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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF GOLD FOIL OPERATORS Board Meeting

February 21, 2007

Embassy Room Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, IL

Present Councilors: David Bridgeman-Pres., Andy McKibbin-VP, Ed Kardong-Pres. Elect, Bob Keene-Sect/Treas., Councilors Henry St. Germain, Joe Newell, Rick Nash, Rich Brinker-Gold Leaf Editor, Mike Cochran-JOD Editor, Tim Carlson-JOD Managing Editor, Guests- Fred Eichmiller, Melvin Lund.

1. **Call to Order** by Dr. D. Bridgeman at 2:08PM
2. **Approval of Minutes** of the Annual Meeting as printed in the Gold Leaf - It was moved, seconded and voted to approve those minutes as published.
3. **Report of the JOD** - Dr. Cochran and Carlson reviewed their printed report of the Journal. The Journal is progressing well with an increase in subscribers now that the AARVTSCs have joined as sponsors of the Journal. Student Awardees and Student members of the AOD will be given free on line access to the Journal as a benefit of their award and their membership. The search for a new editor was underway. Dr. Jeffrey Pratt at the U. of Indiana was considering the position which would make for a smooth transition for the Journal. Tim asked that we place a link to the JOD on our website. He also will need 8 council and officer names from the Academy for membership in the JOD Corporation. A list was distributed.

4. **Annual Meeting Reports** -

- a. **Clinical** - Ed Kardong shared that in conjunction with the Tucker SC members on the Island that patients were going to be provided for the clinic which is to be held at Pearl Harbor Dental Clinic. There is some concern that the Navy will want the list of the operators, patients and attendees in sufficient time for security checks. Ron Harris will have to be contacted to clarify this condition.

- b. **Didactic** - Andy McKibbin had the speakers all lined up. Bruce Small, Rick Stevenson, Henry St. Germain and Wendell Foltz were to cover the dentally related topics. Admiral McDaniel from the base who had had experience with the Tsunami two years ago was also going to share his stories. The proposed schedule for the meeting would be as follows:

Thursday at 2PM- Council Meeting
location TBA. 6PM Welcoming Reception.

Friday morning lectures- 800AM - 1130AM. We would depart the hotel for Pearl Harbor at noon taking with us box lunches to be eaten on the bus. The ride south will take about an hour.

Saturday would be free until approximately 3-4 PM when we would depart for the Polynesian Cultural Center for tour and dinner.

Sunday morning 830AM we would start lectures and then end with the clinical critique followed with lunch around 1PM. The afternoon would be free. Sunday evening starting at 6PM would be cocktails followed by the banquet where the Clinician of the Year, Distinguished Member Awards and installation of officers would follow dinner.

- c. **Meeting Planner** - Ron Harris reports that when he gets the lecture schedule he will make hotel arrangements. He also requested any activity desires. Andy said that surfing would be high on his list.

5. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**- [see attachment A - the reports were sent by email] Financially the Academy is in a stable condition. A good response to the prompt payment of dues was noted. There has been a net loss of 2 in our membership numbers. There were 3 deaths this past year. **Correspondence** - As a result of a contribution in memory of Dr. Bruce Small's wife's death we received a note of his

deep appreciation. Dr. Osborn sent a letter outlining the wrap up of his 25 years as editor of the Gold Leaf. Dr. Bridgeman's letter of thanks to Dr. Osborn was noted for the record.

6. Committee Reports

a. Literature and Research – Marty Anderson- no report

b. Nominating – Jim Gourley emailed his report that the councilor nominee was Dr. R. Bruce Walter. It was confirmed by a vote of the council.

c. Inter-Academy – David Bridgeman - No report [see request below in new business]

d. Educational and Clinical Seminars – Ed Kardong – There was much discussion about the arrangements of the Hawaii Master Class. Dave Thorburn shared that he would most likely hold that seminar with the local Tucker Study Club prior to our meeting. The study club members are to be providing patients for the Pearl Clinical session. This may have to be double checked with the Navy.

e. Outstanding Clinician – David Bridgeman – Dr. Mark Cruz is the awardee.

f. Distinguished Member – Warren Johnson – Dr. Ralph Stenberg is the awardee.

g. Constitution and by-laws – Mel Lund. No report, but it was noted by Bob Keene that the wording in Chapter II, Section 4 b. second sentence needs to be corrected so that it reflects the current policy regarding duplicate journal subscriptions. Moved and voted to present to the membership at the annual meeting the following change: "Those members who are also members of the Academy of Operative Dentistry are *eligible to* [shall] receive a refund in the amount of the subscription upon payment of dues to both organizations.

h. Gold Leaf – Rich Brinker – July will be the next and his first issue as the new editor. He stated that he was working with Allan so that the transition went smoothly. An expression of thanks was extended to Rich for stepping into Allan's big shoes.

