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US SUPREME COURT DENIES PETITION

Last month the U.S. Supreme Court denied the Academy’s petition to review a lower court’s decision that upheld a Florida statutory requirement that a disclaimer be included with the announcement of AAID and ABOI credentials. The Academy sought a review by the court on behalf of all credentialed members and ABOI Diplomates.

While only applicable to Florida dentists, the decision has potential implications to other states. Justices Thomas and Ginsburg issued a written dissenting opinion, which is rarely done by the Court, saying that the Court should accept the case since “the mandated disclaimer (required by the Florida statute) is likely to foster *more* confusion...and that this case presents an excellent opportunity to clarify some oft-recurring issues in the First Amendment treatment of commercial speech and (the Court would be able) to provide guidance on ... state-mandated disclaimers.” They join the dissenting judge at the appellate level who noted in the 2/1 split discussion that the mandated disclaimers are likely to foster confusion.

Academy President Edward J. Mills, DDS, noted that the Academy’s four-year struggle to gain the right for its members to announce their hard-earned credential without a disclaimer is not over. “We have demonstrated to the courts that the AAID and ABOI credentials are based on objective criteria and require candidates to demonstrate experience and expertise as well as pass a rigorous examination. Earning an AAID or ABOI credential is an achievement of which our members can be proud. The Academy will continue its efforts to support our credentials.” The AAID Officers and Board of Trustees are reviewing the decision and considering several potential legal options. Meanwhile, Frank Recker, DDS, JD, the Academy’s legal counsel, said that, based on previous court decisions stemming from the Academy’s suits, no state, including Florida, can prohibit the announcement of AAID and ABOI credentials and that members should not be fearful of advertising them. Further updates will be forthcoming or you may check the web site at www.aaid-implant.org.



FROM THE EDITOR

The recent news from the US Supreme Court was disappointing, to say the least; however, our mission is still ongoing!

We are fortunate to be members of an organization that truly cares for its members - all members, not just credentialed members - and I am confident that the AAID will continue to work for our best interests to insure that our hard-earned credentials are both recognized and respected.

So I ask that all credentialed members stand together and encourage their non-credentialed colleagues to take the step. Remember, it is our patients who ultimately reap the benefits of our hard work!

David G. Hochberg, DDS

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



For almost 4 years, 2003 has stood out in my mental calendar. It is the year that I have been entrusted to lead a great organization made up of professional peers, innovative scholars, caring clinicians and exceptional friends. I have dreamed that during this year we could contribute something significant, raise the bar, and make a meaningful difference that people would remember.

It has been said that God's delays do not equal God's denials. Our members' ethical right to accurately announced their hard earned credentials based on objective criteria has run against several obstacles. At the end of 2002 the US Supreme Court denied the Academy's petition to review a lower court decision that upheld a Florida statutory requirement that a disclaimer be included with the announcement of AAID and ABOI credentials. California passed new legislation forbidding the announcement of credentials not earned through a formal, full-time education program. I am relieved that this happened in 2002 so that we have 2003 to correct these injustices! Supreme Court Justices Thomas and Ginsburg in a rare dissenting opinion, stated that the Florida mandated disclaimer was more likely to "create more confusion." It is essential that the confusion stop. The public must be aware of the difference in clinicians relative expertise. AAID and ABOI credentials are based on a rigorous examination process that distinguishes those who have earned them as demonstrating experience and expertise.

The Academy is dedicated to the ongoing development of dental implantology, the protection of its members' rights and the better good of the public. We will be diligent and unrelenting in addressing all challenges to our members' rights as we continue to grow and improve. Membership in the AAID is at an all time high. Our continuing education sponsored programs are among the best and most respected in the country. The MCG / AAID 2003 MaxiCourse® class was one-third full before the brochures for the class were even mailed out. The Board of Trustees, as well as committee members, will be attending leadership and task enhancement workshops. The 2003 annual meeting will be a significant educational extravaganza and will demonstrate to Florida and the strengths of the academy.

