

President’s Message



R DEAN LANG DDS

On January 17, 1994 at 4:30 am, Angelenos were abruptly awakened by a magnitude 6.7 earthquake. The quake’s epicenter was near the boundary of Reseda and Northridge. In its wake apartment complexes collapsed, office buildings were damaged, and water and electricity were disrupted for thousands of residents.

Thirty miles west, along the 101 freeway, in the city of Agoura Hills my wife, our four children and I were jolted out of bed by

the first earthquake. Actually only Billie and I were startled awake; our kids were great sleepers. I knew instantly what had happened, remembering all too vividly the giant Sylmar quake of 1971 when a hospital in the foothills collapsed and our junior high school was closed for several weeks (that’s what I remember best).

I got out of bed and instinctively did what I had seen my parents do nearly 25 years before. I awakened each of our children and had them bring their pillows and sit in the doorways. The power to our house and the whole neighborhood was out. It was pitch black and sunrise was still several hours away. My mind was racing. What to do next? I checked for gas leaks, water leaks, and any obvious structural damage. Meanwhile Billie calmly reminded our children, ages 10, 8, 5 and 1 of a recent family activity we had where we reviewed together what to do in the case of an emergency.

(Looking back I’m sure we spent most of our time reviewing what to do in case of a fire, where to meet if we got separated, etc.) During this family meeting Billie and I helped our children put together little fanny packs replete with a juice box, candy bar, beef jerky and a glow stick. One of these small packs was placed on the door knob inside of each of their bedroom doors. Minutes later, in the aftermath of the second aftershock, she calmly assured them that this is what we had planned for and gave them permission to get out their glow stick and snack on their goodies.

To the north the powerful earthquake was also felt by the residents of the Antelope Valley. Officer Clarence Dean, 46, awakened by the quake, hurriedly put on his uniform and started up his Kawasaki 1000. The temperature was in the low 30’s, not uncommon for that time of year. The steam from his warm breath mingled with the exhaust of his motorcycle as

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he buckled the chin strap of his helmet.

Stationed out of the Van Nuys division, the 25 year veteran of The Motors, the motorcycle branch of the Los Angeles Police Department, was determined to report to duty. He navigated the side streets of Lancaster and soon merged onto highway 14. It was a Federal holiday and so there was less commuter traffic than normal for a Monday.

Unbeknownst to officer Dean, the quake had collapsed a span in the Newhall Pass interchange of the Golden State Freeway (Interstate 5) and the Antelope Valley Freeway (State Route 14); just as it had 23 years earlier in the 1971 Sylmar earthquake.

In the early morning darkness, speeding to work, while rounding a turn on the soaring overpass, his blue emergency strobe flashing, he spotted the gap too late to stop and flew 75 feet through the air before crashing in the rocky ravine below.

As a result of the 1994 earthquake sixty people were killed, more than 7,000 injured, 20,000 were left homeless and more than 40,000 buildings were damaged. There are hundreds of seismogenic geologic faults in California, but only six of these faults are classified as a Type A, meaning there is sufficient information to both estimate and model the probability of a Magnitude 6.7 earthquake or greater within 30 years of the last big earthquake. No matter how you do the math it's pretty likely that another similar shift in the earth will occur within the next 10-20 years. Earthquakes, natural disasters and even the financial meltdown of the past decade are bound to come and go. They will impact us all to one degree or another.

About now you are probably wondering what the point of this brief historical review is. Well here is my point.

There are many things we can influence in life, but there are many more that we have little or no control over. And even though we can't change them, we can be prepared. At the time of the 1994

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earthquake I had only been out of residency for five years and in solo practice for three years. I was still paying off my school loans as well as the buildout for my new office. Fortunately I had followed the advice of my financial planner. I had property insurance which repaired all of the damage to my office. I had practice overhead insurance, which paid my rent, staff salaries and my own salary. Don't get me wrong, even with insurance we still struggled. Cash flow was tight. Our patients had their own mounting earthquake related expenses which significantly impacted all elective procedures for nearly six months.

