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Occlusion: The Simple Road to Predictable Success



Speaker: Dr. Carol Waldman

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2009

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Sheryl's Schmooze

SHERYL LIPTON

BROIGUS

Although there may be few of you who are fluent in Yiddish, I would venture to guess that the vast majority of Alpha Omegans know a few choice Yiddish words uttered by their parents or grandparents in times of great emotion, such as, 'that putz almost killed us when he went through the red light'; or, 'that last patient was such a maven – he kept telling me how to do my dentistry!' As to why there are 10 Yiddish words to describe the male anatomy is perhaps better left to another column!! But, somehow when said in Yiddish, the word or expression just seems more descriptive and appropriate!

For those of you not familiar with the term broigus, I refer you to the internet and in particular to the website 'Broigus.com', which defines a broigus this way:

'Like most Yiddish words it's hard to define exactly what a 'broigus' is – but we all know one when it happens. Sure, they usually start off as small arguments, disagreements or differences of opinion but over time they'll fester away inside you like some stale chopped herring from a badly catered wedding.

What starts off as a petty annoyance often grows into a full scale row and before you can say 'Cheap Barmitzvah Present', you're resentful, bitter and twisted...'

We all know people who have carried broiguses for years and years – and sadly many times these hurts are in our very own families. Someone says or does something that annoys us and we dissociate ourselves from them forever.

In these past few years as a line officer and now president of the fraternity, I have heard so many stories of our members who have had a 'broigus' with the fraternity. There are members who have been incensed with something that they read in the humour column of the AORTA because to THEM, it wasn't funny. There are members who are upset that no frater visited them during a shiva. There is a



member who is upset because he was addressed as 'Mr.' instead of 'Dr.'

There is a member who has a broigus because a program that they wanted to attend was 'sold out'. The list can go on and on.

Alpha Omega is a part of your family. We care about one another and are here to help each other. But, we are only human and we all lead very busy lives. No matter how perfect we try to be, we will occasionally 'drop the ball'. This is not done intentionally or with any malice. Screw-ups happen to all of us. And, people and things sometimes fall between the cracks. Is this what we want or the ideal? Of course not! As dentists we tend to be perfectionists and have high expectations of ourselves and those around us. And, we are organized and methodical in our thinking and our way of approaching life. Are our personalities molded in this way because of our jobs or were we like this before? I cannot answer this for certain although I would tend to think that we were like this before entering dental school. But clearly our intent is always to do the right thing and to do it well. Should we find out that someone is upset because of something that we have done or said, then we need to take ownership of our behaviour and offer a sincere apology. According to the Rosh Hashanah sermon given this year by **Rabbi Stephen Salzman** of Adath Israel Congregation, one must offer an apology up to three times to the offended party. Should the victim not accept the apology after these three attempts, then it is the victim who is in the wrong.

We have instituted a new policy during our executive meetings which was based on a regional leadership seminar given last year by Alpha Omega International and held here in Toronto. **Lu-Ann Brubaker**, the facilitator of the meeting, said the following:

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Monday, November 2, 2009

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Sheryl's Schmooze

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'We are most productive when we work collaboratively. We treat one another with kindness. There is zero tolerance for rudeness. Keep your mind open to the ideas of others. Learn from the past, but focus on the future'.

As we carry forward, let us all try to live by these words. Don't carry a grudge. Try to be respectful in what you say and how you say it – words and tone. Know that our organization is made up of many individuals and that sometimes someone will say something to anger us. Perhaps the other party is not even aware that they have upset us. Communication is the key. Please let us know if we have hurt or offended you and allow us the opportunity to apologize. But, don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. You may be unhappy with someone or something, but try to see the big picture. In this way, we all benefit and we will be a stronger organization!!

Speaking of leadership seminars, there is a fantastic leadership seminar being held October 16-18 in Cleveland, Ohio and we urge all of you who are interested in leadership positions in the fraternity to attend.

Our visit to the Dead Sea Scrolls at the ROM promises to be an exciting event starting with a lecture given by Mr. Alex Gropper, whom many of you may know from CHAT or his articles in the Canadian Jewish News. Following the lecture, we will visit the scrolls, which fortuitously coincides with the showing of the Ten Commandments. Then we come back to the beautiful Glass Room at the ROM for refreshments catered from GMB Kosher Caterers.