7. Old Business

a. Website – Scott Barrett – See attached emailed report. We are progressing with the www.aagfo.org website and is open to suggestions.

b. Management of the AOD table clinic – The Hollenbeck Study Club will provide coverage for 2007 and 2008. A table clinic checklist was distributed to David Bridgeman. Scott Barrett stepped up to the plate in grand fashion to provide preps and alcohol for this year's clinic. It is hoped that other study clubs will help with this project of outreach. It was voted that study clubs who volunteered would do so for two years in a row.

8. New Business

2008 Annual Meeting – There was much discussion about the operation of this joint meeting with the annual Tucker SCs. It was agreed that we would forward a loan of \$5,000.00 to Dr. Martin

Margetis who will set up a separate joint account for the meeting and that he and others of the local Tucker SC would be responsible for the meeting's local arrangements to include the hotel, the social and the clinical events. Drs. Kardong and St. Germain will take it upon themselves to make contact with Dr. Margetis to ensure a successful joint meeting. Ron Harris will be contacted regarding the logistics of meeting registration, etc. David Thorburn distributed an open letter regarding the joint meeting that has been sent to the officers of both organizations. The Council asserted that every member would have to work hard to make this enriching opportunity work. Any proceeds from the meeting would be split between the two organizations in equal shares at the final accounting of the funds associated with the meeting.

2009 Annual Meeting – Joe Newell – Joe requested a formal and official letter be sent spelling out the advantages to the U. of Pennsylvania for holding the clinical portion of this meeting. Dr. Bridgeman will send a letter composed jointly by Joe, Dave and Bob Keene. The final draft will be sent through Joe to the dean of the school or operative chair.

2010 Annual Meeting – A discussion between selecting Michigan or Gainesville was held. We will explore the reception at both schools. Dr. Paul Blazer is the contact at Gainesville and Dr. Joe Dennison or Dr. Peter Yamen, both known to Fred Eichmiller, are the contacts at Michigan.

a. AGD Accreditation – Bob Keene shared that our approval had expired back in 1998 and that we would have to reapply and send in a \$575.00 application fee with the application, some 18 pages. Based on the fact that some state boards do not accept AGD it was suggested that we request 'sanctioning' for our annual meetings from the AOD. Rick Stevenson who handles that issue in the AOD was contacted and he responded favorably and will be handing a letter from David Bridgeman over to the AOD Council at their May meeting for their consideration.

9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM

Robert C. Keene, recorder

REPORT

AAGFO 2007

Dr. Steven J. Sadowsky – Bainbridge
Island, WA

Deceased Members:

Dr. Arthur Johnson – Barstow, CA
Dr. William H. Maastricht –
Charlestown, SC
Dr. Robert N. Ogilvie – Fredericktown,
NB Canada
Dr. James Verneti – Coronado, CA
Mr. Bo Suter – Chico, CA

Dropped Members:

Dr. Richard Otagki – Washington, DC
[lost- no forwarding address]
Dr. Ghais Jabbour – Portland, OR [dues
failure]
Dr. Deb Zokol – Vancouver, BC Canada
[dues failure]
Dr. Douglas MacKay – Auberry, CA
[lost- no forwarding address]
Dr. Yu-Ging Chang – Fen-sang City,
Taiwan [dues failure]

Page 2. Report from the Secretary

Classification

Active	=	100
Associate	=	49
Life	=	78
Honorary	=	2
Total	229	Change since last year
	-4	

These numbers represent a serious
cleaning up of the membership records.

Correspondence

Dr. Allan Osborn requested transfer to
Life Membership and submitted a very
complete report of his 25 years as Editor
of the Gold Leaf. Copies will be
distributed at the council meeting.

Mrs. Maastricht sent copies of her
husband's memorial service and stated
that this academy meant a great deal to
her husband.

