

# INVENTING DENTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

## HISTORY OF THE DENTAL FORUM—MILWAUKEE



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## DEDICATION:

*To teachers everywhere.*

*The world will always need those who can explain, guide,*

*and challenge students while they learn the basics*

*of their chosen discipline. Foundational knowledge*

*is needed to open the door that leads to exploration.*

*If a teacher can instill a passion for life-long learning,*

*then we are all rewarded as the student eclipses the mentor*

*and contributes new knowledge to society.*



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## PREFACE

**L**ife-long learning is an ancient concept. The young are unaware of it. A beginning practitioner, often blinded by ego, ignores its value. The seasoned veteran, haunted by challenges, wonders how it passed him by.

History can and does often teach us lessons. In 1787, Benjamin Franklin stood up to address the American Constitutional Convention and urged his fellow patriots to sign the document. At the age of 81, he was the oldest person in the group. He acknowledged having opened his mind to contrarian viewpoints from his younger colleagues. Franklin spoke these words: "If you are convinced that you know it all, how will you ever learn anything?"

In the presence of an assembly of younger men, Franklin admitted that although he had his doubts about the new proposed constitution, he stated that he might be wrong. His wisdom, along with the courage of the other patriots, created a nation.

What follows is a story of dentists who believed life-long learning had merit. That strong belief led to the establishment of an organization called THE Dental Forum of Milwaukee. One hundred years of continuous operation stand testament to a good idea.





## CHAPTER ONE

# HOW AND WHY DID IT HAPPEN?

### *THE Dental Forum—Milwaukee invented dental continuing education.*

The idea of practicing dentists pooling their money and sponsoring regular professional programs to enhance members' knowledge may have been on the minds of many others, but THE Dental Forum made it a reality in 1921. Other national, state, and local dental organizations had fostered continuing education before THE Forum. Milwaukee's own Odontological Society has an impressive record of advancing continuing education in our state. However, THE Forum's claim to inventing dental education is based on our creation of a system to achieve the goal. Our formalized system of collecting funds, organizing, and conducting professional meetings for its elected members on a regular schedule continuously without interruption since inception has cemented this claim.

The publication of this book is part of the 100th Anniversary celebration documenting the founding, organizing, and functioning of this organization. THE Forum has done more than just survive for one hundred years; it has thrived. A remarkable achievement by any standard. How could THE Forum have been so successful in meeting its stated mission of fostering life-long learning for a century?

To understand the success of THE Forum, you need to know that the founding member dentists identified a need. To achieve success in dentistry, the founding member dentists believed it essential to be a life-long learner. This belief in learning is impressive because the founders were already among the most successful dentists in their respective communities. For them to control ego and open their minds to knowing about change and embracing it is remarkable. By dedicating themselves to life-long

learning, they were disrupting the status quo and disrupting their established, successful practices. How many of us today could be so bold and so brave. With the need for continuing their education accepted, the charter members set to work creating an organization that could fulfill their mission.

To understand the success of THE Forum, you need to know that the founding members were passionate people. To open the door to change requires an attitude of boldness. Those passionate people opened these doors and had faith in themselves to follow through on a good idea. In 1921, continuing education was at best a novel concept. The creators of THE Forum were leaders who had a vision and passionately drove their ideas into the mainstream. Today, continuing education is ubiquitous. It is all too easy to forget that 100 years ago, few—if any—accepted the idea. Fewer still would have accepted the challenge of building and nurturing an organization to make it happen.

To understand the success of THE Forum, you need to know that the founding member dentists were smart. They were smart in observing that knowledge leads to good outcomes. Knowledge promotes good decisions because they're based on evidence. When evidence-based care is provided to patients, those practices thrive. THE Forum founders were already established dentists and contributors within their communities in 1921. By embracing the concept of continuing education, they positioned themselves among the knowledge-based dentists in Milwaukee and Wisconsin. History documents that their practices thrived. They helped themselves by serving their patients, as well as providing a model for others to emulate.

To understand the success of THE Forum, you need to know that founding member dentists wrote firm rules that provided for the operation of their dental study club. The constitution and by-laws written in 1921 included the following:

- ◆ The mission
- ◆ Membership criteria
- ◆ Responsibilities of membership

- ◆ Election protocol for new members via democratic vote
- ◆ Election protocol for officers by democratic vote and term limits
- ◆ Provisions to make amendments to the constitution and by-laws

These rules of the organization have served for 100 years. Because they gave a clear roadmap to follow, success was preordained. THE Forum has been able to navigate through turmoil and change while still annually meeting the mission of providing high-quality continuing education programs.

To understand the success of THE Forum, you need to know that the founding member dentists created their organization based on democratic principles. Officer positions are elected and have term limits. Most notably, THE Forum president serves for one year. No aristocracy exists. The rotation of officers works to continually bring fresh ideas and perspectives into the group.

Three historical abnormalities do exist. At the very beginning in 1921 and 1922, E.L. Wetzel served both years because his first-term year was only two months long. On another occasion, a president did serve for two terms. That was 1934 and 1935 when Dr. O. M. Dressen was asked to continue his service. Then in 2017, we had a co-presidency of Crinzi and Jelacic. That occurred during a time of administrative reform. Even with those three out-of-the-routine exceptions, over our 100 years, we have been served by 100 presidents. This historic achievement of 100 individuals serving THE Forum will be amplified in the chapter documenting the presidency and our ceremonial gavel. This foundational belief in the respect given to all members and an openness to optional ideas will be observed in this narrative. The reader will observe that individual names are seldom used. The achievements of THE Forum have been a group effort. Without question, some exceptional members have done extraordinary deeds, but the big picture of our century of successful operation has been driven by the TEAMWORK of the members.

The previous review of the reasons behind the century-long success of THE Forum has been presented to make the point that the founding member dentists did well. The

smart and passionate charter members knew life-long learning stimulated the wisdom to create an organization that could deliver on that mission. Because of our solid foundation and set of rules, THE Forum has thrived for an entire century. That bedrock is in place to provide a roadmap for the next 100 years.

## CHAPTER TWO

# FOUNDING AND MISSION OF THE FORUM

THE Forum is special. It was special from Day 1, and 100 years later, it is still special. All involved in THE Forum truly believe we have a premier organization. Reporting history is a challenge. Looking back, documentation is sparse. Recording technology was just developing and verbatim notes were not made. Some note-taking did occur and exists in our archives. From those vintage secretarial notes, I can quote:

*At a special meeting held at the University Club on Thursday evening, November 10, 1921, Dr. E.L. Wetzel, as chairman, briefly outlined the aims and hopes of a proposed new dental society. Several of those present expressed their views on the undertaking. It was their purpose to meet monthly to discuss and study intensely the science and art in dentistry in all its ramifications. An election followed that chose temporary officers:*

*E.L. Wetzel, President*

*E.W. Blaisedell, Vice-President*

*R.R. Conroy, Secretary*

*H.C. Mortonsen, Treasurer*

*Adjournment*

*R.R. Conroy, Secretary*

History did not record the discussion mentioned above. Oh, to have been a fly on the wall and listened to the discussion concerning the aims and hopes of the proposed new dental society. While we do not have a complete record of all the words used to discuss the mission of THE Forum, two words made it into the minutes. They speak volumes to us today: STUDY and INTENSELY. How impressive to use the word

STUDY. It implies continuing education. When combined with INTENSELY, it amplifies study into serious study. The charter members of THE Forum were successful dentists and recognized professionals; they chose to realize that they also needed to be life-long learners.

With hindsight, I believe they created THE Forum as the vehicle to provide themselves with career-long continuing education.

To continue this story, I again quote from the official minutes of the next meeting:

*“A special meeting of The Dental Forum was held at the University Club on Friday evening, November 25, 1921. The president presented the constitution and by-laws for the consideration of the members. On a motion by Dr. Siewert, the constitution and by-laws were adopted as read.*

*“All participants present formally signed this constitution and by-laws. There were 32 original signers. In a relatively short period of time, the legal limit of 40 active members was reached. The business of that meeting was completed with a motion by Dr. M.H. Mortonsen—that the temporary officers be elected as permanent. Motion passed unanimously.”*

In the next chapter, THE Dental Forum’s constitution and by-laws will be discussed in more detail. For historical documentation, I must report on and quote from the minutes of THE Forum’s third official meeting. The first two meetings were organizational in character. This meeting (our third), was the first regular meeting of THE Dental Forum because, in addition to a business agenda, an invited speaker presented a professional lecture.

*The first regular meeting of The Dental Forum was held at the University Club on Friday evening, December 9, 1921. Dr. C.N. Johnson of Chicago gave an interesting talk on “Reminiscences of some well-known men I have known in dentistry.”*

To appreciate the significance of this first regular meeting, you need to know about the speaker. Dr. C.N. Johnson was at the time the most famous dentist in Chicago and a national figure in dentistry. He was the dean and professor of operative dentistry at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. In addition to being a practicing dentist, Dr. Johnson was the editor of *The Dental Review* (1902-1919), which became the *Journal of the American Dental Association*, that he also edited.

In 1925, Johnson served as president of the American Dental Association (ADA). Having him speak to THE Dental Forum is another example of the close relationship between Forum charter members and Chicago's elite dentists.

Following his address to THE Dental Forum, Dr. Johnson was elected to be our first honorary member. In response to that award, he sent a hand-written note to the Forum. That original note is in our archives. I quote it next as a testament to the man, the times, and a predictor of THE Forum's future.

*To the officers and members of The Dental Forum.*

*My dear Confreres:*

*I beg to acknowledge the receipt today of the certificate of honorary membership in your splendid organization, and I deem it one of the great pleasures and great honors of my professional experience to be selected by you for this distinction. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I send to you — each of you — my fraternal greetings and my best wishes for the continued prosperity of your society.*

*Sincerely, C.N. Johnson*





## CHAPTER THREE

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

A frequently repeated legend within THE Forum is that our constitution and by-laws were “copied” from The American Academy of Restorative Dentistry. The Academy is a national organization of America’s most prominent and respected dentists. Several charter members of THE Forum also held membership in this Academy. They would have had an immediate knowledge of its organizational structure.

I have been unable to definitively prove this assertion, but since several of THE Forum’s charter members were also members of that Academy, it is reasonable to assume that the story has some basis in truth. This is another example of the strong influence Chicago, the Mid-Winter Meeting, and other academies have had on THE Forum. Charter Forum members, along with future and current members, have always been well connected to organizations, institutions, and clinicians nationwide. These connections were, and continue to be, important for recruiting talented meeting speakers.

Our constitution and by-laws, as written and approved in 1921, are presented below. Some of the significant amendments to this original will be discussed later. It is interesting and insightful to read the original. The status of this “original” will be commented on after it is presented here for you to read and review. A few historical comments have been added to amplify this document.

**CONSTITUTION**  
**of**  
**THE DENTAL FORUM**

Article I

Name

The name of this Society shall be THE DENTAL FORUM, of Milwaukee.

Article II

Purpose

The object of this organization shall be to bring together the members as regular “round-table gatherings” to discuss and to intensely study such subject or subjects as may be selected from time to time; to promote the spirit of good fellowship; to cooperate with other organizations in all matters of mutual interest.

Article III

Officers

The officers will include a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Librarian, who with the chairman of the committees shall constitute the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the April meeting, and shall serve for one (1) year beginning August 1. There shall be a program committee and a censor committee consisting of three members each. These are to be appointed by the President and to serve for one (1) year.

Article IV

Membership

- a. Active membership in this organization shall be limited to forty (40).
- b. Honorary members shall consist of persons who have made valuable contribution to the science or art of Dentistry, or have rendered important service to the profession.

c. Inactive members.

Article V

Amendment

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment shall be presented in writing and signed by five (5) active members, thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.

Article VI

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be from August 1 to July 31.

**BY-LAWS**

Article I

Duties of Officers

The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization. He shall be ex-officio member of all standing committees; appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and perform such duties as usually appertain to the office.

The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties' preside in his absence and succeed in his office in case of vacancy from any cause.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all current records of the organization and perform such other duties as usually appertain to the office; he shall collect and receive all dues and moneys belonging to the society and pay out same by check, co-signed by the President. He shall present the books for audit within five (5) days at the end of the fiscal year.

The Librarian shall have charge of all books and manuscripts belonging to the organization. He shall keep current the roster of Active, Inactive, Honorary, and Deceased members. He shall keep on file past minute books, past meeting notices, cancelled checks, reports of audit and other items of historical interest to the society. He shall read, at the October meeting, the financial statement of the society for the preceding year.

Article I  
Section I  
Active Membership

Sec. A—Membership in this organization shall be by invitation only.

Sec. B—The Candidate for active membership must be a member in good standing of the American Dental Society, and shall be proposed to the Secretary in writing, signed by five (5) active members.

Sec. C—A membership certificate, signed by the President and Secretary and stamped with the seal of The Dental Forum shall be issued to every member. This certificate is to remain in the property of The Dental Forum and must be returned at the termination of membership in the organization.

Sec. D—The President upon his election to office shall appoint a Censorship committee to be composed of himself as Chairman, the Secretary, and three (3) active members of The Dental Forum whose names shall be kept secret.

Sec. E—The proposal of a candidate to active membership shall be referred to the Censorship committee and read at two (2) regular meetings. The Censorship committee shall investigate the candidate; and, if his qualifications are unsatisfactory, his name shall be removed by the committee from the eligible list. The candidate for active membership shall, after a favorable report of the Censorship committee, be voted on at a subsequent meeting.

Sec. F—Objections by any active member of THE Forum to any candidate are to be offered verbally or in writing to any member of the Censorship committee within thirty (30) days after his name has been read to the membership. Three (3) such objections to the candidate shall nullify the application of the candidate objected to.

Sec. G— There shall be no waiting list until a vacancy shall be reported in the active membership has been actually confirmed by the Censorship committee. This vacancy shall be reported to the membership by the President at the first regular meeting of THE Forum after such vacancy is created. Candidates may not be proposed at this meeting; but may be proposed at any such subsequent meeting.

Sec. H— A secret ballot shall be held on the members proposed, after they have been approved by the Censorship committee. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall then be selected for final secret balloting. In the second election, the man receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Sec. I— Out-of-town membership shall be limited to fifteen percent (15%) of active membership, or six (6).

## Section II Honorary Members

The names for candidates for honorary membership shall be presented to the Censorship committee upon recommendation of five (5) active members. The Censorship committee shall recommend them for election only after satisfying that they have the qualifications provided for in that Section b, article 4, of the Constitution. A unanimous vote of all active members present shall be necessary for election. Honorary members shall be exempt from all dues. Honorary members shall be place on the regular mailing list and receive all notices of the society.

## Section III Inactive Members

Any member in good standing who shall have moved out of the district, or is suffering extremely poor health, thus finding it impossible to be in regular attendance, may, upon request, and with the unanimous consent of the Executive Committee be admitted to inactive membership.

An active member is in good standing, who having attained the age of 65 years of age may, upon request, and with unanimous consent of the Executive Committee, be admitted to inactive membership.

Inactive members shall be exempt from all dues and assessments and shall be placed on the regular mailing list and receive all notices of the society.

### Article III

#### Dues

Sec. I—An initiation fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid by each member. The annual dues for Active Members shall be Forty Dollars (\$40.00) due and payable in advance semi-annually, October 1st and February 1st. Additional assessments may be levied by the Executive Committee when deemed necessary; when approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

Sec. II—Any member in arrears for six (6) months will be automatically suspended and notified in writing of such action. Any member thus suspended may be reinstated by the payment of all arrears and claims. Any member in arrears for twelve (12) months will be automatically dropped from membership.

Sec. III—Voting in this organization shall be limited to active members in good standing.

### Article IV

#### Meetings

This organization will meet on the second Friday of every month, from October to May inclusive. The annual meeting shall be in April. The newly elected officers shall assume their respective offices on August 1st.

Special meetings may be held at the written request of five (5) active members or the call of the Executive Committee.

Eight (8) active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### Article V

#### Guests

Attendance at all meetings of this organization shall be strictly limited to members only. Any exception to this rule shall be left to the decision of the Executive Committee.

#### Article VI

##### Non-Attendance

Any member absenting himself from four (4) regular meetings during the year, without sufficient cause, will be suspended.

Any member thus suspended can be reinstated by giving a satisfactory explanation to the Executive Committee who will make a recommendation to the society.

#### Article VII

##### Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the code of this society.

##### Order of Business

1. Call meeting to order
2. Roll call
3. Reading of the minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Report of the committees
6. Election of members
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Program for evening
10. Election of officers
11. Adjournment

#### Article VIII

Sec. I.—This constitution an By-Laws, and all subsequent amendments thereto, shall be the governing code of this organization.

Sec. II—Done in convention by the unanimous consent of all members present, the 25th day of November, 1921, in witness whereof we have subscribed our names.

The Constitution and By-Laws just documented are the “ORIGINAL” wording as printed in previous Forum publications. Note that they are dated 1921. Also of note, it is believed that this is the ORIGINAL wording signed by those present on November 25, 1921. That ORIGINAL paper document with the charter members’ signatures has not been discovered in THE Forum archives. However, because the archives have multiple copies of this reproduced Constitution and By-Laws, I am confident this book has presented a faithful and accurate wording of our foundation document. More recent copies and now the on-line document hold modifications (Amendments) to this presented original.

## AMENDMENTS

Recall that Article V is called — AMENDMENT. In order to amend the Constitution and/or By-laws, a two-third (2/3) vote of the members present is required. Any proposed amendment must also be presented in writing and signed by five (5) members thirty (30) days prior to the meeting to amend. THE Forum has lived by these rules for 100 years. Multiple amendments have been proposed and many voted into law, but always following the protocol given to us by Article V. No attempt has been made to present the entire series of amended constitutions. Instead, only the most current Constitution and By-Laws of The Dental Forum can be found and reviewed by visiting our official website, [www.dentalforumofmilwaukee.org](http://www.dentalforumofmilwaukee.org). The careful reader will note multiple amendments to that “ORIGINAL” 1921 document. THE Forum’s website is password protected and will not be shown here.

Our successful Constitution and By-Laws conceived and formulated 100 years ago are to be revered and cherished. Periodically, membership has found it necessary to “fine tune” these rules with an amendment to allow THE Forum to function within contemporary times. What follows are highlights to significant amendments:



- ♦ ARTICLE IV of the Constitution—Membership. The original Constitution fixed total membership at forty (40) active members. In 1996, the Constitution was amended to reset active membership at fifty (50). On our 100th anniversary, active membership is formally limited to a maximum of 50.
- ♦ ARTICLE III, Section 1 of the By-Laws—DUES: The original By-Laws, written in 1921, fixed annual dues at forty dollars (\$40.00). Quite obviously, dues have been periodically increased over our 100 years of operation. Because the dollar amount of the dues was placed in our By-Laws, changing dues always requires a formal amendment to be proposed, presented and passed by a 2/3 vote of members present. This amendment protocol has been an effective tool in maintaining financial discipline within THE Forum. 2020 Forum dues are set at \$1,750. Most members believe dues would be even higher without the restraint of needing an amendment to raise them. Discussing Forum dues, amending the By-Laws, and recalling the history of the 1920s gives to me an opportunity to share an episode from the archives.

Current Forum members reading this book likely learned about the stock market crash of 1929, financial distress, and the subsequent Depression from high school history classes. The fog of history makes the context of those times difficult to appreciate. Unemployment above 40 percent, shuttered factories, closed stores, breadlines for relief of hunger, and widespread hopelessness seems hard to imagine. The stories and reports of the time are so negative as to bring into question their validity. Information found in the minutes of Forum meetings gives some context to what was happening in Milwaukee. In 1933, the Forum members voted to make a cash donation to the charity ward of Milwaukee General Hospital. That donation was ten dollars (\$10.00). Apparently, this donation was viewed as significant.

If the people of Milwaukee were suffering, so to were the dentists of the community. By following amendments that altered THE Forum's dues structure, we gain more insight into those Depression years. Then as now, annual dues pay for our speakers and the dinner at the professional meetings. The meeting minutes of April 15, 1932 state: "because of lack of funds, THE Forum will discontinue paying for dinner." The \$40 annual dues were a hardship for multiple Forum member and caused this "lack of funds." Earlier, on March 27, 1931, an amendment had been proposed to lower dues from \$40 to \$25. Interestingly, that proposed amendment was voted down. However, the idea of dues relief would not go away, and on April 7, 1933, a fully discussed amendment was unanimously passed that suspended dues for one fiscal year. The dues of \$40 were restored the following year, but were not increased for more than a decade.

Members reading that brief review of hard times during the Great Depression will immediately relate to our 2020 Covid-19 pandemic. Writing profoundly in the moment of a continuing crisis is done with peril. However, with history as a teacher, difficult times are certain to cloud the near future. The good times sure to follow will come from science and humanity with each doing its part.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said it well, "It is a characteristic of maturity not to do desperate things." I trust the human condition to not do "desperate things." The Forum member who edits this book in the future will have to comment on how well we did to avoid "desperate things" and triumph over the pandemic burden. I bet on knowledge, education, and goodwill.

ARTICLE II, Section 2, of the By-Laws: HONORARY MEMBERS was amended in February of 1934. Originally a unanimous vote of all active members present was required for election to the status of Honorary Membership. That protocol worked when the vote was taken at the end of the speaker's presentation. That same-day voting tradition was gradually lost. The minutes of February 1934 state that, "to increase the intelligence of voting for Honorary Membership, the program committee

prepare a list of that year's speakers, submit list to Censorship committee for recommendations and present that final list for a vote at the May meeting." A vote of 2/3 of the active members present will be required for election to Honorary Membership.

Some background for this amendment is useful. Membership felt that too many speakers were routinely given honorary membership as a kindness at the time of their lecture. A more thoughtful approach would be to look back at the year's program and select the best of the group for the honor. More on this subject will follow in a subsequent chapter listing the continuing education programs and the speakers.



## CHAPTER FOUR

### INFLUENCES ON THE “CHARTER MEMBERS”

The year 1921 marks the beginning of a dental organization calling itself “The Dental Forum—Milwaukee.” The mission of THE Forum was and remains continuing education for the members. This text has been written to document that founding, celebrate 100 years of continuous operation, and add insights into how this organization has proven so successful. To aid in the understanding of THE Forum, I will discuss the founding members and give context to the environment in which they lived.