Our first continuing education seminar will be held on Monday, October 19 at the Adath Israel with frater **Dr. Yair Lengua** speaking on 'Herodontics'. This will be a fascinating lecture for every dentist who

needs to advise their patients on 'should it stay, or should it go'!

The Fall Seminar will be held at the yummy Terra Restaurant this year and features our own renowned frater, **Dr. Carol Waldman**, speaking on 'Occlusion – the simple road to predictable success'. Kosher will be available.

There is still time to join the AO International Convention leaving December 27th from Miami and sailing to the western Caribbean. This cruise will be great for the whole family and docks at Belize, Grand Cayman Island, Isla Roatan, and Cozumel, Mexico. For additional information, please visit the website AO.org.

I welcome your comments and feedback!

Fraternally,

Dr. Sheryl P. Lipton

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From the Editor

BARRY REINBLATT

Now that fall has arrived, and I am enjoying the new furnace I have yet to pay for, Alpha Omega fraternity starts to get very busy. In this issue, you will read about the large number of upcoming events that have been planned for you over the next few months. We also get to look back at a couple of very popular programs that occurred recently, Sailing Day and Fraternity Night Dinner. I hope the pictures of fraters enjoying the rare day of sunshine and warm weather on the sailboats doesn't make you as jealous as it makes me!

There are two very personal articles in this issue from our Canadian Director **Avi Wurman** as well as Pi Chapter member **Geoffrey Sas**. Avi attended the European Regency meeting in Baden Baden this summer with his family and he writes a



touching article about what it felt like to visit Germany as a child of survivors.

Geoffrey had a different experience, practicing dentistry in underprivileged villages in Honduras and Nicaragua. His summary of this experience makes for a fascinating read. There is

also a tribute to our recent Achievement Award winner **Richard Rodney**.

Finally, President **Sheryl** gives us food for thought with her explanation of the word broigus and how it can unnecessarily lead to hurt feelings. To this end, I want to help avoid a possible broigus by apologizing to Sheryl and any other fraters who may have been upset by the unintentional omission of the appropriate title before Sheryl's name on the cover of last month's AORTA. This was an

oversight that I should have caught during proofreading, but unfortunately missed. This in no way reflects the editorial policy of this magazine or its editor, and I will strive in future to avoid uncomfortable situations such as this.

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Director's Report

AVI WURMAN

Last June, Sharon and I, and our kids attended part of the Alpha Omega European Regency Meeting that took place in Baden Baden, Germany. We were very hesitant about going to Germany for obvious reasons. Both of my parents survived the Holocaust but most of their immediate family members were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators, and


although it has been 64 years since the end of the war, the bitterness and anger that my parents had towards the Germans passed on to me. Nonetheless, we decided to travel to Germany, with an open mind, and if nothing else an educational experience for all of us.

We arrived in Baden Baden on a Friday afternoon. We toured the lovely small town that is visited by thousands for its

world famous natural spring baths. That evening we attended a Shabbat service in a rebuilt synagogue that was destroyed during Crystalnacht, the 'night of broken glass' referred to in Germany as the 'November Pogrom'. It was a very moving and difficult service, not so much for the prayers but for the setting. It is difficult to imagine that all the congregants that prayed at this synagogue 70 years ago were either deported or killed by their own government, their neighbours and perhaps their friends. After the service, we had Shabbat dinner with seventy other Alpha Omegas and their families at a beautiful banquet room in the building that housed the casino. Kosher food was available for anyone that requested. There were fraters there from all over Europe, including all the chapters in France, Germany, Switzerland, Israel, and North America. I didn't know these fraters before, but it was wonderful to meet them and talk to them and learn about their lives as Jewish dentists. The other Canadians present were International Treasurer **Mike Tenenbaum**, and International Secretary **Marcy Schwartzman**. The next European Regency meeting will take place in Marseille, France, in 2011.



