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JUNE 12-17

ALUMNI LUNCHEON
JUNE 15

WHITE COAT CEREMONY
AUGUST 16

On the cover: Photos taken during Alumni Weekend 2012 at the Wynfrey Hotel.
It is an honor to serve as President of the Alumni Association for 2012, and I thank you for allowing me to do so. Being associated with the Alumni Association the past several years has been very rewarding and allowed me to meet a lot of great dentists from all over the state that I otherwise wouldn’t know. Our school’s tradition of excellence reflects itself well, and I am reminded of it often when I see the unselfish effort so many dentists put into organized dentistry. One of those dentists is Dr. Tony Dollar, who was president last year, and did such an outstanding job.

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Reddy, who became the eighth Dean of the UAB School of Dentistry effective March 15th, after serving as interim Dean from June of 2011. I think Dr. Reddy’s appointment is great for the Dental School and for UAB. I look forward to working with the Dean in any way possible to enhance dental education, and preserve the great tradition of excellence our school maintains.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the Wynfrey Hotel will not be able to accommodate us for Alumni Weekend 2013. We will be moving to Renaissance Ross Bridge Resort and changing the date to February 14-17, so plan your calendars accordingly. Thanks to the dedicated and tireless efforts of the Alumni staff Scott Huffman, Executive Director, Charlene Phillips, Executive Secretary, and Kimberly Beiersdoerfer, Alumni Affairs Specialist it will be a great meeting as usual. Many thanks to Dr. Lori Gearhart for securing great speakers for our continuing education courses during Alumni Weekend.

Please plan on coming to the ALDA Annual Session at the Perdido Beach Resort, June 12-17. The Annual Alabama Dental Alumni Luncheon will be held at noon on June 15. Our keynote speaker is Rick Bragg, an Alabama born Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author. Tickets will be $30.00 and can be purchased through ALDA at www.aldaonline.org. Also, visit our alumni website, www.dental.uab.edu/alumni for information and updates on our association.

Sincerely,

James G. Hawkins, DMD

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The Alumni Association hosted its annual Alumni Weekend, February 2-5 at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. A total of 1700 people were in attendance. Highlights of the weekend include Continuing Education courses, the President's Reception, an Alumni Luncheon and the Distinguished Dentist Reception, the school's annual donor recognition event.

Distinguished Dentist Reception

Dr. Joel Hearn was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Since graduating from the school in 1972, Dr. Hearn has been involved in organized dentistry and the Alumni Association. He served as President of the School of Dentistry Alumni Association in 1982 and President of the Alabama Dental Association in 2005-2006. He currently serves as Chair of the UAB Dentistry Leadership Council. His other offices and volunteer efforts in organized dentistry are too numerous to list.

Dr. Hearn returned to our hallowed halls to complete an Endodontic Residency in 1980. He practices Endodontics in Florence, Alabama. He is chairing our current Excellence for Endodontics Campaign and the results have been amazing. Through his tireless efforts, the campaign has raised nearly $1 million dollars to date.

Joel and his wife Daryl can be seen most free weekends at Lake Guntersville or cheering on the Crimson Tide football team. Joel has one daughter, Ann, and another stepdaughter, Olivia. The Hears have two granddaughters, Sally and Mary Jane Woodard.

A couple of little known facts about Joel: As an endodontic resident, he wrote the UAB fight song. His musical talents are on display whenever a keyboard or piano or nearby. For many years, Joel played in a well known band “Touch of Grey”.

Dr. Jason “Bucky” Etherton of Valley, Alabama received the 2012 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. He is active in his community, organized dentistry, and our Alumni Association. He has participated in Give Kids A Smile the past 12 years. He also provides free dental care for the underprivileged, people with disabilities, the elderly, and medically fragile individuals.

Bucky graduated from dental school in 1997. He currently serves as the Ninth District Representative on the Alumni Association Executive Council.

