endodontists, Southern California Academy of Endodontics, American Dental Education Association, American College of Dentists, and Loma Linda University School of Dentistry Alumni Association.

Dr. Morrow is a past president of both the California State Association of Endodontists and the Southern California Academy of Endodontists.

In 2009, Dr. Morrow was honored with the School of Dentistry’s Distinguished Service Award for more than three decades of creative and noteworthy service to his alma mater.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE

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A Walk to Remember
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Register online today for this Free event.
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or you may call 1-877-LLUMC-4U.

Each October, memorial walks are held across the nation in honor of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE
School of Pharmacy administrative assistant and his wife lose their lives in a car accident

By Richard Weismeyer

School of Pharmacy alumni, faculty, staff, and students celebrated the life of one of their own during memorial and funeral services held July 23 and 25, 2010.

Ken Arrogante, administrative assistant for the division of experiential education, Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy, was killed along with his wife, Jocelyn, in a car accident on July 1.


They were travelling to the 2010 General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists session in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ken worked for the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy since November 2007.

He will be remembered for his infectious sense of humor, dedication to his family, and service to the Loma Linda Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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well as the overwhelming physical, spiritual, and emotional impact that can be made through the medical missions around the world.

“The students from the School of Pharmacy were so well prepared and had such a strong knowledge base,” says Peter Barbu, MD, a physician from Timisoara, Romania. “After working with them, I no longer considered them students; instead I considered them my colleagues. I count it my privilege to have worked beside them on this medical mission trip.

“This was definitely the best experience of my life. I honestly still have Romania-withdrawal,” says Anna Lee, class of 2011.

“While Romania was my first mission trip through Loma Linda University, it most definitely won’t be my last,” says Stephen Hom, School of Pharmacy class of 2013. “This was an experience of a lifetime having the opportunity to help others in need of medical service. God has graciously given me the knowledge and abilities to help others, and I undoubtedly will continue to do so throughout the rest of my life.”

Reportable crimes

The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires Loma Linda University to publish interim reports on campus crime activities. Listed below are the crimes reported for the months of July and August 2010.

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You can assist the Department of Security in maintaining a safe and secure environment by notifying security immediately at extension 911 if you see or know about a crime taking place.
LLU Policy Changes

Loma Linda University changes in policy

Operating Policy


Coordinator: Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs | Approved: LLU Corporate Secretary

1. Authorization of expenditures and obligations:
   1.1 Only those positions delineated in this policy shall be given authorization to incur obligations and authorize expenditures on behalf of Loma Linda University.
   1.2 Such authorization shall extend only to the items cited and within the limits specified.
   1.3 No provision of this policy shall be construed as authorizing any expenditure which is not within the scope of clearly delegated authority and regularly assigned responsibilities.
   1.4 The individual authorizing the expenditure or obligation shall be responsible for ensuring that appropriate operational, financial, and legal review has been obtained.
   1.5 Failure to exercise the authority here vested responsibly may result in removal of that authority.

2. Budgetary provisions:
   2.1 The provisions of this policy shall apply only to approved budgetary provisions.
   2.2 Any expenditure beyond budgetary provisions shall require prior LLU President’s Committee and/or Board approval.

3. Contracts and Agreements:
   3.1 Contracts and all agreements for routine budgeted services shall require approval of a corporate officer.
   3.2 Approval shall be indicated by signature of one of the following:
      - President
      - Senior Vice President
      - Board chair
      - Corporate Secretary

4. Responsibilities of Senior Vice President of Financial Affairs shall include:
   4.1 Monitoring all expenditures and procedures so as to ensure compliance with the authorization provisions of this policy.
   4.2 Bringing abuses or indications to the attention of the President.
   4.3 Reviewing the terms of acquisition on capital expenditures.

5. Investments and Trusts
   5.1 The management of investments is governed by LLUHS Investment Policy C-18. The monthly Investment Management Committee approves specific investments.
   5.2 Trust payments are based upon the terms of written agreements.

Other expenditures are approved by the Trust Management Committee or a written request from the trustee(s) of revocable trusts.

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School of Dentistry remembers
long-time professor

Contributed report

H arold Ellis Schnepper was born to missionary parents in Puiggraci, Argentina, south of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on December 16, 1925.

His father, Otto, was a Seventh-day Adven-
tist minister and his mother, Myrtle, was a
voice teacher at the mission school. Condi-
tions were Spartan, and with the nearest
hospital too distant to be accessible, baby
Harold was born in a girls’ dormitory room at
the Platt River School in Argentina, where he
was delivered by well-known missionary
physician, Dr. Carl Westfall.