Each AAID member must continue to do his and her part. We must not only take care of patients to the best of our ability, but we should educate them on the significance of AAID credentialing process. We must educate other professionals as well as legislatures as to the credentialing process that distinguishes the AAID. We must encourage and support all competent dentists to become credentialed members. We must be the best that each of us can be as individuals. Then we must all be ambassadors of the academy. Every one-on-one conversation will make a difference.

With your help and participation we will contribute something significant in 2003. The public and the profession will have no confusion about our hard earned credentials. We will raise the bar of achievement by working harder and smarter than we have done in the past. We will create new tools and technologies that will be used by others. We will enjoy being with each other as we create a meaningful difference for our families, our patients and the profession.

Edmund Mills DDS.

CALL FOR PAPERS JOURNAL OF ORAL IMPLANTOLOGY

Dear Fellow Members:

The Journal's Editorial Board and the AAID's Publications Committee appreciate your loyalty and involvement with the JOI. In order to make it more an integral part of your interests and practices in Oral Implantology, you are encouraged to become active in seeing it grow in stature and size. Every one of you has an article on your desk or in your mind that is waiting to be submitted. As your Editors we are requesting that you put our suggestion into a pragmatic result:

- compose an article on a technique or some clinical hints or guidelines
- a case report or a series of related case reports, some successes or (yes!) even failures that might enlighten your colleagues
- literature reviews on a subject of interest to you, practice management, employee relationships or any other subjects of pertinence from which your peers might profit.

Please do not concern yourselves with writing styles or format. We will offer significant levels of assistance to put your contributions into publishable form. Simply send three copies of your submission to Ethel Bruck, Assistant to the Editor in Chief, 232 Kelly Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10314.

For more information and guidelines, visit the AAID web site at www.aaid-implant.org.

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HOLIDAY GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellows, Associate Fellows and Members of the AAID.

In an interview with Ernest Hemingway, George Plimpton asked Hemingway, "What has brought you the most joy in your life?" Hemingway paused for a moment and answered with confidence, "Celebrating the victories of my friends."

I also love thinking about the victories of my friends. The holiday season is a special time to celebrate as it creates the passion that allows us to deal with the great challenges of life.

I would love to hear about the great and small victories of all my friends. If you have time, send me a note describing your special victories. Tell me what your family members have accomplished, about the special patient that you have cared for, and about the battle that you have won or the spiritual growth that has come to your life. My personal Email is emills755@aol.com. With your permission, I may share some of your small and great victories in our AAID Newsletter.

Whether or not you have time to share your victories with me, I hope the holiday season brings you wonderful things to celebrate. My family and I hope the New Year brings you and your family happiness, prosperity, health and love, as well as the time to enjoy your blessings.

Edward J. Mills DDS
President of the AAID



Edward, Michelle, Olivia,
Austin and Linden

HOLIDAY GREETING STIMULATES RESPONSES

In response to the president's e-gram holiday message, the following represent communications some from our members to the president;

Ed,
Just a note to inform you that my wife Dr. Sandra Nicolucci (and my partner in practice) and myself have three sons. Brock - age 25, Mark and Jeff - twins age 23, and as of this year, all three are in dental school. I guess the real victory will be when they all graduate, but my personal victory was their entrance into this great profession of ours. Now with our entire family (5) in the profession, you can guess what our dinner table conversation is about. Seasons Greetings, and all the best for the holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Blake Nicolucci, DDS

Dear Blake:
You and your wife must have done a lot of special things in your life including being an incredible inspiration to your sons. Congratulations and thanks for sharing this part of your life with me.
Edward

Ed,
I want to share a trip I took to China this year. I have been there three times on missions work, the first time with Dr. Steve Todd from Kentucky, the second time with Dr. Kevin O'Grady, who we all know. This year it looked like I would be going by myself ... but God stepped in and four women from my

church took the leap of faith to come with me. Two were social workers, one was a dental hygienist, the other was a nurse. We connected with a healthcare mission named SHIC, Inc. (Serving Humanities In Crisis). We went to the branch in Dalian headed by Chris and Vicky Bowman.

The blessing for me was that instead of just doing dental work, I got to lecture at a hospital there and to see the nursing home facilities and the orphanages because of the women that were with me. We ministered to old people and young children. It was a real joy, and the Gospel was spread.