Bucky is very active in his community where he serves as the Senior High Youth Minister at Langdale United Methodist Church. He’s also a board member of the local Boys and Girls Club and is involved in river conservation and the Chambers County Board of Education.

He and his wife, Julie, have three children: sons Joshua and Daniel and daughter Sarah. Bucky loves participating in the local theater with his daughter and coaching his sons in recreation league football (He even led them to the national tournament in Tennessee the past four years)!
Alumni Weekend 2012
President’s Reception

Dr. Tony Dollar, President of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association hosted a reception on Friday, February 3 at the Wynfrey Hotel. Dr. Dollar introduced the 2012 Alumni Association Officers.

Throughout the weekend, raffle tickets were sold to benefit the Alumni Association Endowed Support Fund. Prizes that were given away included three beach vacations, a stay in St. Petersburg, Florida and a trip to Big Sky, Montana. The raffle was a huge success, raising $5,300 for the Alumni Association Endowed Support Fund.

Dr. Reddy presented Dr. Tony Dollar with a gavel plaque in appreciation of his service as 2011 President.

The 2012 Alumni Association Officers: Pictured (L to R): Dr. Gary Myers, Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Carol Merkle, President-elect, Dr. James Hawkins, President; Dr. Tony Dollar, Immediate Past President, and Dr. Jim Shamburger, Vice President along with 2010 President, Dr. Leigh Anne Nevins

Alumni Luncheon

The Alumni Association introduced a new event during Alumni Weekend. Samford Head Football coach and 1971 Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan was the keynote speaker at the Alumni Luncheon held on Saturday, February 4. More than 70 alumni and friends enjoyed the event.
Alumni Weekend 2012
Class Reunions


Top Left: The Medallion Club (Classes of 1952-1957) Luncheon was held on Friday, February 3 at noon.

Above: The Class of 1962 held their 50th reunion at the The Wynfrey. Dean Reddy presented members of the class with a medallion.

Left: The Class of 1967 held their reunion at the Wynfrey on Saturday, February 4.

Bottom Left: The Class of 1972 gathered at The Shoal Creek Country Club for their 40th reunion.

Below: The Class of 1977 held their reunion at the home of Dr. David Sarver.
Alumni Weekend 2012

The Class of 1982 held their reunion at The Club.

The Class of 1987 celebrated their reunion at J. Clyde.

The Class of 2002 gathered at Ross Bridge to celebrate their 10th reunion.


The Class of 1997 held their reunion at Ross Bridge.

The Class of 2007 celebrated their five year reunion at the Cantina at Pepper Place.
Michael S. Reddy, D.M.D., D.M.Sc. has been named Dean of the UAB School of Dentistry. His appointment was effective March 15, 2012. Reddy served as interim dean of the school since June 2011.

From 2004-11, Dr. Reddy was chair of the UAB Department of Periodontontology. He is the former assistant dean for planning and clinical activity and a senior scientist in multiple UAB research centers, including the Centers for Metabolic Bone Disease and Aging.

Q: What is your vision for the School of Dentistry?

A: My vision for the School of Dentistry is straightforward, exciting and aspires to the ultimate goal which is simply leading oral healthcare. The concept of leading oral healthcare encompasses everything we are about, including excellence in education, progressive research programs, the finest patient care, and first-class administrative processes. The vision is the overarching theme which drives the University of Alabama School of Dentistry forward toward our mission to optimize oral health in Alabama and beyond. Vision is built on the key values which every faculty, staff, student and alumni member of our team supports. These values are excellence, innovation, being patient centered, and unity of purpose.

Q: What are you looking forward to undertaking in your new role?

A: The thing I'm most looking forward to undertaking in my role is the implementation of our strategic plan. My goal is to make the School of Dentistry one of the best places in the nation to work. Successful implementation of our plan will allow alumni to look upon the school with a sense of history and pride, and the nation’s and world’s dentists to look to us as one of the innovators of contemporary practice.

Q: What changes do you foresee in the practice of dentistry over the next 5 – 10 years?