By 1921, the charter members were all established dentists in the Milwaukee area. I believe they chose to live and practice in Milwaukee and the surrounding areas because the community had perceived advantages. Local government was functional and respected. Multiple industrial, commercial, service, banking, and insurance firms were established and thriving. The diverse immigrant-based population provided a dependable and hard-working workforce. This steady employment environment gave the population the ability to seek goods and services. Milwaukee was a good place to practice dentistry.

An historical perspective of world, national, and local events in the last quarter of the 19th century and first quarter of the 20th century is useful to appreciate the world in which these people lived and worked.

1901 saw the re-election of President William McKinley to a second term. America was transitioning into the new century. We were still an agricultural based economy, but the evolution of transportation, manufacturing, communication, banking, and education had set in motion monumental changes to life in America. The dentists who created THE Forum were men of this time and I assume they were influenced by the energy, excitement, and chaos of the new century.

In September of that year, the President was assassinated. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt assumed the top office and thus began the Progressive Era. The Panama Canal was begun, the creation of our national parks was set in motion, machine politics came under increasing scrutiny, labor unrest continued, whereby an increasing willingness to open a dialogue between labor and management limited confrontations. Patriotism, stimulated by the Spanish-American War of 1898, was at a zenith. Pride in America and a popular President were responsible for a belief that the country was headed in a good direction.

Teddy Roosevelt left office in 1908. He actively paved the way for his Vice-President, William Howard Taft, to win the presidency. However, incoming President Taft demonstrated minimal enthusiasm to follow his mentor's agenda. This angered Roosevelt and directly led to the wild and tumultuous election of 1912. While the Republican Taft stood for re-election, Roosevelt ran as the third-party candidate of the newly formed "Bull Moose" party. Woodrow Wilson, the Democrat, ran as a reformer. Wilson won this bitter contest and served the country for the next eight years. During this time, Europe convulsed itself into war and social upheaval.

August 1914 marks the beginning of World War I in Europe. Milwaukee was emotionally invested in this conflict. The majority of the city's residents were of German heritage. One can only imagine the discussions taking place in homes throughout the city as America moved closer to open conflict with the mother country of its resident majority.

In 1917, America formally entered the hostilities of World War I, The "war to end all wars," as it became known, was brutal and scared a generation. November 1919 saw the declaration of an armistice and an ending of hostilities. The agony of negotiating the Peace Treaty of Versailles began the following year. In 1920, the American Congress rejected the treaty and refused to participate in the establishment of the proposed League of Nations.

The magnitude of change and unhappiness resulting from the war and the peace negotiations is staggering. Russia had a revolution and moved into a communist form

of governing. European nations eliminated or dramatically diminished monarchies. The Ottoman Empire was divided up, using new boundaries to create new Arab countries. European industry and commerce were savagely degraded. Millions of people had died and millions more were starving and severely lacking in hope for a better future.

At this point in world history, while few recognized it at the time, the United States had become the dominant force in the world and the leader of what came to be called "the free world."

At this moment of intense turmoil, 1921, THE Forum was founded. The founding fathers of our organization are not with us to be interviewed, but I feel I am on solid ground when I state that world and national events must have had an influence on the thinking and philosophy of the people who created THE Forum. It is remarkable that during a time of turmoil, the Forum founders would do something that benefited society.

Moving from macro influences into more specific local influences on THE Forum founders, some Milwaukee history is of value. Local historians have for decades told and re-told the story that the word MILWAUKEE is a "sounded-out" word for the American Indian word meaning "confluence of rivers." The actual truth may be impossible to firmly establish, but this legendary story does fit the geography. Milwaukee is located within a natural harbor created after three rivers joined and exited as one into Lake Michigan. The Milwaukee River from the north, the Menomonee River from the west, and the Kinnikinnic River from the south are responsible for Milwaukee's natural harbor.

Early French and English explorers, along with a menagerie of fur traders, reached our territory from Canada using waterways and rivers. By 1820, permanent trading with local American Indian tribes was well established.

An issue pertinent to the formation of THE Forum was set in motion then and continues to this day. The issue is the rivalry between Milwaukee and Chicago. In the early 19th century, which developing city would become dominant on the shore of

Lake Michigan, was an open question. Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Chicago all took turns as the focal point of civilization in the region.

Critical to American western expansion was the building of the Erie Canal. The canal is a man-made channel connecting Albany, New York on the Hudson River with Buffalo, New York on Lake Erie. This connection effectively joins the Atlantic Ocean and the world at New York City to the Great Lakes at Buffalo, New York. The concept of the Erie Canal was proposed in 1807; it opened in 1825 and was significantly enlarged and improved from 1834 to 1862. Improvements continued through 1918.

The opening of this water-transportation canal was an immediate success. The canal was responsible for making New York City the gateway to America. It dramatically lowered transportation costs, made shipping goods west practical and profitable, and created a system for western agricultural products to reach markets in the East.

The Erie Canal also became the immigrant's pathway to go West. Milwaukee and Chicago became favorite destinations for these adventurous people. The rivalry between Milwaukee and Chicago intensified as equal numbers of immigrants flooded both cities. The ships that carried people to Milwaukee and Chicago were always eager to transport a saleable product east in order to increase their profitability. That profitable product became grain, largely wheat from Wisconsin's rich farmland. As farmable lands expanded west, the emerging railroads grew to carry the grains into Milwaukee for shipment east via the canal.

A famous building in downtown Milwaukee is at the heart of this history. The beautiful structure still standing today on East Michigan Street, called the Grain Exchange, was home to a commodities market that bartered in grain future contracts. The Milwaukee Grain Exchange was so important by the 1880s that it was responsible for establishing the price of grain for the entire country. The building stands today in a restored state, but the commodity exchange is gone, along with Milwaukee's importance in setting the price of wheat.

The person at the center of that wheat market was Frederick Mitchell. He became the wealthiest citizen in Milwaukee and built a home of exquisite taste and sophistica-



tion. That home still functions today as a private club, the Wisconsin Club. THE Forum has used this building over our history countless times for meetings and social events.

The business of growing, trading, and shipping grains took its toll on Wisconsin's farmland. Exhausted, over-used regional farmlands required a change. Wheat-growing therefore moved farther and farther west. The twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul took advantage of this trend and established themselves as the center of processing wheat into flour.

Wisconsin farmers turned to other crops and activities. They found great success in developing dairy farms and the crops needed to support them. Milwaukee business ventures of the time still paralleled agriculture, using grains for the breweries and hogs for meat-packing, while tanning hides into leather. Wisconsin vaulted into America's Dairyland and Milwaukee became known for beer and exporting leather. In 1910, Milwaukee beer production was 3,724,937 barrels per year, which led the nation. Processed leather and finished leather products became our number-one export nationally and internationally.

Wisconsin's success with agriculture brought money into our community. The young, entrepreneurial men of Milwaukee clearly took note of our advantages: excellent transportation by water and rail, available capital, and a growing workforce of dependable immigrants. These obvious advantages, coupled with advances in manufacturing technology, propelled Milwaukee into becoming the "machine shop of America." This dynamic began with iron production and grew into metal fabrication. By advancing into making durable goods for sale to the world, Milwaukee created wealth. The great names Allis-Chalmers, Harnischfeger, Nordberg, Trekker, A.O. Smith, Allen-Bradley, Falk, and Harley-Davidson took the electric motor, the gasoline engine, and the steam turbine to new levels of sophistication. These industrialists, along with many small machine shops, built a wide variety of machines, and the machines that built and controlled those machines. If you needed something made of metal and/or the tools to shape metal, Milwaukee was a destination place.

As Milwaukee increased in wealth and sophistication, it must have also become a place that appreciated quality health care. The members of THE Forum were well positioned to provide dental care to this community.

If Milwaukee's growth was impressive, Chicago's growth was staggering. By the early 1900s, Chicago's population was more than twice Milwaukee's. Chicago had become a national railroad hub. Driven by refrigeration cars, the city established itself as the center of meat processing for America. Countless new business ventures thrived in this environment. Due to location and access to markets, Chicago became home to multiple corporate home offices. Banking and finance firms served these corporate headquarters and facilitated their growth while stimulating deal-making of all kinds. The Chicago Board of Trade was created at this time and served to establish the price of the Heartland's commodities. Medicine and dentistry thrived in Chicago to support the city's growing sophistication.

An anecdote from 1912 helps to illustrate the rivalry between Milwaukee and Chicago. As mentioned earlier, 1912 was a presidential election year among three candidates—Wilson, Taft, and Teddy Roosevelt. On October 14, Roosevelt was in Milwaukee to deliver a campaign speech. Near the downtown intersection of 4th and State streets, he was shot at close range with a pistol in the hands of a radical protestor. The bullet hit Roosevelt's breast pocket, passed through the enclosed paper speech, and entered his chest, coming to rest lodged in intercostal muscle. The bullet had been slowed by the metal case used to hold his glasses, also in the same pocket. In typical Rooseveltian melodramatic bravado, he proceeded to the Milwaukee Auditorium on 6th and State streets to deliver the speech after displaying his bloody shirt to the audience. After the performance, he received emergency care, but his manager insisted that he be transported to Chicago for definitive medical treatment. History did not record the reaction of Milwaukee's local physicians. The reputation of Chicago being the hub of talent was certainly a factor in this decision. The President recovered, but local pride was wounded.

Because of Chicago's status as a center of sophistication, organized medicine and dentistry chose Chicago for their respective home offices. This trend followed similar moves by business, commerce, and finance, that had already done the same.

The American Medical Association was formed in 1847, incorporated in 1884, but did not have a central headquarters until 1902 when it chose Chicago as its home. Being central to the nation geographically is a powerful draw to organizations. Dentistry commonly follows medicine in most things. That pattern was repeated in the selection of a central office. The American Dental Association was created in 1859, with Niagara, New York, as the site of its initial operations. Following years of multiple regional dental organizations interacting and even name changes, the ADA in 1918 came to Chicago and established its central office. After multiple address changes driven by growth and development, the organization's home office is now permanently located at 211 E. Chicago Street in downtown Chicago.

THE Dental Forum and its founders were influenced by the proximity of organized dentistry to Milwaukee. Of even greater importance to The Dental Forum was the formation of the Chicago Dental Society in 1896. The Chicago Dental Society had a great idea. It created the concept of a centralized dental meeting, today called the Midwinter Meeting. With Chicago as its hub, this meeting quickly became the go-to dental event of the year. The success of the Midwinter Meeting escalated from a continuing education and trade show meeting into the reason for other dental societies and organizations to come to Chicago at the same time. In short order, the beginning specialty societies and focused restorative academies chose Chicago as the location and the Midwinter Meeting date for their annual sessions.

This dynamic of bringing the dental community together in one city continues to thrive today. The importance of the February Midwinter Meeting in Chicago cannot be overstated as an influence contributing to the success of The Dental Forum. THE Forum members routinely used the event to recruit speakers to teach at THE Forum. Also, several of the founding members were graduates of dental schools based in Chicago. Because of these associations, Forum members have always been comfortable

using the resources found in Chicago and interacting with the talent there during the academy meetings.

We can all take great pride in knowing that over the century, many Forum members actively served in leadership roles within specialty groups and other academies headquartered in Chicago. This intimate relationship with Chicago, the Midwinter Meeting, and organized dentistry enhanced The Dental Forum by bringing into Milwaukee talent, knowledge, and enthusiasm. All Forum members, past and present, have participated and continue to participate in this tradition.

Rivalry between Milwaukee and Chicago is historic in origin. Both cities have much to be proud of. Both cities have enjoyed spectacular success while managing challenges. The founders and members of The Dental Forum seem to have found a balance in dealing with this rivalry. Forum members have chosen to live and practice in the Milwaukee area. At the same time, Forum members have stayed connected to Chicago's unparalleled ability to host national and international meetings. Our Forum has for 100 years met continuously for professional continuing education meetings during the fall and winter months. As every Forum member knows, we do not routinely have meetings in February. Why? Because so many members will be in Chicago attending the Midwinter Meeting and/or participating in various academy events. THE Forum loves its monthly meetings and greatly enjoy the visit to Chicago. This traditional winter sojourn "south" gives us direct contact with national trends. It also gives Forum members the opportunity to evaluate potential speakers to present at THE Forum.

In recent years, the greatest influence on THE Forum's programs has been our committee and officers' administrative structure. As described in other areas of this book, THE Forum is not autocratic and term limits affect all positions.

Filling the position of Program Chairman begins with a nomination from the nominating committee. That candidate is elected with the other officers at the April business meeting. The newly elected Program Chairman begins "work" on his or her program two years before that program is delivered to membership. That allows

observation, interaction, and coordination with the yearly program next to be presented and the one in development. The Program Chairman's job is the most demanding one in THE Forum. Expectations from membership are high and contemporary presenters demand early contract confirmation. This early selection of the sequential program chairs is also intended to foster collaboration between a given year's chairman and that year's president. Having the anticipated future president and program chairman working together two years before they run the agenda and deliver that year's program enhances quality.

As discussed already, THE Forum's speakers have traditionally come from membership's contacts with academia, government, military, and specialty organizations. These influences and contacts for speakers continue today. However, into the 21st century and the universally accepted digital world, potential speakers are increasingly "found" through other avenues:

- ◆ Social media reviews by dentists of speakers they've heard
- ◆ University continuing education bulletins
- ◆ National meeting-published programs with invitations
- ◆ Websites created and run by the dentist/speakers themselves
- ◆ Institutes created by enterprising dentists to create and sell continuing education experiences
- ◆ Advertised solicitation from the above list to THE Forum, other study clubs, and directly to dental practices.

From the above list of influences on continuing education, it appears that the continuing education model invented by The Dental Forum in 1921 is evolving. Historically, dental school professors and esteemed practitioners were honored with an invitation to speak to THE Forum. The money to the speaker was for expenses. The information presented was straightforward, practical, focused, and clinically applicable.

Trending today is entertainment. In-demand speakers have become professional program presenters for significant fees above and way beyond expenses. Hard-core,

clinically relevant information is harder to find. The increase in membership dues to pay for today's costly speaker fees is a genuine concern. THE Forum cannot change the world we live in. While the glitzy entertainment influences will continue, we know talented dentist speakers still exist. The challenge for our program chairs, officers, and membership is to search for talented speakers who are honest, ethical, and provide value for the money we spend on them.

## CHAPTER FIVE

# CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The mission of The Dental Forum is to provide continuing education to the members. This foundational mission exists to foster professional life-long learning. Our declaration, that THE Forum invented professional continuing education, is based on the historical fact that THE Forum is the first professional dental organization to use pooled member dues to pay for regularly scheduled monthly continuing education programs.

Beginning in 1921, THE Forum has continuously functioned every year providing continuing education programming to the membership. The following list documents the speakers, topics, and dates for 100 years of continuous functioning. This chapter is organized by the dates the programs were presented to the membership. This comprehensive list of speakers and topics could only have happened with the hard work and talents of our past officers, program chairs, and members. It is humbling to review this list because it contains 100 years of dentistry's best and brightest, along with many pioneers who influenced what dentistry is today.

The reporting of this information comes from reading the archived minutes of the Forum's scheduled programs. Over our 100 years of continuous functioning, we have had many recording secretaries. Not all have been gifted in recording our activities. When the reader scans this list; occasional omissions will be noticed. Some secretaries recorded complex outlines of the speaker's presentation (not word for word reproduced here), while others failed to record a few basics.

For a reader interested in more of the full secretary's original minutes, contact THE Forum Historian. Access to our archives is open to all members. Of significance; THE Forum's archives are missing meeting minutes following the May 9, 1947 meeting until

October 15, 1952. I have no explanation for this omission. Still, what has been documented here is impressive in quantity and quality. Think of the effort required to arrange, orchestrate, and produce programs of this magnitude continuously for 100 years. Publishing this book and celebrating at the 100 Anniversary Gala is not the end of THE Forum. Leaders are in place, membership is strong, and work is ongoing to continue our mission for the next 100 years.

When the reader reviews this listing of THE Forum speakers and the topics they discussed what is important is the following:

- ◆ Take note of the names: Significant pioneers, authors, clinicians, and educators have lectured to THE Forum. THE Forum's program chairmen found and attracted to Milwaukee many of the leading dental thinkers, educators, researchers, authors, and clinicians of the time. Most of the speakers for the first eighty years came from academia and institutions (military, government, and universities). Recent years has seen a change in the speaker pool. Today—2020—more and more of the available lecturing dentists come from private practice and private for-profit “institutes.” Many of these contemporary speakers have honed presentations specifically for the Continuing Education market. The traditional pool of available speakers is still viable. However, future Forum program committees will need to be on guard and vigilant against a trend leading to overt commercialization. Our continuing education program chairpersons will need to seek out knowledge based on evidence over opinions and entertainment-value presentations. This major effort will influence the future of THE Forum. If our programing can continue to reflect the best, the brightest, and the best-documented knowledge, then THE Forum will remain a destination study club.
- ◆ Take note of the topics: Following, the list of lecture topics documents what was trending at the time. Of interest; observe how often certain topics continue to be discussed, while others have been lost to history. The presented topics document dentistry's growth, development, and increasing sophistication. Few if any milestones have eluded THE Forum's search for information.



- ◆ Take note of the dates: Few topics are totally new. In 2021, esthetic tooth colored restorations are a dominant topic. The reader will observe that the lecture presented on February 10, 1922 was “Porcelain Restorations.” Many of dentistry’s greatest challenges continue to be with us. For example, our best and brightest minds from 1921 up to today have struggled with dental disease. The medical concept of DENTAL DISEASE as a determinant of successful treatment outcomes was, and still is, a critical guiding philosophy. This topic will continue to be developed. Tremendous advances have been achieved with increased knowledge, but challenges remain. Life-long learning through continuing education remains our best tool to improve patient outcomes.
- ◆ Observe that evolutionary—even revolutionary—technologies have improved many aspects of dental practice: materials, instruments, equipment, procedures, and delivery of care. However, another interesting trend is observed from our list of presentations. Parallel with dentistry making technical progress, patient expectations have risen. The demands placed on dentists have never been greater. Patients expect relief from pain, assume the restoration of function, and demand esthetics, all within an environment of comfort. These legitimate demands can only be addressed by life-long learning’s advancing care. THE Forum's mission has never been more important or timely.
- ◆ Should a reader be interested in reviewing the original meeting minute’s report of a lecture or speaker; that reader can contact the Forum Historian to gain access to the archive collection of those meeting minutes.

## 100 YEARS OF THE FORUM'S CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

January 13, 1922: **Dr. C.N. Johnson** (Chicago, IL) spoke on "Reminiscences of some well-known men I have known in dentistry."

February 10, 1922: **Dr. George A. Thompson** (Chicago, IL) spoke on "Porcelain in Dentistry." Tooth-colored inlays and crowns to meet esthetic demands were discussed and demonstrated. Table-top models with porcelain restorations were displayed and then lantern slides of cases shown. Dr. Thompson proved to be an outstanding clinical dentist, technician, and speaker.

March 2, 1922: **Mr. Robert W. Baird** (Wisconsin Securities Company) spoke on "Investing With Established Objectives." Mr. Baird presented criteria to follow in establishing a financial plan.

April 14, 1922: **Dr. E. Rossteuscher** spoke and provided a quiz on "Dental Radiography." Lantern slides were used of radiological examples.

May 20, 1922: **Dr. George Winter** (St. Louis, MO) spoke on "Impacted Lower Third Molars – Clinical and X-ray Interpretation." He presented criteria to be used for intervention, with or without symptoms.

October 6, 1922: **Dr. Joseph A. Pollia, M.D.** (San Francisco, CA) spoke on "Radiographic signs of early dental disease." This was followed by lantern slides covering the subject. Dr. Pollia's collection of examples was both impressive and instructional.

November 24, 1922: **Dr. Julius A. Toren, M.D.** (Chicago, IL) spoke on "The Blood." Lecture followed by lantern slides. Speaker and topic to be continued at December meeting.

December 15, 1922: **Dr. Julius A. Toren, M.D.** (Chicago, IL) continued his presentation on "The Blood" started at the November meeting. After the evening dinner, Father Deglman of Marquette University addressed the group on "The Power of Achievement."

January 14, 1923: **Dr. Julius A. Toren, M.D.** (Chicago, IL) – Completed his series of lectures on "The Blood."

- February 13, 1923: **Henry P. Boos** (Minneapolis, MN) spoke on “Fixed and Removable Restorations.” Presentation illustrated by charts and models. His presentation was an entire scholarly course on prosthetic dentistry. This lecture emphasized the close connection between clinical care and laboratory support.
- March 24, 1923: **Dr. Frederick A. Bricker** (Rochester, MN) spoke on “Preventative Dentistry.” Lecture followed by a demonstration in the proper use of the tooth brush.
- May 18, 1923: **Dr. W.E. Cummer** (Ontario, Canada) spoke on “Partial Denture Service.” Focus included design, clinical steps, and laboratory protocol.
- October 14, 1923: **Dr. H.J. Prentiss** (University of Iowa) spoke on “Regional Anatomy of Head and Neck.” Presentation illustrated by chart and wet specimen. This was an amazing experience.
- November 13, 1923: **Dr. Edward T. Tinker** (Minneapolis, MN) spoke on “Fundamental of Crown and Bridge Work.” Illustrated by lantern slides and models. Dr. Tinker lived up to his reputation as an expert in this field. He motivated the members with his talent and quality.
- December 17, 1923: **Dr. J.L. Blish** (Secretary of Wisconsin State Board of Dental Exam) spoke of the protocol and trends involving the board exam.
- January 21, 1924: **Dr. Oskar Solbrig** (Berlin, Germany) spoke on “The Early History of Dental Castings” and “The Present Condition of Dentistry in Europe.”  
Special note on Dr. Solbrig. He moved to Milwaukee at this time and became a Forum member shortly after. Also, he is the person who donated to THE Forum our historic gavel. The story and tradition of our gavel will be further discussed in a later chapter.
- January 31, 1924: The program of the evening was a DEBATE: “Resolve that with our current knowledge, should a devitalized tooth be retained in the mouth?” The affirmative was held by Drs. J.C. Mortonson, Steinhaus, and Solbrig. The negative by Drs. J. Wright, Uelman and Stewart. Lively, even heated debate, without a universal agreement.
- February 8, 1924: **Dr. Dayton Dunbar Campbell** spoke on “How the general practitioner may solve his articulator problem.”

