

Class Notes

Class of 1943S

John Mose, Muskogee, Okla., is practicing prosthodontics in Muskogee, and he is a Diplomat of the American Board of Prosthodontists. His grandson is practicing dentistry in Tulsa, Okla.

Class of 1952

Richard Dobyns, Scotch Plains, N.J., is professor emeritus of the New Jersey Academy of General Dentistry.

Class of 1953

Ted Glass, Boise, Idaho, reports that after his wife passed away in 2004, he retired, sold his practice and moved to Boise to be near his daughter, Heather. Ted was honored with the Award of Excellence by the Arizona Dental Society. As a side note, he says he's the proud owner of a titanium knee and shoulder.

Willis P. Webster, The Dalles, Ore., retired in 1987. For the next 10 years he and spouse, Irene, worked three to four months each year with Wycliffe Mission — three years in Papua New Guinea, five years in the Amazon Basin of Peru, and one year in Israel. They have three children and five grandchildren living in Oregon and Washington. Willis took up flying and loves to fly his own plane. He has been a resident of Oregon Veteran's Home for 3½ years due to his physical condition of Lewybody dementia and Parkinson's. Irene lives nearby and cares for him daily.

Olin Wyatt, Vincennes, Ind., broke his hip and has been in an extended-care facility.

Class of 1958

John Bagley, Wichita, Kan., retired in November 2006 as a Lt. Colonel. He's still taking continuing education classes in pharmacy and dentistry.

Glenn Hough, Pittsburg, Kan., retired in December 2003. He is tending to his investments. He was saluted as top leader in the Pittsburg Dental Study Club, and is on the Jesters Board of Directors. He is married to Dee and lives on a farm. He has three well-established sons and seven grandchildren. He is a lifetime member of the UMKC Dental Alumni Association and a past president.

Max Murrison, Salina, Kan., retired after 48 years of oral and maxillofacial surgery. He was ordained in the Holy Order of the Episcopal Christ Cathedral as a Servant of God.

Robert Pokorny, Hays, Kan., went through stem cell surgery in April 2006 and is doing very well. Robert retired in 1988. He has eight kids and 23 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Howard Thompson, Sun City, Fla., plays golf 3–4 times a week. He claims he doesn't play it very well, but he's out there.

Paul Watkins, Pauls Valley, Okla., retired in May 2003. His wife, Judy, died of ovarian cancer in July 2007. He reports that he still gets to play a little Dixieland banjo, although the band, "The Ragtime Rascals," has all but dissolved. His main avocation is sailing. He has



a 44' vessel that his son, Scott, and he sailed from the Houston area to Tortola in the British Virgin Islands last spring. The boat (also named Ragtime Rascal) will stay there for a year or two before they sail it home.

Class of 1963

Harold Masunaga, NAGA, Wahiawa, Hawaii, has two sons who are dentists: Dr. Russell Masunaga is at UCLA and Dr. Ross Masunaga is in Colorado. Harold is semi retired.

Class of 1968

Irl Gladfelter, Kansas City, Mo., was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel in July 2007 by Governor Ernie Fletcher, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Anglo-Lutheran Catholic Church, organized in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Africa. Irl is no longer a licensed dentist.

John P. Ladas, Blue Springs, Mo., is married to Jill and has three children: Paul, Michelle and Kristina; two stepchildren: Marc and Jeff; three daughters-in-law: Debbie, Tammy, Jennie; one son-in-law, Randall; and one granddaughter, Taylor. He is planning his fifth Grand Canyon backpacking trip. **Morris Talbert**, Stockton, Kan., sold his practice and will retire this summer. He's been married for 43 years and has three children and eight grandchildren. Morris has been president of the Christian Dental Society and Kansas State Gideons. **Thomas Tyson**, Nixa, Mo., retired in 2003. He is playing golf, fishing and being lazy.

Class of 1973

John Andreas, St. Louis, Mo., has four children and three grandchildren with

a fourth on the way. John's youngest daughter, Lauren, is a third-year dental student at UMKC. John and his wife recently purchased their third home, near their youngest son, Mark, in Boulder, Colo. John has been in practice with Dan Livingston for 35 years.

Duane Atkinson, Pleasant Grove, Utah, retired two years ago and notes that his years in dentistry were quite the ride. Duane and his wife have six kids and 19 grandchildren. He loves whitewater rafting, mountain climbing and has run a few marathons along the way. He exclaims that life is great!

Charles (Bill) Boyce, Sikeston, Mo., has two grandsons: Charlie and Wyatt. Bill's wife, Marilyn, is a housewife and works part-time in his office.

Steven Tipp, Bennington, Neb., divides his time between offices in Omaha and Bennington. He's enjoying having five grandchildren.