February 14, 2007

To: Council Members
From: Bob Keene
**Subject: The State of Affairs We Are
In**

This past fiscal year has been a good one.
We have seen the phased implementation of
some aspects of the Long Range Planning
Group:

1. Student involvement during the
Clinical Session at the U. of
Washington
2. One student actually presenting his
case at the critique session.
3. The council submitting a group of
prospective nominees to the
Nomination Committee. [So
tweaking of this change in procedure
will need to be considered based on
this past year.
4. The Annual Meeting Registrations
more accurately reflect the actual
costs budgeted for the meeting.
5. The payments of dues are more
prompt so that we are able to
forward the JOD funds closer to the
15th of January.
6. The Master Class program is
formatted and functioning as each
local situation dictates.

Membership 2006-7 Summary

New Members:

Dr. Robert H. Bridgeman – Boone, NC
Dr. Terrill Brown – Haverhill, NH
Dr. Delbert A. Crowe – Nanaimo, BC
Canada
Dr. Chris N. Hacker – Vancouver, BC
Canada
Dr. Adam E. Hill – Blowing Rock, NC

ADA Meeting Dates

2008 - San Antonio, TX October 16-19
2009 - Honolulu, HI October 1-4
2010 -

Financial

2006 Seattle, WA Annual Meeting

Registrations
\$36,230.00
Expenses
36,614.58
Net from meeting
-\$ 434.58

Academy Financial Status as June 30, 2007

Checking	9,746.56
Meeting Checking	6,768.72
CD matures 7/2/07	16,238.11
CD matures 7/10/07	<u>26,324.43</u>

Net Worth **\$ 59,077.82**

(includes registration and travel for the 2007 Annual meeting but not capital equipment.)

AGD Accreditation

Efforts are being made through AOD to use their CE number as an affiliation of that organization. Stay tuned.

Secretarial Email Change

Please note the new email address:
robert.c.keene@dartmouth.edu

Study Club Updates

Study Club 61 just had it's first annual end-of-the-year dinner. We held it at the American Bounty Room at the Culinary Inst. Lots of fun. We are working on getting dates set for fall, winter and spring. Three of the four of us members are going to the Tucker Institute in Seattle this next week. I'll be leaving Friday. Andy McKibbin has already been so he won't be going again. Besides he's busy becoming the new AAGFO Pres. We may fit in a "field trip" to Bruce Small's foil study club so that we can expand into foil a little. Such a good adjunct to cast gold. Dr. Susanne Grennell Jun 11, 2007

Ferrier Study Clubs, Portland Oregon President Dan Saucy's groups included the following Clinical Operations at the Cantwell Continuing Education Clinic at OHSU:
Alex Jeffery Gold Foil Study Club, Dr. Wendell Foltz, Dr. Barry Evans, Dr. May Chang.
George Ellsperman Gold Foil Seminar, Dr. Steven Sadowsky, Dr. Richard Tucker, Dr. Robert Allen
Hampson-Ferrier Gold Foil Study Club, Dr. Richard Nash (see note below)
Vancouver Ferrier Gold Foil Study Club, Dr. Michael Oswald, Dr. Ronald Dahl
Walter K. Sproule Gold Foil Study Club, Dr. David Thorburn, Dr. Chris Hacker
Graciously hosted by Dr. Wendell Foltz and Dr. Barry Evans, Accomplished operators from all the West Coast study clubs were beautifully represented. Following lunch at The Vault in the U.S. National Bank Building and seminar from Mr. Josh Bratt from Morgan-Stanley, a Wine Tasting Tour of some of Oregon's finest Willamette Valley wineries was undertaken. editor, May 11, 2007

We finished our Tucker club year with clinic in my office on Friday. We all ferried over to Lopez Island for the weekend. Dick Sr/Jr. and most of our members stayed in a B/B. Wine/appies then dinner at a restaurant in "Lopez Village." Saturday we had golfers, bike riders and beach hikes led by Ann Nash. Dick Jr. cooked his legendary marinated rib steaks at our cabin with "fixins" galore. When it started to rain just before they all arrived I went into panic mode. As it turned out only a passing shower and the evening was perfect. Everyone had a good time and it only reassured the feeling of what great people you meet in study club. Everybody is hot for Halifax. Dr. Rick Nash May 20, 2007

Dr. Scott Barrett reports on continuing efforts at upgrading the web site in conjunction with the webmaster support capably provided by Dr. John Sechena and Dr. Von Hanks. He also wishes to remind members of keeping their whereabouts and contact information current with the Secretary, Dr. Bob Keene



Dr. Chris Hacker



The Maestro



*Dr. Ted Ramage, Dr. Clyde Roggenkamp,
Ms. Ann Pellegrin and Dr. Mark Ziemkowski
"At the Demonstration Clinic"*