March 14, 1924: **Dr. Willes Coston** (Topeka, KS) spoke on “The indirect method of making inlays.”

April 9, 1924: **Dr. T.W. Maves** (Minneapolis, MN) spoke on “Preparation on vital teeth for various types of bridge abutments and inlay work with fundamentals in crown and bridgework.” Lantern slides were used to explain his concepts. He laid much stress on the correct occlusion.

May 10, 1924: **Dr. Prime** (Madison, WI) spoke on “Nature’s scheme in forms of human teeth.” Lantern slides used to lecture.

October 17, 1924: **Dr. Gardner** (Mayo Clinic) spoke on “When and how to extract.”

November 21, 1924: **Professor M.F. Guyer** (Professor of Zoology, University of Wisconsin—Madison) spoke on “Oral abnormalities from the standpoint of heredity and developmental arrests.”

December 23, 1924: **Dr. Ward** spoke on “Dental Cements.”

January 23, 1925: Business and election only.

February 19, 1925: Business only.

March 13, 1925: **Dr. William Hopkins** (Milwaukee, WI) spoke on “Intimate discussion of the Histology of the tooth.” This presentation was created to be an introduction to Dr. Bodecker’s lecture coming on March 20.

March 20, 1925: **Dr. Bodecker** spoke on “The importance of the organic matrix in the human adult enamel and its bearing upon the susceptibility to dental caries.” He demonstrated slides on dental histology with the aid of a microscope.

April 17, 1925: **Miss Maude Slye** (Head of the Cancer Laboratory of the Medical Research Department of Chicago University, Chicago, IL) spoke on “Heredity in relation to Cancer.” Many charts used to explain the material.

May 15, 1925: **Dr. Squire, M.D.** (Milwaukee, WI) spoke on “Focal Infection.” This meeting was held at the A.O. Smith Corporation factory. After Dr. Squire’s paper, members toured the factory and its Dental and Medical departments.

October 16, 1925: **Dr. F. F. Molt.** *The minutes of this meeting failed to record the title of the presentation.*

November 20, 1925: **Dr. H.G. Hatton** (Chicago, IL) spoke on "Saliva in relation to systemic disease."

December 8, 1925: **Dr. Seccombe** (Milwaukee, WI) spoke on "Practical application of diet and nutrition to dental practice."

January 17, 1926: **Dr. LeGro** (Detroit, MI) gave a practical demonstration of porcelain jacket work from the root preparation in the mouth to the setting of the finished crown. Following his live demonstration, he lectured on a general discussion of the porcelain jacket crown.

February 9, 1926: **Dr. Rudd** (Richmond, VA) spoke on "Cast partial dentures by an indirect method with special consideration of a sectional impression technique." He used lantern slides and a table clinic with models and his indirect impression.

March 13, 1926: **Dr. Owre** (Dean of University of Minnesota Dental School) spoke on "Dental Education."

April 9, 1926: **Dr. George Crozat** (New Orleans, LA) spoke on "Construction of Orthodontia Appliances." He also gave a table-top demonstration on casts of constructing metal removable appliances.

May 14, 1926: **Dr. Hight** (Houston, TX) spoke and demonstrated "Correct method of obtaining central occlusion by using the new method of Dr. Gysi."

October 8, 1926: **Dr. R. E. Hall** (Houston, TX) spoke on "Movements of the mandible—their resignation and reproduction." He also displayed and demonstrated his HALL ARTICULATOR.

November 19, 1926: **Dr. Posner** (New York, NY) – spoke on "Oral Surgery".

December 10, 1926: **Reverend Lee** (Wauwatosa, WI) presented "Why is a Dentist."

January 28, 1927: **Dr. Herman E. S. Chayes** (New York, NY) spoke on "What Constitutes A Successful Dentist."

March 11, 1927: **Dr. A.A. Nelson** (Detroit, MI) presented "Partial denture construction – What does it mean?" Illustrated with lantern slides and table clinic of models.

April 8, 1927: **Dr. Albert T. Grunn** (Chicago, IL) spoke on "A new high-heat inlay technique," followed that with "Cast gold inlays."

May 27, 1927: **Dr. Joseph C. Bloodgood, M.D.** (Milwaukee, WI) spoke on “Lesions of the mouth and their relations to cancer” and then gave a demonstration of “Diagnosing Lesions.”

June 28, 1927: Special meeting called to accommodate **Dr. George B. Crozat** of New Orleans, LA. He spoke on “Mal-Occlusion and the application of removable appliances.”

November 11, 1927: **Dr. Sherman L. Davis** spoke on “Physical Basis of Premature Senility” and “Cause of Calculi in the Dental Pulp.”

December 9, 1927: **Mr. J. A. Wilson** of the A. F. Gallun and Son Company. He spoke on the topic of “Skin and Leather.”

December 15, 1927: **Dr. James H. Hutton** (Chicago, IL) lectured on “Endocrinology” illustrated with lantern slides.

January 30, 1928: **Dr. Squires** (New York, NY) spoke on “Dental Porcelain” and demonstrated with models.

February 27, 1928: **Dr. Oliver Applegate** (Ann Arbor, MI) lectured on “Removable Bridgework” and demonstrated with models.

March 9, 1928: **Dr. B. Orban** (Chicago, IL) spoke on “Adaptation of Research to Clinical Practice.”

April 9 – 10, 1928: **Dr. Martin Dewey** (New York, NY) gave a two-day clinic and demonstration on “Orthodontia.”

May 4, 1928: **Dr. Crozat** (New Orleans, LA) gave a report on the Buffalo meeting of the American Society of Orthodontists.

October 9, 1928: **Dr. Ruppert E. Hall** (Texas) spoke on “Articulation and Articulators.” He gave a clinic demonstrating his Hall Articulator. He also demonstrated his new cusp denture teeth.

November 23, 1928: **Dr. S. Weaver** spoke on “Technique of Essential Points Necessary for the Proper Construction of Removable Restorations” and then “The Effects of Properly Constructed Removable Restorations on the Underlying Bone.”

December 6, 1928: **Dr. George Thompson** gave a lecture and demonstration clinic “The Baking of Porcelain Under Pressure.”

January 28, 1929: **Dr. M. Diamond** (New York, NY) spoke on “Dental Anatomy.”

February 22, 1929: **Dr. Pilkington** (Detroit, MI) spoke and demonstrated "Technique for Reproducing Natural Tooth Effects by the use of Porcelain Stains."

March 13, 1929: **Dr. R.W. Bunting** spoke on "The Cause and Prevention of Dental Caries in Light of Recent Investigations."

March 27, 1929: special meeting called for **Dr. Gies** who spoke on the "Carnegie Institution's Work Relative to Dental Education."

April 19, 1929: **Dr. H.H. Jackson** spoke on "General Radiographic Interpretation" and "Diagnosis of Changes in Ridge Form."

May 17, 1929: **Mr. Waller Carson** (Wisconsin Securities Company) who spoke on "Profits and Losses in the Investment Fields."

October 18, 1929: **Dr. Joseph A. Pollia** (Los Angeles, CA) spoke on "Radiographic Studies of the Alveolo Dental Structures".

November 27, 1929: **Dr. Piatt M. Orlopp** (Chicago College of Dental Surgery) spoke and demonstrated "The Manipulation of Plaster of Paris."

December 20, 1929: **Dr. F.S. Meyer** (Minneapolis, MN) spoke and gave a clinic on "Inlay Technique, Wax Manipulation, Investing and Casting."

January 16, 1930: **Dr. J. J. Marshall** (San Francisco, CA) discussed "Experimental Orthodontia."

February 20, 1930: **Dr. H. MacMillan** (Cincinnati, OH) spoke on "Bilateral vs Unilateral Balances Occlusion." Talk illustrated with slides and motion pictures.

April 29, 1930: **Dr. R.L. Stout** spoke on "Preparation of the Mouth for Full Dentures."

May 23, 1930: **Dr. Samuel M Gordon** (Secretary of Council on Dental Therapeutics of the American Dental Association, Chicago, IL) spoke on the activities of the ADA and the business of his Council.

October 9, 1930: **Dr. Rudolph Kronfeld** (Chicago, IL) spoke on "Pathology of the Dental Pulp in Relation to Operative Dentistry."

November 14, 1930: **Dr. T.L. Squier** (Director of Preventive Medicine, A.O. Smith Corporation).

December 12, 1930: **Dr. Samuel J. Lewis** (Detroit, MI) spoke about the wonderful work being done at The Merrill-Palmer School of Detroit.



March 27, 1931: **Dr. Milton Hanke** (Chicago, IL). Spoke on “Diet and its Relation to Dental Caries.”

April 17, 1931: **Dr. Weston Price** presented material on his latest research into dental disease.

May 8, 1931: **Dr. Hooper** spoke on “Stepping Stones in Denture Construction.”

October 16, 1931: **Dr. W.T. McFall** spoke on “Children’s Dentistry.”

November 17, 1931: **Dr. E.A. Spalding** (MI) spoke on “The Construction of Fixed and Removable Bridges.”

December 10, 1931: **Dr. Hans Reese** (University of Wisconsin–Madison) spoke on “General and Oral Pathology” and “Clinical Observations of Dental Abnormalities, Infections and Defects.”

January 20, 1932: **Dr. Ivy** (Philadelphia, PA) spoke on “Jaw Surgeries.”

February 19, 1932: **Dr. Hanke** spoke on “Dietetics.”

March 18, 1932: **Dr. Scheu** spoke on “Investment Expansion.”

April 15, 1931: **Dr. Vehe** spoke and demonstrated porcelain inlay construction; then lectured on “Shade Selection and Cavity Preparation for Porcelain Work.”

April 29, 1932: **Mr. Henry Boos** (Minneapolis, MN) spoke on “Mechanical Reconstruction of Facial Deformities Due To Maxillary and Mandibular Malformations.”

May 21, 1932: **Dr. Holly Broadbent** (Chicago, IL) spoke on “Brachio-Cephalic Measurements” then demonstrated his technique for taking these measurements.

October 22, 1932: **Dr. Charles Boedecker** (New York, NY) spoke on “Histology and Physiology of Caries.”

November 6, 1932: **Dr. Russell B. Tench** (New York, NY) spoke on “Full Denture Construction.”

December 9, 1932: **Dr. Victor Sears** spoke on “Construction of Complete Dentures from the Set-up To Completion.”. He demonstrated fabrication of record bases with a table-top clinic; then lectured again on “Non-anatomical Teeth and their Advantages”.

January 13, 1933: **Dr. Charles Baker** read a paper on “Orthodontics.”



- February 7, 1933: **Dr. Carl Hoffer** presented a table clinic on "Partial dentures." In the evening after dinner, he showed a motion picture of "Surgical Pyorrhea Treatment."
- March 10, 1933: **Dr. R. Johnson** (Chicago, IL) gave a paper and demonstration on the technic for obtaining face masks in wax.
- April 7, 1933: **Dr. Rhobotham** (Chicago, IL) spoke on "Children's Dentistry."
- May 12, 1933: **Mr. Nielsen** (Abbot Laboratories, Chicago, IL) spoke on vitamins.
- November 9, 1933: **Mr. Buttersworth** and **Mr. Sutton** (Ney Company) spoke and demonstrated techniques for Partial Dentures.
- November 24, 1933: **Dr. E. Bruce Clark** demonstrated and spoke on the baking of dental porcelain.
- December 15, 1933: **Dr. Warren Willman** (Chicago Dental College) spoke on "Periodontal Diseases."
- January 24, 1934: **Dr. Waters** spoke on "New Anesthetic Agents and Fundamentals of Pain Relief."
- February 16, 1934: **Dr. John B. LaDue** (Chicago, IL) spoke on "Occlusion as Applied To Full Dentures." He demonstrated by presenting three of his treated patients brought from his practice in Chicago. The results were very gratifying.
- March 2, 1934: **Dr. John T. Ryan** (Mount Vernon, Washington, DC) discussed and demonstrated an indirect technique for the making of an inlay.
- April 13, 1934: **Dr. Hoffman** (Chicago, IL) Spoke on "Orthodontia – Development and Progress with Appliances. Special guests were **Dr. Brodie**, **Dr. Noyes** and **Dr. Ditmar** from University of Illinois.
- May 11, 1934: **Dr. Hugo R. Rony M.D.** (Northwestern University) spoke on "Endocrinology: Glands that have an Influence on the Teeth."
- October 12, 1934: **Dr. Sheu** spoke and demonstrated his inlay technique.
- November 9, 1934: **Dr. Barborka** spoke on diet.
- December 10, 1934: **Dr. R. C. Willett** (Peoria, IL) spoke on Children's Dentistry. He also demonstrated as part of his clinic.

January 22, 1935: **Dr. Winter** showed his motion picture demonstrating the removal of the mandibular third molar.

February 5, 1935: **Dr. Dayton Dunbar Campbell**. An all-day meeting demonstrating impression taking and the setting of denture teeth. He also presented a paper on "Casting Aluminum Bases."

February 22, 1935: **Dr. Alver Selberg** (Professor of crown and bridgework, Physicians and Surgeons College in San Francisco, CA) He spoke on current developments in bridgework; then showed a motion picture of constructing an upper anterior fixed bridge using pin ledges for abutments.

March 15, 1935: **Dr. Stuteville** (Evanston, IL) He spoke and showed a motion picture of tooth movements.

April 6, 1935: **Dr. Squires** and **Dr. Madison** both spoke and related their findings on "Drug Allergies."

May 10, 1935: **Dr. Clarence Simpson** gave a practical demonstration on X-Ray technic with emphasis on handling of film and chemicals. Later he presented a paper on X-Ray interpretation.

October 11, 1935: **Dr. Melvin Page** (Muskegon, MI). He lectured on diet with special mention of KELP.

November 14, 1935: **Dr. Henderson** of the Columbus Dental Manufacturing Company gave a demonstration of company products.

December 15, 1935: **Dr. C. E. Rosenow** (Mayo Clinic). Milwaukee County Medical and Dental societies invited.

January 24, 1936: **Dr. Puterbaugh** spoke on gas and local anesthesia in the extraction of teeth. He showed a motion picture illustrating his topic.

March 6, 1936: **Mr. Henry P. Boos** (Minneapolis, MN) gave a demonstration of new prosthetic materials.

March 20, 1936: **Dr. Joseph A. Carey** (Detroit, MI) lectured and demonstrated the construction of porcelain jacket crowns.

April 10, 1936: **Dr. Fred Meyer** (Minneapolis, MN) lectured on "Complete Denture Fabrication" with an emphasis on occlusion.

May 8, 1936: **Dr. Bartlett** (Detroit, MI). He lectured on fixed bridgework and demonstrated in a clinic.

October 9, 1936: **Dr. Elmer Sundby** (Detroit, MI) demonstrated his technique for indirect inlay fabrication.

December 11, 1936: **Dr. Walter Chappelle** (Buffalo, NY).

January 12, 1937: **Dr. Maxwell** (Chicago, IL). He gave a discourse on his "Theory of Ideal Occlusion".

February 12, 1937: **Dr. Lowery and Dr. Jamieson**.

March 12, 1937: **Dr. R. A. Jefferson M.D.** (Milwaukee, WI) spoke on "Psychiatry and its Relationships to Dentistry."

April 30, 1937: **Dr. Sidney Fournet** spoke on articulators and articulation.

May 12, 1937: **Mr. Floyd Sutton** of the J.M. Ney Company (Stamford, CT) presented a lecture and laboratory course on partial denture construction.

October 15, 1937: **Dr. Edmand** presented a paper titled "Balanced Occlusion in Mouths not Edentulous."

November 12, 1937: **Dr. Charles Helm** (Rockford, IL) presented a paper and slides documenting/demonstrating his "lower denture impression technique."

December 19, 1937: **Dr. William B. Downs** (Aurora, IL) presented a lecture on "Physiology of Occlusion." He used slides to explain his information and understanding of occlusion.

January 14, 1938: **Dr. Merle Howard** of the Milwaukee Sanitarium gave a talk illustrated by movies on "Modern Pyschiatry."

February 14, 1938: **Dr. G. Farrell Webb** (Kansas City, MO) Presented slides and X-Rays of cases before and after treatment using electro-coagulation. Dr. Farrell also demonstrated the proper use of electro-coagulation on 2 (two) patients. The patients were provided by Forum members.

March 11, 1938: **Dr. H.E. Denen** (Chicago, IL) Presented a paper illustrated by movies on "An Immediate Denture Technique."

April 8, 1938: **Dr. Delbert Fischer** (Portland, OR) presented a clinic with hands-on demonstration for his technique of handling dental porcelain. His focus was the porcelain jacket crown.

May 13, 1938: **Dr. R. Gingrass** (Milwaukee Oral Surgeon) presented a lecture illustrated with lantern slides on the “Diagnosis and Treatment of Subluxating Temporo-mandibular Joints.”

October 20, 1938: **Dr. J. E. Argue.**

November 4, 1938: Special meeting for those interested – **Mr. C. M. Delmes of J.F. Jelenko Company** gave a demonstration of the casting equipment called “Thermothrol.”

November 10, 1938: **Dr. S. Bartlett, Dr. D. L. Tabern, and Mr. H.C. Spiuth** (Abbott Laboratories) gave lecture and demonstration on anesthetics and sedatives.

December 9, 1938: **Dr. E. D. Coolidge** (Chicago, IL) spoke on “Dental Medicine in the Modern Practice of Dentistry.”

January 13, 1939: **Dr. Ralph Boos** (Minneapolis, MN).

February 17, 1939: **Dr. Mc Lean** using lecture, slides and moving pictures discussed dental occlusion.

March 16, 1939: **Dr. Posner** (New York, NY) spoke on local anesthesia.

April 21, 1939: **Dr. Ray E. Raymaker** (Missoula, MT)

May, 1939: **Dr. C. J. Stansbery** (University of Washington, Seattle, WA) He discussed dental occlusion and articulation to achieve functional success.

October 1939: **Dr. Clifford Barborka.**

November 28, 1939: **Dr. N. G. Wills** (Connersville, IN) spoke on “Partial Dentures.”

December 8, 1939: **Dr. Price** (Cleveland, OH) spoke on children’s dentistry.

January, 1940: **Dr. Vilray P. Blair** (St. Louis, MO)

February 12, 1940: **Dr. Ernest M. Jones** (Chicago, IL) presented a paper on “Gold Foil.”

March 1940: **Dr. Tim S. Anderson** (London, England.)

May 1, 1940: **Dr. Ernest R. Granger** (Mt. Vernon, NY) Lectured and demonstrated with table clinic. Topics to include articulation and lab procedures involved in dental reconstruction.

May 24, 1940: **Dr. James Graham** (San Francisco, CA) spoke on current trends in dentistry.

October 18, 1940: **Trip to Mayo Clinic.**

November 8, 1940: **Dr. Frank Vorhees.**

December 6, 1940: Ladies Night. **Dr. Bert Weibrecht** showed motion pictures of his trip to the Canadian Rockies.

January 10, 1941: **Dr. Warnoch.**

February 14, 1941: **Dr. J. A. Graham** (San Francisco, CA).

March 14, 1941: **Dr. Fred Meyer** gave course on fabrication of complete dentures following concepts of natural teeth.

April 18, 1941: **Dr. A W. Sears** (Jacksonville, FL) gave a paper on "Hydrocolloid for Inlay and Fixed Bridgework." He used slides and motion pictures.

May 12, 1941: **Dr. Nelson** (Royal Oak, MI) spoke on "Acrylics In Dentistry."

October 10, 1941: "THE Forum's Study Club on Occlusion."

November 6, 1941: **Dr. Charles F. Bodecker** (Professor of Oral Histology and Embryology, Columbia University, New York, NY) spoke on "Histology of the Teeth."

December 12, 1941: **Dr. H.D. Grubb** (Cleveland, OH).

January 23, 1942: **Dr. Allen Brode.** Orthodontic imaging and other records needed for diagnosis.

February 27, 1942: **Dr. George Hollenback** (Los Angeles, CA).

March 20, 1942: **Dr. Henry F. McGrane** gave a clinic on denture construction.

April 24, 1942: **Dr. Henry F. McGrane.** Continued his clinic on denture construction with insertion of F/F on his patient from last month.

October 16, 1942: **Dr. Davis.**

November, 1942: **Dr. Moskey.**

December 8, 1942: **Dr. Stratton and Dr. Stearns** (Oshkosh, WI).

January 1943: **Mrs. Wickersham**.

February, 1943: **Dr. F. West**.

April 2, 1943: **Dr. Orban** (Chicago College of Dental Surgery).

May 14, 1943: **Dr. Harry Sicher** (Chicago College of Dental Surgery). Using lantern slides he demonstrated a technique for performing emergency operations.

October 15, 1943: **Dr. Main** spoke on "X-rays and Their Interpretation."

November 19, 1943: **Mr. M.S. Moskey** demonstrated improved methods of fabricating acrylic jackets, bridges and inlays.

December 19, 1943: **Dr. Henry J. Scott** (Director of Biological Research of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation) spoke on "Food, the Strategic Weapon of War."

January 21, 1944: "Road Trip" to Chicago, IL. Tour, visit, and listen to presentations on fabrication of porcelain denture teeth. **Dr. Paul Collins** spoke on "Vitallium in the War Effort." Austenol Laboratories, Chicago.

March 16, 1944: **Dr. Gottlieb and Dr. Johnson**.

April 21, 1944: **Dr. Bloom** (Oral Surgeon from New York, NY)

May 9, 1944: "Road trip" to Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Glenview, IL.

October 12, 1944: **Dr. Sinclair**.

November 17, 1944: **Mr. A.W. Bradison** (Marquette Dental College) spoke and demonstrated the steps in dental roentgenology.

December 15, 1944: **Dr. John B. Erich M.D.** (Mayo Clinic) spoke on "Lesions of the Oral Cavity."

January 19, 1945: Dean of Indiana School of Dentistry.

April 7, 1945: **Dr. Balliant Orban** (Chicago, IL) spoke on Periodontal Disease. His second paper presented was "Aches caused by high-altitude flying."