After the Regency meeting concluded, we drove to Berlin, Germany's Capital. We arranged for an organized walking tour of Berlin's Jewish quarter given by an Israeli company, Milk and Honey Tours. The actual tour guide was a non-Jew, in her forties. She showed us the restored 'New Synagogue', the Jewish cemetery, and many of the homes that Berlin's Jews called home until they were deported. In front of these homes, embedded in the side walk are small bronze plaques with the name of the Jewish person that lived in that house, his or her date of birth,




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TORONTO ALUMNI CHAPTER

Fall Seminar

Occlusion: The Simple Road to Predictable Success

Speaker: Dr. Carol Waldman



- Graduate of the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies, Esthetic Dentistry, 1997
- Graduate of the Dawson Centre for Advanced Dental Studies in the fields of Occlusion and Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of the Temporal-Mandibular Joint
- Senior Instructor for University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, Continuing Education Dept. Cosmetic Dentistry 1998
- Assistant Director and Instructor for New Millennium Dentistry, "Hands On" Aesthetics Course in Anterior Dentistry
- Past President of Ontario Study Club for Osseointegration
- Past President of Toronto East Dental Society
- President of the Toronto Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry
- Dr. Waldman lectures to dentists on Cosmetic Dentistry, has been published in several dental publications and appears on radio and television discussing Cosmetic Dentistry

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when and to where he or she was deported, and the date of death if known. There seems to have been an effort by the Germans after reunification to ask themselves and their parents what roles they played during the Holocaust. This feeling of responsibility and guilt resulted in measures that would not allow any German to deny the genocide committed by their parents and grandparents. The huge memorial to Jewish victims of the Holocaust, referred to by some as 'Stumbling Blocks' stands directly opposite the German Parliament so that German government officials will always be mindful of their past. Every German high school student is required to visit a concentration camp; it is part of the curriculum. Another important site is the Berlin Jewish Museum designed by Daniel Libeskind and opened in 2001. The museum chronicles Jewish life in Germany from the middle ages to today, however it is Libeskind's unique design with bizarre uncomfortable angles that makes this attraction extremely popular.

We also went to the Buchenwald concentration camp near the city of Weimar, where over 56,000 people were murdered, mostly Jews. We visited Nuremberg, and went to the Palace of Justice that hosted the famous Nuremberg Trials that prosecuted Nazi war criminals. Nuremberg was also the location of the Nazi Party's rallying grounds, an eerie site that is still present today. Needless, to say, this sort of trip sensitizes one to the wickedness and immorality that occurred in Europe during the Holocaust. It was a difficult journey, but one worth taking.

This will probably be my final AORTA article as Canadian Regional Director. My three-year term comes to an end in December and **Larry Rotman** will take over representing Canadian interests at the Board of Directors meetings for the next three years. It seems that whatever position I take on with Alpha Omega, I learn so much more about the organization and how fortunate we are to

have an Alpha Omega. The outlook for the future of Alpha Omega remains bright and exciting, but it can only continue with the active involvement and participation of our members, locally and internationally. I would like to thank all the local line officers that included me in their meetings, **Barry Reinblatt, Larry Rotman, Charles Weingarten, Sheryl Lipton, Mel Kay** and **Elliott Weidman**. I am also grateful to past directors, **Terry Shapero** and **Sharon Perlmutter**, whose advice was always appreciated.

Finally, please consider attending the AO Cruise convention. There are probably some cabins still available. The website is www.aocruise2009.com. Next year's convention will be in San Diego, and the 2011 convention will take place in Fort Lauderdale.

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Fraternity Night Dinner

Fraternity Night Dinner was held on Monday, September 14, 2009 at the Adath Israel Synagogue. This evening was a special event, as we inducted our new president, **Dr. Sheryl Lipton**, as well as the executive. Attendance for the evening included Alumni members, Pi Chapter members, and invited guests.

Our guests of honor were the International President, **Dr. Daniel Uditsky** and his wife **Arlene**. We also honored **Dr. Sheryl Lipton** as our President and **Dr. Richard Rodney** as our Achievement Award Winner. Our other guests were the ODA president, **Dr. Ira Kirshen**, **Dr. Michael Sigal**, Dentist-in-Chief, Mount Sinai Hospital and the guests of Dr. Sheryl Lipton and Dr. Richard Rodney.

The hamotzi was made by **Dr. Jimmy Burstein**. Dr. Uditsky spoke about our International Fraternity and inducted Dr. Sheryl Lipton. Dr. Lipton spoke about the importance of belonging to our chapter and **Dr. Avi Wurman** inducted the Executive.

Sheila Rodney gave a heartfelt introduction of her husband and Dr. Rick Rodney spoke about his amazing bond with Alpha Omega.

This is the first time we held this event at this synagogue. Arrangements went smoothly, the food was delicious, the caterer was easy to deal with and our guests enjoyed the event.