A: I anticipate many changes in the practice of dentistry over the next five to ten years. I believe innovation and technology may be the basis for many of them. It's my belief that the majority of impressions made in dentistry will be digital within five to ten years. The use of intra-oral scanners appears to be at its infancy but you only have to remember that technology such as an iPad was barely getting started 10 years ago and that digital cameras had limited capacity and were never used by professionals. Now they are the standard in the industry. I think we may see a universal health record reside with the patient and every medical or dental practitioner will have access to and contribute to the same record. The dentist will be a key member of the diagnostic team for all medical conditions.

Q: How can our alumni help the school?

A: Our vision, mission and values can only be realized with the support of our alumni. A commitment to continue or increase the level of giving will help ensure that we are moving ever closer to achieving our commitment to excellence in dentistry, advancing innovation, and supporting the education of the next generation of oral healthcare leaders.
SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

SCHOLARS' DAY
The School of Dentistry hosted the Seventh Annual Scholars' Symposium on March 7. The Scholars' Symposium started with Poster Presentations and a Research Competition for students and others conducting research in Oral Health in either Basic Science or Clinical Research and concluded with Dr. Brendan Lee presenting the Dr. Robert Taylor Endowed Lecture.

PARENTS' DAY
Parents' Day was held on April 20, 2012 at The Alabama Theatre. Seniors and their parents and families enjoyed lunch and a slideshow presentation which highlighted the students' four years in dental school. The lunch was followed by a tour of the school. The event was sponsored by the SGA. Pictured below: Seniors Maggie and Kallie Law with their parents.

HOMECOMING 2011
The School of Dentistry’s Gurney Derby team "Mixed Dentition" triumphed for the second year in a row in UAB's annual Gurney Derby. The Gurney Derby is a Homecoming Week tradition where teams choose themes, dress up "passengers", put them on gurneys and race through the streets at UAB.

In April, UAB Senior Dental students visited Asahi & Meikai Universities in Japan. Students include: Stephen Strickland, Brittney Fain, Maggie Law, Britany Matin, Brian Ondocsin, Caitlin Cox, Joan-Marie Manolakis, Brannon Heape, Marjorie O'Neil and Kallie Law.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon inductees: Richard Baxter, Erin Bilbo, Caitlin Cox, Brannon Heape, Jason Latham, Brian Ondocsin, Stephen Strickland and faculty candidate, Augusto A. Robles with Dr. Reddy and Dr. Liu, OKU President.
UAB has received the largest single grant in its 43-year history. A $67 million award from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (a branch of NIH) will create the "National Dental Practice-Based Research Network," with UAB as the lead institution.

Keith Kinderknecht, DMD, has been elected to the Board of Directors of The American Equilibration Society (AES). As one of seven directors, Dr. Kinderknecht began his three year term of service in February of 2012. Dr. Kinderknecht also serves as chair of the AES Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

Dr. John Coke received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching during the annual Faculty Awards Convocation on March 7.

Dr. John Burgess was recognized for receiving the 2012 Graduate Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentorship.

Dr. Jack Lemons was selected for the IADR Souder Award (the top award in dental materials).

Dr. Nico Geurs has been named Chair of Department of Periodontology. His appointment was effective on May 1.

The SOD has tripled its national ASDA leadership presence. Lia Kalliath, '14 and Megan Guthmanthe, '14 will serve as Chicago Administrative Externs this summer. Eleanor Harper, '15 was appointed Council Associate for Education and Licensure for the 2012-2013 ASDA calendar year. Kallie Law, '12 has served on the editorial board and on the communications council this year.

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**SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS**

**International Dental Program Graduation**

Five students graduated from the International Dental Program on December 15, 2011. Students included Sarath Chandra Dwaram, Lakshmi Jyoshna Immadi, Prabhavathi Jampani, Radhika Katragunta and Liza Lundy.

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Rick Bragg to Headline Alumni Luncheon

The Annual Alabama Dental Alumni Luncheon will be held at noon on June 15 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL in conjunction with the ALDA Annual Session. The featured keynote speaker will be Rick Bragg, best selling author.