April 27, 1945: **Dr. John R. Thompson** (Chicago, IL) spoke on "Application of the Rest Position of the Mandible to Dentistry."

May 18, 1945: **Dr. Claude R. Bierman** (Professor, Minnesota College of Dentistry. Minneapolis, MN)

October 10, 1945: **Dr. Harry Sicher** (Chicago, IL) spoke on anatomy of the TM Joint discussed with lantern slides and table clinic with specimens.

November 16, 1945: **Dr. Jay.**

December 14, 1945: **Dr. Roach** spoke on the components of the RPD.

January 11, 1946: **Dr. E. A. Nelson.**

February 15, 1946: **Dr. Roy F. West and Dr. Arthur G. Schultz** (Seattle, WA).

March 8, 1946: **Dr. Gustav W. Rapp, B.S., M.S., PhD.**

April 12, 1946: **Dr. F. Raymond Garvey.**

May 10, 1946: **Dr. Isaac Schour.**

October 10, 1946: **Dr. Gordon M. Fitzgerald** of the University of California. Roentgenology.

November 14, 1946: **Mr. Hall** of the J.M. Ney Company.

December 13, 1946: **Dr. Edward L. Ball** (Cincinnati, OH). Paper on Periodontal Disease.

January 13, 1947: **Dr. Cecil H. Bliss:**

February 14, 1947: 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Dental Forum. Held at The University Club, Milwaukee. President George C. Gabe had appointed a committee of five (5) CHARTER MEMBERS from 1921 to handle this Anniversary Meeting. They were:

- ◆ Dr. Carl Swendaner (Chairman)
- ◆ Dr. J.C. Mortonson
- ◆ Dr. A.T. Wiebrecht
- ◆ Dr. M.H. Mortonson, Sr.
- ◆ Dr. Ward Blaisdell

The speakers for the evening were the following:



- ♦ **Dr. Walter T. McFall**, Asheville, NC. Subject – “Practical Children’s Dentistry.”
- ♦ **Dr. John Kuratli**, Portland, OR. Subject – “Fundamentals in Crown and Bridge Construction.”
- ♦ **Dr. John R. Thompson**, Chicago, IL. Subject – “Traumatic Temporomandibular Arthritis.”
- ♦ **Dr. Clifford J. Barborka**, Chicago, IL. Subject – “Present Status of Chemotherapy = Sulfonimides-Penicillin-Streptomycin.”

March 14, 1947: **Donald F. Bartlett**, Manager of the Dental Division of Abbott Laboratories (Chicago, IL).

April 18, 1947: **Dr. Weinmann**, (University of Illinois) spoke on Endocrinology and Dentistry.

May 9, 1947: **Dr. S. W. Brown** (Ashtabula, OH) presented a full-day clinic held at Marquette Dental School on “Grinding Occlusion.”

*Minutes going forward from this date to October 15, 1952 are missing.*

October 15, 1952: **Dr. Symd** spoke on “Dental Engineering” and showed a movie to amplify his concepts.

November 14, 1952: **Dr. G.W. Rapp** (Chicago, IL) presented a paper “Chlorophyll and a New Concept of Dental Caries.”

December 5, 1952: **Dr. Walter Alvarez** (Mayo Clinic) spoke on “Some Puzzling Oral Syndromes.”

January 9, 1953:

- ♦ **Attorney Charles Galin** – “Wills and Estate Planning”
- ♦ **Mr. Phillip Dressler** (M & I Bank) – “Trusts”
- ♦ **Mr. Edgar Neyman** – “Insurance”
- ♦ **Attorney Brad Sullivan** – “Professional Liability in a Dental Office”



- February 5, 1953: **Dr. Shooshan** lectured and demonstrated his technique for indirect inlay construction.
- March 26, 1953: **Dr. Rex Ingram and Dr. Henry Tanner** (Los Angeles, CA) gave lectures and demonstrations on the use of high-speed instruments in cavity preparation.
- April 17, 1953: **Dr. Gustav Rapp and Dr. Harry Sicher** (Loyola University, Chicago, IL) discussed Neuromuscular Physiology as it pertains to masticatory organs.
- May 8, 1953: **Dr. Helmut A. Zander** (Professor, University of Minnesota) spoke on Periodontal Disease – Diagnosis and Treatment.
- October 9, 1953: **Dr. Norman Carlson** (Lincoln, NE) demonstrated and discussed placing of Gold Foil.
- November 13, 1953: **Dr. Edgar Gordon** lectured on “The Integration of the Nervous and Endocrine Systems.”
- December 11, 1953: **Mr. Buzz Otterson** (Madison, WI). Humorous presentation at “Ladies Night Party.”
- January 8, 1954: **Dr. Hobart Proctor** (Denver, CO). Using slides spoke on methods of procuring better esthetics in dental prosthetics.
- February 12, 1954: **Mr. Harold Adams** (Milwaukee, WI) spoke on financial matters – money and investing.
- February 16, 1954: **Mr. G. L. Anderson**, Dentsply Company. “Special Meeting” allowing Dentsply representative to introduce newest company products – veneers and posterior tooth molds.
- March 12, 1954: **Dr. William Updegrave** (Philadelphia, PA) lectured on “The Temporomandibular Joint in Function.”
- April 9, 1954: **Dr. Stebner** addressed THE Forum on “Amalgam In A Dental Practice.”
- May 14, 1954: **Dr. Madsen**. Spoke at this all-day program. The topic was problems in occlusion and malocclusion.
- October 8, 1954: **Dr. R. E. Lee**. He spoke on “Dental Practice Management.”
- October 27, 1954: **Dr. Jens Waerhaug** (Oslo, Norway). Day-long program focused on Periodontia.

December 10, 1954: Ladies Night. **Dr. Carl Henkelmann** (Lincoln, NE) using slides spoke on “Life of the Eskimo.”

January 14, 1955: **Dr. F. Raymond Garvey**. He lectured and demonstrated his method of using hydrocolloid impressions in constructing bridgework by the indirect method.

February 11, 1955: **Mr. Henry P. Boos and Dr. Ralph Boos**. Father and son presented an afternoon and evening presentation. Mr. Boos spoke on “The early days of dentistry in Milwaukee.” Dr. Boos lectured on “Occlusion.”

April, 8, 1955: **Dr. Gerald Millette**. Presented an illustrated talk on Orthodontia.

May, 13, 1955: **Dr. Gunner Ryge** (Marquette Professor). He presented his research findings on Amalgam – Impression materials – Castings.

October 7, 1955: **Dr. Helmut Zander**. He spoke on Operative Dentistry with a focus on the reaction of gingival tissues to various restorative materials.

November 10, 1955: **Dr. Bernier**. He lectured on “Oral Pathology.”

December 10, 1955: Ladies Night speaker was **Dr. Paul Mundie**. Dr. Mundie; an industrial psychologist, spoke on interpersonal relationships.

January 10, 1956: **Dr. Harold Perry** spoke on “The Physiology of Occlusion”.

February 10, 1956: **Dr. Ray Contino, Dr. Charles Stuart and Dr. David Shooshan**. The three guests presented “Functional Diagnosis Using The Stuart Articulator.” They used Lecture – Slides – Motion Picture and Table Clinic to explain their principles.

March 2, 1956: **Dr. Ulf Posselt**. *Minutes lack a description of presentation. He was elected to Honorary Membership.*

April 12, 1956: **Dr. Alver Selburg**. *Minutes fail to record presentation topic.*

May 11, 1956: **Dr. Lester E. Meyer**, director of Woodbury Gold Foil Study Club conducted a gold foil clinic using the Marquette Dental School’s clinic. Five study club members clinically demonstrated by placing gold foil restorations:

- ♦ Dr. N.C. Carlson
- ♦ Dr. Ralph Ludwick Jr.
- ♦ Dr. A. E. Weber

- ♦ Dr. A. L. Goding
- ♦ Dr. M.J. Marray

October 25, 1956: **Dr. George Hollenbeck**. Using table clinic, lecture and slides, Dr. Hollenbeck discussed: hydrocolloid and alginate impression materials and the indirect method of producing inlays.

November 9, 1956: **Dr. Edgar Coolidge**, "Endodontia."

December 14, 1956: "Ladies Night."

January 11, 1957: **Mr. Otto Kramer** of Kramer Dental Laboratory. Spoke on dental laboratory procedures.

February 8, 1957: **Dr. Jerome Schweitzer** (New York, NY) He presented lecture and slide on "Full Mouth Rehabilitation."

February 21, 1957: **Dr. Edgar Coolidge** (continuation of November 9, 1956 presentation). Lectured on "Endodontia."

March 7 – 9, 1957: Road trip to Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

April 12, 1957: **Dr. John Kuratli**. *No recorded notes.*

May 10, 1957: **Dr. Robert Royer** (Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN) spoke on complications following oral surgery.

October 11, 1957: **Dr. Harry J. Healey** (Indiana University School of Dentistry) lectured on current procedures, methods, instruments and drugs in the practice of Endodontia.

November 22, 1957: **Dr. John M. Gules** of Marquette presented slides and movies showing the eruption of teeth. **Dr. R. P. Gingrass** of Marquette showed slides and discussed mandibular Joint disturbances.

December 13, 1957: Designated "Ladies Night." The evening's speaker was **Mr. E. Clark Woodward**, Director of Safety and Security at the A.O. Smith Corporation.

January 10, 1958: **Dr. Muller De Van** (University of Pennsylvania) spoke on Esthetics in the Practice of Prosthodontia.

February 6, 1958: **Drs. Rene Eidson and Robert Willey** (University of Southern California). Together they discussed High Speed HP Techniques and Failures in Fixed Bridges. They utilized slides and table top demonstration with models.

- March 14, 1958: **Dr. Ralph E. Stucky** of the Cook-Waite Laboratories. He presented two films: "Local Anesthesia" and "Treatment of Spastic Patients in the Dental Office." **Dr. Tom Abbott** (Forum Member) presented "Internal Resorption of Teeth" using lecture and slides.
- April 24, 1958: **Dr. Perry A. Ratcliff** (San Bernardino, CA) spoke on "Newer Concepts of Periodontal Practice."
- May, 2, 1958: **Dr. Roland Fisher** (Glendale, CA) spoke on "Dentogenics." Very well done and much praised.
- May 9, 1958: **Dr. Joseph Gibilisco** (Mayo Clinic) discussed "Characteristics of Dental Pain."
- October 10, 1958: **Dr. Edgar Gordon** (University of Wisconsin Medical School) spoke on "The Causes of Artherosclerosis."
- November 21, 1958: **Dr. Per Nystrom** from Halmstad, Sweden. Presented a clinic on amalgam techniques using types of matrices he had uniquely prepared.
- December 12, 1958: "Ladies Night." Speaker was **Mr. Hal Goodnough**, publicity director for The Milwaukee Braves.
- January 15, 1959: The meeting was a road trip to Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, Illinois. Tour and presentation on research at the facility. Nuclear Science.
- February 12, 1959: **Dr. Donald T. Waggener** (Lincoln, NE) presented information on Oral Pathology using slides, X-rays and lecture.
- March 13, 1959: **Dr. Max Sadove** (Head of the Department of Anesthesiology at University of Illinois) spoke on general and local anesthesia. Discussed drugs that should be used in a dental office for emergency purposes.
- April 29, 1959: **Dr. L.D. Pankey**. His presentation was "Philosophy of Dental Practice."
- May 21-23, 1959: Road trip to Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.
- October 9, 1959: *No CE meeting notes recorded.*
- November 13, 1959: **Dr. Maury Massler**. Presentation was "Prolonging Longevity of Amalgam Restorations."
- December 17, 1959: Designated "Ladies Night." **Dr. Robert J. Samp** (Professor of Surgery, University of Wisconsin Medical School). *Notes on lecture not recorded.*

- January 8, 1960: **Dr. Joseph Mueller, Mr. Joseph Schwarz, and General Carlton.** The meeting was devoted to Civil Defense.
- February 11, 1960: **Drs. Angelo D' Amico, Gene Dyer, and William Gambil.** Title of group presentation – "Functional Occlusion of the Natural Teeth of Man."
- March 7, 1960: **Dr. Carl Boucher** spoke on "Prosthodontic Procedures."
- April 8, 1960: Road trip to Austenal Company, Chicago, IL. Tour and presentations on company's products.
- May 12, 1960: **Dr. Robert Gores** (Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN) spoke on "Minor Oral Surgery."
- September 30, 1960: **Mr. Ralph Phillips** (Indiana University School of Dentistry) spoke on new trends in dental materials and their clinical significance.
- November 11, 1960: **Dr. Helmut A. Zander.** He spoke on "Occlusion and "Calculogenesis."
- December 8, 1960: Ladies Night and Christmas Party.
- January 13, 1961: **Dr. Fred J. Ansfield M.D.** of the Cancer Hospital University of Wisconsin. His topic was "Chemotherapy for Cancer."
- February 5, 1961: **The 40th Anniversary Dinner of The Dental Forum.** Held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. 35 members and 26 honorary members were present, along with 3 charter members: Dr. Ansgar Hansen, Dr. M.H. Mortonson and Dr. Albert T. Wiebrecht. Speaker for the evening was **Commander James E. Stark**, former medical officer on board *USS Triton*. A committee was formed to plan THE Forum's Golden Anniversary Dinner. Dr. M.H. Mortonson to act as chairman and Dr. Tom Lane as co-chairman.
- February 9, 1961: **Dr. Paul Hill** of Pasadena, CA. *Topic not recorded.*
- March 10-11, 1961: Road trip to Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.
- April 27, 1961: **Dr. William F. Braasch** of the University of Minnesota. He spoke on precision attachment partial dentures.
- May 12, 1961: **Dr. Peter B. Christensen** of Loyola University Dental School. His subject was "Occlusion."

October 6, 1961: **Dr. Lester E. Myers** (Omaha, NE) lectured and demonstrated gold foil technique.

November 10, 1961: **Dr. John Bartlett** (Detroit, MI) spoke on "Rubber Base Impression Material." After dinner, **Dr. Harold Buell** spoke on "Tissue Conditioning for Complete Denture Work."

December 7, 1961: Ladies Night and Christmas Party. **Dr. Paul Lydolph** spoke and showed a movie on "Living Conditions in the Soviet Union."

January 12, 1962: **Mr. O.B. Sullivan** spoke on "Legal Hazards in Dental Practice." After dinner, **Dr. Vinton G. Hallock** of Astra Pharmaceuticals discussed "Treatment and Prevention of Anesthetic Emergencies."

February 22, 1962: **Dr. Rene Eidson** spoke on "Human Factors in Dentistry."

March 9, 1962: **Dr. O.B. Coomer** (Louisville, KY) spoke on "Complete Mouth Rehabilitation."

April 13, 1962: **Dr. Edwin S. Smyd** of Detroit, MI. *No topic recorded.*

May 11, 1962: **Dr. Frank M. Wentz** of Loyola University spoke on Periodontics.

September 28, 1962: **Mr. John Pettrow** of The Dentists Supply Company. He spoke on porcelain and demonstrated the vacuum firing of a porcelain jacket crown.

October 12, 1962: **Dr. Harry Sicher** (Loyola Dental School) spoke on the anatomy and physiology of the Temporomandibular Joint.

November 16, 1962: **Mr. M.S. Moskey** (Cleveland, OH). An all-day meeting; but topic not recorded.

December 13, 1962: Ladies Night and Christmas Party. **Mr. Walter Pelzer** of the Milwaukee Public Museum showed two interesting movies.

January 11, 1963: **Dr. Christopher Dix** spoke. *Topic not recorded.*

February 7, 1963: **Dr. Peter K. Thomas** (Beverly Hills, CA). This was an all-day meeting. Dr. Thomas spoke and demonstrated techniques for creating an occlusal scheme in restorative dentistry.

March 15-16, 1963: Road trip to the Mayo Clinic.

April 5, 1963: **Dr. Judson C. Hickey** of the University of Kentucky. His subject was "The Physiology of Mandibular Movements."

- May 17, 1963: **Dr. E.S. Gordon**. He spoke on "Fat Metabolism."
- June 7, 1963: **Dr. Gordon M. Fitzgerald**. Topic was "Roentgenology."
- October 7, 1963: **Dr. Perry A. Ratcliff**. He spoke on "Periodontology."
- November 8, 1963: **Dr. Loran Pilling** of The Mayo Clinic. He spoke on emotional problems of dental patients.
- December 12, 1963: Ladies Night and Christmas Party.
- January 10, 1964: **Dr. R.E. Holzgrafe** and **Dr. F.J. Carpenter** presented an afternoon and evening on "Anesthesia."
- February 6, 1964: **Dr. Raymond Contino** (CA) spoke on modern concepts of dentistry.
- March 13, 1964: **Dr. Robert Winders** spoke on Orthodontia.
- April 10, 1964: **Dr. Alfred Seyler** and **Dr. Marvin Davis**. *No topic recorded.*
- May 22, 1964: **Dr. Earl Pound**. Presented a 3-day clinic (May 21, 22 and 23) held at Marquette Dental School. He lectured and demonstrated complete denture fabrication.
- October 16, 1964: **Dr. Robert E. Lee** presented lecture and table top demonstration of hydrocolloid technique for pin-ledge restorations.
- November 1, 1964: **Dr. Harold Loe** presented "Periodontia."
- December 10, 1964: Christmas Party and Ladies Night. **Mr. Murphy** of the Telephone Company presented on lecture and demonstration on "The Miracle of Light."
- January 29, 1965: **Dr. Joseph Muhler** (Indiana University Medical Center) spoke on "Practical Preventive Dentistry."
- February 25, 1965: **Dr. Louis Boucher** (Marquette Dental School) and **Dr. William Bronstad** (University of Minnesota) presented a movie showing dissection of the TM Joint, then lectured on diagnosis and treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders.
- March 26 – 27, 1965: Road trip to Mayo Clinic
- April 9, 1965: **Dr. Michael A. Heuer** (Chicago, IL) presented "Practical Approaches to Endodontia."



May 7, 1965: **Dr. R. E. Holzgrafe** and **Dr. Frederick C. Carpenter** presented a clinic on "Fluid and Electrolyte Balance in the Human Body."

October 1, 1965: **Dr. Max Kornfeld** presented "Prosthetic and Periodontal Interactions."

November (October 29), 1965: **Dr. Wilmer Eames** presented on Amalgam Restorations.

December 10, 1965: Christmas Party – Ladies Night.

January 21, 1966: **Dr. Herman Heise** spoke on Infection and Allergy.

February 24, 1966: **Dr. Ernest Granger** presented an all-day meeting on "Understanding Occlusion."

March 11, 1966: **Dr. Erwin Shaeffer** spoke on "Periodontia."

April 15, 1966: **Dr. Tom Abbot** (Marquette Dental School) presented a slides series on radiographic interpretation. **Dr. Anthony Grueninger** spoke on the radiation effects on dental tissues.

May 13, 1966: **Dr. Daniel Waite** (Mayo Clinic) spoke on dental emergencies and "Siology."

October 28, 1966: **Dr. Harry Staffileno** presented "Periodontics in Today's Practice of Dentistry."

November 29, 1966: **Dr. Charles Welter** (St. Paul, MN) presented "A Reasonable Rationale of Mandibular Motion."

December 9, 1966: Christmas Party + Ladies Night. **Mr. Robert Jensen** was guest essayist. He presented "Women, Horses, and Taxes."

January 26, 1967: **Dr. E.J. Surwillo** of Milwaukee spoke on Oral Pathology. He also discussed cytology and biopsy.

February 2, 1967: **Dr. Robert Willey** (Los Angeles, CA) presented "A Concept of Everyday Crown and Bridgework."

March 10, 1967: Road trip to Mayo Clinic (May 10 and 11).

April 20, 1967: **Dr. Lucyk** (Toronto, Canada) presented "Endodontics."

May 26, 1967: **Dr. Robert Underwood** (University of Illinois) presented "The Importance of Evaluating the Edentulous Patient" and "Immediate Complete Dentures."



October 13, 1967: **Dr. Harold Frost** (Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan) spoke on "Bone Physiology and Dentistry."

November 17, 1967: **Dr. Ralph Phillips** (Indiana University School of Dentistry). Topic "Research Involving Dental Materials and Practice."

December 8, 1967: Christmas Party and Ladies Night.

January 19th, 1968: **Dr. Emo J. Rajczak** (Hamilton, Ontario). Discussed parallel pins in fixed bridgework; modified parallel horizontal pin splints, and parallel pin aids.

February 8, 1968: **Dr. John Bartels** (Portland, OR) discussed treatment planning of the partially edentulous patient.

March 15, 1968: **Dr. R. E. Wang**, VA Medical Center (Wood, WI). He presented "Drugs Used In Dentistry."

April 26, 1968: **Dr. E. Severnsen** (University of Minnesota) presented "Considerations for effective RPD Therapy and Practical Approaches in Complete Denture Service."

May 17, 1968: **Dr. Charles Reeve** (Mayo Clinic) spoke on "Diagnosis of Periodontal Disease."

September 27, 1968: **Dr. George James Korkos, MD, DDS** presented "The Scope of Plastic Surgery."

October 11, 1968: **Colonel Peter M. Margetis** (Walter Reed Army Medical Center) spoke on "Successful Restorative Dentistry."

November 15, 1968: **Dr. John Pfiefer** (Green Bay, WI) discussed "The Periodontium and the TM Joint."

December 8, 1968: Ladies Night and Christmas Party.

*January 1969 – May 1970: Missing from archives.*

October 16, 1970: **Dr. Anthony W. Gargiulo** (Chicago, IL, Loyola University School of Dentistry) presented review and update of Periodontia.

November 13, 1970: **Dr. Patrick D. Crowe** (General US Army Dental Corps, Walter Reed General Hospital) spoke on Oral Diagnosis.

December 11, 1970: Christmas Party.

January 15, 1971: **Dr. Harry A. Easom** (St. Mary's Burn Center, Milwaukee) spoke on Ophthalmology. **Dr. James Hamm** spoke on Internal Medicine.

February 11, 1971: **Dr. Raymond Contino** (Pasadena, CA). All-day meeting with lecture and demonstration of crown and bridge.

February 14, 1971: 50th Anniversary Reception and Dinner. Conrad Hilton Hotel-Beverly Room, Chicago, Ill. Speaker at the celebration was **The Honorable Mr. Jerris Leonard**, Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

March 25-27, 1971: Road trip to Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

April 16, 1971: **John K. MacIver** (Counselor for Wisconsin State Dental Society). **Gerald S. Walch**, Attorney at law.