Our committee, **Dr. Sharon Sussman**, **Dr. Avi Wurman**, **Dr. Sandi Leibovici** and **Dr. Erica Zamon** were very helpful in organizing and running this evening. Special thanks to **Dr. Cindy Miller** who helped me to put together the floral centre pieces and to Sharon who helped me transport the alcohol and the centre pieces and set up the flowers and candles on the tables.

Thanks to **Sheryl Lipton** for her guidance and assistance in helping with all of the details.

Jackie was a tremendous help in organizing this evening, and as always, **Shiela Rodney** was there!

Fraternally Yours,
Shelley and Hartley Kestenberg
 Co-Chairpersons, Fraternity Night Dinner 2009



Above: 50-year pin recipients



Above: Dr. Sheryl Lipton, Toronto Alumni Chapter President and Dr. Dan Uditsky, International President



Left: Achievement Award Winner Dr. Richard Rodney and his wife, former Executive Secretary, Sheila



Below: Dr. Charles Weingarten, Immediate Past President, Toronto Alumni Chapter and Dr. Sheryl Lipton, Toronto Alumni Chapter President

UPCOMING EVENTS

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday November 2, 2009

FALL SEMINAR

Thursday, November 5, 2009. Dr. Carol Waldman speaking on "Occlusion-The Simple Road to Predictable Success". Terra Restaurant, 6:30-10:00pm.

CHANUKAH PARTY

Sunday, November 29.
Beth Torah Synagogue.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009.
Dr. Sara Werb talking on 'New Advances in Fluorides and Remineralization with ACP. Adath Israel Synagogue

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION/CRUISE

Sunday December 27, 2009 – Sunday January 3, 2010.
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SKATING PARTY

Saturday, January 16, 2010.
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Friday, January 22, 2010 - Sunday, January 31, 2010.
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HALF DAY SEMINAR AND CHARITABLE DRAW DINNER

Monday February 1, 2010.
Beth Torah Synagogue.

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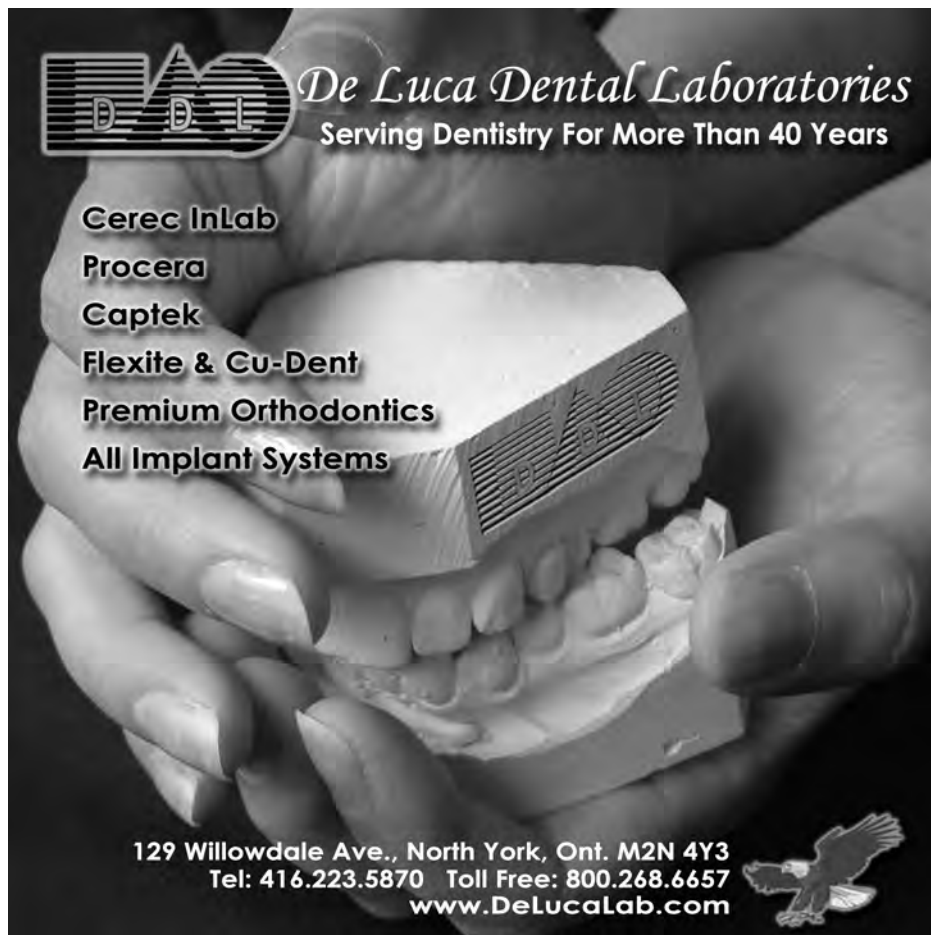
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The Measure of a Man