Class of 1978

Michael Engelman, Wilmette, Ill., is married to Julie, and they have four children. Michael, who has a private practice in Wilmette, received his prosthodontics certificate from UCLA in 1986 and his maxillofacial prosthodontics certificate from UCLA in 1987. Michael has authored a book entitled *Clinical Decision Making and Treatment Planning in Osseointegration*, published by Quintessence Books, 1996.

William Evans, Tulsa, Okla., has two sons in dental school at the University of Oklahoma School of Dentistry.

Mark Kramer, Kirkwood, Mo., is on his second marriage. He has four kids and one granddaughter. Both of Mark's parents are still living. He's still practicing dentistry full time. His favorite pastime is traveling and staying physically and emotionally fit.

Robert Leipziger, St. Peters, Mo., retired in September 2007. He splits time between St. Louis, Mo., and Scottsdale, Ariz.

Brian Shelton, Columbus, Ga., moved from Little Rock, Ark., to Columbus for a new job.

Class of 1982

Gary V. Dewitt, Alexandria, La., was elected president of the Louisiana Society of Periodontists, 2007-2009.

Jeri Ross Bills, Cary, N.C., and her husband of 26 years, Chris, have become very involved in the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting. They shoot reproduction guns from the late 1800s and wear the appropriate costumes for the time period. Jeri says she never touched a gun before two years ago. She is currently the reigning Ladies Duelist in the State of Virginia. Jeri and Chris have two sons: Brady, 20, and Carson, 16, both of whom are not interested at all in shooting cowboy guns. Jeri is beginning her 24th year of endodontics practice in Cary, N.C.

Class of 1983

Annette (Ann) Barber, Leawood, Kan., sold her practice to her associate and retired. Ann will be traveling with her husband and helping him with his project, True North Missions, serving medical and dental needs in Guatemala.

Stephen M. Carron, Perryville, Mo., reports that his family members are all healthy, productive and happy, most of the time. They feel very blessed. College education for their children is their focus presently. Melinda is a part-time elementary school art teacher, which keeps her challenged outside of taking care of the family and the house. They are trying to live a healthier lifestyle so as to live long enough to mooch off their children someday. Stephen recently purchased loops, which has put a nice spark in his professional life. During downtime, he manages to enjoy his hobby of woodworking and has not lost any fingers, which pleases him, as well as his family and staff. He sends his best wishes to all.

H. Fred Christman, Columbia, Mo., was recently elected vice-president of the Missouri State Dental Board.

Keigm Crook, Albuquerque, N.M., has two grandchildren. He and his wife, Susan, are enjoying camping, fishing, skiing and flying around in their own Cessna.

Jan Radke Pishny, Stillwell, Kan., has been married for 25 years to Lyle, the same great guy. They have three daughters, two of whom are college graduates, and one is a junior at North Carolina. Jan has been volunteering with Kansas Mission of Mercy for six years. She practices four days a week and volunteers with Oral Health Kansas and Reach's Give Kids a Smile. She lives on a small farm where she raises cattle and horses and has planted over 250 varieties of trees.

John Silberberg, Lake St. Louis, Mo., and his wife, Kathie, have three healthy sons, ages 20, 18 and 16. They have been blessed. John enjoys learning German and Italian and traveling to Europe. He is not ready to retire.

Lynne Schutte, Leawood, Kan., has two boys: Zach is in computer animation and Mitchell will begin college in the fall of 2008. She is still married to Bill after 32 years. She loves practicing dentistry!

Class of 1984

Robert E. Butler, Webster Groves, Mo., was awarded Fellowship in the American College of Dentists during its annual meeting. The American College of Dentists is the oldest national honorary organization for dentists. Fellowship in the College is by invitation and is based on demonstrated leadership and contributions to the dental profession and society.

Class of 1986

Cy Tenn, Honolulu, Hawaii, has been the Hawaii Chapter Rep for Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity for 17 years. He writes for the Hawaii Dental Journal, is on the Finance Committee for the Hawaii Dental Association and is the captain for an Outback Steakhouse softball team.

Class of 1988

William S. Tinsley, Liberty, Mo., is currently in partnership with Dr. Chris Shultz in Liberty. Their practice is growing and they are enjoying their larger space. His son graduated from MU and his girls are at William Jewell and Northwest Missouri State.

His wife, Michelle, is busy overseeing the remodeling of their house and is busy with her work with A.L.K.C. They enjoy traveling in their motorcoach.

Class of 1993

Beth Gehring, Blue Springs, Mo., has been practicing dentistry in Blue Springs for 14 years. Beth and her husband, Mike, have three children: Jeremy, 28, Jordan, 11, and Kylie, 13. Beth and Mike started a non-profit organization in 1999 called The Midwest Brachial Plexus Network, Inc., that provides information, education and support to families of children affected by brachial plexus birth injuries. They enjoy scuba diving, traveling, golf, hunting, fishing and NASCAR races. They live in Grain Valley, Mo. And she still loves heavy metal music.