May 21, 1971: **Dr. Norm Olsen** (Evanston, IL) spoke on Fixed Reconstruction.

*September 1971 – December 1971: Missing from archives.*

January 14, 1972: Film shown "The Mind of Man" created by the University of Indiana research department. This was followed by a presentation from the staff of St. Mary's Burn Center.

March 10, 1972: **Dr. Tector** (Cardiovascular surgeon, St. Luke's Hospital). Presentation and tour given at St. Luke's Hospital. "Heart Disease and Treatments."

April 14, 1972: **Dr. Bob Lee** (Eau Claire, WI) spoke on C and B dentistry. Hydrocolloid impressions/die trimming/articulation/wax and casting procedures/cementation and recalls. Strong advocate of clinical remounting of master casts.

September 15, 1972: **Dr. Christopher Dix, M.D.** (Milwaukee plastic surgeon) spoke on procedures for facial rehabilitation.

October 20, 1972: **Dr. Albert Wiebrecht** (Charter Forum member) spoke on Orthodontia using removable appliances.

November 10, 1972: **Dr. Pat Toto** (Loyola University School of Dentistry, Chicago, IL) Presented review and update of Oral Pathology.

December 8, 1972: Christmas Party

January 19, 1973: **Drs. Stan Sehler, Don VanScotter, and Tom O'Brien.** Together spoke on contemporary clinical Periodontal practice.

February 8, 1973: **Dr. Loren Miller** (Florida) discussed Crown and Bridge procedures.

March 6 – 8, 1973: Road Trip Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

April 20, 1973: **Dr. Richard Steinhilber** (Chief of Psychiatry, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota) discussed emotion and dentistry.

September 14, 1973: **Dr. Edgar Gordon M.D.** spoke on “How To Guard Your Health Upon Retiring.”

October 12, 1973: **Dr. Anthony Romano** (Chairman Operative Dentistry, University of Minnesota). His subject was “New Techniques in Restorative Dentistry.”

November 9, 1973: **Dr. Willian Culpepper** (Chairman Crown and Bridge Department, Emory University School of Dentistry). He presented “Clinical Management of Crown and Bridge Problems.”

December 7, 1973: Christmas Party

January 11, 1974: **Dr. R.V. Winders** (Chairman Department of Orthodontics, Marquette University). His subject – “What’s New In Contemporary Orthodontia.”

February 7, 1974: *Mr. Daniel Garliner* (Institute of Myofunctional Therapy). Discussed “Myofunctinal Therapy” and “Deviate Swallow.”

March 8, 1974: **Dr. Eugene Glouderman** (Marquette University) spoke on “Endodontics in Contemporary Clinical Practice.”

April 5, 1974: **Dr. Anthony Sances, M.D.** spoke on “Pain, Electrical Anesthesia and Acupuncture.”

May 10, 1974: **Dr. Parker Mahan** (FL) spoke on “Diagnosis and Treatments of Myofas-cial Pain Dysfunction.”

September 13, 1974: **Dr. Joseph A. Clayton** spoke on “Occlusal Problems in Crown and Bridge Dentistry.”

October 11, 1974: **Dr. Roy S. Rogers, M.D.** (Mayo Clinic). His topic was “Immunology and the Oral Mucosa.”

November 1, 1974: **Dr. Robert G. Schallhorn, D.D.S., M.S.** (University of Colorado). He presented “Bone and its Management in the Oral Cavity.”

December 6, 1974: Christmas Party.

January 10, 1975: **Dr. Ben Karr** and **Dr. Robert Morris** (Marquette School of Dentistry). The dual program was “Current Concepts in Oral Diagnosis” and “Preventive Dentistry.”

February 12, 1975: **Dr. Arthur J. Krol, D.D.S, M.S.** (University of the Pacific). He presented “A Practical Approach to Removeable Partial Denture Construction.”

April 11, 1975: **Dr. Erwin P. Barrington** presented “Occlusion and the Supporting Structures.”

May, 9, 1975: **Dr. Arthur O. Rahn.** His topic: “Clinical Management of Prosthodontic Problems.”

September 12, 1975: **Dr. Robert Johnson** (London, Ontario) spoke on “Oral Pathology.”

October 10, 1975: **Drs. Glenn McGivney and Jerry Walker** (Marquette Department of Prosthodontics). Together they presented “Prosthodontics for the Terminal Dentition.”

November 14, 1975: **Dr. Norris Knight** (Milwaukee). His subject was Dental Radiology.

December 5, 1975: Christmas Party.

January 9, 1976: **Dr. Donald Pricco** (Milwaukee, WI). Discussed Oral Surgery.

February 11, 1976: **Dr. Samuel Guyer** (St. Louis, MO). Discussed restorative dentistry.

March 12, 1976: **Dr. Gordon Peterson.** He spoke on “Managerial Stress.”

April 9, 1976: **Dr. Donal Eisert, M.D.** (Milwaukee, WI). He discussed radiation therapy.

May 12, 1976: **Dr. Melvin Jendresen** (San Francisco, CA). He discussed dental materials.

September 10, 1976: **Dr. Ronald Van Swol.** Discussed clinical Periodontics.

October 8, 1976: **Dr. Phillip Williams.** He spoke on the many phases of prosthetic dentistry with emphasis on esthetics of anterior teeth.

November 5, 1976: **Dr. Joseph Morganelli** (Chicago, IL). Discussed and demonstrated “electrosurgery.”

December 3, 1976: Christmas party.

January 14, 1977: **Dr. David L. Drake** discussed "Diet" and "Balancing Body Chemistry for Dentistry."

February 17, 1977: **Dr. Ben Pavone** (San Francisco, CA) Using slides and lecture he discussed "Occlusion" with the emphasis on Bruxism, Equilibration, and TMJ disturbances.

March 18 – 19, 1977: Road Trip – Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

April 1, 1977: **Dr. Lee Getter** (US Army Dental Corp). He discussed "Office Emergencies" using the Team Approach.

May 13, 1977: **Dr. Jack Linehan** (Engineer of medical/hospital data systems). Topic: "Bio Mechanical Engineering in Medical Research."

September 16, 1977: **Dr. Richard Peters** (Oral Surgeon, Marshfield Clinic) presented "Orthognathic Surgery."

October 21, 1977: **Dr. Ben Klavan** (University of Illinois Department of Periodontology). Presented current techniques in clinical periodontics.

November 11, 1977: **Dr. Dorsey Moore** (Chief of the maxillofacial branch of the Naval Medical Center at Great Lakes, Illinois). He discussed his specialty using slides and lecture.

December 2, 1977: Christmas Party

January 13, 1978: **Dr. Richard Bence** (Milwaukee). Contemporary Endodontics.

February 2, 1978: **Dr. Henry Roepke**. Lectured and demonstrated multiple procedures and techniques using porcelain and gold for advanced restorations.

March 10, 1978: **Dr. Robert Lee** (honorary member since 1954, Eau Claire, WI). Presented "Mucostatics and RPD Construction."

April 14, 1978: **Dr. Robert Zuege, M.D.** (Milwaukee Orthopedic Surgeon). He discussed with lecture and slides; "Total Joint Replacement."

May 5, 1978: **Dr. Richard Hoffman** (Rockford, IL and University of Illinois). Presented the "Histology of Tooth Eruption."

September 22, 1978: **Dr. Alton Lacey** (University of California at San Francisco) presented a comprehensive review of dental porcelain and available porcelain restorations.

October 13, 1978: **Dr. William J. O'Brien** (University of Michigan Department of Dental Materials) presented a historic review and contemporary update of porcelain in dental restorations.

November 10, 1978: Four live demonstration table clinics were used to teach porcelain procedures to the members. Members could rotate from table to table to experience the art and science of each technique:

- ♦ **Jeff Kataoka** – Porcelain shoulder for PFM
- ♦ **Sue Kataoka** – Firing Vita porcelain
- ♦ **Tim Hansen** – Opaque modifiers
- ♦ **Dr. Henry Roepke** (filling in for Tom Dircks) – Staining and glazing

December 15, 1978: Christmas Party.

January 12, 1979: **Dr. Maxwell Weingarten** (Chief of Anesthesiology, St. Francis Hospital, Milwaukee). His presentation was “Conscious Sedation of the Dental Patient.”

March 9, 1979: **Dr. Sam Holroyd** (US Navy Dental Corps, Washington D.C., periodontist). He spoke on “Pharmacology in Dentistry.”

April 6 – 7, 1979: Road trip Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

May 11, 1979: **Dr. Harold Eissmann** (Reno, Nevada). He discussed “Function of the Anterior Teeth.”

October 12, 1979: **Dr. Robert Brown** (Marquette Dental School). He discussed “CPR and Office Emergencies.”

November 9, 1979: **Dr. William Pruden II** (Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ). Using slides and lecture he discussed his approach to restorative dentistry.

December 7, 1979: Christmas Party.

January 11, 1980: **Dr. Burton A. Waisbren, M.D.** (Milwaukee cardiologist. He discussed stress testing of hearts and an analysis of that data.

- March 14, 1980: **Dr. Robert Vanarsdall, Jr.** (Villanova, PA) Presented his approach to comprehensive dentistry using Orthodontics-Periodontics and restorative dentistry.
- April 18, 1980: **Dr. Kenneth Waliszewski** (Brookfield, WI) Spoke on "The Restoration of Teeth Treated with Endodontics."
- May, 9, 1980: **Dr. Ralph Phillips** (University of Indiana). Topic was Dental Materials. He spoke from 4 x 6 note cards; but was informative and held the groups attention.
- September 26, 1980: **Dr. Kamal Asgar** (University of Michigan). He discussed "Alternative Metals in Crown and Bridge Dentistry."
- November 13, 1980: **Dr. H. Shavell** (Chicago, IL) He spoke on "Fixed Prosthodontics."
- December 12, 1980: Christmas Party.
- January 9, 1981: **Attorney Kevin Lyons** (Milwaukee, WI) spoke on "The Legal Responsibilities of Dental Practice."
- March 30, 1981: **Dr. Donald Miech** (Marshfield Clinic). His topic was "Oro Facial Lesions."
- April 10, 1981: **Dr. John Regenos** (Cincinnati, OH). His presentation was "Full Mouth Rehabilitation."
- May 8, 1981: **Dr. John Bartlett** (Birmingham, MI). Topic – "Restorative Dentistry."
- September 18, 1981: **Dr. G.P. Kwasny, M.D.** His topic was "Current Medical Knowledge Relating to the Eyes."
- October 9, 1981: **Dr. Ron E. Jordan** (Canada). He spoke on "Conservative Restorative Dentistry."
- November 13, 1981: **Dr. Loran Pilling, M.D.** spoke on "Pain and Stress Factors in Dentistry."
- December 4, 1981: Christmas Party.
- January 8, 1982: **Dr. Ron Van Swol** (Marquette University) presented an update on clinical periodontics.
- March 12, 1982: **Dr. David Lynn** (Dallas, TX) discussed porcelain bonded to metal restorations.



April 2, 1982: **Dr. S.C. Frumker** (Cleveland, OH) presented his philosophy of Occlusion in Restorative Dentistry.

May 14, 1982: **Dr. Charles F. Bohl** (Brookfield, WI) spoke on orthodontics and prosthodontics.

October 8, 1982: **Dr. Joseph Darin, M.D.** discussed Emergency Medicine in our community; including EMT and paramedic training. He reviewed ER protocol.

November 12, 1982: **Dr. Hal Gerstein** (Marquette Dental School). His topic was "The Restoration of Endodontically Treated Teeth."

December 3, 1982: Christmas Party.

January 14, 1983: **Dr. Thomas Pallasch**. His topic was "Clinical Drug Therapy in Dentistry."

March 11, 1983: **Dr. Francis Pano** (New York, NY) discussed the principles of physics as applied to Fixed Prosthodontics.

April 8, 1983: **Dr. Daniel Laskin** (University of Illinois). His topic was "TMJ."

May, 13, 1983: **Dr. Carl Foster** (UW Madison Medical School). Discussed physical exercise protocol and cardiac rehabilitation following by-pass surgery.

October 14, 1983: **Larry Preo** (Athletic Director St. Louis University). Spoke on "Wellness and Physical Fitness for Dentists."

November 11, 1983: **Dr. Allan Hannam** (University of British Columbia). He spoke on "Occlusion from the Neuromuscular and Neurophysiologic Aspect."

December 9, 1983: Christmas Party.

January 13, 1984: **Dr. Glen McGivney** (Marquette Dental School). All-day program held at Marquette. Topic "Survey and Design of Clasp Type RPD." Speaker used lecture, slides, table top demonstrations, and lab bench hands-on exercise to teach the discipline.

March 9, 1984: **Dr. Herb Schillingburg** (University of Oklahoma School of Dentistry). He spoke on "Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Fixed Prosthodontics."

April 13, 1984: **Dr. June Unger** (Medical College of Wisconsin). The presentation was "Diagnostic Radiology."



- May 11, 1984: **Dr. George Zarb** (University of Toronto School of Dentistry). All-day meeting; morning session "TM Joint Dysfunction," afternoon "Branemark Osseointegration Philosophy."
- October 12, 1984: **Dr. Ronald E. Jordan** (University of Western Ontario). He presented "Composite Resins."
- November 9, 1984: **Dr. Gilbert E. Lilly** (University of Iowa). He spoke on the diagnosis and treatments of Oral Lesions.
- December 8, 1984: Christmas Party. Western Racket Club.
- January 18, 1985: **Dr. B. David Collier, MD, Dr. G.F. Carrera, MD** (Medical College of Wisconsin). They discussed radiographic and arthroscopic evaluation of the TM Joint. **Dr. Doran Ryan DDS,MS** discussed the surgical management internal derangements of the TM Joint.
- March 8, 1985: **Dr. Frank Weine** (Loyola School of Dentistry). He presented "What's New in Endodontics."
- April 12, 1985: **Dr. Gerald M. Bowers** (University of Maryland Dental School). He presented "Bone Grafting in Dentistry."
- May 10, 1985: **Dr. Mike Miles** spoke on local anesthetics and delivery techniques.
- October 11, 1985: **Dr. Richard V. Tucker** (Ferndale, WA). His subject was "Cast Gold Restorations in Modern Practice."
- November 8, 1985: **Dr. Jack Swepston** (Dallas, TX). He presented precision attachments in RPD dentistry. He discussed diagnosis, treatment planning, impression technique, fabrication, and insertion.
- December 7, 1985: Christmas Party.
- January 10, 1986: **Dr. Nelson Horseman, PhD** (Marquette Biology Professor). He spoke on "The Human Biology Clock."
- March 14, 1986: **Dr. David H. Twomey** (V.A. Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota). He presented an update on complete denture fabrication including diagnosis and steps of construction.
- April 11, 1986: **Dr. Henry Takei** (U.C.L.A. School of Dentistry) spoke on Contemporary Periodontics in Modern Dentistry.

May 9, 1986: **Dr. John Yousif, MD** (Plastic Surgeon, Medical College of Wisconsin). He discussed head and neck surgical procedures.

October 3, 1986: **Dr. Ron Woody** (Baylor Dental School). He discussed biocompatibility of restorative materials and the restoration of endodontically treated teeth.

November 14, 1986: **Dr. Ray Haselby** (Marshfield Clinic). He discussed AIDS and hepatitis – science and prevention.

December 9, 1986: Christmas Party.

January 9, 1987: **Dr. Doug Meske** (Milwaukee psychotherapist). His topic was “How To Live With Another Person.”

March 13, 1987: **Dr. Alton Lacey** (University of California in San Francisco). He spoke on an update of restorative materials including resins, luting agents, and porcelain inlays.

April 10, 1987: **Drs. Eugene Keller** and **Ronald Desjardins** (Mayo Clinic). They presented “Branemark System for the edentulous mandible.”

May 8, 1987: **Dr. L.T. Johnson**. Topic was “Forensic Dentistry.”

October 9, 1987: **Dr. Robert Shallhorn**. Lectured on “Periodontics: past, present and future.”

November 12, 1987: **Mr. Richard G. Bock** of Professional Management spoke on “Coping with the tax reform act of 1986.” Later **Attorney John B. Haydon** spoke on “Estate Planning.”

December 11, 1987: Christmas Party.

January 8, 1988: **Dr. Lee Jameson** (Northwestern School of Dentistry). Lectured on “The Future of Dentistry.”

March 11, 1988: **Dr. Peter Hurst** (Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Northwestern Dental School). He discussed a variety of subjects, including infection control, oral cancer, managing the compromised patient, and oral lesion diagnosis.

April 8, 1988: **Dr. Rollie Meffert** (Professor LSU). He presented “Where Are We Now With Endosseous Dental Implants?”

May 13, 1988: **Dr. Harold Perry**. His presentation was “Mandibular Dysfunction – Proper Diagnosis of Dental Dilemma.”

October 14, 1988: **Dr. Joseph Tregaskas** (Richmond, VA). He spoke on Prosthodontics for the general practitioner.

November 11, 1988: **Dr. Sharon Elias** (Milwaukee plastic surgeon) gave an update and overview of her specialty.

December 8, 1988: Christmas Party

January 13, 1989: **Dr. John Nasedkin**. He presented an overview and update on Jaw Dysfunction.

March 10, 1989: **Dr. Patrick Lloyd** using a panel of speakers presented “Geriatric Dentistry.”

April 14, 1989: **Dr. Don Beck** (Prosthodontist) and **Dr. Dick Burns** (Endodontist) (San Mateo, California) together presented contemporary endodontia and restoration of endodontically treated teeth.

May 12, 1989: **Dr. Barry Franzen** (Milwaukee prosthodontist). He discussed Maxillofacial Prosthetics. The presentation emphasized caring by the clinician and skill of the technician.

October 13, 1989: **Dr. Charles Bohl** (orthodontist) overviewed TMJ imaging. **Dr. Bill Carrera MD** overviewed TMJ tomography/arthrography/MRI. **Dr. Beth Erickson MD** presented radiation oncology.

November 10, 1989: **Dr. Ray Quock** (University of Illinois pharmacologist) presented “Pharmacology in Dentistry.”

December 8, 1989: Christmas Party.

January 12, 1990: **Dr. Hal Brooks** (Cardiologist, Medical College of Wisconsin). He reviewed – EKG, miniaturization of EKG units. **Dr. Brent Egan MD** reviewed Hypertension. **Dr. Keelan MD** reviewed Angina Pectoris. **Dr. Michael Ptacin** reviewed Congestive Heart Failure.

March 9, 1990: **Dr. James Brudvick** (University of Washington) discussed “What Makes A Successful RPD.” Presentation included a treatment planning section that gave the audience the opportunity to plan and design an RPD.

April 20, 1990: **Dr. David Hatcher**. Presented “Radiographic Diagnosis.”

May 11, 1990: **Dr. Robert L. Lee** (Grand Terrace, CA). Discussed rehabilitation dentistry based on occlusal concepts. His emphasis was significant anterior guidance and “sharp” posterior cusps.

October 12, 1990: **Dr. Carol Rooney** (nutritionist and dietitian). Presented an update/overview of nutrition concepts for health.

November 10, 1990: **Dr. Robert Bates**. He presented and updated outline of TMJ disorders by separating signs and symptoms of acute/chronic/traumatic problems.

December 7, 1990: Christmas Party.

January 11, 1991: **Dr. Robert Winter**. He presented “Porcelain – State of the Art.”

March 8, 1991: **Dr. Donald Ferguson** (Marquette Univ. School of Dentistry) spoke on Contemporary Orthodontia. **Dr. Ronald Pruhs** (Marquette Univ. School of Dentistry) discussed Interceptive Orthodontia for children.

April 12, 1991: **Dr. Karl Leinfelder** (University of Alabama School of Dentistry). Spoke on updating contemporary dental materials. Comments followed research outcomes in his material laboratory.

May 10, 1991: **Dr. William Becker**. Presented contemporary Periodontics with a focus on dental implants.

October 11, 1991: **Dr. Jack Hochel** (Walnut Creek, CA). His topic was “Organic Occlusion.” The afternoon was spent on “Crozet System.”

November 8, 1991: A trio of speakers discussed infection control.

- ♦ **Ms. Terry Moen** – OSHA regulations and compliance
- ♦ **Ms. Jeannie Druchenmiller** – AIDS data and statistics.
- ♦ **Dr. Elise Sampson DDS** – Infection controls.

December 6, 1991: Christmas Party.

January 10, 1992: **Dr. Robert Samp MD** (Madison, WI). Topic “Wellness, Longevity and Quality of Life.” Afternoon presentation by **Dr. John Scheels** – “Veterinary Dentistry.”

March 13, 1992: **Dr. Robert Pick** (Naperville, IL). Spoke and demonstrated “Lasers Then and Now.”

April 10, 1992: **Dr. James Gutman**, (Baylor School of Dentistry, Dallas, TX). Topic was "Controversies in Endodontics."

May 8, 1992: **Dr. John Kois** (Tacoma, WA). He spoke on "Creating Harmony of Porcelain with Gingival Tissue."

October 9, 1992: Series of seven 45-minute presentations:

- ◆ **Dr. Chuck Bohl** – Treating Class II and III Malocclusions
- ◆ **Dr. Harmeet Walia** – Endodontic Update
- ◆ **Dr. John Goechermann** – Surgical Orthodontia
- ◆ **Dr. Royal Ellinger** – Diagnosing Periodontal Disease.
- ◆ **Dr. Cliff Hartmann** – Interceptive Orthodontia
- ◆ **Dr./Sister Sara Jean Donagan** – Setting an articulator
- ◆ **Dr. Gerald Ziebert** – Recording materials for jaw records

November 13, 1992: **Dr. Robert Baima** (Chicago, Illinois). Lectured on Perio-Prosthetic Procedures.

December 8, 1992: Christmas Party.

January 8, 1993: A day of investments and economics:

- ◆ **Mr. Claire Zempel** – Current Trends
- ◆ **Mr. Richard Ryan** – Stock "picking"
- ◆ **Mr. Bill Cornelius** – Influences on the market
- ◆ **Mr. Donald Stockhausen** – Mutual funds
- ◆ **Mr. James Jast** – Rules of investing

March 12, 1993: **Dr. Norman K. Wood** (Dean of Dentistry, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada). Lectured on "The Dentist as Diagnostician." He used an extensive library of clinical slides to challenge the group to diagnose the discussed lesion.