On September 14, 2009 **Dr. Rick Rodney** was honored with the Toronto Alumni Chapter Achievement Award for 2009. It is significant that this is not an annual award but is given to special recipients only when they are deemed worthy of such an honor. Rick is indeed worthy of this award. His



colleagues I admire. In this instance, I am happy and privileged to write a very heartfelt tribute for a very special human being, while he's still alive [bizt a hundert un tzvanzik].

It is easy to befriend and even love someone when things are going well and the person is conforming to your script of behavior. It is much more difficult to do the right thing when life is not flowing

smoothly or someone has fallen short of your list of 'good or bad' performance. Ironically, that is the time when friendship and love are most needed and meaningful.

Only the very best people rise to the occasion and behave according to their personal high standards when times are really tough, especially when one is acting alone. Being brave is much easier as part of a group than as a lone individual.

In our lives, there are usually only a few

true heroes who were 'there when it counted'. I have written about some of them and keep them alive, forever, in my heart and memory. **Rick Rodney** was there when it really counted.

When I become seriously incapacitated in the mid 90's, he 'stepped up to the plate' without fanfare, usually working alone, to help **Susan** organize my woefully unorganized affairs. It is typical of the man that he worked in uncomplaining anonymity, unheralded, without pretense or guile.

Rick and **Sheila** share many happy travel memories with Susan and me. (fortunately, Sheila has organized many photos which are a joy to see). They are important but it is the good deeds, in not so happy times, that truly inform our lives.

Rick Rodney, dentist, frater, consummate family man, mensch. I am proud to call him friend.

Marvin Klotz

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"While in Boston recently I toured Harvard University. That's where I came upon our local affiliate. Obviously in Boston, Alpha Omega is so popular that they need the local constabulary to keep out undesirables!"

The Editor

SHEP NACHAS

Mazel Tov to **Minna** and **Howard Stein** on both the recent birth of their grandson **Jacob Lev** to daughter **Danielle** and son-in-law **Michael**, as well as celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary.



Mazel Tov to **Marv Klotz's** daughter **Jennifer Ritter** who was recently chosen to be CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Canada.

Mazel Tov to **Jordan Klimitz** and his wife **Ester** on the birth of their son **Noah**. Proud grandparents are **Stan** and **Betty Klimitz**.

Mazel Tov to **Nancy** and **Sidney Golden** on the recent marriage of their daughter **Shira**.

Mazel Tov to **Ellen** and **Stan Markin** on the recent engagement of their son **Joel**.

Mazel Tov to **Marilyn** and **Aubey Banack** on the birth of their granddaughter.

Finally, Mazel Tov to Alpha Omega Fraternity, Toronto Alumni Chapter for recently being named recipient of the University of Toronto Alumni of Distinction Award. Watch for further details in upcoming AORTA's.

Tell us about your new baby or grandchild; your anniversary, birthday, new office, etc. etc... And, don't forget to send your pictures along with the announcement...

Email the editor, Barry Reinblatt, at barryreinblatt@sympatico.ca



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This past August I was fortunate enough to participate in a two week dental trip with the Volunteers for Intercultural and Definitive Adventures (VIDA) to Central America. To say it was one of the most eye opening experiences of my life is an understatement.

Although I had spent the previous month backpacking throughout South America, I did not know what to expect regarding volunteer dentistry. During the program, I travelled to three distinct communities; two small villages in northern Nicaragua and one in Honduras. The conditions in these communities were extremely primitive; dental instruments were



outdated, properly trained staff were scarce and spoke only Spanish. Moreover, the pervasive educational and socio-economic problems in these two developing countries meant that even those few who did have a rudimentary understanding of basic oral hygiene were not concerned with the consequences of poor dental health. For instance, it was not uncommon for a 30 year old to have

had eight teeth extracted over the course of their lifetime. Many of the adolescent patients were already losing their permanent dentition without concern from their parents.