At the time of Harold’s birth, his father was
away on an important trip to the interior of
Paraguay. When he returned home nine days
afterward, Harold’s birth had not been regis-
tered with the local government, a lapse that
initiated a late fee of 50 pesos.

To the young missionary family, the fact
seemed exorbitant. The only way around it
was to make out Harold’s birth certificate for
the same day that his father arrived at the registry.

As a result, to this day his officially registered
Argentine birth certificate date is December
25—nine days after the fact.

When the Schneppers returned to the United
States, Harold was five years old and spoke
fairly fluent Spanish.

The climate where they had been living was
subtropical and they weren’t accustomed to cold
weather. Harold recalled walking to the store
with his older brother, John, in the winter not
very long after they arrived in Tenauní, Wash-
ington. The boys were intrigued by some crystal
clayish layers they found on ground-water
puddles along the way, so they naively tucked a
few souvenir pieces in their pants pockets. By
the time they reached home to show their
mother what they had found, no “glass crystal
remained; instead their pants were all cold and
wet where the pieces had been. She was amused
and explained to them for the first time about
how ice forms when the winter weather drops
below freezing.

Harold’s father pastored for four years in
the Upper Columbia Conference at Coeur d’Alene,
Idaho, with eight churches before,

being called to another district with a similar
number of churches in Lewiston, Idaho. Harold
remembers how busy his father was, delivering
the first-service sermon at one church then
rushing to deliver the second-service sermon
at another church week after week. Following this,
his father was called to teach Bible at Yakima
Valley Academy in Granger, Washington, where
he taught four Bible classes—one for
the eldest of the freshhman senior years.

Other close family relatives were devoted
to ministerial work as well, including one of his
father’s brothers who served as Pacific Union
Conference president until dying in office
several years before retirement age.

Harold’s older brother, John, graduated from
Yakima Valley Academy at the age of 16, then
went off to college to take pre-medicine
requirements. Harold finished the academy in
three years, before completing his pre-med
requirements at Walla Walla College in two
years. School was expensive and finances were
stretcher, but his mother was eager for him to
receive an education.

He recalled how she taught Spanish in school
and worked part time as a seamstress so she
could mail him her unashed paychecks to help
meet his college expenses. Being deeply sensitive
to the sacrifices she was making on his behalf,
Harold pleaded with her at least to cash the
checks first and keep some money for herself.

Dental school and early practice

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941,
John Schnepper entered medical school at the
College of Medical Evangelists in Los Lomas,
California. Harold also was accepted to medi-
cine and would have followed his brother except
that the beginning day for medical school fell
after the mandatory draft induction date for the
Army. With the seriousness of World War II
at that time, no deferments were allowed. He
was, however, finally able to avoid the draft by
entering dental school, the first day of which
preceded the draft deadline.

Harold faced an abrupt transition as he finished
his final class at Walla Walla College on a
Friday and drove 300 miles to Portland,
Oregon, to begin classes at the North Pacific
College of Dentistry the following Monday
morning. His game plan was to begin dental
school and switch over to medicine later, but he
subsequently discovered he was quite well
suited for dentistry and stayed with it. There
were at least a dozen other Seventh-day Adven-
tist students in his dental class. From this group,

Dr. Schnepper stands with a few of his
demonstration models.

When asked where he wanted to practice after
graduation, Harold always said Coeur d’Alene,
Idaho. During his senior year, however, he
learned that it required a separate state licensure
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Adventist Forum/SPECTRUM to hold
conference in October

Contributed report

A dv entist Forum/SPECTRUM has
planned an engaging conference focusing
on cultural creatives in the visual arts, titled
“Present Truth in Visual Media.”

The conference will be held October 8-10, 2010,

at the beautiful Winter Mission Hills Resort
and Spa in Rancho Mirage, California.

Martin Dohlmeyer will headline the conference
on Friday evening with an interactive session,
titled “How Film Illuminates Faith,” in which
he will discuss some of the transformational
themes in his popular, award-winning docu-
dentaries. On Saturday, members of the
demonstrative generation of Adventist filmmakers
will demonstrate their calling through film
screenings and conversations.

Then, on Saturday night, in a segment titled
“How Art Illustrates Faith,” Beatrice Mojia-
Kowenhoven will share her appreciation of the
audience.

The weekend will culminate with panel
discussions between filmmakers and cultural
creatives from the Adventist Media Center,
the North American Division of Seventh-day
Adventists, and the ONScreen film festival on
topics ranging from sexuality to fundamen-
talism and Adventist subcultures to the
Church’s global movement.

