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# Gold Leaf

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## AMERICAN ACADEMY OF GOLD FOIL OPERATORS

### Minutes of Board Meeting — October 10, 1990

The Executive Board of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators met on Wednesday, October 10, 1990, in the Kennedy Room of the Omni-Parker House, Boston, MA, with President, Dr. William Harris, presiding.

**Secretary's Report:**

The minutes of the February 1990 Board Meeting were approved as presented in the August 1990 Gold Leaf.

**Correspondence:**

President Harris discussed the article, "Hazards of the Rubber Dam," by Dr. Nieburger in the Chicago Dental Review. Dr. Harris read his letter to the journal and received unanimous support for his stated position.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Academy has over \$27,000.00 in operating funds as of October 1, 1990, and \$35,000.00 in C.D.s. The year is progressing financially according to the 1990 proposed budget. The expenses for the 1990 Boston meeting appear to be considerably higher than previous years, so it may be necessary to increase future registration fees. A further report on that will be made at the February 1991 Board meeting.

**President Elect, Dr. Michael Cochran:**

The essay program is set. The theme "Direct Gold from Different Viewpoints" will include subject matter of interest to the spouses.

**Vice President, Dr. A. C. (Gerry) Heston:**

The clinic program is set for Tufts University School of Dentistry, thanks to the considerable efforts of Drs. R. E. Baker, R. C. Keene, M. E. Logan, and W. Pike. The school was unable to supply patients, so the Local Arrangements Committee furnished patients from their own practices.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Nominating:**

Chair -  
Dr. Perry Dungey

President Elect - Alfred C. Heston  
Vice President - Richard J. Hoard  
Councillors - '91- Ralph L. Lambert  
'92- Maurice E. Logan  
'93- Glenn H. Birkitt  
Sec./Treasurer - Nelson W. Rupp

**2. Membership**

Chair - Dr. Don Benson

Associate Members - 10  
Associate to Active - 4

**1990 Associate Members**

Dr. Robert E. Baker  
Marblehead, MA  
Dr. Steven R. Bengtson  
Concord, NH  
Dr. David A. Bogacz  
Andover, NH  
Dr. Michael F. Casey  
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Dr. George P. Willis  
Cicero, IN

Dr. George G. Ghosen

Puyallup, WA

Dr. Giancarlo Gallo  
Alba, Italy

Dr. H. Richard Marshall, Jr.  
Lewisburg, WV

**1990 Active Members**

Dr. Richard Gordon Baynes  
Surrey, BC Canada

**3. Distinguished Member Award:**

Awardee - Dr. Anthony D. Romano  
Chair - Dr. José Medina

Dr. Medina presented a Criteria for Selection of Awardee for the Board's consideration, along with a recommended form for the nomination of a candidate.

Dr. Harris appointed a committee to study the proposal and make a recommendation to the Board at the February 1991 meeting:

Dr. R. J. Hoard, Chair  
Dr. R. K. Harris  
Dr. R. L. Lambert

**4. Special Clinician Award:**

Recipient - Dr. Timothy J. Carlson  
Chair - Dr. R. K. Harris

**5. Journal - No report.**

**6. Literature and Research:**

Chair - Dr. Timothy Carlson

Dr. Carlson presented the 1990 update of the Bibliography of Gold Foil articles. The extensive bibliography is available in book form and on computer disks in both IBM and Macintosh formats. The committee is working on a survey on attitudes toward the use of gold foil among recent (within 5 years) graduates. Early results were to be given in his essay on Friday.

**7. Necrology:**

Chair - Dr. Bill Roberts

The following members passed away in 1990:

Dr. John F. Stewart  
612 W. Duarte Road  
Arcadia, CA 91006

Dr. Carl R. Oman  
2115 Carolwoods  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dr. Kenneth R. Cantwell  
611 S.W. Campus Drive  
Univ. of Oregon School  
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Portland, Oregon 97201

**8. Gold Leaf - No report.**

Chair - Allan Osborn

The Board reaffirmed appreciation for the excellent work by Allan Osborn and the need for this form of communication.