For me, getting to know the women I was with has helped me to make numerous connections in my church that
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Jeffrey Meister, DDS

Dr. Meister is a new Associate Fellow in the AAID with a practice in Munster, IN.

Hochberg: *Jeff, it's certainly good to sit down with you. Let's talk about how long you've been involved in implant dentistry. When did you get into it?*

Meister: I believe it's been about three or three-and-a-half years.

Hochberg: *And who opened your eyes to this and what was the inception?*

Meister: Well I think the desire was to round off my skills. I've been doing orthodontics and surgery for a lot of years. My office does approximately 800 dentures a year as a small part of the practice, so I was looking for ways to help people. That's how it started.

Hochberg: *And how long have you been out of dental school now?*

Meister: Fifteen years.

Hochberg: *Talking about dental school, tell us a little bit about your educational background.*

Meister: I graduated with a degree in biology from Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana and then went to Indiana University the next four years and graduated in 1988.

Hochberg: *And when was it when you decided to join the AAID?*

Meister: I knew it was something that I wanted to do, but was quite busy with being the president of an orthodontic society. I knew this was something I wanted to get to. I added a lab technician to the office approximately five years ago and that was going to be the in-road into implantology.

Hochberg: *Was there a local dentist or a mentor that pointed you towards the AAID? How did you find out about the AAID?*

Meister: Well, just researching on my own, but I had taken an introductory course in Toronto and Dr. Craig Cooper was there. And he directed me to local organizations. And Dr. Pavlatos in Illinois had been providing a weekend course. It was an introductory course and it started there.

Hochberg: *Hands on?*

Meister: Hands on. And from there I got interested and signed up with the Brookdale MaxiCourse® with Dr. Cranin. I think I placed my first implant about a month after the course with Dr. Pavlatos and hence we are already up in our cases...almost 200 a year.

Hochberg: *That's great! I know that we have many members and not everybody pursues the credentialing fellowship route.*

What was it that made you interested in going this direction?

Meister: I believe that accreditation and credibility is an important aspect of what we do from a medical legal standpoint as well as an exchange for ideas among the doctors. I'd experienced that at the orthodontic level and had found that it was imperative in order to do orthodontics as it was for good endodontics...same thing for Implantology and so that's where it started.

Hochberg: *How did you prepare for the examination?*

Meister: The MaxiCourse® was instrumental in preparing me for the examination. Dr. Cranin's and Dr. Misch's books were both very helpful. But I think reading those two texts as well as participating in a MaxiCourse® more than prepared me for it.

Hochberg: *Well, it sounds like you would recommend this to other members.*

Meister: I think it's essential.

Hochberg: *Everyone is always inquisitive as to what it was like when you took the exam. Tell our members and our readers what the exam was like for you.*

Meister: The written exam; everyone was a little bit nervous about that but we had the opportunity to take it. Joyce administered the examination in New York at the end of the MaxiCourse®. That was an ideal time to do it. My classmates and I all had been there for a few days and everyone

was cramming. It was kind of nice...the camaraderie. And we all took the exam together, as a group, so that was an easy way to break down that nervousness barrier. And then in preparing for the oral case presentation, I think Joyce was instrumental. She answered a lot of questions. To help others, I prepared a helpful hint sheet to hand out during my table clinics during the Annual Meeting and some other paper work. I was happy to help people out. The examination was a short oral examination but was as integral or as important to the overall education process as the entire MaxiCourse®. The cases that were presented validated the sequence of treatment planning or the choices that we all should make and validated that I was, in fact, selecting the appropriate treatments. The examiners were extremely helpful; they're not creating hurdles.

Hochberg: *So it seemed relatively fair...*

Meister: Oh, very.

Hochberg: *But challenging.*

Meister: Very challenging, but if you were tripping, you might get a little hint or redirection on the question.

Hochberg: *And what advice would you give dentists who are considering to incorporate implant treatment into their practice?*

Meister: Of all the organizations I've been a part of, there has not been an organization the size of the AAID that's been this good of a group of sophisticated, quality minded, caring and helpful individuals. I've never experienced that in dentistry, at any

level. So this has been a very positive experience for me.