April 2, 1993: **Dr. John Sorenson** (UCLA School of Dentistry). Lectured on "The Ceramic Revolution."

May 14, 1993: **Dr. Parker Mahan** (University of Florida). Presented a comprehensive discussion of TMD.

- October 8, 1993: **Dr. Duane C. McKay** (Los Angeles, CA). Presented “Electrodiagnostics” including: jaw tracking/TM joint vibrations/CED.
- November 12, 1993: **Dr. Stephen R. Matteson** (University of Texas at San Antonio). Update on radiology = CT scan/MRI/Nuclear medicine.
- December 6, 1993: Christmas Party.
- January 14, 1994: **Dr. David C. Thomasma** (Chicago, IL). Discussed “Bioethics.”
- March 11, 1994: **Dr. Cherilyn Sheets** (Chicago, IL). “Esthetic Dentistry – Wall-to-wall Porcelain.”
- April 8, 1994: **Dr. E.W. Supernaw** (Everett, WA). Presented “Modern Orthodontia – It Makes a Difference.”
- May 13, 1994: **Dr. Max H. Anderson**. Presented “Causative Organisms of Dental Caries.”
- October 14, 1994: **Dr. Curtis Jansen**. Discussed dental implants.
- November 12, 1994: Trends affecting dentistry:
- ♦ **Mr. Avid Tillmar** – Alternative delivery systems in dentistry.
  - ♦ **Dr. Allen Ellsworth** (recent MUSOD grad) – demonstrated the use of computers to take a trip on the information highway.
- December 2, 1994: Christmas Party.
- January 13, 1995: **Dr. William Koss** (MUSOD) presented “Hepatitis.” **Dr. David Burke** spoke on Dental Pharmacology.
- March 10, 1995: **Dr. Loran Pilling**. Presented “Stress Management.”
- April 7, 1995: **Dr. Karl Lienfeller** (University of Alabama). Presented an update on Dental Materials.
- May 12, 1995: **Dr. James McDonald** (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada). Spoke on contemporary periodontics; more than just implants.
- October 13, 1995: **Dr. Gerald Denehy**, University of Iowa. Discussed “What is going on with Operative Dentistry?”
- November 11, 1995: **Dr. Stanley Malamed**. Presented an overview of emergency medicine in dentistry.

December 2, 1995: Christmas Party.

January 12, 1996: **Dr. Leonard J. Carapezza**. Discussed early vs late treatment of malocclusion.

March 8, 1996: **Dr. Hugh Doherty**. Dental Practice Management program.

April 8, 1996: **Mr. Peter Klode** of R.W. Baird discussed investment strategies past and present.

May 10, 1996: **Dr. Edmund Truelove** (University of Washington). He spoke on "Facial Pain." Extraordinary presentation, well organized for the clinical dentist. Memorable patient question: "How many places does it hurt?" Critical for WCP understanding and wide-spread chronic pain care.

October 11, 1996: Two-part meeting at Sullivan Dental Supply Company. **Mr. Bob Sullivan** introduced morning session of Technology presentations. Members rotated from one station to another, getting lecture and demonstration on equipment/units/computers/software. Afternoon was **Dr. Bruce Campbell MD/ENT**. He spoke on oral cancer diagnosis and care. Very well organized and presented.

November 8, 1996: **Dr. Terry Donovan** (Prosthodontic Professor University of Southern California). Full-day presentation on choices in restorative dentistry. Heavy emphasis on ceramic restorations and adhesive procedures. His clinical information was well received by members.

December 7, 1996: Christmas Party at Wisconsin Club.

January 10, 1997: **Dr. John Farrah** (Editor of the *Dental Advisor*). He presented a full day on restorative materials and techniques. All ceramic restorations/composite resins/adhesive luting agents/bonding systems were discussed using an easy-to-follow flowchart. An effort was made to present multiple opinions on the materials covered.

March 7, 1997: **Dr. Parker Mahan** (Professor, University of Florida). He spoke on "Facial Pain" and presented his outline of pain and TMD classification. His approach is to do no harm and involve close association with other clinicians.

April 11, 1997: **Dr. Karen Baker** (Pharmacologist and Professor, University of Iowa). Discussed antibiotics and pain control in a dental practice. Well organized and presented with an extensive handout suitable for taking to the office.



May 9, 1997: **Dr. James Kessler**. He presented “Maximizing Esthetics of the PFM.” He acknowledged the increasing popularity of all-ceramic restoration, but pointed out that they have their own set of problems. The presentation focused on 1. Poor tissues response, 2. Metal display, 3. Vitality, and 4. Contours.

October 10, 1997: **Mr. Irving Klaus** of the Ceramco Company. He discussed ceramics in dentistry and gave a history of the business side of selling ceramic technology. He observed that the PFM is still the “work horse” restoration in dentistry.

November 14, 1997: Forum “Road Trip” to ADA in Chicago for all-day meeting and tour.

December 8, 1997: Forum Christmas Party – Western Racket Club.

January 9, 1998: **Dr. David C. Thomasma** (Loyola Medical Center). His topic for the day was “Bioethics in the 90s.” Extensive history, philosophy, and documentation presented to an interested audience.

March 13, 1998: Two speakers presented lectures. **Dr. Cliff Hartmann** (Milwaukee area Pediatric Dentist). His topic for the morning was “Traumatic Dental Injuries in the Pediatric Dental Patient.” **Dr. John Scheels** (Milwaukee area dentist and staff dentist at the Milwaukee County Zoo) spoke in the afternoon. He presented “Veterinary Dentistry” using exciting slides of his cases; he opened THE Forum’s eyes to an amazing world of dental procedures on another population in need. Very rewarding full day.

April 3, 1998: Two speakers lectured. **Dr. Doug Dederick** (Electrical Engineer and Periodontist) discussed “Focal Infection Theory” and then “Lasers in Contemporary Periodontal Practice. In the afternoon **Dr. Kenneth Zachariasen** (Life Member, former MUSOD Dean and currently Executive Director of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry) presented his experiences with technology in caring for dental patients.

May 8, 1998: **Dr. M. Leif Stromberg, MAGD** (Dallas, TX) presented “Branching Denture Technique.” This procedure was first developed by Dr. Earl Pound and utilizes a diagnostic denture to achieve patient satisfaction prior to fabrication of the final complete denture.

October 9, 1998: Topic of the day: “Money Management.” Three speakers shared the podium:



- ♦ **Andrew Stephen**, portfolio manager of the Artisan Mid Cap Fund.
- ♦ **Millie Adams Hurwitz**, portfolio manager of the Artisan Small Cap Fund.
- ♦ **Shirish T. Malikar**, portfolio manager of the Strong International Bond Fund.

November 13, 1998: **Dr. Franklin Dolwick** (Oral Surgeon, University of Florida). He presented a full-day program titled "Diagnosis and Management of Temporomandibular Disorders." The day was well organized and heavily documented with clinical cases and outcomes.

December 6, 1998: Christmas Party.

January 8, 1999: **Dr. Connie Hastings Drisko** (Periodontist and Associate Dean for Research at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry). She presented "Periodontal Medicine: A New Approach for A New Millennium."

March 12, 1999: **Dr. Steven Lewis** (private practice Prosthodontist from Cincinnati, Ohio). He spoke on "Teeth Versus Implants – Treatment Planning Choices and Alternatives." Material presented with documentation and filled with many clinical suggestions for a good outcome.

April 9, 1999: **Dr. L. T. Johnson** presented "Forensic Dentistry." He utilized local and national cases to document the meticulous nature of this discipline. The local notoriety of some of the cases was compelling.

May 14, 1999: **Dr. Michael Schuster** (Director of the Center for Professional Development in Scottsdale, Arizona). He presented concepts of personal growth, managerial excellence, and economic freedom that can make dentistry fun and profitable.

October 1, 1999: **Dr. Dennis Maki, M.D.** (University of Wisconsin Medical School, Head, Section of Infectious Disease). He lectured on numerous, well-organized topics including: 1. Bacterial resistance to antibiotics, 2. Endocarditis, 3. Better ways of controlling infection, 4. "New Infections" like Legionnaires Disease, E.coli 0157 and Hepatitis C, and 5. Anti-viral treatment of herpetic lesions.

November 5, 1999: Road trip to Naval Dental Research Institute at Great Lakes, IL. Captains **Robert Kelly**, **James Ragain USN** and **Colonel Runyan USA** reviewed and explained their areas of research. After lunch Forum members toured clinics and laboratories.

January 14, 2000: **Dr. M. Nader Sharifi** (private-practice prosthodontist from Chicago). He lectured on RPD therapies with the emphasis on patient options that still fit with prosthodontic basic principles.

March 3, 2000: **Dr. Jon Finley** (private-practice prosthodontist from Kansas City, Kansas). His full-day program was “Contemporary Restorative Practice.” He discussed treatment planning, materials, esthetics in the age of implants, and financial arrangements.

April 14, 2000: **Dr. Harald Heymann** (Professor and Chairman of the Department Operative Dentistry at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry). He discussed multiple topics including: dentin bonding, tooth sensitivity, occlusion following restorative, and troubleshooting after unexpected outcomes.

May 12, 2000: **Dr. Edward Allen** (periodontist from Houston, TX). His full-day program was organized around the concept of interdisciplinary care. He discussed smile analysis, crown lengthening, papilla regeneration, root coverage, and connective tissues regeneration.

October 6, 2000: **Dr. Noel Rose** (immunologist from Johns Hopkins University). The topic was “Immunology 2000.” After a history lesson; he explained basic principles that led to the focus of the day, the structure and function of B and T Lymphocytes. His explanation of the development of vaccines was the highlight of the lecture.

November 10, 2000: **Dr. Martin Trope** (endodontist) presented a course aimed at the general dentist. He covered diagnostics, treatment flow chart, access, instrumentation, concepts of endodontic seal, and the importance of a sealing final restoration.

December 6, 2000: Christmas Party.

January 12, 2001: **Mr. Philip Chard** of the National Employee Assistance Services Inc. The presentation was “Leadership Development.” A–V aides, technology, and group dynamics were demonstrated with audience participation.

March 9, 2001: **Dr. Mark Lingen** (Oral Pathologist from Northwestern University). The morning was used to cover soft tissues lesions. Kaposi’s Sarcoma was carefully discussed. Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma (the sixth most common malignancy in the world) was focused on. Early detection and poor outcomes still are of great concern.

April 6, 2001: “Road Trip” to Lord’s lab in Green Bay, WI.

May 11, 2001: **Dr. Robert Winter** (private-practice prosthodontist). He lectured on "Comprehensive Dental Treatments." His point in treatment planning was to visualize the completed case first, then work out the path to that outcome. During the full day, he covered materials, tissues management, photography, and showed cases to amplify his points.

October 5, 2001: **Dr. Edward Herschaft** (Medical University of South Carolina, College of Dental Medicine). He discussed common-sense "pearls" about the top 40 prescription drugs. His point was what to expect when patients take these drugs. The lecture continued with an excellent awareness of homeopathic remedies and how common they are in the real world.

November 9, 2001: **Dr. Kenneth Anusavice** (Professor of Dental Materials from the University of Florida School of Dentistry). He presented a classification of carious lesions in order of severity. The focus of the day was treatment options for caries control not to include the handpiece: Chlorhexidine, fluoride rinses, varnishes, and xylitol gum.

December 7, 2001: Christmas Party.

January 11, 2002: **Dr. Lori Barbeau** and **Dr. Pamela Hanson**. This combined presentation focused on pediatric care and early orthodontic management. Cleft palate treatment protocols were outlined and cases shown to document outcomes. Dr. Hanson presented "Distraction Osteogenesis" in the afternoon. Theories, concepts, and indications were reviewed and cases shown.

March 8, 2002: Road Trip to Madison. **Drs. Jim Pettersen** and **Ed Bersu** presented overview of neurology and cranial nerve anatomy. A significant amount of time was spent with dissected heads while the doctors fielded questions from Forum members. The quality of the specimens and the expert mentoring was extraordinary.

April 9, 2002: **Dr. Charles Green** presented his thoughts on TMJ. He discussed TMJ pain versus other facial/head/neck pain. He expressed a strong belief that clenching and bruxism are part of the complex of sleep disorders and not joint problems. After his philosophy of pain, he discussed splint appliances and "centric relation."

May 11, 2002: **Dr. John C. Kois** presented "Creating Restorative Excellence." His lecture outline covered: functional occlusion, gnathologic principles, current concepts of occlusion, and diagnostic decision-making. He stressed the importance

of anterior occlusion and guidance. the use of splint appliances before restorative care was encouraged.

October 11, 2002: **Dr. Neil Hagan** (Chicago, IL). Presented update on newest Branemark Implant systems: Novum System and Zygoma System. The afternoon was devoted to bone-grafting techniques. A historical review preceded current ideas and protocols for bone grafting.

November 2002: *Missing report.*

December 13,2002: Christmas Party.

January 9, 2003: **Mr. Russell DeVreugd** (master dental technician, author and lab owner). The morning was spent describing and discussing the principles of the occlusal compass and applying them in crafting a prosthetic reconstruction. The afternoon focus was on technical aspects of metal support and porcelain veneering. The full day ended with his discussion of posterior occlusion concepts.

March 13, 2003: **Dr. John Molinari**. He presented a day of infection control. Topics discussed included: hand-washing, treatment of patients with Hepatitis C and HIV, vaccinations, instrument sterilization, spore testing, water line disinfection, new products, and new technologies.

April 8, 2003: Two speakers presented to the Forum. **Dr. Charles Bohl** lectured on the new Invisaline Orthodontic technique. He covered the steps involved in using the technology along with indications and limitations. Next speaker was **Dr. Dennis Lynch** (MUSOD oral pathologist) presented a differential diagnosis of clinical leukoplakia, various methods of biopsy and demonstrated the TNM system of staging carcinomas.

May 12, 2003: **Dr. Dennis Hartlieb** presented a most comprehensive program on composite resins. He discussed materials, techniques and emphasized the importance of following protocols to achieve predictable outcomes.

October 10, 2003: **Dr. Kurt Behrendt** presented a practice management day with focus on: goals, time management, overhead, money discipline, and stress control.

November14, 2003: **Dr. Auishai Sadan** presented “Dental Esthetics” with focus on materials and protocols for predictable outcomes. He also explored restoration failures using cases to demonstrate the issues.

December 6, 2003: Christmas Party.

- January 9, 2004: Dual presentation by **Drs. Alan Rosenfeld** and **Tardeau**. They presented "SIMPLANT"- computer guided implantology. Dr. Resenfeld lectured on the technology protocol. Dr. Tardeau presented clinical cases using "SIMPLANT."
- March 2, 2004: Dual presentation by **Drs. Hartlieb** and **Hammes**. They presented methods and materials of composite resin procedures. The event was held at MUSOD, which allowed for a hands-on session in the student simulation lab.
- April 2, 2004: **Dr. Anthony Di Angeli** (practicing endodontist). His presentation was traumatic injuries involving teeth. He encouraged a full head and neck exam if any trauma had occurred. Tooth splinting/stabilization and emergency endodontic procedures were comprehensively discussed.
- May 21, 2004: **Dr. P.D. Miller** (Tennessee periodontist). He presentation was "Periodontal Esthetics in Interdisciplinary Treatment." After the big picture was presented he focused on: role of hard tissue, maintain papillae, incision design, suture techniques, and grafts.
- October 8, 2004: **Dr. James Bahcall** (endodontist). He presented a one-day mini-residency in endodontics entitled, "The Latest and Greatest in the World of Endodontics." The event included: pulp biology, obturation, chemotherapeutic agents, pharmacotherapy. He also reviewed the chemistry of local anesthetics.
- November 2004: **Dr. Don Callen** (periodontist from Little Rock, AR). He presented regeneration of tissues and implant placement.
- December 7, 2004: Christmas Party.
- January 14, 2005: **Dr. Corky Willhite** presented "Freehand Composite Bonding." He began with physical properties of hybrid and microfill composite resins, then advanced to a detailed description of his layering technique. He also discussed large complex restorations and repairs.
- March 11, 2005: **Dr. Vince Kokich** (orthodontist from Tacoma, WA). He spoke on "Interdisciplinary Management of the Implant Patient." A historical review of implant development was given that lead into space management for single tooth fixtures. The complexity of edentulous ridge sculpting was discussed with emphasis on multidisciplinary ideas to achieve a good outcome. The element of time is most often underestimated.

April 8, 2005: **Mr. Brian Hufford** (owner of Hufford Financial Advisors) presented “The Extreme Financial Makeover.” Tax strategies and long-range planning formed the outline of the day.

May 13, 2005: **Dr. Greg Tarantola** presented “Comprehensive Care.” His lecture outline followed: Treatment planning, Execution, Communication (with dental technician), and Decisions to make during the doing of the diagnostics wax-up. He documented his approach with well-photographed clinical cases.

October 14, 2005: **Dr. Robert Foss** (Captain US Navy Dental Corps, Chairman Oral Pathology Department Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C.) He spoke on oral pathology and forensic dentistry.

November 11, 2005: **Dr. Steve Sewall** (Chief of Oral Surgery, Medical College of Wisconsin). He spoke on update of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery procedures.

December 9, 2005: Christmas Party

January 20, 2006: **Dr. George Warga** (Pankey Institute and private practice Winnetka, Illinois). His presentation was “Occlusion and Esthetics for Longevity.”

March 10, 2006: **Peter Balik** (physical therapist, Mequon, Wisconsin) and **Dr. David Kumamoto** (University of Illinois, Department of Restorative Dentistry). Combined presentation on sports injuries, PT treatment of sports injuries and sports dentistry.

April 7, 2006: *Not recorded*

May 12, 2006: **Dr. Stephen Shuman DDS** and **Peg Simonson RDH** (University of Minnesota School of Dentistry). Delivered program was “Current Concepts in Clinical Geriatrics.”

October 13, 2006: **Dr. Kenneth Waliszewski DDS, MS** and **Dr. Michelle Robinson DMD** (Marquette University School of Dentistry) together presented “Dental Technology Update.” Topics discussed included digital radiography, CEREC CAD CAM restoration protocol, fluoride varnish, clinical magnification aides, caries detection units and shade taking electronic machine. The day was enhanced with table clinics from vendors of the technologies discussed.

November 10, 2006: **Dr. Dennis Maki, MD** (University of Wisconsin School of Medicine). His emphasis was on the future worries over antibiotic effectiveness. He also discussed virology and an update on Avian Flu.



December 7, 2006: Christmas Party.

January 12, 2007: **Dr. Hal Crossley** (University of Maryland School of Dentistry). His two topics were; "Street Drugs Pharmacology" and "Dental Drug Therapies." His lively presentation style effectively communicated his message. The approach was well received.

March 9, 2007: **Dr. Deepak Kademani** (Mayo Clinic College of Medicine). He presented "Oral Cancer: Advances and Treatment Rationales."

April 13, 2007: **Dr. Rupa Shevde** and **Dr. Linda Hogge** (University of Wisconsin School of Medicine) presented "Advances in Stem Cell Research and Bioethical Implications."

May 11, 2007: **Dr. Steve Morgano** (Boston University Dental School). He delivered a presentation called "Implant Update."

October 12, 2007: **Dr. Thomas Salinas**. His program was titled "Restoration of Single CT Guided Dental Implants."

November 9, 2007: **Dr. Mark Piper**. He lectured on "Joint Based Occlusion. He also gave a tutorial on understanding MRI images.

December 9, 2007: Christmas Party.

January 11, 2008: Series of one hour lectures presented by Marquette Faculty.

March 14, 2008: **Dr. Mohamed Fayad**. He presented "Endodontics in the New Millenium – Microendodontics." The lecture emphasized the growing role of technology in endodontic practice.

April 11, 2008: **Dr. Alexander Romanashko MD**. He discussed otolaryngology with dental complications.

May 9, 2008: **Dr. Hisham Nasr**. The program was "Interdisciplinary Esthetic Therapy – Desirable Outcomes through Surgical Excellence."

October 10, 2008: **Drs. Freeland and Girardot**. Topic presented "Orthodontics and Multidisciplinary Dentistry."

November 14, 2008: **Dr. David Hatcher**. Lectured on "Imaging and Occlusal Rehabilitation."

December 13, 2008: Christmas Party.

January 9, 2009: **Dr. Dennis Tarnow**. Update on what is happening. “Controversies and Innovations In Implant Dentistry.” Failures and complications are increasingly important issues and growing in numbers.

March 13, 2009: **Dr. Robert Winter** presented “An Interdisciplinary Approach for Optimal Patient Care.” He presented a check list of who does what in today’s total care approach.

April 3, 2009: MUSOD Scientific day. Marquette faculty presenting one-hour lectures:

- ◆ Dr. Michael Waliszewski – Evolution of RPD design.
- ◆ Dr. Denis Lynch – Choosing the appropriate test to screen for CA.
- ◆ Dr. Joe Best – Sedation Dentistry.
- ◆ Dr. Jose Bosio – TMD

May 8, 2009: **Dr. Lee Silverstein**. His program was “Periodontal Plastics and Smile Enhancement.”

October 9, 2009: **Dr. Joel Epstein**. “Oral Cancer” and “Therapeutics.”

November 13, 2009: **Dr. Terry Donovan**. He spoke on “Update on Esthetic Restorative Dentistry.” Advances in all ceramic materials are changing the rules in esthetic restorations.

December 8, 2009: Christmas Party.

January 8, 2010: **Dr. Lisa Koenig** spoke on “Digital Radiography.” **Dr. Drew Dentino** spoke on “Systemic Implications of Periodontal Disease.”

March 12, 2010: **Dr. Stephen Chu** (New York, NY) He discussed “Restoration of Implants.”

April 9, 2010: **Dr. John Kuehne** and **Dr. Tony Ziebert**. Update on “CODA.” ADA research update and tour of ADA building, Chicago, IL.

May 14, 2010: “Dentist Health Issues” – **Doreen Jensen** (audiologist) and **Timothy Caruso** (PT) “Pain and Posture.”