**URGENT  
Important  
Registration  
Information  
Inside**

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## Old Business - None

## New Business -

1991 Meeting - October 2-4, 1991  
Vancouver, B.C.

Host School - University of British Columbia  
School of Dentistry

Hotel - Four Seasons

1992 Host Clinic  
U.S. Navy Dental Clinic  
Orlando, FL  
Hotel - undecided

## Members present:

Dr. William Harris  
Dr. Michael Cochran  
Dr. Richard Hoard  
Dr. Ralph Lambert  
Dr. Anthony Romano  
Dr. Timothy Carlson

Dr. Ronald Harris  
Dr. Bill Ferguson  
Dr. Perry Dungey  
Dr. Rob Keene  
Dr. Maurice (Red) Logan  
Dr. Allan Osborn

# Welcome Party

On the first evening in Boston, Wednesday 10th, October the Academy hosted the traditional welcoming party at the Parker House Hotel in Boston following registration. A new departure for the Academy on this first evening has been a social evening away from the hotel. Last year saw a salmon barbeque, and this year a splendid evening aboard the **Spirit of Boston** a

harbour cruise ship with excellent food service and entertainment. The performers even went to the trouble to have a suitable "dental dittee" prepared.

The whole evening was a great success, everyone enjoyed themselves, and were most enthusiastic about the possibility of maintaining this function at future Academy meetings.







## Clinic Session



*Dr. Richard Marshall.*



*Dr. David A. Bogacz.*



*Dr. Susan G. Moore.*



*Dr. Chiarini and Dr. Romano.*



*Dr. Chester Gibson.*



*Dr. Norman C. Ferguson.*





*Dr. William Pike.*



*Dr. Timothy Carlson with Dr. David Bridgeman.*



*Dr. Beamish admires Dr. Warren Johnson's Cl. III.*



*Dr. Daniel MacIntosh.*



*Dr. Warren Johnson.*



*Dr. James Gourley.*



*Dr. Frederick Eichmiller.*



*Dr. Daniel Frederickson.*



*Dr. Ronald Harris.*



*Dr. Sarah Werner.*



*Dr. Richard D. Tucker.*



*Drs. Mel Lund, Richard Hoard and Harold Laswell.*





*Old Friends meet again.*



*Pre-Banquet Social Hour.*



*A large crowd at the Banquet.*



*Head Table (Left to Right): Dr. Alfred Heston, Mrs. Kathy Hoard, Dr. Richard Hoard, Mrs. Johansen, Dr. Erling Johansen, the Dean, President William H. Harris, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Michael Cochran and Dr. Michael Cochran.*





*President Harris introduces Head Table.*



*The Harvard Glee Club Lite entertains the Academy.*



*Dr. Robert Keene speaks on behalf of local arrangements.*



*Dr. Ronald Harris inducts the new Board. From left to right: Drs. Glen Birkett, Maurice Logan, Ralph Lambert, Richard Hoard, Nelson Rupp, Alfred Heston, and Michael Cochran.*



*President Michael Cochran presents outgoing President Harris with the Presidential Plaque.*

## Distinguished Member Award

**Dr. A. D. Romano**

Every year the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators selects a member for the Distinguished Member Award. This year it is really special, for it goes to a very special person, who has become an important part of the history of dentistry. The University of Minnesota this year is celebrating the First One Hundred Years of Excellence in Dentistry. This is the history and tradition of our profession. This tradition is founded by greats like Searle Wahls, Wedelstat and G. V. Black. Dr. Wedelstat started the first study club in the St. Paul area in the late nineteenth century and G. V. Black acted as mentor. Our award recipient, Dr. Anthony D. Romano, is a continuing part of this history and tradition. Like his predecessors, his expertise covers a wide area.

First he is a Teacher. Almost immediately after his graduation from the University of Minnesota Dental School in 1954, he started teaching in the Department of Periodontics. In 1964, he moved to the operative department. He was chairman of this department from 1971 to 1977 and since that time he has continued on as a professor in the operative department at the dental school. For this dedication and the many other contributions he has made to his Alma Mater he recently received the coveted Ambert B. Hall Alumni Award.

He is an Author. He has several articles published in various



*Dr. Chester Gibson introduces Distinguished Member Award recipient Dr. Anthony D. Romano.*





*Dr. Anthony D. Romano holding the Plaque with Dr. Chester Gibson.*

dental journals, such as the Journal of Oral Pathology, Northwest Dentistry and the Journal of Operative Dentistry. He has two articles on archaeology in the Minnesota Archaeologist and two more have been accepted for publication. Also he has been directed to write the Operative History for The One Hundred Years of Excellence of Dentistry.

He is an exquisite operator. Most of us have seen his restorations at academy meetings such as this one. His zest for excellence spills over into everything he does. He is a long time member of the G. V. Black Gold Foil Study Club, both as an operative member and mentor.