Business expenses such as disability insurance, practice overhead/operating expense insurance, personal and even partnership life insurance policies will not prevent these events from happening, but they will definitely lessen the impact on you and your loved ones in the event that something does happen.

On a more personal level changes seem to happen much more frequently. It is likely that each of us, at one time or another, will be faced with changes in our health or the health of a close family member. And because these types of changes are of a more personal nature, not only could they have significant financial ramifications, but they will also undoubtedly tax us mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

The longer I'm in practice and the older I get, the more I believe the following observation rings true, **"The only constant in life is change."**

Something is always changing. Some changes are relatively insignificant, while others can seem overwhelming. Change need not be negative; it often reminds us of the many wonderful blessings we take for granted. Change can be humbling. It can be the prelude to introspection, self-improvement, and spiritual growth. Each change in life brings with it a unique set of challenges to be mastered. The real question is, in addition to being properly insured, how can we prepare for these more challenging changes?

This past year a good friend in his 50's suffered a stroke. He was not overweight, exercised

regularly, and had no history of hypertension. Needless to say, his stroke was unexpected, unpreventable and changed his life. From time to time I'm reminded how often life throws us or a loved one a curve ball, a change up or a blistering fastball in on the hands. When this happens it can be hard to stay in the game, let alone step up to the plate, tap the clay from your cleats and take a swing.

Many years ago, violinist Itzhak Perlman gave a performance in New York. During the concert one of the strings on his violin suddenly broke. The crowd gasped at the sound, which could be heard throughout the entire auditorium, and the music abruptly came to a stop.

The crowd waited patiently for Mr. Perlman to replace the string. However, much to everyone's surprise, Perlman didn't rush to find a new string. He took a moment to gather himself before he motioned for the conductor to begin playing again where the orchestra had left off. For the remainder of the concert, Perlman played the music that should have been played on four strings on only three.

As Itzhak finished playing, for a moment, time slowed and silence filled the air, then the audience rose to its feet to offer a standing ovation for this incredible feat. Itzhak smiled and humbly raised his bow. "You know," he told them, "sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left."

In life, when something breaks or changes, does the loss stop us or do we persist? Do we continue making music with what we have?

Life's setbacks are chiseled and sculpted from stumbling blocks into stepping stones by persistence. With creativity and persistence a meaningful life goes on! ■

To Our Members: Let us know of your colleagues, referring doctors or residents who would like to join SCOA. We will contact them, send information with past publications for them to learn about us, and invite them to our next meeting.

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EDITOR'S CORNER**THEODORE A TANABE DDS****Balancing Anesthesia**

We put a tremendous amount of thought and skill into how we administer intravenous anesthesia. My techniques, drugs of choice, and case selection have all changed greatly over the course of more than 20 years of training and private practice. My OMS training emphasized deep anesthesia – true Stage 3 – demonstrable by showing that surgical intervention was possible without administering local anesthesia. My private practice has ranged from heavy to light use of hypnotics, always with strong emphasis on anxiolysis, amnesia, and profound local anesthesia. Over the years, we navigated the change from Brevital to propofol, and then made adjustments to our methods when propofol became scarce. My current technique is a conglomeration of OMS residency training, private practice experience, meeting presentations, and dialogue with colleagues.

The goal of balancing safety and efficacy in our ambulatory anesthesia, however, has never changed. We want our patients breathing effectively; pain-free during and after surgery; amnestic to the surgical procedure; asleep for the right amount of treatment time; recovering quickly and without adverse effects. We strive to find that sweet spot of balanced anesthesia for each and every patient.