Hochberg: *Well on behalf of the AAID, I certainly thank you for the compliment. How do you plan to add the fact that you are an Associate Fellow of the AAID to your practice from a marketing standpoint to letting people know you've accomplished this great task? Or do you have any plans?*

Meister: Yes. That's been incorporated into my advertising. But I think that the community may not be aware of those credentials, my colleagues may or may not be aware of those credentials, but my staff particularly is educating my patients as to my achievements. And that's where the credentialing becomes valuable to my practice. The staff does treatment plan presentations and their confidence in my skills enables them to be able to secure "yes" answers from patients.



Newlyweds Dr. and Mrs. Meister at the 2002 Annual Meeting.

Hochberg: *I understand that you were selected to present your cases at this meeting. Congratulations. Tell me a little bit about the feedback that you've received during this process.*

Meister: The feedback from other credentialed members was "Congratulations." They are glad to have others going through the same process, as they had experienced and I think there's nothing but positive feedback. It's definitely not a jealousy thing, rather they welcome you into that community. On the doctor level, the people thinking about joining the organization, or becoming an Associate Fellow or a Fellow, a lot of the questions were more centered around practice management and incorporation of implant dentistry into their practices. And in a meeting format I know that we have Kit Carlson and some of the other doctors doing treatment planning. And quite often, when I hear from a manufacturer that a doctor is placing 20-24 implant orders a year is a good client, in that particularly oral surgeons average 2.4 oral implants per month, I am very surprised that those practice management seminars are attended by only a few dozen people while a technique seminar on sinus grafting is attended by 500 doctors.

Hochberg: *Well, that's a very important and wise observation. On a personal note, we certainly wanted to congratulate you. We understand that you just got married seven months ago and, considering you just entered a marriage in your personal life and took this exam all within one year, that certainly is an incredible accomplishment. On behalf of the AAID, I thank you and wish you the very best as you start out in your implant dental career.*

Meister: Thank you.

DISTRICT NEWS



CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Central District Mid-Winter Meeting will be held at the Downtown Westin Hotel in Chicago on Saturday, March 1, 2003. Topics will include "Treating the Posterior Mandible, Platelet-Rich Plasma and Building a Successful Implant Practice." For information contact **Norman Barbone, DDS**, at 419-522-2821 or barbone@attglobal.net.

KODAK MOMENTS FROM THE 2002 ANNUAL MEETING

Digital photos from the 2002 Annual Meeting are available for reprints and download. Email info@aaid-implant.org for more information.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

The Northeast District Caucus Meeting in Los Angeles at the annual meeting was well attended and the election of new officers took place. The new officers are **James L. Rutkowski, DMD**- President; **John Minichetti, DDS**- President -elect; **Shankar Iyer, DDS** -Vice President and Treasurer; and **Ashok Patel, DMD** - Secretary; **Joel Rosenlicht, DMD**, was elected to a two-year term as one of our Trustee to serve along with **Joseph Buttacavoli, DMD**.

It was decided that the 2004 district meeting would be held in Hawaii in conjunction with the World Congress for Oral Implantology 6, March 6-8, 2004. This is a wonderful opportunity for our district to be part of a world class meeting. All district members are strongly encouraged to attend. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

The Northeast District is proud to have one of its own represented as a national officer— **Dr. Frank LaMar**. Dr. LaMar was elected to Treasurer at the business meeting in Los Angeles. Our congratulations are extended to Frank.