Rick Bragg is a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and author of best-selling and critically acclaimed books on the people of his native South, including All Over but the Shoutin’, Ava’s Man and The Prince of Frogtown.

Bragg, the son of a woman who picked cotton in the red dirt of Calhoun County, Alabama, has written about people and issues around the country and world, but calls his books on family the proudest examples of his writing life, what historians and critics have described as heart-breaking anthems usually written only in fiction or clichés. They chronicle the lives of his family, mill workers, whiskey makers, long sufferers and fist fighters.

Bragg, who has written for magazines ranging from Sports Illustrated to The Smithsonian to Food and Wine, was a newspaper writer for more than two decades, covering everything from high school football back home to militant Islamic fundamentalism for The New York Times.

He won more than fifty significant writing awards, in books and journalism, including, twice, the American Society of Newspaper Editors Distinguished Writing Award, and the Harper Lee Award. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University in 1993, and has been, for about forty years now, a freshman at Jacksonville State University.

He is currently the Clarence Cason Professor of Writing at the University of Alabama, and lives in Tuscaloosa with his wife, Dianne, a doctoral student there, and his step-son, Jake. They have a house in Fairhope, which he calls “the place I can draw a breath.”

He also writes a monthly column for Southern Living.

His only real hobby is fishing, but he is the worst fisherman in his family line.

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When the Alumni Office was notified by the Wynfrey Hotel we would have to make “other arrangements” for Alumni Weekend 2013, I wasn’t fazed a bit. One of our staff members asked, “You’re so calm. Aren’t you worried?” My reply was “Not in the least.”

Here’s why:

1. Our Alumni Executive Council is made up of strong, dedicated leaders who face tough business decisions daily. Individually, they have all been successful because of their abilities not only as dentists and specialists, but also because of their business acumen and problem-solving skills.

2. You … our alumni … have always been the key to Alumni Weekend’s success. Sure, you expect outstanding continuing education but you also understand Alumni Weekend is more than that. It’s about relationships. It’s about supporting your dental school. And it’s about being involved with your Alumni Association.

3. Our School leadership stands behind the Alumni Association. Dr. Reddy, the faculty and administration have a great appreciation for what the Alumni Association does. Most have an active membership. In return, the School’s leadership has always answered the call when collaboration or assistance is needed. Both the School and Alumni Association share a common goal of providing excellent lifelong learning and service to the graduates and Alabama’s oral health community.

4. Our staff … if you haven’t noticed … is one of the most hardworking, dedicated professional groups you’ll ever be associated with. Several of us have been with the Alumni Office for a long while now, often working long hours, behind the scenes, to serve you.

Alumni Weekend 2013 offers all of us a great opportunity to shine. If you haven’t visited Ross Bridge, you are in for a treat. It is a first class resort with great accommodations, food, amenities, and meeting facilities. I encourage you to reserve a room early because they will fill up early. As always, we welcome your suggestions for improving our meeting. Please feel free to email me at shuffman@uab.edu with your concerns, suggestions, or questions.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Huffman, CFRE

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**2013 Alumni Weekend**

Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa - February 14-17, 2013
The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees adopted three resolutions recognizing endowed gifts at its April 13, 2012 meeting. Two of the resolutions recognized gifts by the Hinman Dental Society. The Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting Endowed Professorship for Comprehensive Dentistry has now reached $500,000 through the generous gifts made by the Atlanta-based dental study club.

“Endowed professorships are one of our highest fundraising priorities,” said J. Scott Huffman, Executive Director of Development. “We don’t have many for a school of our size and scope, but we have made strides in a few short years”. Dr. Michael S. Reddy, the school’s newly appointed eighth dean, said endowed professorships will be very important for the school’s future ability to attract and retain top flight faculty. “Our goal is to recruit master clinicians and to do that we will need to find new resources,” Reddy said. “We are spending a lot of time with strategic planning. Part of that plan will emphasize recruiting master clinicians to train our students and be fully involved in our oral health care enterprise. Most of our alumni tell us about their experiences as students and they ultimately recall the impact one or more faculty members had on their training. We want that tradition of excellence to continue and the Hinman Endowed Professorship is a first for our General Dental Sciences program,” said Reddy. “We will begin our recruitment process this year to hire one of the nation’s most accomplished master clinician and educator.