He is an organization man. Not only has he been president of his district dental society, but many other organizations. In 1977 he was president of this Academy—our only trip to Hawaii.

Tony is an Archaeologist, Anthropologist and a Naturalist. He knows more about more things than anyone I have ever known. From Indian Pictographs to why a rock is a rock. If Tony can't tell you he has a book in which to look it up. Although his training in these fields was not in a formal setting, his knowledge is such that he has been asked to lecture at archeology meetings many times, and is a



*Dr. Anthony D. Romano thanks the Academy for the Distinguished Member Award.*

member of the Minnesota Archaeological Society.

He is an Artist. I remember one time on a trip into British Columbia, Tony and I found a flower that neither of us could identify. That evening he sat down with this flower and drew the most beautiful sketch of it with the pistils, stamens, petals and leaves perfectly reproduced so he could find it in his library back home.

He is a family man. Tony and Pat have five married daughters and I believe, at the last count it was ten grandchildren. Tony had all of his hair until his grandchildren started coming back home. And what a Chef! His good and patient wife Pat will be getting a meal and Tony is in there sniffing the soup, shaking pans and barking orders like a one-star general in the heat of battle.

There are so many more things that could be said about Dr. Romano that time does not allow. From his ability to knap a perfect spear or arrowhead in a matter of minutes to his keen sense of recognizing all small birds as Pine Siskens.

Tony we salute you and applaud your contribution to our profession and this Academy. It is a great honor to present you with the Distinguished Member Award.

## Mrs. Nell Faucett Addresses the Academy



*Mrs. Nell Faucett.*

Mrs. Nell Faucett thanked the Academy for their trust in her during the preceding ten years, and continued . . .

"You have entrusted me with your records and your funds. You

have allowed me to travel around the country representing the Academy. I have made arrangements in your name with hotels, meeting planners, and written many many letters in the name of the Academy. Telephoned enquiries came through routinely, and I even had the distinct pleasure of explaining everything to the I.R.S.

"More importantly I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know each one of you. To have so many friends in every section of this continent, and many foreign lands is indeed a cherished gift.

"Words fail me when it comes to expressing my appreciation for all of the warm love shown to me in Boston. The beautiful silver tray will always be one of my most precious possessions, and no higher tribute could have been paid than to make me an honorary member. Now I will always officially be a part of this wonderful Academy.

"For the last ten very happy years I say 'Thank You!'"

Au Revoir,  
Nell Faucett.



# Didactic Session

## Direct Gold From Different Viewpoints



*Dr. Michael A. Cochran introduces the Didactic Session.*

### Timothy J. Carlson — The New Graduate

Reviewed a new survey that he had conducted of recent graduates to determine the usage of gold foil. Of the 400 surveyed 50% had replied and half indicated that they had never used, and half indicated that they have foil in their offices. Of these 25% had used it.

Of the students surveyed 85% planned to have foil present in their offices, and 82% indicated an intention to use it in practice. Usage was shown to be 33% for repair of gold crowns, whilst only 3% was used for class V's.

There was very strong evidence as to the influence of Faculty and curriculum and also senior associates upon new graduates. And thus it becomes even more important that we should be good role models.



*Dr. Timothy J. Carlson — The new Graduate & Direct Gold.*

### Dr. Ralph L. Lambert — The Academician

Dr. Lambert has always fought hard for the inclusion of gold foil in the curriculum, and regretted that it is not now a requisite in Colorado. However, 80% of the students do take the gold foil course that he runs. Notwithstanding this however he felt there was clear indication that student skills had dropped off noticeably.

In reviewing the reasons behind the curriculum crunch that had so affected gold foil it was noted that Periodontics, Orthodontics, and Endodontics had all expanded considerably, and on top of this there were within the field of operative and restorative dentistry a plethora of new techniques to which the student has to be exposed.

It was stressed that it should be taught well or not at all. 5% of dentists carried foil in their offices, and 2% use it. Specialised skills are required to use gold foil, and it really is not suitable for most dentists.

Different ways may be needed to counteract the negative lobby that exists where people bring deliberate prejudice into their lectures as a means of scoring cheap points.



*Dr. Ralph L. Lambert — The Academician & Direct Gold.*



## Dr. Nelson W. Rupp — The Research Scientist

Comparison was made of the manner in which a number of different materials should be used, and in reviewing each material it was stressed that an equal level of intensity of effort was required in every case.