Throughout the weekend, there will be many
opportunities to engage in conversation, sing
together, enjoy the beautiful surroundings,
and even purchase a piece of art at silent
auction. For more information and to register,
call (916) 774-1080.

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Dr. Schnepper celebrates the graduations of his grandniece (left), Heather Lauer, SD’03, MS’05, and his granddaughter (right), Gretchen Schnepper, SD’03, MS’05.

His desire is to have more Loma Linda graduates and international levels. Harold lamented that in past years relatively few LLUSD graduates had either attended or served as officers in such groups as the Academy of Operative Dentistry, the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, or the American Society of Prosthodontists. The exchange of valuable insights and personal contacts made at these meetings provide rewarding dividends in professional growth and enhanced recognition beyond the scope of everyday practice or teaching.

Dr. Schnepper served two years as chair of the LLUSD restorative department. His spirit remained strong, despite the loss of two extremely close family members in recent years: his son Doug and wife Clara.

Until his death on August 4, 2010, Harold shared his years of personal experience and expertise with students and faculty members as an instructor in the laboratory portions of several classes, in which he taught three half-days per week. His sole striving for excellence was always consistent over a lifetime. In many endeavors, the driver of the rescue vehicle said somehow he had felt impressed to drive up through the pass to check if any motorists might be stuck in the snow, and graciously closed behind him to the comfort and safety of their Everett home.

A dental supply company representative learned of Harold’s desire to find a practice along the coastline and gave him the name of a dental office that was looking for an associate dentist. When he went to inquire, however, he became deeply disappointed. It was obvious from signs posted outside their office that these were full-blowing advertising dentists, practicing clearly what was then outside ethical limits for the profession.

When Harold informed the dentist that he unfortunately would not be able to practice in that office, the man suggested contacting Dr. Harvey Walter, a dentist in Everett, Washington, with an office on the fifth floor of a larger medical-dental building. This worked out well with Harold as the junior partner. After two years he bought the practice, and, swapping roles, Dr. Walter became the junior partner.

Dr. Prince, who shortly thereafter did become the new dean, insisted that all Loma Linda University dental school faculty have a master’s degree before they could begin. Harold asked if there was a way he could work on the degree after starting to teach, but that was not acceptable. He earned his master’s degree in restoration dentistry at the University of Washington, working partly as a teaching faculty member and partly as a student. While he was there, the school offered its first refresher course, which happened to be on gold foil restorations. Harold’s first real exposure to gold foil in a postgraduate environment made a lasting impression on him. After observing for one year a study group directed by Dr. Walde L. Ferrier, Dr. Schnepper was invited to join a new group, under the mentorship of Drs. Ralph Plummer and Dan Spratley, devoted entirely to gold foil dentistry that they euphemistically designated the "University Ferries." The now-classic Class V gold foil restoration outline was named after its designer, Walde L. Ferrier. Bruce Smith and Harold Schnepper were the ones chosen to represent their study club at the very next association meeting of all the dozen or so gold foil study clubs in that area. This was a significant honor that helped shape Harold’s attitude and standards of excellence.

Signs of God’s leading

Harold and his wife Clara often reflected on the Lord’s continual leading in their lives. In Everett, Washington, when first looking around for a practice, they were driving in a 12-year-old 1934 Plymouth through a pass in the Snoqualmie Mountains. It had been snowing heavily and around midnight their car became hopelessly mired in the accumulating white stuff. The car wouldn’t budge and there was nothing that they could do to get it in motion. Together they walked in the dark, cold night with no other cars in sight. As they faced a dangerous, freezing night stranded in their car, a tow truck appeared about an hour or so later and asked them if they needed help. To them it seemed a miracle. The driver of the rescue vehicle said somehow he had felt impressed to drive up through the pass to check if any motorists might be stuck in the snow, and graciously closed behind him to the comfort and safety of their Everett home.

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Gold foil instruction was prominent in the earlier days of the dental school because, among other things, it was a significant part of the state board clinical requirement. Harold was a pioneer in developing the lingual-approach Class III gold foil restoration. Up to that time, all anterior tooth fillings were placed from the front, which usually left a small crescent of gold showing at their front interproximal edge. In order to achieve necessary angles of operation for this revised lingual approach, he designed four special back-action hand instruments. These instruments can be seen on display in the glass wall cabinet in the hallway outside the restorative department entrance on Prince Hall’s first floor.

Harold’s extraordinary dedication to direct gold dentistry was shown by the fact that he mentored the Loma Linda Gold Foil Study Club for 35 years. He and Bob Kinzer co-authored the first comprehensive manual of gold foil techniques that detailed the basic principles and latest esthetic modifications of cavity preparation design. This book achieved international recognition, and has subsequently been translated into other languages, including Japanese and German.