Dr. John Sechena



Drs. David Bridgeman, Ron Zokol and Del Crowe



Drs. Warren Johnson & Hans Müller



Dr. Dick McCoy with sage advice



Drs. Ron Zokol & Charles Julienne



Dr. Kyle Winter



Dr. Janet Zinter assisted by Dr. Susanne Grennell



Dr. Von Hanks



Dr. Barry Evans CLV Preparation



Drs. Ron Harris & Henry St. Germain



Dr. Barry Evans



Dr. Scott Barrett



Guests Ryan and Sarah



Allan with Connie and Jan Drews



President - Elect, Dr. David Bridgeman introduces the Didactic Session



Dr. Wendell Foltz and Mrs. Gloria Foltz. The hard working team who produced another superb "clinical slides and critique". Congratulations and thank you both!





A proud father welcomes his son, Dr. Bob Bridgeman



Secretary Treasurer, Dr. Bob Keene and President, Dave Thorburn introduces and thanks The Father of the Academy, Dr. Bruce B. Smith



Andy and his Gold Nuggets



Bruce Small and On-Lookers



Dave Bogacz and Pam Weitzel Concentrating



Dr. & Mrs. Warren Johnson - Team Work



Dr. Webb Being Checked



Dr. Zinter Getting It Right



Founder Bruce Smith Being 'Pinned' By Ron Harris



Janet Zinter, Suzanne Grinnell and Barbara Young Looking



Lingual Foil



Two Greats of Our Academy RVT and Bruce Smith

In Memoriam

Jose Medina was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico and entered Johns Hopkins University in 1942. He was accepted by the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland in 1944 and graduated Cum Laude in 1948. He joined the BCDS faculty, eventually attaining the position of Assistant Dean and Professor of Clinical Dentistry.

In 1967, he joined the fledgling University of Florida College of Dentistry as its Associate Dean and Professor of Clinical Dentistry. In 1969, he was promoted to Dean. In 1976 he became Assistant Vice President for Facilities Planning and Operations and served for ten years in that position. He retired in 2000 as a Professor of Clinical Dentistry.

His numerous honors and awards included Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Dental Association, the George M. Hollenback Memorial Award from the Academy of Operative Dentistry, AAGFO president (1965), Distinguished Faculty Award from Florida Blue Key, Teacher of the Year Award for the Dental School, and Knight Commander, Order of Bernardo O'Higgins, Republic of Chile. Dr. Medina was a mentor to students, practitioners, faculty members and deans throughout the world. He had the choice to pursue private practice but knew that he could best serve the advancement of dentistry through his teaching and the implementation of a truly innovative dental education curriculum. His teaching career spanned more than 50 years and engaged some of the best in the field of dental endeavor. Everyone who served with him or who was taught by him has recognized his fervor for perfection, brilliance in execution and kindness by example each and every day. He is one of those rare individuals who will be missed from a professional as well as personal level.

From your fellow members of the AAGFO

I speak for many voices when, on behalf of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, I say we have lost a real giant in dentistry. José Medina exemplified all that the dental profession could hope for in its membership. Teacher, friend, beacon of professional integrity are but a few of the descriptors many can use to identify this gentle man. He holds our highest honor, the Distinguished Member Award. If we were to characterize José in one word, a task that really is impossible, "Distinguished" would say it all.

José distinguished himself by being selfless. He shared his understanding of dentistry that made *excellence* the measure of his students, an excellence that came through sharing with and helping each person to rise to the highest level of his or her competence. José was an enabler.

José was a student, a Dean, a mentor of several study clubs, a senior statesman who 'grew' organizations and was honored by his peers for his professional accomplishments. He remained a humble man, committed to his faith and family.

"Are you with me?" is one of many 'José-isms' that linger in our ears. He would tack this question onto an explanatory statement while making a particular point. We certainly are with you José, but until each one of us takes that last journey, our answer must be, "YOU are with us". YOU and all that we have learned from you "Is with US". Thanks for showing us the WAY - José.

We pray that you are at peace. Adios Amigo

Dr. Bob Keene, Sect/Treas of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators

Barbara Young shares her reflection on the life of Jim Verneti-

Our very dear friend, Dr. Jim Verneti, passed away on April 1, 2007 at the age of 92. It is with honor and great respect for Jim that I write this memorial note to be shared with the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators. Jim always made me feel proud to be a dentist and demonstrated the immense value of professional excellence. He had a passion for teaching and served those who were less fortunate. He whispered to me once, "My life in dentistry has brought me to some of the most amazing places."