The great importance of introducing students to all materials and techniques that they graduate with skills in every phase was noted as a key to a successful profession.

Dr. Rupp showed S.E.M. comparisons of different types of condensation, and stated that direct gold stands on its own merits, and does not need state boards.

The importance of removing air as we condense, and the effects of bur-nishing on surface hardness were noted in conclusion Dr. Rupp quoted Dr. G.V. Black:—

"Dentistry is a profession of detail. Each individual step must be completed in detail before proceeding to the next if perfection is to be achieved."



*Dr. Nelson W. Rupp — The Research Scientist & Direct Gold.*

## Mrs. Laverne Harris — The A.A.G.F.O. Spouse

Took us down memory lane as she reviewed a series of meetings going back to 1972. In the beginning we saw husband Ron learning about gold foil in a questionable Far Eastern Laboratory?

Highlighting a number of meetings, and the places that we visited, we re-lived the social programmes and shopping sprees of many of the outstanding meetings that have been such a joy to the Academy.

The very high level of pleasure that it had brought to both their lives was evident through the series of photographs that accompanied the address. The enrichment through international travel and commeraderie was shown to have been a constant inspiration.

All the meetings, which had been so flawless, could not however have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Ms. Nell Faucett, and special tribute was paid to "The Lone Arranger".



*Mrs. Laverne Harris — The A.A.G.F.O. Spouse & Direct Gold.*

## Dr. Robert C. Keene — The Study Cllub

Gave the audience a little true New England humour in introducing the study club. He traced the origing of the New England study club under the mentorship of Dr. José Medina of Florida. The facilities where the clinical and didactic sessions take place and the nature of the club were explained in detail, along with the social functions that are such an important part of study club life.

Dr. Keene stressed the importance of introducing students to the study group, and told of students travelling from the University of Florida by car to visit the New England study club.



*Dr. Robert C. Keene — The Study Club & Direct Gold.*

## Dr. Richard D. Tucker — The Private Practitioner

Described the place of direct gold in his own practice and compared the longevity and value to both the patient and the practitioner. In showing a variety of different clinical situations he demonstrated that many situations were available to the practicing dentist to use gold foil. It has been particularly useful to Dr. Tucker in treating children whose parents are usually most receptive to good therapy for their children.

Where a reasoned approach to therapy is presented to patients it was noted that patients would opt for the superior therapy with little prompting. The valule of finely tuned and highly polished preparations was presented, showing the benefits of better adaptation and a superior seal to the restoration.



*Dr. Richard D. Tucker — The Private Practitioner & Direct Gold.*





*Dr. Henry A. St. Germain — The Military Dentist & Direct Foil.*

### **Dr. George P. Willis — The Far Side**

This lecture was different from any other that we have seen at the Academy, and lived up to its advance billing. The problems facing the dentist who undertakes veterinary dentistry introduced us to a fascinating new world.

Frequently notification was received from the local zoo when a keeper noticed an abscess of some other swelling in one of his charges. The treatment would vary from extraction to endodontia.

In performing root canal therapy for a large cat one advantage was noted, and that is that there is no need to take a length as the apex is solid. Filling presented some problems due to the size of the canals. A ZOE paste works well, and thereafter a base and of course gold foil to close.

There can be some risk involved, as propping a large cat's mouth open with a piece of wood does not prevent it from closing its jaws. The anaesthesia is of great interest, and was described in some detail, including the use of antidotes to terminate an anaesthetic that is not progressing as required, or is no longer required.

Of particular interest was the treatment of a pseudo killer whale with a dental abscess. Normal anaesthesia could not be used, and in its place an intraligamentary approach was used.

### **Dr. Henry A. St. Germain — The Military Dentist**

The system of priorities, and the character of dentistry, in the Navy was reviewed. The prime responsibility of the dentist is to assure, so far as is possible, that the sailors on board ship are free from emergencies. Sailors are prepared for sea during their short shore visits. During these visits there are many demands upon the time of the sailors, and so in many cases sophisticated therapy is not possible.

Patients are categorised into one of four groups, and where time allows there is no problem or obstruction to the use of gold foil, or other gold techniques.

There are a series of study clubs in existence throughout the Navy, and a number of large bases where as in the case of the Norfolk Virginia there are as many as 160 operatories. Larger ships have dentists on board who serve whenever the vessels are at sea.