The Board of Trustees also accepted the Thomas P. Hinman Meeting Endowed Professorship for the Alabama Alumni Lecture. The initial $25,000 will be immediately invested in the UA System Pooled Endowment Fund. Generally endowments are invested for one full year before the corpus pays a percentage of the earnings for the stated purpose. The norm has been a five percent payout. The first lecture will be held at University of Alabama School of Dentistry 2013 Alumni Weekend.

The Board of Trustees passed a third School of Dentistry resolution. The Dr. Arthur T. Linthicum Endowed Scholarship was realized upon the death of Mrs. Ruth Linthicum who preceded her husband in death. They both made provisions to leave a $30,000 scholarship to the school. Dr. Linthicum served on school’s faculty and administration. He was highly regarded for his devotion to dental education and research.

Many of our faculty and staff love the school as much as our students and alumni,” said Huffman. “Why not give back to a place you have worked and devoted many years of your life? We receive several gifts every year where the estate may leave a percentage or fixed dollar amount to benefit an area where that faculty/staff member had a passion.

For more information contact J. Scott Huffman, CFRE, Executive Director of Development at shuffman@uab.edu or (205) 934-3601.
On the Road....

1. Dentistry Alums at the Auburn tailgate.
2. Dr. Jim Bob Williamson presents Dr. Reddy and Dr. Hawkins with a check to support alumni programming during the Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta.
3. Lisa and Dr. Kim Stiegler and Dr. Gaines and Linda Thomas at the Mobile "Meet the Dean" Reception.
4. Dr. Chris Donald of Fairhope and Dr. Reddy.
5. Scott Huffman visits Dr. Greg Zieman’s office.
6. Dr. John Miller, Dr. Reddy and Dr. John Flowers at the Dothan Soup Luncheon.
7. Dr. Reddy with Drs. Carol and Wilder Smith at the "Meet the Dean" Reception in Florence.
8. Dr. Larry Morris, Dr. David and Pat Rawson with Dr. Reddy in Pensacola.

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Dr. Powell has been on 29 mission trips, including trips to Mexico, Jamaica, Brazil, Honduras, Peru, Bolivia and the Dominican Republic. When asked why he goes on the mission trips, he says “Matthew 28:19-20 is not the ‘Great Suggestion’ but is the ‘Great Commission’. A friend of mine once wrote this poignant statement: ‘Missions is not crossing the sea, but seeing the Cross.’ When we leave to help someone in a foreign country or locally, we receive so much more than we ever give. That is why we go.”

When asked about his most memorable trip, Dr. Powell speaks about a 15 year old girl who was brought to a clinic in the Pantanal region of Brazil. To him, it was easy to see that she had an abscessed lower right molar. However, no dentist in their city would treat her because she suffered epileptic seizures (which in their culture is associated with demonic possession). Dr. Powell and his team assured the girl’s parents that they would care for her. The team prayed for the girl and soon she was ready for the extraction. A quick 25 seconds later, the tooth was out and she was biting on gauze. Dr. Powell says “I showed the tooth to her parents and they began to cry. They hugged everyone associated with the dental team. I gave her a pink, stuffed kitten. I can still see her smiling, sitting in that straight back chair with love and gratitude in her eyes.”