October 1, 2010: **Dr. Michael Siegel**. Topic - “Current Concepts in Oral Medicine.”

November 12, 2010: **Dr. Kevin J. Donly**. Topic – “Contemporary Pediatric Dentistry.”

January 14, 2011: Robert Morris Scientific Day.



- ◆ **Sheila Stover** – The rural Outreach Program at MUSOD
- ◆ **Paul Luepke** – Tooth versus Titanium
- ◆ **Francisco Alencar** – The Puzzle of MPD
- ◆ **Charles Bohl and Kevin Race** – SureSmile Orthodontics
- ◆ **Harshit Aggarwal** – Flexing the Mandible

February 4, 2011: Membership Party.

March 11, 2011: **Dr. Henry A. Gremillion**. His topic was “The Many Faces of Orofacial Pain.”

April 8, 2011: **Dr. Brian Schmidt**. He discussed “Internal Medicine Inside and Out” and “The Changing Faces of Oral Cancer.”

May 13, 2011: **Dr. Ken Reed**: Topic – “Dental Pharmacology and Therapeutics.”

October 14, 2011: **Dr. Kenneth J. Waliszewski**. Half-day morning presentation – “Facial Pain – Historical Observations that support our understanding of Facial Pain Conditions.” TMD not TMJ is the preferred term because it makes the point that TMD is not one specific universal condition, but instead has multiple specific manifestations under the general diagnosis of jaw dysfunction. **Dr. Arthur Hefti**. Half-day afternoon presentation – Update on MUSOD Research.

November 11, 2011: **Dr. Joseph Kan**. “Implant Procedures With Esthetics In Mind.” Also discussed “Failures.”

January 13, 2012: Robert Morris Scientific Day.

- ◆ **Tim Hart** – Surgical Guides
- ◆ **David Curtis** – Sleep Apnea
- ◆ **Peter Sohnle** – Infections secondary to dental treatment
- ◆ **Chris Olsen** – Endodontics on Immature Teeth

February 8, 2012: Holiday/Members Party.

March 16, 2012: **Dr. Danny Melkers**. His topic was “The TEAM approach to reaching restorative potential through Periodontics.”

April 13, 2012: **Dr. Michael MacEntee**. Discussed “Death – Frailty – Health Care Models and Oral Health Care Problems.”

May 4, 2012: **Dr. Terry Reese** and **Dr. Nancy Burkhart**. Together they presented “Managing Oral Lichen Planus and Other Common Mucocutaneous Disorders.”

October 12, 2012: **Dr. Robert Faulkner**. His topic was “Making Implants Part of Your Everyday Practice – Treatment Planning and Associated Concerns.”

November 9, 2012: **Dr. Jeffrey Rouse**. Spoke on “Global Diagnosis – A New Vision of Dental Diagnosis and Treatment Planning.”

January 11, 2013: Dr. Robert Morris/MUSOD Day:

- ◆ **Dr. Lisa Koenig** – CBCT applications in dental specialties
- ◆ **Mr. Tom Wirtz** – Clinical application of THE Cloud.
- ◆ **Dr. Brian Hodgson** – Phototherapy and Oral Wound Healing.
- ◆ **Dr. Dawei Lui** – Mechanical Vibrations A Therapy?
- ◆ **Dr. Andrew Dentino** – Optimizing antimicrobial surfaces.
- ◆ **Dr. Geoff Thompson** – Ceramic materials in dentistry.

February 8, 2013: Holiday Party

March 8, 2013: **Dr. William Bo Bruce**: “Avoiding Failures – Key Diagnosis In Function and Esthetics” was his topic for the day.

April 12, 2013: **Drs. Mark Bolt, Mark Huberty** and **Kevin Race**. They presented three office cases for treatment planning group discussion.

May 10, 2013: **Drs. Kenneth Waliszewski, Francisco Alencar, Paul Moyer**. They individually discussed pain management in clinical practice.

October 11, 2013: **Dr. Matthew Milner**. “Diem 2 – Full Arch Protocol and Overdentures.” Afternoon was hands-on demonstration of hardware and software.

November 8, 2013: **Dr. Howard Glazer**: “What’s Hot and What’s Getting Hotter” - Cool.

January 10, 2014: **Dr. John Svirsky**: His topic was “Oral Pathology for the joy of it. “The Object of My Infection.”

February 7, 2014: Holiday Party.

March 14, 2014: **Dr. Wes Shankland**: He spoke on “Misdiagnosed and Mistreated Pain Syndromes.”

April 25, 2014: Road Trip - Las Vegas, NV.

May 9, 2014: Dr. Robert Morris/MUSOD Day

- ◆ **Dr. Tim Hart** – Surgical guides
- ◆ **Dr. Mike Waliszewski** – RPD designs for good outcomes
- ◆ **Dr. Jeff Keesler** – Cases
- ◆ **Mr. Brian Trecek** – Dental School Admissions
- ◆ **Mr. Dave McCalis** – What's new in radiology

October 3, 2014: Dr. Robert Morris Scientific Day:

- ◆ **Dr. Phil Hawkins** – Oral Surgery Potpourri
- ◆ **Dr. Jeff Berke** – Implant Esthetics
- ◆ **Mr. Craig Pluta** – The New Retirement 21st Century

November 6, 2014: **Dr. Harold Chasolen**. "The Seamless integration of Aesthetics, Form and Function – The Interface."

December 12, 2014: Christmas Party.

January 9, 2015: **Dr. Gary DeWood**. He spoke on "Cranio-Mandibular Evaluation and Appliance Therapy in the Restorative Practice" and "Designing an Occlusion."

March 13, 2015: **Dr. Michael Melkers**. His topic was "Nuts and Bolts Dentistry."

April 10, 2015: **Dr. Leeann Brady**. Her topic "Top Tips For Clinical Success."

May 8, 2015: **Mary Osborne RDH**. Her presentation was "The Power of the Question....How To Move Your Patient From Denial to Action."

October 9, 2015: **Sang K. Jun CDT** (Monterey, California). His topic was "Communication—The Key to Optimize Outcomes When Aesthetics is Demanded. Multiple suggestions given to enhance communication between dental office and dental ceramic lab.

November 13, 2015: **Dr. Oscar Ramirez** (Mexico) and **Dr. James Janakiewski** (Seattle, Washington). Both spoke separately; but had the same focused topic "A Collaborative Approach to Optimize Outcomes for Patients with Compromised Dental Aesthetics." Presentations were extremely well documented with high-quality

images. The presentations generated generalized interest and multiple questions and comments from membership.

December 11, 2015: Christmas Party.

January 8, 2016: Forum members treatment planning presentations and discussion.

- ♦ **Dr. Angela Lueck**
- ♦ **Dr. Michael Kopecky**
- ♦ **Dr. Gus Tiboris**

March 11, 2016: **Dr. Jeffrey Rubenstein** (University of Washington, Seattle, WA). His morning program was “Implant Prosthodontics 1983 – Present. What I’ve Learned and What I Think You Need to Know.” The afternoon lectures was “The Changing Face of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics.”

April 8, 2016: **Dr. Warren Libman** (Seattle, Washington). His topic was “Implant Dentistry’s Learning Curve – It is ugly....and far from over.” He documented poor outcomes and predicted many more to come.

May 13, 2016: The **Colonel James Brudvik RPD Seminar**. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, assisted by former graduate students now practicing Prosthodontists: **Polly Ma, Seungbum Lee, Rosario Palacios**. Focus of the seminar – “The modern RPD and controlling the path of removal.” Dr. Brudvik acted as moderator and provided a summary with closing observations that served to give membership the “Big Picture.”

October 14, 2016: **Dr. David Landwehr**. Presented Endodontic treatment: “Simplicity Through Efficiency.” A significant emphasis was placed on the value of technology in providing endodontic care.

November 20, 2016: **Dr. Jamison Spencer**. Presented two distinct lectures: “All TMJ patients are nuts, right? How to evaluate, diagnosis and treatment of the most common TMJ problem.” Then presented “Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Looking beyond the teeth and saving lives.”

December 16, 2016: Annual Christmas Party.

January 13, 2017: **Dr. George Mandelaris**. He presented two distinct lectures:

1. Tissues engineering for bone reconstruction in implant site development and
2. Surgically facilitated orthodontic therapy (SFOT) – an interdisciplinary approach.

- March 10, 2017: **Dr. Jonathan Parker**. Lectured on “Treating Snoring and Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) – Grow practices and change lives.”
- April 14, 2017: **Associated Financial Group** of speakers presented “Small business accounting, retirement issues, and cyber security.”
- May 12, 2017: **Dr. Mark Huberty**. Lectured on dental bonding: History, generations of bonding protocols, available products/systems and a look into the future.
- October 13, 2017: **Dr. Mark Murphy** presented a pathway to a more rewarding and profitable practice. He called this the periodic table of functional elements for sustained success.
- November 10, 2017: **Dr. Clark Stanford**, presented integrating predictable esthetics into clinical practice. His focus for the day was young adult patients with missing teeth.
- December 15, 2017: Christmas Party.
- January 12, 2018: **Dr. Nadir Sharifi** (Chicago prosthodontist). Lectured on RPD techniques for the 21st Century. He called his presentation “Improving George Washington’s Wooden Teeth.”
- March 9, 2017: **Dr. Michael Sesemann**. Presented “Synergy of Esthetics, Occlusion and Function.”
- April 13, 2017: **Dr. Michael Scherer** and **Dr. Tim Hart** lectured on 3D acquisitions and design production.
- May 11, 2018: **Dr. Dennis Hartlieb** and **Dr. Kathy French** presented a day called “Sleep Disorder Breathing – The Dentist’s Role.”
- October 12, 2018: **Dr. Mitchell Gardiner**. His presentation was “The Changing Standards of Care in Dentistry – 2018.” Extensive data from office situations gave membership significant real-world advice on patient-doctor interactions.
- November 2, 2018: **Doug Sligting** lectured on “The Dental Profession is Changing: Ineffective Marketing is No Longer an Option.” Speaker used group participation to emphasize his thesis and create interest in this controversial topic.
- December 14, 2018: Christmas Party.
- January 11, 2019: **Dr. Margherita Fontana** and **Dr. Sandra Armstrong** together lectured on “Cariology for the 21st Century.” They presented current caries manage-

ment concepts for a modern dental practice. Impressive program using research supported information presented well. Members were inspired to asked multiple questions. The speakers were able to handle all questions and encouraged more. Material was useful, practical, and stimulating. A measure of controversy was added to the day with concepts that placed into question traditional principles. In retrospect, one of the most cutting-edge and stimulating continuing education days in memory.

March 8, 2019: **Dr. J. William Robbins** delivered a day-long presentation called “Global Diagnosis.” It was his vision of dental diagnosis and treatment planning. This was based on new materials and trends with patient’s expectations.

April 12, 2019: **Dr. Brian Mealey** (periodontist) presented “The Connections Between Periodontal Health and Systemic Well-being.” He explained what this documented evidence means for a dental practice.

May 10, 2019: The Dr. Robert Morris/MUSOD Scientific Day.

October 11, 2019: **Dr. Nuno Guilherme** (practicing and teaching prosthodontist from Portugal). Topic termed “Adhesive/Restorative Dentistry” for morning section, followed by “Periodontal and Implant Surgery” for afternoon section. Full-day presentations were documented with high-quality images with multiple how-to steps for audience. Impressive lectures with real-world advice for clinicians.

November 8, 2019: Two-part, day-long program. **Mr. Travis Zick** (president of National Dental Laboratory Association) spoke on “State of Dental Laboratories.” His material was unique and well received. He emphasized the dramatic increase for complex appliances is challenging both offices and labs. Dental laboratories are enlarging in size, while at the same time decreasing in number. **Dr. John Scheels** presented the afternoon lecture titled “Zoo Dentist: 38 Years and 90 Species.” His historical and contemporary material was impressive for quality and quantity. His unique ability to think and create on the job was obvious to the audience.

December 13, 2019: Christmas Party.

January 10, 2020: **Dr. Lawrence Brecht** day-long program was “Cleft Palate Care, Maxillomandibular Reconstruction, Facial Reconstruction, and Face Transplantation.” His practice in a medical and dental environment was impressive in both quality and quantity of cases shown. The day was truly cutting-edge maxillofacial prosthodontics.

March, April, and May 2020 scheduled programs were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Programs are listed to document speakers.

March 13, 2020: **Dr. Markus Blatz**. His program “Ceramics, CAD/CAM and Implants.” was based on esthetics. He presented diagnosis, treatment and fabrication using all ceramic materials. Impressive images enhanced the day long program.

April 3, 2020: **Dr. Alonzo Carrasco-Labra** lectured on “Evidence-based dentistry.” The day-long program reviewed contemporary dental procedures influenced by current research and clinical outcomes. The material challenged popular beliefs from vintage principles.

May 7 and 8, 2020: Road trip to St. Paul, Minnesota to visit and tour the 3M Company’s Innovation Center. Membership travelled by bus. The tour included presentations and demonstrations from the staff. Dental products were discussed from concept to development to office distribution. A significant amount of time was spent on digital scanning equipment for the dental laboratory industry and office use. Membership was impressed with the level of intensity displayed by those giving the tour and presenting information.

October 9, 2020: **Dr. James McKee**, Medinah Country Club, Medinah, IL. All-day meeting titled “Treatment Planning the Restorative—TMD Patient.” This was a joint meeting with CAIDT Study Club. Excellent material, well organized, and expertly presented. Speaker held our attention the entire day.

November 6, 2020: **Dr. Chris Ching** and **Dr. Brad DeGroot** gave an all-day presentation titled “Full-Arch Implant Reconstructions.” The event was held at the Wisconsin Club, Milwaukee. Clinical and laboratory steps were well documented. Parallel fabrication steps were shown using analog and digital workflow protocols.

December 2020: Christmas party cancelled.





## CHAPTER SIX

### THE MEMBERS

Membership in THE Forum has always been special. Because gaining membership status is a signature event in a dentist's career, a major effort has been made to record these names and dates. The list that follows documents those who have been ELECTED to THE Forum. THE Forum did not and does not track the history of members as they relocate, resign, retire, or pass on. Some of those events were noted in the formal meeting notes as they occurred. The creation of this 2020 master list of elected members along with dates of election has been met with some challenges.

From written records, we can document that the concept of THE Forum was proposed on November 10, 1921. A constitution and operating by-laws were created and approved by the charter members' signatures on November 25, 1921. Those original signed founding documents do not exist in our archives. No living member can attest to having ever seen these items. No roster exists listing those dentists present at the organizational meeting. Apparently, those who participated became the membership and simply began operation. We must assume that our Constitution and By-laws used today was formally transcribed soon after the foundational meetings, but the original hard copy and date of first publication are lost to history.

The business meeting notes from December 21, 1941 record a significant announcement from Dr. Jensen. His report adds to the history of the founding. He brought to the attention of the membership that it had been twenty years since THE Forum was established. He then delivered a report that stated 32 dentists formed the initial membership. In 1941, of those original 32—7 were dead, 13 had resigned and 12 were still active members. During this same meeting, Drs. James C. Mortonson and Morton

H. Mortonson spoke about the formation of THE Forum. Their comments were not recorded.

Using that magic number of 32, the hunt for the names began. Studying later rosters and reading the surviving business meeting minutes looking for mentioned names, I have constructed a list of 32 names that I believe represent the founding members. Their names are listed next to the election date of 1921. These “charter members” began THE Forum, but were not technically elected. All other subsequently elected dentists are listed with their year of election. This data comes from reading the meeting minutes in our archives.

Along with the above history, it is of interest that a permanent master list of all the people who have ever been ELECTED to membership in THE Dental Forum did not previously exist. We have active member lists at certain points in time, but members often have complicated histories. They relocate, resign, or change their status in THE Forum.

The archives do have some lists:

- 1) Past Presidents by year (1921 then forward).
- 2) Active members when periodic anniversary booklets were done on three occasions.
- 3) Inactive members (only done twice), but not with year elected.
- 4) Life members, but not always the year elected. Not routinely updated or current or historic.
- 5) With THE Forum moving to digital records, contemporary lists are more complete, accurate, searchable, and archived. The editing, updating, and active management of this information will become an increasingly significant task for our webmaster.

The problems encountered with documentation of elected members:

- 1) Confusion (mainly historic) concerning a listing of those who were formally elected to membership is an issue difficult to resolve. The history of each elected member has not been documented.

- 2) When an elected member resigned (for any reason), that name was not automatically placed onto a list.
- 3) If an elected active member; upon retirement, did not request Life membership, the name was not maintained on any historic list. Our first president, E. L. Wetzel is on the president's list and his name engraved on our gavel, but not to be found anywhere else. We know of his existence from the president's list and the appearance of his name in early meeting notes.
- 4) Some meeting minutes have been lost. Those lost notes may have contained names of people elected to active membership, but they were then lost to history if they did not continue active membership.
- 5) On November 10, 1921, THE Forum was organized. An election was held for "temporary officers." A person named R. R. Conroy was elected secretary. At a later meeting, the "temporary officers" became THE Forum's permanent officers. R. R. Conroy served as our first secretary and signed our meeting minutes through April 14, 1922. Dr. Conroy resigned from THE Forum in 1926. His name then disappears from Forum records. Because of the reading of our historical minutes, I have added his name to the following list of dentists who were Forum members. In the reading of all our existing meeting minutes, I have discovered others who were part of the initial membership, but not placed on any known list then or later. Therefore, those re-discovered names have been added to the list that follows in the year of their election or judged to be a founding/charter member.
- 6) If other lost elected members are discovered, their names must be included in an updated edition of this history.
- 7) Multiple stories are found in our minute books. For example, on October 9, 1936, Dr. Blier was elected to membership. Then on March 12, 1937 he was "dropped." No explanation.
- 8) As mentioned earlier, no comprehensive list was ever recorded of THE Charter members. Since they were never elected, no election record exists of them except an occasional mention in the minute books. When a name was mentioned in the meeting minutes; but that name never listed in an election, it was assumed to be a charter member from 1921. The reconstructed charter member list that follows matches the 1941 report that there were 32 such original members.

What follows is a list of the dentists elected to active membership in The Dental Forum by the year of their election. This data was tabulated by reading the existing meeting minutes and noting election results. No attempt has been made to follow the history of each elected person. The 1921 group represents those dentists documented to have been an active member in 1921. The 1921 group was not elected, but were present at the founding and signed the organizational documents. The subsequent names are listed by year of election. This data has been gathered from the reading of the archived meeting minutes. Corrections are requested for publication in future editions. Also, if any active member wishes to review the archived meeting minute books, they are invited to contact our historian.

Lastly for this section of “MEMBERS” in our first 100 years, the years included extend from 1921 to 2020. When this book is edited, the updated list will pick up with the 2021 election. At any time for an update of members, go to our website: [www.dentalforumofmilwaukee.org](http://www.dentalforumofmilwaukee.org).

## 1921

Blaisdell, E. Ward	Kohlsdorf, Edwin S.	Stienhaus, E. A.
Brown, Robert, C.	McMahon, Frank	Siewert, George, D.
Conroy, R. R.	Metzgar, Frank J.	Theil, Louis, A.
Forester, Harry	Morton, Harry G.	Theil, Herman, F.
Hansen, Ansgar E.	Mortonson, James, C.	Uebele, Harvey, M.
Hardgrove	Mortonson, Morton H., Sr.	Uelmen, N. E.
Hayward	Richter, A.J.	Wandell
Hickey C. H.	Rossteuscher	Wetzel, E. L.
Hopkinson, Roy, Wm.	Sandner, Arthur, C.	Wiebrecht, Albert, T.
Jensen, Norwood, S.	Schaller	Wright, John, J.
Koch, W. H.	Schwendener, Carl, M.	

## 1922

Binzel, H. P.

Crawford, James, W.

Doyle, Earl

Dittberner, F. J.

Heinemen, Frederick, W.

Johnson, M. D.

Leidgen, Charles, O.

Morgan, G. E.

## 1923

Gage, G. A.

Lando, H. E.

Ruppenthal, Edward, A.

Richter, Rudolf, G.

## 1924

Jahn, Harry

Solberg, Oskar

## 1925

Capwell, Rexford, P. W.

Cramer, J.

Phelan, P.

Toutant, William, A.

Wermuth, Clayton

## 1926

Drosen, Edwin

Brown, Peter

Jessel

Nelson, James

## 1927

Dresen, O. M.

## 1928

Abbott, Thomas, R.

## 1929

Schaller, L. P.

## 1930

Ellsworth

## 1931

Cavanaugh, Michael, G.  
Leichtfuss, I

Reynolds, Carl  
King, G. B.

Nachazel, Delbert, P.

## 1932

Gabe, George, C.

Poulter, Allen, J.

## 1933

Fee, Graham, B.

## 1934

Kraus, E. Edward

Miller, E. F.

## 1935

Dohrman, Stanley, T.  
Gingrass, Edward

Heffernan, Bernard, A.  
Holly, Victor, B.

Pilling, Lloyd, G.  
Wilson, Floyd, C.

## 1936

Blier  
Blaisdell, Henry, W.  
Howard, Burr, H.

Kopp, Aloyse, E.  
Lando, Harry, E.  
Lane, Thomas, B.

Mortonson, Morton, H. Jr.

## 1937

Knittel, Edward, H.

1938

Popp, Lawrence, C.

1941

Kraus, Leland, L.

1942

Justin, Joseph, P.

1943

Morgenroth, H. B.

Schuster, Charles, H.

1945

Snyder, Dale, H.

1946

Mortonson, Thomas, K.

1947

Blaisdell, Ralph, C.

Gehl, Daniel, H.

1948

Gehl, Andrew, P.

Schlick, John, M.

Young, Warner, R.

1949

Perschbacker, Chester, I.

Sterns, Rexford, H.

1950

Darling, John, W.

1953

Semrau, John, S.

1954

Krook, Robert, C.

Pinter, Elmer, C.

1956

Darling, Richard, E.

1957

Toutant, John, W.

1958

Roepke, Henry, F.

1959

Mortonson, Theodore

1960

Bassman, Abraham, H.

Gules, John, M.

Pavlock, Paul, A.

1961

Wilkins, Harry, J.



## 1964

Krieger, Lee

Ziegler, Charles, L.

## 1965

Barrett, David, A.