An exciting Northeast/Southern Districts meeting is planned in conjunction with the Greater Washington D.C. Meeting on March 28 & 29, 2003. The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel (999 Ninth Street NW, Washington DC 20001 Phone 202-898-9000). It is with great pleasure that we have the opportunity to host this meeting in conjunction with the Southern District. We have established vast knowledge, skills, and friendships between our two districts since the inception of these joint meetings. This should be a good time to learn and have some fun with our colleagues. The meeting will cover topics ranging from the science of autogenous growth factor grafts (hands-on), ramus frames and blades, advanced suturing techniques (hands-on), updates on implant and esthetic dentistry, chronic pain management, and a pharmacology update. Dr. Avishai Sadan, who received outstanding marks at the national meeting in New Orleans in 2001, Dr. Ray Dionne who is the Director of NIDCR, Dr. Dan Becker who always gives a stimulating presentation, **Dr. Max Malan**, past chairman of the A&C board and an Honored Fellow, **Dr. Mark Cullen**, Fellow of AAID, **Dr. Arthur Ashman**, who always gives a state of the art presentation, and **Dr. Jim Rutkowski**. A riverboat siteseeing cruise and dinner are planned. All of the Northeast members (as well as other AAID members and non-members) should plan to be present for a wonderful time. If any member wishes to do a table clinic, this would be a good time. Registration fee is \$450.00 for doctors and spouse and staff fees are \$75.00. If you want to have a memorable time in DC, plan on being there. Contact **Jim Rutkowski** 814-226-8690 for registration, or watch your mail for additional info.

MEMBERSHIP

The Academy is pleased to report that membership has hit an all-time high of more than 2400 members. In addition, the Academy is pleased to welcome the following new members. If you joined the Academy recently and your name does not appear in this issue, it will appear in the next issue.

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ADMISSIONS & CREDENTIALS BOARD

2003 Associate Fellow and Fellow Examinations: Applications for the 2003 oral/case examinations for Associate Fellowship and Fellowship are due in the Headquarters Office by February 1. The examinations will be held in Chicago, May 2–3. This is the only time that these oral examinations will be given in 2003.

Those who passed the written part of the Associate Fellow examination in 2000 are urged to apply since their three-year eligibility ends with the May 2003 exam.

Examination Committee to Meet: The A & C Board's Test Construction Committee will meet in Chicago, March 21–22 to construct the written and oral parts of the Associate Fellow examination and the oral examination for Fellowship. **James Rutkowski** chairs the committee that also includes **Richard Borgner, Emile Martin and Jesse Osier**. Patrick Fisher of Measurement Research Associates, the firm that provides consulting and psychometric services to the AAID, will guide the test development process.



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2003 Continuing Education Courses: This year, the Academy will present five different continuing education courses, two of which will be offered twice. The catalog with details about these courses was mailed to all members in mid-December. The catalog is also posted on the Academy's website, www.aaid-implant.org.

The Education Committee developed these courses in response to the continuing education interests identified in the 2001 Member Feedback Survey.

Whether you are an individual practitioner who performs all phases of implant treatment or a member of a team, a novice to implant dentistry or an experienced professional, by attending one or more of these courses, your practice will be enhanced.

The topics range from what general practitioners encounter when working in a team situation to hands-on courses about advanced procedures such as bone grafting and subperiosteal implants. Three of the courses are new and two are being presented for the second time, having been well received during their initial presentations last year.

The three new courses are:

- Introduction to CT Scanning in Implant Dentistry, Rapid City, SD; April 4–5, 2003 or September 5–6, 2003; **Jerry Soderstrom, DDS**, course director.
- The Restoring Dentist—The Leader of the Implant Team, Chicago, IL; May 16, 2003; Phoenix, AZ, November 21, 2003; **Kevin J. O'Grady, DDS**, course director.
- The Art and Science of Contemporary Subperiosteal Implants, Buffalo, NY; October 10–11, 2003, **Jerry Soderstrom, DDS**, course director.

The two other courses are Bone Grafting, a hands-on course with cadavers, **James Rutkowski, DMD**, course director; and Mini and Transitional Implants—When, Where and How, **Emile Martin, DDS**, course director. The 2003 Bone Grafting Course was presented at Wright State University, Dayton, OH, January 17–18, again with the maximum number of students enrolled. The next Mini and Transitional Implants Course is scheduled in Chicago, August 8, 2003.

To register or if you have questions, contact Joyce Sigmon at joyce@aaid-implant.org or 877-335-AAID (2243) or 312-335-1550.

Education Committee to Meet: The Education Committee will meet in Hollywood, Florida on February 8, the day following the Leadership Development Workshop sponsored by the Board of Trustees. Among the items on the committee's agenda will be the Mentor 2[®] Program, which supports the development of study clubs, the biennial survey of education in implant dentistry, the AAID's Guidelines for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Oral - Maxillofacial Implantology, and the educational programs presented at the district meetings.

