

Clinician of the Year Award 2012

Dr. Clyde Roggenkamp received the Clinician of the Year Award at the 2012 annual meeting of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators. The following is excerpts from the award introduction, written by Mel Lund.

Following graduation from dental school at Loma Linda in 1970, he was active in the private practice of dentistry in Vermont and Massachusetts into 1976. For the next 21 years, he was a dental officer in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. In the early part of his Air Force career he was given the opportunity of advanced dental education at Indiana University. His major was in Graduate Operative with companion studies in Dental Materials and Preventive. Shortly after his program at I.U., Clyde was assigned to an Air Force base in the U.K. He just happened to own a Cessna 210 and he was allowed the option of flying himself to his appointed base.

At the conclusion of his Air Force career, Clyde joined Loma Linda University School of Dentistry as a full time faculty member in Restorative Dentistry. In 1990, Clyde successfully challenged the American Board of Operative Dentistry. In the years since, he has become active in the management of the Board and currently serves as President. Of great interest to the AAGFO is Clydes' involvement with the material we know as E-Z Gold. Historically, we know it exists as a development by Lloyd Baum. Now in the past two years, Clyde has inherited total responsibility of the manufacturing and marketing of E-Z gold.

For the most part, the forgoing scenario was accomplished while living a solo life style. However, in 2010, a friendship of many years ago was rekindled with Kirsten, otherwise known as Kirsty, being the major player. A marriage took place on Dec. 26, 2010. Clyde continues to lead a very active life at Loma Linda University. This includes current dental academics and support of research, which



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involves preservation of research activities provided by former mentors. In addition, his lifestyle includes various acts of significant philanthropy. At most the recent meeting of this Academy, Clyde has been a clinician or provided photographic results of the clinical activity.

For this and reasons beyond, it is our pleasure to present on behalf of the Academy of Gold Foil Operators, the award for 2012 Clinician of the Year.