Lynne March, San Diego, Calif., qualified for the Boston Marathon during the San Diego Rock 'N Roll Marathon in June 2007. She ran the Boston Marathon on April, 21, 2008.

Sandi Otipoby, Garnett, Kan., is married and has two children. She owns her own practice and has four employees. Sandi raises show steers and Lamancha dairy goats.

Edward Perkins, Jr., Topeka, Kan., recently bought a new practice in Topeka and sold his office in south Kansas City.

Lawson Renner, Kansas City, Mo., recently retired from teaching part-time after five years at the UMKC School of Dentistry. He practices general dentistry on the Country Club Plaza and hospital dentistry at St. Luke's Hospital. He

expanded his office space, added staff and will soon add an additional dentist. Some of his time is spent volunteering as a unit commissioner in the Boy Scouts. He is also active in his church. He has a daughter, 9, and a son, 4.

Class of 1998

Brian Drew, Shawnee, Okla., has four children: Adam, 8, Noah, 5, Luke, 2, and Rachel, born in October 2007. Brian is still playing soccer and has been married to Becky for 11 years. He's been to Guatemala twice for dental mission work.

Craig Lashley, Colwich, Kan., is staying very busy with his practice and family, which includes his wife, Shawna, his daughters, Alex, 11, Sydney, 8, and Sami, 6, and his son, Pearce, 3. He enjoys the kids' sports and spending family time at their cabin in Council Grove.

Kathi Matthes, Lee's Summit, Mo., had a second son, Wyatt, who joined his brother, Jesse, 4. Wyatt decided to join the world in a hurry. He ended up being born at home after nine minutes of labor. Lucky for Kathi and her husband that the EMTs made it to the house to deliver Wyatt.

Class of 2003

Brian Davis, Shawnee, Kan., and his wife were expecting their first baby in April 2008.

Daniel Heard, Sherwood, Ark., opened Central Arkansas Family Dentistry in August 2006. He has two children: Grace, 5, and Leigha, 3. He and his wife were expecting a baby boy, Noah, to arrive in July 2008.

Amy Nery, Denver, Colo., is an orthodontic resident at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine.

Jennifer Tindall, Manhattan, Kan., is married to Mark Tindal (DDS 2001). They have two girls: Tatum, 2, and Talia, born in September 2007.

Marvin Heinbach, Lawrence, Kan., has been in the same practice since 2003. He's married to a wonderful woman he married while in dental school. Mark and his wife have two girls: Ava, 5, and Sadie, 2.

Christa Walker, Emporia, Kan., has two children: Allen, 3, and Emmaline Eve Walker, born in July 2007. Emma was diagnosed with osteogenesis imperfecta in October 2007. After two femur fractures she is currently doing well. On a lighter note, Christa has paid off all her student loans!

Class of 2004

Adrian Mohn, Kansas City, Mo., and Pete Mohn (DDS '05) welcomed newborn son, Charles Stoner Mohn, in June 2008. The proud parents reported that he weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. Everyone is doing fine and very excited about his arrival.



The Joys of Running

Adapted from "My Big Year" by Denise M. Rucci in the Arizona Dental Association's publication, *Inscriptions*, August 2006



Howard Wilt

Howard Wilt (DDS '68) first joined the running craze in 1974 in preparation for a mini-marathon sponsored by the California Dental Association. "To be honest," he recalled, "I wasn't sure I could finish, even though it was only a three-mile race!"

But he did. And after

nearly 30 years of on-and-off running, the Tempe, Ariz., dentist completed the Chicago Marathon's 26.2-miles in four-and-a-half hours ... at age 60. Dr. Wilt then went on to complete the Rock 'n Roll Arizona Marathon and the Tybee (Island) Marathon, off the coast of Savannah, Ga., where his time of three-hours, fifty-eight-minutes qualified him for a coveted entry in the Boston Marathon. After Boston, Howard and his brother competed in more races to assure peak fitness for their next big race, the New York Marathon. "That was my big year," Dr. Wilt said with a smile.

"Make no mistake," Dr. Wilt advised, "training for a marathon is stressful; however, it makes dentistry less stressful." For one thing, he noted, staying in shape helps him through 10-hour stretches at the dental chair and in his 40-year career he's only missed one day of work. "Regular exercise builds up the immune system," he said, "and also wards off depression. I hadn't realized that negativity and sarcasm had been creeping into my speech patterns until I started running, which cleared out the cobwebs."

Dr. Wilt says that competitive running also has had a positive impact on his practice. "Being healthy and achieving goals makes a statement. When patients see that the doctor is healthy, they want to pay better attention to their own health. And when staff can be proud of the boss, they support the boss."

"Running brings an excitement to my life that only a marathoner can understand. You want the real truth, though," he joked. "I took up running because I'm lousy at golf!" ■