Pinter, James

## 1966

Kowske, Ossie, A.

Nequette, William

Toutant, Richard

## 1967

Becherer, Carl, V.

## 1968

Ferber, Robert, F.

Haley, Richard, M.

Remington, Carson C., Jr.

## 1969

Eiche, William, M.

## 1971

Backlund, Donald, F.

Weinzierl, Michael

## 1972

Happel, Emery, E.

Potter, Donald, W.

Ziebert, Gerald, J.

Kemmet, Wilfred, J.

Walker, Jerry, W.

## 1973

Conover, John, P.

Potter, Daniel, C.

Schabowski, Ralph, J.

Stifter, Ronald, P.

Van Scotter, Donald, E.

## 1974

Mahalick, Jerome

## 1975

Becherer, Jeffery, C.

McGivney, Glen, P.

## 1976

Gabler, E. William

## 1977

Ashley, Charles, M.

Donald Backlund

Holzhauer, Daniel, J.

Morris, Robert, B.

O'Brien, Thomas, J.

Stilp, William, W.

## 1979

C. T. (Neil) Geary

## 1980

Kass, Charles

Heiden, Robert

## 1981

Goblirsch, James

## 1984

Abraham, Jerry

Klicka, Jerry

Mahn, Ronald

## 1986

Dempsey, John

Waliszewski, Kenneth J.

## 1987

Darling, Robert

Fahey, Dennis

Karczewski, Robert

## 1988

Oberbreckling, Paul

## 1989

Johnson, R. Scott

Mahn, Paul

Sandvick, Paul

Schiffleger, Bruno

## 1990

Barton, Nancy

Bohl, Charles F.

Byers, Craig

Darling, John

Donegan, Sara Jean

Farrell, Walter

Gruber, Paul

Johnson, L. T.

Smaglick, Paul

Sobczak, Kenneth

## 1991

Gapson, Bryan

Karczewski, Michael

Klicka, Jonathon

Winter, Robert

## 1992

Dowsett, William

Kirkham, Daniel

## 1994

Hoge, H. William

Sobczak, Robert A.

Magestro, James S.

Zakariasen, Kenneth L.

## 1996

Abraham, Jennifer

Hove, James

Ziebert, Anthony

D'Angelo, Dan

Nagy, William

## 1997

Crinzi, William

Johannes, Richard

Moser, John R.

## 1998

Lindstrom, Steve

Martyn, David

Schulze, Paul

## 1999

Huberty, Mark

Scheels, John

Steinbach, Charles

## 2000

Larson, Nancy

Zganjar, Kenneth

## 2001

Jelacic, Gerald

McNamara, Timothy

## 2002

Rossi, Henry

Tempas, Christine

## 2003

Benson, Carter

Clemence, Keith

Keesler, Jeff

Bolt, Mark

Feider, Robert

Tiboris, Gus

## 2004

Lynch, Denis

## 2005

Knoell, Lyndsay

O'Leary, Kevin

Serflek, Joseph

## 2006

Iancu, Rodica

## 2008

Hart, Tim

Koenig, Lisa

Waliszewski, Michael P.

## 2009

Bogenschutz, David

Kopecky, Michael

Hafner, Robert

Race, Kevin

## 2010

Ramer, John

## 2011

Lueck, Angela

## 2012

LaSalle, Tom

Shaw, Tom

Thompson, Geoffrey

## 2013

Smith, Matthew

Stafford, Gary

Vogel, Rachael

## 2014

Shumway, Chris

## 2015

Kachelmeyer, David

Kramer, James

Quesnell, Sarah

Koutnik, Steve

Luepke, Paul

Smith, Andrew (Jess)

## 2017

Albiero, Thomas

Graham, Maggie

Jaunberzins, Andris

Burke, Jeffrey

Hebl, Monica

Morales, Eddie

Govani, Shaheda

Kimmel, Alan

Triggs, John

## 2018

An, Hongesok

Griffin, Carolyn

Kats, Sofya

Gerner, Tarah

Hoge, Michael

Urbaitis, Michael

## 2019

Beiersdorf, Noemi Garcia

Kraklow, Thomas

Jakusz, Brian

Mackey, Bridget

## 2020

No new members elected. The pandemic compromised the election protocol.





## CHAPTER SEVEN

### PRESIDENTS AND THE GAVEL

Every person elected to membership in THE Forum was/is important to Dentistry. The limited membership comes through invitation after being elected by the active members. The pool of money collected in the form of dues is used exclusively for the mission of THE Forum. That mission is the continuing education programs for the members. To enhance, protect, and ensure this mission, officers are elected from membership to do the administrative work needed for a successful organization. These leadership and administrative positions are not paid. The historic wisdom of THE Forum currently brings a member into the officer ranks at the level of program chairman. That person then progresses through the other officer positions, culminating in presidency. The president is trained by serving in these stepping-stone positions. The experience obtained by this system gives our president the background to lead the Forum and mentor his/her successor.

The president is responsible for setting the agenda and running all meetings. A ceremonial gavel is physically held by the president during that person's year as president. All Forum presidents have their name engraved onto this gavel.

Forum meeting minutes record that on October 16, 1925, Dr. Oskar Solbrig presented THE Forum "with a beautiful gavel upon which the names of all the past and present Presidents were engraved." No background information exists to explain the motivation behind this significant gift. This gift and the tradition it established has continued for 100 years. THE Forum gavel with 100 engraved names and the year of presidential service will be retired at THE Forum's 100th anniversary gala. A new replacement gavel will be presented to the 101st president at this event. All members anticipate the tradition of the President's Gavel to continue for another 100 years. The

original gavel has been donated to Marquette University School of Dentistry and resides in the school's dental museum.

If an opportunity occurs to view and inspect the historic gavel, it should not be missed. The gavel's head was cast in solid silver with a cast gold Forum logo inlaid into it. As the years passed, the entire gavel head became filled on all four surfaces. To provide room for additional presidential names a silver band was crafted to the wooden handle. This modification allowed for the gavel to hold the entire listing of all presidents up to this point in time. The technology of engraving has evolved over the years. The first group of names on the gavel were hand-scribed into the silver. The precise hand-to-eye craftsmanship needed to do this work was art at a high level. This is another reason to inspect the original. In later years engraving was done with a machine tool guided by tracing a pattern of the required letters. Today, engraving is done using a laser to cut into the surface using a digital program.

THE Forum's "new" replacement gavel has been milled from medical-grade titanium. The first name on this gavel has been laser engraved. Our tradition of documenting the names of our presidents on a gavel is being carried forward with this titanium gavel. The symbolism of using this dental-implant metal for our gavel reflects the spirit of the Forum and all its members.

Forum Presidents 1921 to 2020: These names are engraved on "THE" Gavel (original). Subsequent president's names; starting with 2021, will be engraved onto the "NEW" gavel to continue the tradition.

1921 – E. L. Wetzel

1922 – E. L. Wetzel

1923 – E. Ward Blaisdel

1924 – Morton H. Mortonson, Sr.

1925 – James C. Mortonson

1926 – Harry G. Morton

1927 – Albert T. Wiebrecht

1928 – John J. Wright	1957 – Thomas K. Mortonson
1929 – George E. Morgan	1958 – Ralph C. Blaisdell
1930 – Harvey M. Ubelle	1959 – Edward H. Knittel
1931 – Oskar Solbrig	1960 – Chester I. Perschbacher
1932 – Herman F. Thiel	1961 – John W. Darling
1933 – James W. Crawford	1962 – Daniel H. Gehl
1934 – O. M. Dressen	1963 – Rexford H. Stearns, Sr.
1935 – O. M. Dressen	1964 – Warner R. Young
1936 – Carl Schwenderer	1965 – John M. Schlick
1937 – Frederick W. Heinemann	1966 – Elmer C. Pinter
1938 – Edwin G. Kohlsdorf	1967 – Henry F. Roepke
1939 – A. E. Kopp	1968 – Robert C. Krook
1940 – F. J. Dittberner	1969 – Charles I. Ziegler
1941 – Graham B. Fee	1970 – Theodore Mortonson
1942 – Ansgar E. Hansen	1971 – Paul A. Pavlock
1943 – E. A. Ruppenthal	1972 – Richard E. Darling
1944 – Morton H. Mortonson, Jr.	1973 – Robert F. Ferber
1945 – George C. Gabe	1974 – William L. Nequette
1946 – Edward F. Miller	1975 – Carl V. Becker
1947 – Floyd C. Wilson	1976 –David A. Barrett
1948 – Delbert P. Nachazel	1977 – Carson C. Remington, Jr.
1949 – Rexford P. W. Capwell	1978 – Ozzie Kowske
1950 – Lloyd O. Pilling	1979 – Ralph Schabowski
1951 – Thomas B. Lane	1980 – William Eiche
1952 – Leland L. Kraus	1981 – James Pinter
1953 – Andrew P. Gehl	1982 – John Toutant
1954 – William A. Toutant	1983 – Donald W. Potter
1955 – Thomas R. Abbot	1984 – Emery Happel
1956 – Bernard A. Heffernan	1985 – Ronald Stifter

1986 – Donald VanScotter	2004 – Bryan Gapson
1987 – Daniel Potter	2005 – John Darling
1988 – Michael Weinzerl	2006 – Bill Dowsett
1989 – Gerald Ziebert	2007 – Paul Smaglick
1990 – Jerry Walker	2008 – Mark Huberty
1991 – Robert Morris	2009 – Jennifer Abraham
1992 – Jerry Mahalick	2010 – Tim McNamara
1993 – Jeff Becherer	2011 – David Martyn
1994 – Charles Kass	2012 – Jeff Keesler
1995 – Gerald D. Abraham	2013 – Nancy Larson
1996 – Robert Heiden	2014 – James Hove
1997 – Thomas O'Brien	2015 – John Scheels
1998 – Charles Ashley	2016 – Michael Kopecky
1999 – Kenneth J. Waliszewski	2017 – William Crinzi & Jerry Jelacic
2000 – Paul Mahn	2018 – Michael P. Waliszewski
2001 – Sara Jean Donegan	2019 – John R. Moser
2002 – Paul Gruber	2020 - Angela Lueck
2003 – Mike Karczewski	



Close-up view of the THE Forum's gavel head, which documents the names of the earliest presidents. Note: The names have been hand-engraved into the silver.

THE original gavel with the above-listed president names is now retired. It has been placed into the Dental Museum at Marquette University School of Dentistry.

THE replacement gavel will now be used following the established historical protocol. Each current Forum president will take custody of the gavel and bring it to Forum events to open and close business. The outgoing president will orchestrate the engraving of the newly elected president's name onto the gavel.



The original Forum gavel in presentation case. It holds the names of THE Forum's first 100 presidents.





The new Forum gavel created to replace the retired original gavel. This new gavel was milled from medical-grade titanium. Milling, assembly, and polishing done by James Chojnacki, owner of Universal Tool Company.



2018 Forum President, Michael P. Waliszewski, handing off the gavel to 2019 Forum President, John R. Moser.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

### TRENDS AFFECTING THE FUTURE OF THE FORUM

**T**he Dental Forum invented dental continuing education in 1921. The idea of dentists pooling their money together to sponsor regular professional programs to advance their knowledge and ability to provide care is a great success story. Other dental organizations have strong claims to this distinction. The American Dental Association, many state and local dental societies, the Odontological Society of Wisconsin, along with other formal study clubs, have an impressive record of fostering dental continuing education. However, The Dental Forum of Milwaukee, by virtue of continuously functioning for 100 years with a documented protocol for orchestrating programming has created and formalized the model for life-long learning paid for by its members.

Today; 2021, dental continuing education is ubiquitous. Because this is a fact, what is the future of THE Dental Forum? Only an arrogant fool would seriously try to predict the future; but the topic should be discussed because change is the only sure thing coming. Significant trends can currently be observed that are affecting the future of continuing education. Those trends will shape how THE Dental Forum positions itself going forward.

#### **TRENDS affecting Continuing Education —“life-long learning”:**

- ♦ The information explosion.
- ♦ A continued need and documented demand.
- ♦ Dental School Curricula – What is a dentist?
- ♦ Availability.
- ♦ Providers.

THE TREND of the information explosion and its sharing via the digital cloud is dramatic. Knowledge in all fields is expanding exponentially. The ancient Japanese expression describes well what is happening; “Behind every opened door is another door,” meaning that as we discover more about our world, we see the need to ask more questions. More questions, more inquiry, and therefore more information. To share this information the world is equipped with interconnected digital devices to make this expanding information available to all who search for it.

The book *The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman pointed out that everyone everywhere can gain access to everything. For people to benefit from this available knowledge, the founding principle behind THE Dental Forum of life-long learning in a formal learning environment could prove to be critical. One hundred years of Forum-sponsored knowledge sharing could still be the roadmap for the next century.

Self-driven searching and study in the electronic world has merit. However, adding a teacher, facilitator, or trained expert can enhance learning. Add to this the dynamic of group interaction and the learning experience grows even greater. When a dentist pays money and commits to attending formal learning sessions, the stage is set for enhanced knowledge.

The trend of an increasing NEED for continued education is very powerful. The ego and professional arrogance in all of us needs to be channeled. No one can really know all things. The knowledge and skill we acquired in school was a good start to a successful practice. To function in a world of change and enhanced information expansion requires us to recognize the need to be life-long learners. Our Forum charter members did that in 1921. That established mission of THE Forum is still relevant today. Therefore, THE Forum is well positioned to carry on with what we do well. The need for life-long learning is clear and I believe the professionalism of Forum members will continue to demand we full fill our mission.

Another major trend affecting the future of THE Forum is the trend in DENTAL EDUCATION. Dental curricula in all schools are stressed. Stressed for time and content along with the stress of recruiting talented faculty. For perspective, it is of



interest to observe what has occurred in medical education. Medicine has addressed the information explosion by embracing specialization. This allows for a segregated teaching of knowledge. Basic medical school today has evolved into an introduction to the very broad areas of medicine. Every physician in training then proceeds to an internship and most often a residency. It is in that residency that the physician becomes expert in that focused area of medicine.

This compartmentalization of medicine's information is one way to manage the exponential growth of knowledge. Life-long learning for the contemporary physician continues, but this continued learning is directed toward his or her discrete specialty. Could this reality in medicine become a trend for dentistry?

Dentistry; like medicine, is evolving into having multiple areas of knowledge specialization. These areas historically were departments in dental schools that taught their discipline to all dental students. As the information explosion has affected all areas of dentistry, it is no longer possible to teach the body of knowledge that exists in each area to all. The curriculum in today's dental schools strives to provide a basic framework for a contemporary practice. Being aware of the specialties and sensitizing a safe beginner how and when to refer is taught.

Dental education following this protocol will force graduates to increasingly make important decisions after graduation: seek advanced formal training, or actively seek continuing education, beyond what was given in school, in those areas that interest them.

This direction of dental education will have an influence on The Dental Forum. Will Forum membership become divided into limited practice subgroups or remain a "blend"? Will Forum membership choose new members only focused on a general practice? These challenges will grow in complexity because new members will increasingly no longer have received a standardized education. To remain relevant, THE Forum will need to be aware of what schools already have done—that you cannot teach everything to everybody.

This reality will be a challenge to Forum program creators. An insightful program might captivate some, while being less meaningful to others. Program directors and membership will need to communicate to foster programs that enlighten, stimulate, entertain, and provide clinical value to the membership.

In 1921, the availability of continuing education after graduation was limited. Few schools took on this issue or even considered it a serious need. Professional journals were few and not scientifically based. Conventions and meetings focused on selling product, materials, and supplies.

One hundred years later, the dental industry is a major big business and continuing education is ubiquitous. Every dental specialty has multiple professional journals and their own personalized conventions. Throw-away dental publications commonly litter every office. Meetings of every description clutter our email servers. Franchised dental study clubs vie for membership. YouTube.com runs video shorts of most office and laboratory procedures. Dental schools run CE programs continuously and advertise nationwide. Sales representatives of dental suppliers and manufactures visit every office offering demonstrations, lunch-and-learns and courses connected to vacation spots.

Dentists no longer need to search for continuing education; it finds us. This availability and easy access to continuing education does allow dentists to meet the legal requirements for CE now encouraged by most licensure agencies. Having more and requiring more does not mean that it is better. The Dental Forum, the inventor of dental continuing education, can remain relevant by orchestrating quality for its members. When the playing field is crowded, quality will distinguish itself. THE Forum does this well. Scientific programs founded on research and documented clinical outcomes will continue to position THE Forum as the place for quality life-long learning.

As mentioned already; CE so rare in 1921, has become common in 2021. With continuing education evolving into its own big business, the presenters of these programs have become personalities and “super-stars” of a sort. The spectacle of glitzy

CE programs now requires dynamic speakers to attract an audience and then entertain them. The circle of ever more entertainment from star presenters to attract more paying customers to pay for the show is a concern. The information should be the star and not the presentation. Historically, it was considered an honor for a presenter to speak to THE Forum membership. The honorarium was money for expenses and a token engraved pen and pencil set. Times have certainly changed. In 2021, star speakers charge a significant fee. The travel expenses are extra and negotiations tortuous over the schedule. Demands for a retainer to hold a confirmed date are common. Where have the professors gone? Why have the star speakers become high-priced entertainers? It is the way it is. THE Forum cannot change the world; but this trend of serious money and entertainment over content demands our attention.

The next century will be a challenge to the mission and very existence of THE Forum. The information explosion will continue to accelerate. The need for life-long learning to follow the growth in knowledge is a necessity. Dental school curricula will be stressed and compressed. Specialization and limited focus practices will grow in numbers. Ubiquitous CE programing connected to selling product will remain popular and continue to expand. Scholarly CE programing will be increasingly hard to identify and find.

This predicted future is not certain. What is needed is what created THE Forum. In 1921, a group of concerned dentists got together and discussed how to make the future better. They assumed if they made themselves better, they would make dentistry better. I believe in The Dental Forum. I believe and I predict THE Forum members of 2021 will work together to make themselves and dentistry better.

With the ending of this manuscript, 100 years of continuous Forum-orchestrated life-long learning has been documented. Because of the talents and dedication of all Forum members past and present, guided by the foundational brilliance of our constitution, the next 100 years will continue to be special.



## EPILOGUE

In the 100th year of THE Forum's continuous functioning, an unexpected and unprecedented event unfolded. A medical epidemic took hold worldwide and became a pandemic. It has affected people everywhere and is ongoing. What we know at this time will be summarized, but the long-term effects will need the perspective of history and future Forum historians. Dentistry and The Dental Forum are significantly affected because our work environment is the location that spreads this disease.

Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) is an infectious viral disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS – CoV2). It was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, China. Common symptoms include fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, and loss of taste and smell. Most cases result in mild symptoms; however, the disease can progress to pneumonia, acute respiratory distress, septic shock, blood clots, and multiple organ failure (primarily kidney failure). Time from exposure to symptoms averages five days; but can range from two to fourteen days. This virus is spread between people during close contact. The mechanism of spread is via small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing, and talking. These droplets usually fall to the ground or onto surfaces. However, the droplets can travel through the air and remain airborne for multiple minutes.

Preventing the spread of this viral disease is based on face covering, hand-washing, social distancing, and quarantine of those exposed and or infected.

Treatment is symptomatic and supportive. Steroids, anti-inflammatory drugs, and existing anti-viral medicines are in use to manage symptoms in those infected. Transfusing blood containing antibodies from survivors to victims is available. Data collection is ongoing to evaluate these strategies. When the disease leads to severe pneumo-

nia or acute respiratory distress, mechanical breathing support is provided with a ventilator. Fewer than half of ventilated patients survive.

Intense worldwide efforts to develop effective vaccines began in early 2020. Dramatic science at unprecedented speed produced several vaccines by late 2020. Vaccine distribution is now underway. It will take time to inoculate a significant percentage of the population, but the process has started. All hope the vaccines represent the beginning of the end of the Covid pandemic.

With a health crisis at hand, national, state, and local leaders addressed this epidemic with stay-at-home directives, social distancing suggestions, use of masks, and a focus on sanitation. Medical facilities slowed optional procedures and focused on acute care of those infected and symptomatic. Dental offices slowed except for emergency care focused on pain. The business community put in place measures to avoid person-to-person contacts. Schools closed and tried to foster online educating.

Following these efforts, the obvious happened—the overall economy slowed, unemployment rose, and stay-at-home people grew increasingly restless. No perfect balancing formula has been found to make all citizens happy, safe, and comfortable. Until the pandemic is ended the debate over returning to normal activities while fighting the disease will continue.

Trends set in motion earlier are seeing greater acceptance:

- ◆ On-line shopping has become very common. This makes clear that we have too many stores and that we can expect fewer new ones to be built.
- ◆ On-line education at all grade levels has become our default technique. This will continue and outcomes will be debated.
- ◆ On-line work-from-home (by those who can) is and will continue to disrupt traditional office protocol.
- ◆ Design of homes will evolve to accommodate the trend of working, learning, and entertaining at home.
- ◆ Less travelling to places of work and entertainment means less need for transportation and its infrastructure.

- ◆ Robotics in industry, the service sector, medicine, and countless other endeavors will grow exponentially to avoid social contacts.
- ◆ Human social interacting is evolving in new directions with increasing options.

Will these active trends lead to good outcomes or negative, unintended consequences? Historians, social scientists, demographers, writers, philosophers, and critics of all types will have great fun telling us what happened and why.

Dentistry was in a good position to respond to Coronavirus Disease because we had previously been challenged by HIV-AIDS. Dentistry's acceptance of universal precautions decades earlier positioned us and our offices very well to fight the spread of the Covid-19 viruses. Few strategies, protocols, products, or equipment offered to fight this virus were new to us. The standards of care accepted by Dentistry earlier proved contemporary and effective. I can foresee future Forum speakers presenting information and analysis on the pandemic. The mission of THE Forum will continue to educate the members and keep us aligned with current science. THE Forum will remain a major force keeping members well positioned for ongoing success by using knowledge-based science.





November 2020. John R. Moser (President 2019) passing the 100-year-old gavel to Angela Lueck (President 2020).

**Historical note:** The original gavel will be retired from use at the 100 Anniversary celebration in November 2021. A new/replacement gavel will be presented to Gary Stafford (President 2021) at that time to continue the tradition of the meeting gavel carrying the names of the serving Forum president.



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