The stories of gratitude that Dr. Powell brings back with him from his various trips are anything but rare. He also shared the following story from that same trip to Brazil. “The next morning, before we had even started the clinic, our missionary, our pharmacist, and I had gone to town early to get some medicines. We also went on a journey to find a knee brace for a 16-year-old boy that had been helped into the clinic by his parents the day before. His legs were so thin that he could only ‘walk’ if his parents stood on either side for support. We were about to give up when we saw a store that sold soccer equipment. We found two Velcro type braces that covered above and below the knee. We were optimistic that he might be able use them. The price was $75 each American, but we were afraid we would not see him again, so we decided to buy them. About 3 P.M. that same day, the pharmacist came running into the dental clinic yelling for me to come and see what was happening outside. The young man had just had the second brace secured and though his parents reached out to try and help him, he pushed them away and slowly stood to his feet and took a step. The second step was shaky, but he was still standing. Then it started – left, right, left, right – and he walked to the end of the dirt street, then turned around and walked back with a smile on his face. Everyone was cheering, laughing, hugging and, of course, crying. This was a day for rejoicing and to give the honor and glory to Jesus.”

Editor’s Note

Dr. Powell has had several UAB School of Dentistry alumni go on missions trips with him. His next trip is scheduled August 4th-11th to Santiago, Dominican Republic. He also volunteers locally at The Lovelady Center, where he was named Volunteer of the Year. If you are interested in medical missions, please email him at bill.missionsman.powell@gmail.com for more information.

Dr. Powell attended Samford University before graduating from dental school. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Vestavia Hills. They have been married 43 years and have three children and six grandchildren. Dr. Powell practices in Hoover.
The Hinman-Alabama Education Seminar
Local Anesthesia & Emergency Medicine
Presented by Dr. Stanley Malamed
Friday, August 17, 2012
9am to 4pm – Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL

Two subjects of vital importance to the everyday practice of dentistry will be discussed in this program. In the morning session, Dr. Malamed will discuss the current state of the art in pain control in dentistry, focusing primarily on recent advances in local anesthesia (LA): (1) buffered local anesthetics (the LA‘ON’ switch; (2) Intranasal LA; (3) Computer-Controlled Local Anesthetic Delivery (C-CLAD); (4) Phentolamine – the LA‘OFF’ switch and (5) Mandibular infiltration anesthesia in adults with articaine. The afternoon session reviews the preparation for, and management of, life-threatening medical emergencies. The role of the staff as the emergency "team" will be reviewed, as well as developing a dental office emergency kit, and a review of management through clinical scenarios. All dental staff should attend this program as the situations discussed here can occur to anyone, in any place, and at any time.

Dr. Malamed graduated from the NYU College of Dentistry in 1969. He then completed a dental internship & residency in anesthesiology at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in the Bronx, New York before serving for 2 years in the U.S. Army Dental Corps at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. In 1973, Dr. Malamed joined the faculty of the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of U.S.C., in Los Angeles, where today he is Professor of Anesthesia & Medicine. Additionally, Dr. Malamed has authored more than 140 scientific papers and 17 chapters in various medical and dental journals and textbooks in the areas of physical evaluation, emergency medicine, local anesthesia, sedation and general anesthesia.

Tuition: Dentist $220 Auxiliary $65  After Aug 12: Dentist $240 Auxiliary $95
(AL Auxiliary receive CE credit for the afternoon session only)  CE Hours: 6
Location: Wynfrey Hotel, 1000 Riverchase Galleria  (205) 987-1600 for hotel reservations.
Please ask for UAB Dental Room Block - $109 per night.

To register, please visit our secure website: www.dental.uab.edu Please direct all questions to the CE office at (205) 934-3753.

UAB SOD Continuing Dental Education gratefully acknowledges The Hinman Dental Society, Septodont NA, Milestone Scientific, Onpharma, and Henry Schein for their support and participation in this sponsored program.
Alumni News

1965

Manuel Zuniga, established the Cuban Children Trust, which started various programs through local evangelical churches that help sick or hungry children in Cuba. He recently visited Cuba, after a 50 year absence, where he was able to meet with the children and their parents.

1967

Arthur Lewis retired in September 2011. His daughter, Dr. Karen Connell ('00) is running the practice.