Chaired by **Jaime Lozada**, the Education Committee also includes **Edward Amet, Norman Cranin, John D. DaSilva, Lawrence B. Lum, Edward Mills, Lionel Richards and James Rutkowski**.

2003 DUES REMINDER

If you have not yet paid your 2003 dues, renew today. Don't miss out on the benefits of membership in the AAID – the oldest

2003 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE SCHEDULE

**INTRODUCTION TO CT SCANNING IN IMPLANT DENTISTRY, RAPID CITY, SD,
APRIL 4 – 5, 2003**

A participatory course for generalists and specialists about the use of CT scans in treatment planning for root-form and subperiosteal implants. **Jerry Soderstrom, DDS**, course director. Limited to 25 participants.

**THE RESTORING DENTIST – THE LEADER OF THE IMPLANT TEAM, CHICAGO, IL
MAY 16, 2003**

A course that addresses what general practitioners encounter when they are working in a team situation. Establishing the goals of the treatment and developing the treatment plan to achieve these goals will be emphasized. **Kevin O’Grady, DDS**, course director.

**MINI AND TRANSITIONAL IMPLANTS – WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW, CHICAGO, IL
AUGUST 8, 2003**

A participatory course that covers the history, indications, contraindications and efficacy of transitional and mini-implants in the routine practice of dental implantology. **Emile Martin, DDS**, course director.

**INTRODUCTION TO CT SCANNING IN IMPLANT DENTISTRY, RAPID CITY, SD
SEPTEMBER 5 – 6, 2003**

A participatory course for generalists and specialists about the use of CT scans in treatment planning for root-form and subperiosteal implants. **Jerry Soderstrom, DDS**, course director. Limited to 25 participants.

**THE ART AND SCIENCE OF CONTEMPORARY SUBPERIOSTEAL IMPLANTS, BUF-
FALO, NY**

OCTOBER 10 – 11, 2003

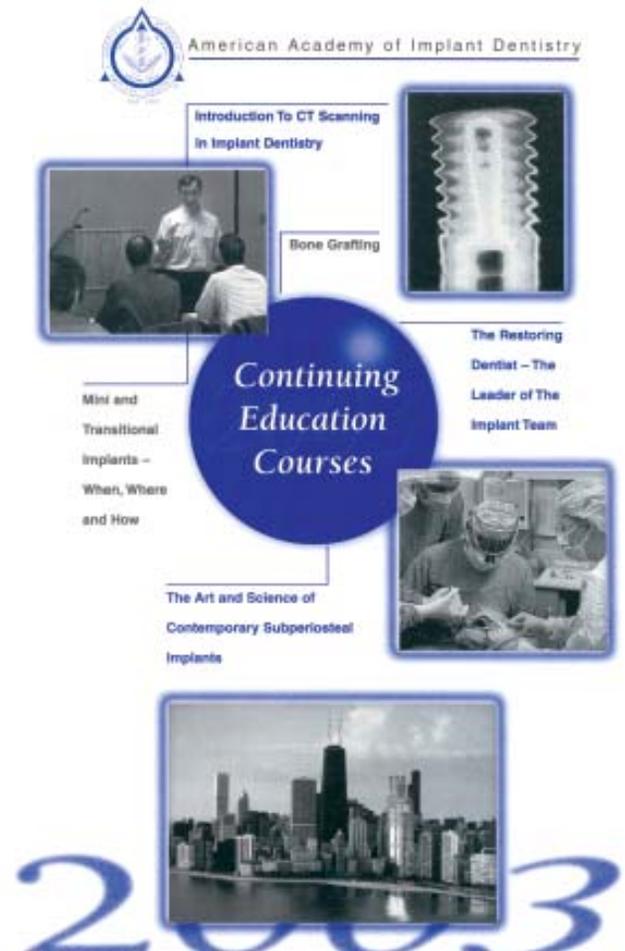
A participatory course for generalists and specialists in the design, placement and restoration of subperiosteal implants. Completion of the Introduction to CT Scanning in Implant Dentistry course is a prerequisite for dentists who are just beginning their study of subperiosteal implants. **Jerry Soderstrom, DDS**, course director. Limited to 25 participants.