Here is a small list of those places:

As a leader, Jim was Past President of the San Diego County Dental Society and Coronado Rotary, Fellow of the International College of Dentists and the Academy of Dentistry International, President and co-founder of Thousand Smiles Foundation, supporter of the RV Tucker Academy, American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, Academy of Operative Dentistry, Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Pierre Fauchard Academy Gold Medal recipient.

His activities in education included teaching and mentoring at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Dental School, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, and University of California at Los Angeles.

In addition, Jim received numerous honors: He was designated the Olympic Torch Bearer in Coronado, California, recipient of the Joan Kroc Star award, Rotary International Service Above Self Award, Lew Hardy Award - as Coronado's distinguished citizen and Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America. The Little League Baseball Park in Coronado is named after Dr. Verneti.

Dr. Jim Verneti will continue to be in our hearts and his memory will serve as a remembrance of the progress of dentistry and the best of the human spirit.

William Maastricht was born in Muskegon, MI, September 16, 1937. He was a graduate of Loyola School of Dentistry and earned a Masters Degree from George Washington University. CAPT Maastricht's distinguished thirty year career in the Navy Dental Corps included duty in Vietnam and six years in the White House serving as Dentist to the President under the Ford and Carter Administrations. Dr. Maastricht was a member of the American Dental Association, Academy of Operative Dentistry, Academy of Gold Foil Operators, and a diehard Chicago Cubs Fan Club Member.

Arthur Johnson was born December 25, 1925 in Buhl, Idaho. He attended Gem State Adventist Academy in Caldwell, Idaho. Upon graduation he immediately joined the United States Navy as a Pharmacist's Mate 1st class from 1944-1946. He graduated in 1952 with a BS degree in Business Administration from Walla Walla College. He obtained his DDS from Loma Linda in 1958 and maintained a private practice in Barstow while serving as Associate Professor at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry one day each week for 40 years. He maintained the following memberships in his pursuit of excellence in the field of dentistry: the American Dental Association, American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, Academy of General Dentistry - Fellow, Academy of Operative Dentistry, Academy of Gold Foil Operators, Pierre Fauchard Academy, International Honor Dental Organization-Fellow, American Prosthodontic Society, Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society, and was the regional Consultant, Quality Review Committee, Delta Dental.

American Academy of Gold Foil Operators
Annual Meeting Oct. 25 - 28, 2007

Name _____ (please type or print)

Spouse's name (if attending) _____

Children attending and ages _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (or country)

Telephone (including area code) Home _____ Office _____

E-Mail address _____

Registration fee: (US dollars please) _____ Number _____

\$\$ Totals

Member	@ \$530	_____
Professional guest	@ \$575	_____
Spouse/other guest	@ \$465 each	_____

Polynesian Cultural Center - (two shows) early \$80;late \$65 _____

Late fee - received after October 1 @ \$25 _____

Total enclosed _____

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Questions? e-mail to: pipedoc@insightbb.com
Phone: 317-867-0414

PLEASE NOTE: It is always difficult to make last minute arrangements to accommodate members who suddenly appear at a meeting without having made advance reservations. Hotel reservations must be received by the Turtle Bay Resort no later than September 25.

International Members - Please pay by credit card or check in U.S. currency. Please indicate on the lower portion if you would be interested in operating next year in Arizona.

I would like to operate next year _____

Note: Several members indicate at the last minute that they will not attend the Banquet. Please check here if you will not be planning to attend _____

BACK TO HAWAII

American Academy of Gold Foil Operators

Annual Meeting October 25 – 29, 2007

Headquarters Hotel
Host Clinic
Turtle Bay Resort
Naval Health Clinic, Hawaii
Kahuku, Oahu, HI
Pearl Harbor, HI

Don't know why, but everyone seems to enjoy going to Hawaii. Our last meeting here was in 2000. We have decided on a change of scenery this time and are going to stay up on the North Shore, the upper tip of Oahu. It is located very near to some of the best surfing in the world, the Banzai Pipeline and North Beach. With any luck, one will be able to see some of the big waves and surfers, as this is the high season for that. Costs are up somewhat. A rental car is recommended.