So what happens when something goes wrong? We all know that our liability carriers want a comprehensive and legible treatment record to give us the best chance for litigation defense. And we all should know to contact our insurer as soon as

possible after an adverse event so that any necessary legal documents get submitted. According to the California Dental Practice Act, if a patient who has been sedated (oral or intravenous) or under general anesthesia ends up in the hospital for a period exceeding 24 hours due to an anesthesia-related issue, we are required to report the event to the State of California within seven days. The reporting requirement is the same for cases where a dental procedure results in a hospitalization of over 24 hours. If you report the incident to your liability carrier in a timely fashion, they will get an attorney to you in short order to make sure the correct documents are filed on your behalf.

Major adverse anesthesia events are thankfully extremely rare in OMS offices. I believe that is due in large part to the quality of training that we all get, and also to our prudence, vigilance, and experience. But the harsh reality is that something could happen to any of us on any given day, so do your due diligence to keep current with your methods, records, training, and your staff education. ■

BOB HUNTINGTON RECEIVES AWARD

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons now known as the Oral and Facial Surgeons of California was dedicated to Bob Huntington DDS. The meeting was held April 24-26 at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley. OFSOC President Monty Wilson DDS presented the award to Bob "In Recognition of Extraordinary Service and Contributions to the Specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery."

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AN AGONIZING DECISION BUT REALLY A “NO-BRAINER”



By Bob Huntington DDS

My graduating class from Monrovia High School, Class of 1954, has been giving a scholarship to graduating seniors for the past 28 years. The “Fabulous Fifties” was a great time to grow up and our class has been grateful to have been part of that decade. We began donating money to award scholarships for students with great potential and in 2004 the recipient was a young 17-year-old named Joshua Trammell.

Back there in May 2004, while waiting for three of my classmates to enter the interview room, Joshua and I met and had a brief “off the record” conversation. His credentials showed that he was a straight A student and his SAT score was very high. I noticed that he lived with his mother because of an early divorce. I learned that while in high school he held down two jobs, one as a waiter and the second as a salesman for a dog food company.

I somewhat kiddingly told Joshua that I had a healthy Golden Retriever named Bailey and that we fed him IAMS dog food. I asked him why I should change to the brand that he was selling and he gave me a five-minute dissertation as to the advantages. He was poised, polite, humorous, and I was instantly impressed that here was an outstanding young man with great potential. When asked about his plans for the future he stated he wanted to be a plastic surgeon so he could “help people change their lives by improving their appearance and self-esteem.” Our scholarship committee unanimously voted him the scholarship.

I invited Joshua to come and observe oral

surgery procedures. He worked in my office for three summers and a few vacations, a delightful experience for both of us. He observed what a wonderful specialty oral and maxillofacial surgery is and he decided to go for it. I provided orthodontics and some financial assistance and he completed his pre-med/pre-dental studies at San Diego State making the Dean’s list all four years. Upon graduation he decided to work to save money for dental school and became a waiter once again. He worked for four years before applying to dental school.

Joshua entered the new dental school in Mesa, Arizona in 2011. We communicated frequently and we were invited to and attended his wedding at a beautiful ranch in San Diego County. We visited him in Mesa on several occasions. Just as in high school and college, Joshua excelled and graduated number two in his class. He called to invite Virginia and me to the Awards Brunch on May 21, to his graduation on May 22, and to a celebration dinner that evening. He made comments that I was his mentor and substitute father that he never knew, that he loved dentistry and was so pleased to be doing what he’s doing. His is such a wonderful success story and on top of all that, he and his lovely wife are devout Christians. There was just no way I was going to miss those days of Joshua’s crowning achievements.

For many months Virginia and I had been looking forward to an annual meeting of past ABOMS presidents in Santa Fe, New Mexico from May 20-24. We looked at the options of getting from Phoenix to Santa Fe but regrettably just couldn’t make timely connections. I explained to the group that we would miss seeing everyone but hopefully they would understand that ours was an AGONIZING DECISION, but really a NO BRAINER!