Helping to establish his reputation for excellence in direct gold procedures, Harold accomplished much more than 50 gold foil restorations by the time of graduation from dental school. In his senior year, one of his patients received Class III gold foil fillings in her front teeth that are still serviceable today. Recent photographs attest to the quality of these restorations after 64 years, and he still has the original appointment book page to show the date and time of that treatment.

Harold consistently attended national dental meetings. He took a certain amount of pride in his 40-year, unbroken string of attendance at the Chicago midwinter meetings. His ardent advice to dental graduates is to join at least one dental organization in their special area of interest and become actively involved as officers by his 56 years of invaluable service.
BHLH Guild and Shawnee’s Smile bring new hope to kids with facial deformities

By James Ponder

Thanks to the generosity of two Inland Empire charities, children born with congenital facial defects can now receive the very latest and finest in facial reconstructive surgery at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital (LLUCH) because of a sophisticated new software program the groups recently donated.

Officers of the two charities—Shawnee’s Smile and Big Hearts for Little Hearts Loma Linda Guild—recently met with physicians for a demonstration of the new software’s capabilities. Each organization contributed $10,000 towards its purchase.

At the August 2, 2010, event, reconstructive surgeons Mark Martin, MD, DMD, and Subhas Gupta, MD, PhD, presented a brief overview of how the new software allows physicians to compute a series of extremely complex algorithms essential in correcting cleft lip, cleft palate, jaw deformities, and other craniofacial anomalies.

Dr. Martin, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon at LLUCH, and Dr. Gupta, director of the department of plastic surgery, showed the group several before and after photos of children born with extreme deformities whose appearances were improved thanks to the new software. The results were dramatic, and attendees frequently expressed surprise at how much better patients looked following surgeries made possible by the new software.

“New bone-lengthening technology is in place so children who were born with severe anomalies can now have regular-looking jaws and bones,” Dr. Martin told the group, “Bone lengthening minimizes facial distortion.”

In outlining other benefits of the new software, Dr. Martin said it reduces scarring, requires fewer operations since nasal and lip repairs can be done at the same time, improves facial symmetry, and restores normal anatomy. In addition, he said, tracheostomies are no longer required. Recovery times for the jaw-lengthening procedures vary from 10 days to eight weeks depending on the age of the child.

Dr. Martin pointed out that the new procedures would definitely elevate the quality of patients’ lives on social and psychological levels. He also noted that some of the procedures—including corrective operations for complicated jaw deformities—result in better breathing and oral hygiene. And since breathing improvements have also been linked to improved cardiovascular health, the potential for significant, long-term health benefits is apparent.

“All these improvements are enabled by the software which Shawnee’s Smile and the Guild provided,” Dr. Martin reported.

In the case of the girl for whom the Shawnee’s Smile organization is named, the beautiful 4 year old was born with a cleft palate. Her parents, who prefer to be known only by their first names of Tommy and Maria, brought Shawnee to LLUCH for treatment when she was one. The operation was a success, and today it’s virtually impossible to tell that Shawnee was born with the deformity.

Tommy and Maria were so grateful for the outcome of Shawnee’s operation that they made a substantial gift to establish Shawnee’s Smile. Since 2008, the organization has provided more than 200 cleft palate-specific baby bottles and nipples to parents. This year, Shawnee’s Smile will provide survival kits to parents of children born with cleft disorders. Each kit contains a carrier with a cleft lip teddy bear, a baby bottle and resource binder.

“The Big Hearts for Little Hearts Loma Linda Guild voted to become involved once members of the organization’s board heard about the new software and the impressive improvements it makes in children’s lives.

“It took us less than 30 seconds to decide to help,” notes Catherine Grinnan, president of the Guild. “We were amazed at how much better children looked following the operation.” The Big Hearts for Little Hearts Guild was founded in 1999 to raise awareness and support for Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital, which provides life-saving care for critically ill or injured children. In addition to Loma Linda, there are guilds in Palm Desert and Riverside.

Representatives of two Inland Empire charity organizations—Shawnee’s Smile and Big Hearts for Little Hearts Loma Linda Guild—recently met with Mark Martin, MD, DMD, and Subhas Gupta, MD, PhD, for a presentation of the capabilities of the sophisticated new facial imaging software program the two organizations recently donated to Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital.

Shawnee, the adorable little girl for whom the organization known as Shawnee’s Smile is named, shows off her flawless smile.