We will hold the clinical session at the U.S. Navy Dental Clinic at Pearl Harbor. Ed Kardong is in charge of clinicians, and he has rounded up a very respectable number of members to operate a variety of lesions. This will be on Friday afternoon, not the usual Thursday a.m. Andy McKibbin has arranged outstanding speakers on a variety of topics. As of now they include Bruce

Small, Rich Stevenson, Henry St. Germain and Wendell Foltz.

As for the spouses, the bus will take the "significant others" to various shopping venues, such as Hilo Hatties and the Aloha Tower Marketplace or something similar, after dropping the operators off at the dental clinic. Since most of the members visited the Arizona Memorial and the USS Missouri before, we haven't included these this time, but if there is enough interest, perhaps the spouses' bus could do something like that.

By popular demand, we will be spending an afternoon and evening at the Polynesian Cultural Center, including dinner and show. We will have two departure times from the hotel to accommodate other activities such as golf, surfing, sightseeing, etc. See the form! it is a 5-10 minute drive to the Polynesian Cultural Center. I would suggest driving one's own vehicle, and I wouldn't have to contract buses for that. I suspect that most will be renting cars and can provide a ride to those that don't. That way, folks can leave early or stay later if they like.

Reservations are on a "Mail-in" or FAX basis. You can FAX room registration forms to the number on the form. Rates are \$209 for "run of the ocean" and \$239 for guaranteed "ocean front" for single or double occupancy. Be sure to reserve well in advance. It probably will be best to rent a car at the airport, as cab fares can be substantial, and one most likely will want to be able to get around independently during free hours.

Rubber Dam in only 100 Seconds

Johannes Muller and Norman Tischer

The advantages of the use of rubber dams in restorative dentistry are undisputed. With this CD-ROM, the authors present a concept that is best characterized as highly successful, clinically proven and eminently convincing. They have compiled a vast number of tips and valuable pointers - of the type rarely used in textbooks - that permit the application of rubber dams even across a span of ten teeth or more in an elegant manner and in minimal time. The authors' stated objective is to integrate the rubber dam technique into daily surgical procedures in an efficient manner.

This PDF presentation has approx 200 photographs and 25 integrated video sequences for Window XP.
ISBN 3-87652-740-6; £34/€48 + VAT "an excellent review."-Dr. Scott Barrett

Calendar

November 12-16 2008; Phoenix, AZ, Combined Academy of Richard Tucker Study Clubs and the AAGFO

Smile Forward....

Dr. Muller also submits the following for your review.

DANGEROUS SITUATIONS ONE MAY ENCOUNTER WHILE ATTENDING DENTAL MEETINGS

To my Esteemed Colleagues:

I feel compelled to add a word of warning to the official report of the annual meeting of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators pertaining to the inconvenience that may overtake one in the prosthetic departments of dental schools.

After arriving from Germany on Wednesday evening, I was faced with the sad fact that my toothpaste was missing from my travel kit - apparently left behind back home. And so, that evening, as well as the following morning I had to forgo the usual freshness to which my teeth are generally accustomed. Soon after breakfast, however, rescue appeared close at hand. The bus had dropped us off at the Prosthetic Department at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. And there, in the student clinic, was a table with an entire array of oral hygiene products. There were tooth brushes, dental floss, superfloss, denture brushes and, luckily for me, a huge assortment of toothpaste samples.

Surreptitiously, a tube of toothpaste found its way into my pocket - and another alongside. As

noontime approached, I only hoped to be able to take my acquisition back to my hotel room to use on my teeth. At last we broke for lunch and I quickly made my way back to my room. There, standing before the mirror, I eagerly squeezed the pink cream onto my toothbrush and thrust it into my mouth with the joyful expectation of the burst of minty freshness that would surely follow.

Instead, I was stricken with horror as a flavorless glop coated my gums and stuck tenaciously to my teeth. A glance at the tube brought immediate clarity to my circumstance: My "Toothpaste" was actually a denture adhesive called *Fixodent Control*. I was instantaneously convinced of the quality of this American product, for my teeth stuck together for hours!

That evening the dinner to honor Dr. Tucker took place and I hoped feverishly for a meal with an abrasive consistency. The meal was, indeed, good but unfortunately my particular hopes were not fulfilled.

Days later back in my practice I had the opportunity to recommend *Fixodent Control* to a patient. She was so taken with the effectiveness of this American wonder-product that she recommended that I order more.

And so, dear colleagues, should you ever visit a foreign country without your toothpaste - or any other personal care product, I implore you to properly translate the label prior to use so you don't find yourself in a similar dangerous situation



IT'S A DRY WINE