On May 21 we attended the Awards Brunch for the 75 graduates of the A.T. Still University of Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health in downtown Mesa, Arizona. Joshua Trammell was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon which recognizes the top 12 percent of the graduating class. On May 22 we witnessed the impressive graduation ceremonies where the dental school dean presented graduates

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with their diplomas. Having been asked by Joshua to perform his hooding procedure, I was honored to place the academic hood over his cap and gown and it was a very emotional moment for both of us.



Joshua Trammell DMD

The new Dr Trammell will be spending several years in general dentistry at a Health Clinic in Visalia to repay his junior and senior years of a full scholarship and following that will evaluate his future as to the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery. He is enthusiastic and ebullient about his choice of dentistry and I'm sure we will be following his career as he and his wife Casey, a physician's assistant, move forward.

As a chance encounter at Monrovia High School in 2004 with a quirky question about dog food, my friendship with this fine young man has evolved and has been one of the more satisfying experiences of my life. ■

SCOA BOARD TRANSITIONS

COL Bob Hale DDS has retired from active duty with the United States Army and joins Jim Jensvold DDS as Pearls co-chair.

If you are interested in presenting a Pearl at one of our continuing education meetings please send a request with your proposed topic to susan@socalorofacial.org. Bob or Jim will contact you to discuss details.

Dennis-Duke Yamashita DDS moved from advisory council to board of directors to join Kevin Lew DDS MD as Residents co-chair.

Bob Huntington DDS moved from the board of directors to advisory council. Bob has been SCOA historian since 2001.

NEW SCOA MEMBERS

Joseph Danesh DDS
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Jonathan Nakano DMD
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George Gamboa DDS MS EdD
2001 to 2004

Ross Prout DDS
2004 to 2006

Jack Lytle DDS MD
2006 to 2008

Bob Huntington DDS
2008 to 2010

Ted Tanabe DDS
2010 to 2013

SCOA ANNUAL SPRING SCIENTIFIC MEETING REPORT



BACH LE DDS MD
Program Chairman

We held our 13th Annual Spring Scientific Meeting with beautiful weather April 17 to 19 at the Bahia Resort Hotel on Mission Bay in San Diego. Attendees, presenters and reps brought their families to our welcome reception Friday night on the beach.

The Saturday program included *Bone Augmentation and Complications of Dental Implant Therapy* presented by Jay Malmquist DMD; *Managing Infections of the Maxillofacial Region* and *How to Maximize the Value of the Scientific Literature* presented by James Hupp DMD MD JD MBA; *Update on HPV-Related Disease* presented by Audrey Boros MSc DDS.

Our Saturday evening dinner cruise aboard the William D Evans sternwheeler was well-attended with cocktails, dinner and dancing to Party Jones, a popular Orange County band.

The Sunday program included *Implant Papilla Management and Socket Shield* presented by Joseph Kan DDS MS; *Is there Evidence for Immediate Loading the Fully Edentulous Patients?* and *Algorithms for Treating the Compromised Maxilla with a Fixed Prosthesis* presented by Edmond Bedrossian DDS; *Sinus Augmentation via Physiolift (Controlled Hydraulic Pressure)* presented by Frank Pavel DMD.

Many thanks to our attendees for coming to San Diego, and to our dedicated sponsors who exhibited on Saturday and Sunday. ■

See Photos from our Spring 2015 Meeting on Page 12 of this issue and three more pages of photos on our website: www.socalorofacial.org

I hope to see our members, staff and guests on Wednesday October 14 in Pasadena to hear excellent presenters and new topics at the SCOA Annual Fall Implant Symposium.

Bach Le DDS MD

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IN MEMORIAM***So sad to see all our old friends leave us.***

Sent by Henrietta Romero, Secretary to Directors of Dentistry at LA County/USC Medical Center: Drs Paul Hamilton, Ronald Sims and Jerry Vale from 1948 to 1984; SCSOMS executive director from 1984 to 1992, hired for SCSOMS by 1984 president Lee Reeve DMD.