1977

John B. Thomas has been re-elected Secretary of the Nebraska Dental Association. He is also serving as President-elect of the Omaha Dental District Society.

1982

W. Timothy Brooks recently completed the Georgia Health Sciences University Maxi Implant Course and passed Associate Fellow Exam.

1984

Glenn Porter won the Alabama Championship, the Eastern Regional Championship and the I.N.T. Wakeboard U.S. Championship for the second straight year.

1987

Dr. Dean Brandon has practiced for more than twenty years as a Pediatric Dentist at Alabama Pediatric Dental Associates and Orthodontics. He is senior partner with four other pediatric dentists and two orthodontists. He is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the UAB School of Dentistry, past president of the Huntsville Madison County Dental Society and past chief of Dentistry at Huntsville Hospital.

In 2006, he became one of the first to start blogging about his specialty. This blog, “Pediatric Dentistry” has grown over the years to be one of the most viewed Internet sites for the specialty. Parents from all across the world read and get valuable information from the blog about their children’s dental health. He has also been a speaker on blogging for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

2002

Drs Matt and Meredith Christian McCracken are the proud parents of two sets of twins. Pictured below: Matt & Meredith Christian McCracken, Maxwell (3 1/2), Matthew (3 1/2), Mitchell (11 mo), Mary Elizabeth (11 mo).

2009

Dr. Mark Tickle and his wife, Brandee, welcomed their son Jackson on August 19, 2011. He weighed 7lbs and 11 ozs.

1954

DR. EDWARD WHELENDEN STROTHER passed away at home in Hartselle on December 30, 2011. Funeral services were held January 10, 2012 at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham. Dr. Strother was born January 5, 1927 in Decatur. Dr. Strother attended Riverside High School in Decatur and served in WWII as a Combat Tail Gunner flying B-24 Liberation Bombers for the 15th Air Force in Italy. Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force with the rank of Sergeant, Dr. Strother attended Auburn University. He was awarded his Doctorate of Medical Dentistry from the University of Alabama, School of Dentistry in Birmingham in 1954. He received a teaching fellowship in UAB’s Department of Oral Medicine. He participated in many research projects during this time and helped to develop the first fluoride containing toothpaste. He began his private dental practice in 1956 in the Southside area of Birmingham. He was elected by the ADA to serve as a delegate to the Alabama Legislature. Dr. Strother was the first dentist to be admitted to the staff of Children’s Hospital in Birmingham. He became an advocate for safer anesthesia in oral and surgical procedures for children and handicapped young adults. In 1961, Dr. Strother was awarded his law degree upon graduation from Jones Law School in Montgomery. He also served as Chairman of the Board and as Capital Fund Chairman for the Five Points YMCA during 1970-1975. From 1965 until his retirement from dentistry in 1994, Dr. Strother developed and implemented a comprehensive preventative dentistry program within his practice. He was a frequent speaker at dental seminars around the country. Dr. Strother was an avid airplane enthusiast. He enjoyed sharing his passion and knowledge of flying and car racing with family and friends. In addition to cross country flying trips, he flew bi-wing planes, experimental aircraft, gliders, hot air balloons and even made a number of parachute jumps. He and close friend Walter Harkins raced his Sunbeam Alpine sports car at race courses around Alabama in the late 50’s and early 60’s. Dr. Strother was an active member of the WWII 464th Bomb Group, 779th Squadron, and Fifteenth Air Force. He attended many reunions and hosted the reunion event for these special WWII veterans and their families in Huntsville 2010. After retirement, Dr. Strother became a Master Photographer and delighted family and friends by capturing nature, animals and people in beautiful pictures. He was a devoted and loving father. He was also a generous friend, a knowledgeable teacher and an enthusiastic coach to his patients and friends. His presence will be missed by all who knew him.

1955

DR. MAGNUS NORTHINGTON went to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 17, 2012. Dr. Northington was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be dearly missed. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He practiced dentistry in downtown Prattville for 43 years, was very instrumental and helped start the YMCA in Prattville, was an organizer of Prattville Country Club, was on the Board of Education, a member of the Kiwanis Club and the United Way, and he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Prattville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prattville First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, Prattville YMCA, and/or Baptist Hospice.