*Dr. George P. Willis — The Far Side.*

## **The Academy Honors Mrs. Nell Faucett**

Ten years ago the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators was fortunate to appoint Dr. Ralph Boelsche to the office of secretary, at the same time Mrs. Nell Faucett, who had worked with Dr. Boelsche for many years, commenced the daily work that was required to set the Academy on a successful course through the eighties.

With 20/20 hindsight we are well able to see just how fortunate we have been. The active membership has almost doubled, and we now have nearly as many retired members as we had full active members a decade ago. We can look back upon a series of unprecedented meetings during the last ten years that have been a stroke of organisational genius. Each has run like clockwork, and if in that time any snags have occurred then the membership have certainly not been aware of them so professionally has each and every meeting been run.

Mrs. Nell Faucett was born into a dental family, and is well versed in both the demands of the profession and the effort required to attain excellence in both the clinical and the didactic phases in dentistry. On every occasion she has more than risen to the challenges presented in running such a demanding Academy. Information regarding each meeting has to be carefully generated with a view to informing the membership about the attractions of the forthcoming scientific and social events within the Academy. First to do this, however, it is always necessary to make site visits to the area, and to the headquarters hotel, to work out every last minute detail and to make the requisite bookings, deposits to hold space, and to be sure that the tours that are offered are indeed suitable and reasonably priced. There is of course the coordination with the host school and arrangements for visits from the succeeding year's clinical chairman should this be required.

The actual running of the Academy takes place from the permanent office, and there are a myriad of tasks involved, everything from annual dues through the registration process for the annual meeting, the preparation of programmes, badges, and the periodic updating of the membership lists and much much more. All so expertly arranged that at no time in the last ten years were we even aware that anything less than a perfect turbine lay at the heart of this great Academy.

We all owe "Miss Nell" a very great debt of gratitude for everything that she has done, for her devotion and dedication, and I know that everyone in the Academy is proud to welcome Mrs. Nell Faucett as an Honorary Member of the Academy.

We shall miss the guiding hand, but the spirit will forever remain in our revitalised, young, and enthusiastic Academy. On behalf of everyone in the Academy whose lives you have so enriched our heartfelt thanks.





*President William Harris introduces Mrs. Nell Faucett and her achievements on behalf of the Academy.*



*President William H. Harris make a presentation to Mrs. Nell Faucett on behalf of the Academy.*



*'Miss Nell' unveils the presentation.*



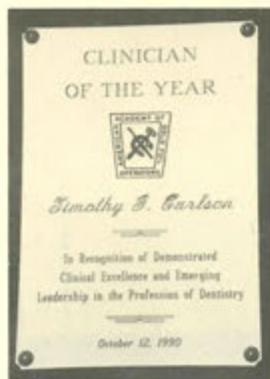
*"Miss Nell" showing the engraved silver tray.*



*President Harris invests Mrs. Nell Faucett as an Honorary Member of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators.*



*Mrs. Nell Faucett with Mr. James Faucett.*



## CLINICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Annual meeting in Boston was the site of the second presentation of this award. Apart from the committee who had set the award no one was privy to the name of the recipient until the moment it was presented.

The recipient Dr. Timothy J. Carlson, a most worthy candidate, registered great surprise to the delight of everyone present. Congratulations Timothy on the well deserved accolade.



*Dr. Ronald Harris presents the Clinician of the Year Award to Dr. Timothy J. Carlson.*



*Dr. Timothy J. Carlson thanks the Academy.*



*Mr. Victor Williams, originator of the award, congratulates Dr. Timothy Carlson.*



# LIGURIA



Lush vegetation, mild climate, mountains that come right down to the sea; this is Liguria, one of Italy's smallest regions and one of the most beautiful. Liguria is the Italian Riviera, stretching from the French border to Genoa and then down to Tuscany, and taking in some of the country's best known and most popular seaside resorts. Warmed by the blue waters of the Mediterranean, the region enjoys good weather year-round and the Ligurian sun is ideal for the growing of flowers, grapes, lemons, almonds and olives. Liguria was the home of Christopher Columbus, and the region's maritime history has made it a centre for shipbuilding and other waterfront industries. Separated by the mountains from the rest of Italy, Liguria has its own distinct identity and its own distinct cuisine that includes the basil and olive oil-based "pesto" sauce, a special pasta called "trenette", a testy salted bread known as "focaccia" and, of course, delicious fresh fish.



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