At first the mobile clinics that we had set up were overwhelming. Often, two mobile chairs were set up in a small open setting – such as a church, classroom or field – allowing every future patient to view the current procedures. Flashlights were used as headlamps, as well as paper cups for saliva instead of suction. The temperature remained in the high 30's Celsius, with a fan only working on days if we were lucky. Perhaps most alarmingly, patients were presented with only three options for treatment: scalings, extractions, or ZOE temporary restorations. Since we were the only dental professionals in the village and so many of the residents required assistance, we were required to perform the work quickly and efficiently. Also, our patient base included every single person in the different villages. In other words, the dental treatment that we provided was intense and fast paced.

As the days progressed, I became increasingly comfortable with my diagnostic and clinical abilities, which

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included scaling, assisting in extractions and pain management, public health screenings, and community education discussions to help promote public awareness. When we weren't working, I was able to see some of the local attractions, one of the highlights being The Somoto Canyon National Monument. Although I do not speak Spanish, the patients and people that I met in these two countries in these short two weeks left an indelible mark on me. They could

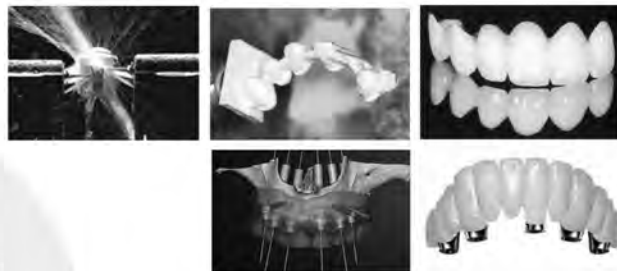
not afford to pay for these services. However, they are a proud people and being poor did not stop them from constantly thanking us.

As great as this experience was, I soon realized that many of the citizens of these villages were entirely dependent on dental volunteer groups, such as VIDA, to provide even this rudimentary level of dental care. The continuance of these missions relies heavily on donations of dental supplies by dentists from all across

North and Central America. I'm in the midst of preparing a box of donations from Toronto that could include any supplies ranging from gloves, gauze, sutures, antibiotics, disinfectants, bibs, toothbrushes, floss, fluoride, prophylaxis paste, disposable trays, or any other item that may help this worthy cause. If you are interested in donating any supplies, please contact me at geoffreysas@rogers.com. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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Yes, it was another great day.

David Cowan



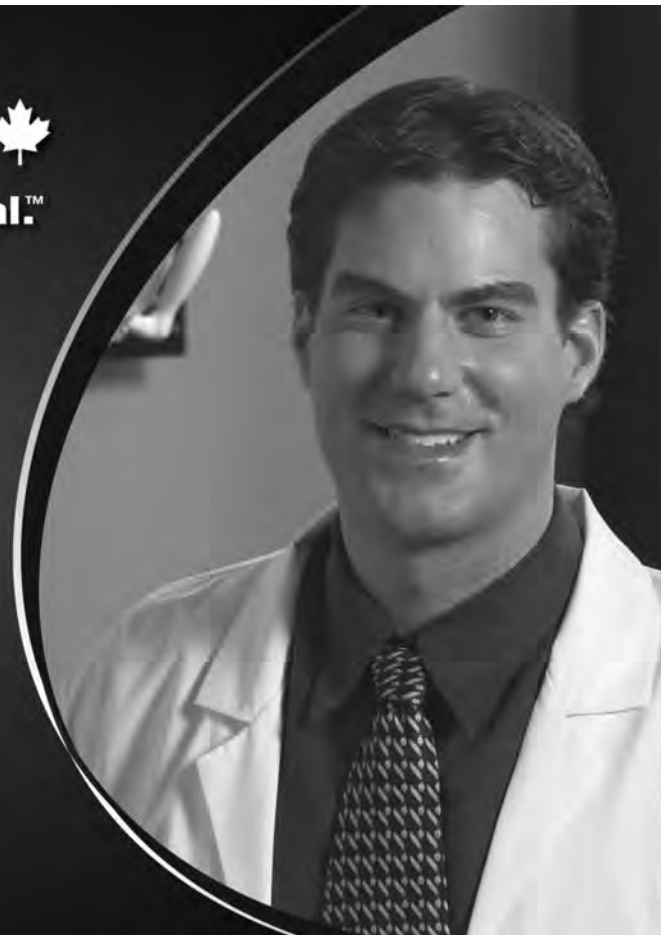
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