**THE RESTORING DENTIST – THE LEADER OF THE IMPLANT TEAM, PHOENIX, AZ
NOVEMBER 21, 2003**

A course that addresses what general practitioners encounter when they are working in a team situation. This course is co-sponsored by the Central Arizona Dental Society. **Kevin O’Grady, DDS**, course director.

Contact 877-335-AAID (2243) or 312-335-1550 for details and to register.

For more information, please log on to www.aaid-implant.org to review the continuing education brochure, or call the headquarters office at (312) 335-1550 to have one sent to you.



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weren't there before. Now I am involved in several leadership groups, and I feel that God is calling me to make a real impact. The change in me has been dramatic. Then to top it all off, Chris and Vicky are in the USA for several months to do some fund raising. They stayed with me for a week here in the Cleveland area. It was a phenomenal week. We made connections with numerous people that impacted them and will help Chris' work in China.

I will definitely be going back to China in 2003 and very possibly to Africa. The group I am involved with is WorldView International, an extension of our church, WorldView Community Church. I would invite any AAID member who loves God and wants to serve to contact me at dpcamm@aol.com or to check out the website of the missions group at worldviewinternational.org. It is a life changing experience.

Daniel P. Camm

Daniel

I have discovered that when man's will is consistent with God's will, the results show up as omnipotent. I hope the New Year allows you continued blessings and spiritual fulfillment.

Edward

Ed,

I hope your year is going well and the Lord is blessing your family. One of my thrills in 2002 was the opportunity to teach an implant course with my son Rob who is a Prosthodontist. Rob does a lot of implants and has gained recognition for his implant and prosthetic accomplishments. We are going to start the Midwest Implant Institute Externship program in February teaching 10 doctors with their staff the art of placing and restoring implants. Nothing is more gratifying than teaching the love of my life and teaching it with my son.

Duke Heller

Duke,

As long as I have known you, you have worked hard, done good and given God the credit for it. Thanks for your friendship, support and inspiration. Your son is a blessed man.

Edward

Ok, this is not a story of some spiritual journey, it is just an interesting story. I sat for the AAID written exam in LA a few months ago. Now I read a lot. I read the Misch "bible" and have taken all of Carl's courses and I am deep into the implant game but the subject is so broad that studying for this is not so simple. Anyway I just went in and took it. OH MY GOD, what a beautiful exam. Rare is it that you take the exam and you're thinking, "You know that is a really good question. I need to know that." Anyway I did not give myself very good odds on survival but they tell me I passed so yahoooooooo! Great test folks. Somebody gets an A on effort for putting that puppy together. The local oral surgeons in my area need to take it.

Chip Casteen

Dear Chip
Congratulations!
Edward

Ed,

Thanks for the email. I have experienced many victories so far in my life as well as some pretty overwhelming defeats and although the victories are sweet I for one know that my life has been shaped positively by the pain of failure and subsequently by the spiritual growth that follows. Yes, my life, at one time was so out of control I had no place to turn but to God and after being away from the church or any spiritual involvement for many, many years.... there He was. He lifted by the "nape" of the neck and shook me pretty hard but put me down gently....that's a very long story! At this Christmas season I'm grateful

for the many blessings I have in my life, way too many for this email.

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I wish you and your family a beautiful Christmas season.

Clark Fortney

Clark,

Retrospectively I have come to realize that my greatest, as well as scariest challenges in life turned out to be God's greatest gifts. I also realize that even in knowing the final results, I may not have the courage to ask God for the same gifts. May your will and your choices be consistent with those of God's. Thanks for sharing with me your wonderful spiritual and professional victories.

Edward

Hi Ed,

My small victory this year is to sit down and pray with my wife. While we usually pray at mealtimes, after attending a Familylife conference this year, we have started prayer time in the evening. We pray for each other, our daughter, our extended family, my practice, and any other friends or issues that come to mind. What a powerful experience! I wish you a wonderful holiday season when we celebrate our Savior's birth. May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Fred Lally

Dear Fred,

Thank you for sharing this wonderful ongoing experience. I will also pray that God will continue to bless you and your family.

Edward

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