1959

DR. ROBERT CHARLES GRAY, age 78 of Mountain Brook, passed away peacefully on December 6, 2011 after a brief illness. He was the youngest of eleven children born to the late Bert and Gertrude Gray of Tonkawa, OK. Bob was the beloved husband of the late Jane Westbrook Gray for 57 years, who preceded him in death in September 2011. Dr. Gray enjoyed a long and distinguished career prior to his retirement in 1989 from the University of Alabama Birmingham as chairman of the Department of Periodontics. He joined the faculty of the School of Dentistry in 1963 and was promoted to full professorship in 1974. Among his many accomplishments, he served as president of the Southern Academy of Periodontology in 1980-81, and was a member of the Academy of Periodontology, the Alabama Society of Periodontology, American Dental Association, and the American Association of Dental
Schools. Because of Dr. Gray's expertise, he also served as a consultant to the University of Baghdad, The American Dental Association, and the Universidad Francisco in Guatemala City, as well as the Veterans Administration Hospitals in Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, and other locations across the southeast. He was known for his research activities, was published in several journals, and made presentations before numerous professional groups. Prior to joining UAB, Dr. Gray completed a tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force before returning to Birmingham, where he completed his education in periodontics at the Birmingham Veterans Administration Hospital and residency at the School of Dentistry. Dr. Gray was a native of Marland, Oklahoma and received his pre-dental education at the University of Oklahoma, where he played for the Sooners under legendary coach Bud Wilkinson. He then continued his education at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, before matriculating in the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, which awarded him the Doctor of Dental Medicine in 1959. Bob and Jane were longtime members of the Country Club of Birmingham, where they enjoyed spending time with their many friends and family, and where he will be sorely missed by his friends from the 19th Hole. In lieu of flowers, the family requests all donations to Balm of Gilead, The Samaritan Foundation, 1526 5th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35233.

1979

DR. JOHN ROBERT ORR, III passed away on January 3 after battling lung cancer for five months. He was born October 17, 1953 in Birmingham, Alabama. He was married to Susan Louise Haberstroh on July 30, 1977. He attended the University of Alabama ('75), majored in Biology and Chemistry, and went on to dental ('79) and orthodontic school at UAB ('81). He had a thriving orthodontics practice in Fairfield, Alabama for 29 years, also working in offices in Tuscaloosa and Irondale. Surviving are his wife, Susan Orr, his three children, Elizabeth Orr Jones (Lee), Mary Orr, John Orr and his two sisters, Ginny Green (Mike) and Marie Toffel (Randy) and a large extended family. He is predeceased by his parents, Mary Stone Orr and John Robert Orr, Jr. He was a member of the Southern Society of Orthodontists, the AAO, the Exchange Club, ADA, Alabama Dental Society, and numerous other organizations. He was an active member of the Mountaintop Community Church Brannon small group. Johnny will be remembered for his love of golf, Alabama football, fishing, turkey hunting and all lake activities. He grilled a mean steak and barbecue and had a sharp wit, laughing with ease. The funeral was held at Southern Heritage Funeral Home on January 6. Donations can be made in his name to The Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (2300 10th Court South Birmingham, AL 35205).

Friends

AGNES LEILA MEEK DESHAZO of Jackson, Mississippi and Birmingham, Alabama, age 101, peacefully entered into the presence of her Heavenly Father on March 20 in Jackson. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Lela Carr of Bessemer, Alabama and one of eight children. She was perfectly dressed, witty, ambitious, bright, and a feminist before her time. She graduated from Bessemer High, started work as a dental assistant and took the prerequisite course work at the then University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham. She was perfectly dressed, witty, ambitious, bright, and a feminist before her time. She graduated from Bessemer High, started work as a dental assistant and took the prerequisite course work at the then University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham.

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