Ronald Kaminishi DDS

August 19, 1943 – March 23, 2015

**Remembering Dr Ronald Kaminishi**

by W Howard Davis DDS

Our oral and maxillofacial surgery profession lost a great talent and a genuine humanitarian when Dr Ronald Kaminishi passed away on March 23, 2015.

With Ron's reticence to be outspoken, one might not be aware of his interesting beginnings. During World War II his mother and father chose to move into the basement of family members living in Colorado rather than be forced to live in one of the California Japanese-American relocation camps. Thus, Ron was born in Colorado in 1943. The year following the end of the war, the Kaminishi family picked up and relocated to Southern California. His father and uncles opened a grocery store where Ron was quickly put to work as soon as he was old enough, stocking cans and boxing groceries. He eventually graduated to slicing meat in the butcher section -- a natural progression to oral surgery?

Ron's dental degree was obtained from Northwestern School of Dentistry in Chicago in 1968. Following graduation, he enlisted in the US Army, serving as Captain and General Dental Officer in the Korean War. In the fall of 1971, he began his

oral surgery residency at UC San Francisco.

Having been aware of the advanced accomplishments of Bill Ware, who was head of oral and maxillofacial surgery at UCSF, I was pleased when Bill's resident, Ron Kaminishi, considered joining our oral surgery group. We, thus, became associated in 1974. That association was so pleasant and rewarding to patients that we smoothly evolved into a partnership in 1976.

His expertise in orthognathic surgery was not only recognized locally, but his lectures were sought nationally as well as in foreign countries such as Japan and Poland.

For many years the USC orthodontic residents were fortunate to have Ron pass on to them how oral and maxillofacial surgery integrated within their education for the broad scope of orthodontic care.

Placing patient care above financial gain, Ron was so deeply imbued with wishing to help people, wherein he became renowned for undertaking those kinds of cases others (myself included) wished not to tackle – like TMJ and nerve problems. Relating to the TMJ, along with Japanese counterparts like Masatoshi Ohnishi and Kenichiro Murakami, and American colleagues like Bruce Sanders, Ron was on the cutting edge of arthroscopic examination and treatment. He also contributed significantly in developing magnetic resonance imaging of the joint. In his usual dedicated manor, Ron lectured extensively on TMD to pass on his findings.

He participated in the early study of the repair of the inferior alveolar nerve, and thus was a significant resource for whom to send nerve problems.

Ron spent a great deal of time and money in the early years of Le Fort I and II osteotomies in the United States on the study of nasal air flow. He wanted to be sure that, as maxillas were superiorly repositioned, it did not have an adverse effect on the patients' nasal breathing. He was able to show that the maxillas could, in fact, be intruded with either no effect or even improvement in nasal breathing.

The giving of himself goes on and on – I almost forgot about his years of dedication to the Long

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Dr Kaminishi in Memoriam, Continued from Page 13

Beach Memorial Medical Center Cleft Palate Team and his trips to Mexico as a volunteer surgeon in the Thousand Smiles Program, treating cleft palate and facial deformities. Not to mention volunteering for several day-long, free-care events.

This unpretentious hero was a worthy human being.
Howard Davis DDS

I worked two days a week with Ron, 2010-2012. He was a most refined, compassionate, and kind gentleman and one super surgeon. He practiced the whole scope of our specialty and I saw many of the superb results. Though I'd known him for some 35 plus years I got to really know him in those three years. The time spent with him in his office was precious as we had wonderful talks across the double desks in his private office. I came to love him like a brother and visited him several times at his home just a few blocks from our home in North Tustin. I will greatly miss his deep thinking and his religious beliefs.

Bob Huntington DDS

William Hendrix DDS

November 28 1940 – April 8 2015



By Frank L Pavel DMD

On April 8 Bill Hendrix lost his battle with cancer. He was my partner for over 25 years. Here's

how I describe my friend Bill: An enthusiastic guy, innovative and creative.

He will be profoundly missed and remembered as a dedicated and loving husband, father and grandfather; a talented and innovative surgeon and engineer; an active and philanthropic member of his communities; an authentic friend who was truly blessed with the love of life.

An early Rancher in Jamul, he committed to a rural lifestyle and protected it. He was kind and gentle while caring for his patients, our staff and his referring doctors.

Bill graduated from Las Vegas High School and went on to receive his undergraduate, dental and oral surgery degrees from the University of Southern California. Bill met Donna Gillette at USC while undergrad students. They married and began a dynamic partnership to help build our practices in Bankers Hill and El Cajon.

Bill joined Shelly Brockett DDS and Frank Pavel DDS in 1971. From 1971-2010 he practiced as a board certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon in the partnership of The Center for Oral and Facial Surgery. He was on the forefront of Implant technology, designing innovative solutions and participating in cutting edge clinical studies.

As a leader in his professional community, Bill served as president of the San Diego County Dental Society, California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and was co-founder of the Implant Mini Residency Program in San Diego.

Bill was the consummate cowboy/horseman as an active member of the Vaqueros del Desierto, Portola and Rancheros Visitadores riding clubs. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Donna, daughter Karri, son Blair and six grandchildren.

Happy Trails Bill, until we meet again!

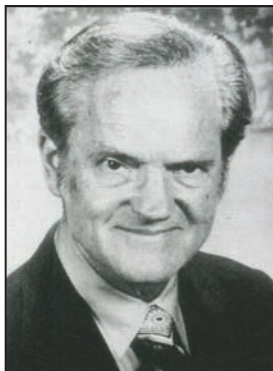
Frank Pavel DMD

Dear Susan and Madeleine: Thank you for reaching out to me and for wanting to mention Bill in your newsletter. I know how much his profession meant to him, how much he loved to go to work every day, and how honored he was to be an Oral Surgeon.

Donna Hendrix

Howard Boller DDS

June 5 1913 – June 6 2015



Dr Boller earned his BS degree at UCLA then his DDS at USC with a specialty in oral surgery. He entered the US Army and served in India during World War II, remaining in the Army Reserve for 25 years and retiring as Colonel. He had a practice in oral surgery and continued as faculty in the oral surgery department at USC until retiring in his 80s. Dr Boller was president of the Southern California Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in 1968. He received a military funeral with honors at Forest Lawn. He was 102 years old.

Susan Smith

I cherish and reflect so warmly the many Wednesdays I spent at USC with Howard. He ranks at the very top of my "Gentleman's List" and the all-time good guy.

Tom Birney DDS

Indeed one of the true gentlemen of our Southern California history.

Bob Huntington DDS

What a wonderful life he had.

Bob Fontanesi DDS MS

Please let us know about the passing of any of our members and if you want more information about those listed in this column.

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Lonnie Tiner DDS

August 11 1934 – May 18 2015

Patricia Tiner RN

November 20 1938 – May 18 2015



Lonnie Tiner DDS and Patricia Tiner RN returned to California from Hawaii and opened their oral and maxillofacial surgery practice on Twenty-Nine Palms Highway in Yucca Valley. They were among our first members and never missed a continuing education meeting.

Christopher Tiner DDS MD of Pasadena told me how much his parents loved their profession and their patients. He said his mom and dad never missed a day of work. They had not retired at the time of their death. Dr Tiner was 80 and practicing full time. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. Pat was 76, worked as Dr Tiner's nurse and office manager, and was a real estate broker. They had been married for 55 years. We will miss both of them at our meetings.

I saw and talked to him in Berkeley at the May OFSOC meeting....a quiet, nice, modest gentleman and always very friendly.

Bob Huntington DDS

This is very sad. What a tragedy. Lonnie practiced in Hawaii for a while and greatly helped my aunt by doing surgery on her painful TMJ bringing her relief. I will always remember him for his quick smile and friendly demeanor. He will be missed.

Gary Chan DDS



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