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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The CDA Vancouver Meet and Greet was a good event. It was held on 09 March 2000 in the Cascades Lounge of the Pan Pacific Hotel. Over 35 CFDS and RCDCA members attended and it was fun to be with friends in Lotus Land and to see green grass in March.

Dues and news- We had a great response in payment of dues and news from you. The inclusion of an RCDCA return envelope looks like a good idea and we will repeat it in future. A special thanks to those who sent in donations, we do appreciate it and we do keep records. Thanks also to those Life Members who send in "dues" even when they have no obligation to do so. **If you have not yet paid your dues please do so!**

The news you sent has been wonderful as you will see when reading- thanks to all who took the time to write

Finally, thanks to Jack Mullins, Gilles Brissette and Joe Hohsdorf. All have helped over the past year; without them you would not be reading this.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the RCDCA:

Maj Karl Gravitis
Maj Greg Tucker
Maj Elizabeth Toporowski
Col Brian Yates
Capt Tom Jackson

RCDCA BBQ

We plan a BBQ in Ottawa on Saturday 27 May 2000 starting at 2 PM (1400 hrs.) It will be at the RCAFA 410 Wing (the former Junior Ranks Mess) CFB Rockcliffe. RCDCA and CFDS members - (all ranks), military and civilian are welcome, including wives, friends and anyone interested in the RCDCA. Cost per person will be \$15.00. New York cut steak, four salad choices and baked potatoes will be served. Mess bar prices will be in effect. We plan to dine about 5 PM. Dress is casual and there is free parking. You need to confirm attendance by 20 May so we can order the food. To sign up, contact either Peter McQueen (his particulars are on cover sheet of this newsletter) or Earl McFadden at 613 - 745-2016. Earl's email is: cactus@travel-net.com.

RCDCA/CFDS GOLF

We have received confirmation from the CFB Trenton Golf Course that we are booked for tee times of 11:00 - 13:00 on Thursday 21 September 2000. Details will follow later. Cost of green fees is \$25.00 this year.

CFDS UPDATE

Colonel John Currah, Director of Dental Services signed a contract on 5 April 2000 with Brigadier General Mathieu, Director General Health Services. The contract was approved by ADM HR (Mil) and VCDS. In it, the Canadian Forces Dental Services is described as a "stand alone" organization with discrete funding. The Director of Dental Services will report to the Director General Health Services but all Director General Health Service's dental authorities have been delegated to Director Dental Services. As well, Director Dental Services has command and control of 1 Dental Unit. This contract and the approval of Canadian Forces Dental Services Reforger are very good news for the Dental Branch and reflect a significant vote of confidence in the entire organization.

The CFDS Winter Working Group convened at 17 Wing, Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg 25 February to 2 March 2000. A diverse agenda of continuing education was presented to all 180 attendees. The event was considered a success and culminated with an all ranks Mess Dinner. The guest of honour was Dr. Johan de Vries, Dean of Dentistry, University of Manitoba who delivered an informative address on the state of dentistry today and prospects for the future.

The 36th CFDS Bonspiel was held at the Granite Club in Winnipeg 1-2 March with twenty-four teams entered in the spiel. The winners were as follows:

- A Event (Wansborough Trophy) - Dr. Hucal, LCol Becker, LCol Hart, and Maj Goheen.
- B Event (RCDC (R) Trophy) - Capt West, Capt Kaiser, Sgt Sushelniski and WO Roberge.
- C Event (Snr NCO's Trophy) - Wayne Cudmore, Maj Johnson, Maj Lysechko and Dr. Fleming
- D Event (Branch CWO's Trophy) - Maj Anderson, Maj McTaggart, Maj Hedley and Capt Ross

The bonspiel was followed by a banquet at the Officers Mess where the winners received their trophies and crests. Everyone had a great time enjoying the curling, comradery and the most unusual mild weather in Winnipeg.

The winners of the 1999/2000 W.R. Thompson Trophy have been announced. The award will be presented to the team of Captain Jason Comeau and Sergeant Nora Larocque who were deployed to Macedonia 19 January to 15 April 1999 during OP Guarantor. This trophy is awarded to the individual or team, who has made the most significant contribution to the operational role of the CFDS during the past year or over several years. Capt Comeau and Sgt Larocque had to overcome significant problems to arrive in theatre. As well, they faced difficult and stressful conditions on a daily basis. They both displayed an exemplary level of professionalism throughout their deployment and brought unquestionable credit to the Canadian Forces Dental Services.

The Canadian Forces Dental Services recently had the opportunity to present the story of its involvement in the Swissair Flight 111 Investigation. The Director of Dental Services, Col Currah, tasked three members of the Branch to create a presentation focussing on Forensic Dentistry; Mass Disaster Management; The Forensic Identification Centre and the Swissair Experience; concluding with Case Studies. This presentation was to be delivered in March to a mainly civilian audience attending the Pacific Dental/ Canadian Dental Association Conference in Vancouver. LCol Becker, Maj Collins and Maj Reid created and presented their project called "The Swissair Forensic Experience" to an audience estimated to be well over 1,100 people. Judging by the audience response and the subsequent positive feedback, the presentation has been judged a great success.

85 YEARS AND GOING STRONG!

Canadian military dentistry will shortly be celebrating its 85th birthday as a separate, autonomous service. The Canadian Army Dental Corps was established on 20 April 1915 to provide much-needed care for our troops in France and England during WWI. But the year 2000 is actually the centennial of the practice of dentistry in the Canadian military. Starting in 1900, several dentists delivered care to the Canadian troops involved in the Boer War in South Africa.

To honour these milestones and to make CF and CFDS members in particular more aware of the history of the Dental Corps, a former member of the CFDS, Dr. Tom Routledge of Vancouver, BC has loaned part of his collection of Dental Corps memorabilia to 1 Dental Unit HQ. On display in the lobby of the Health Care Centre (NDMC) and in the halls of HQ are a number of different and unique historical items from throughout the history of the Dental Corps.

Dr. Routledge served in the CFDS from 1976 - 1984. He attended dental school at the University of Toronto through DOTP, and went on to be a dental officer at CFB Kingston and RMC Kingston. His collection of Dental Corps memorabilia has grown from his first acquisition in 1978, an RCDC cap badge, to a wide array of badges, uniforms, pictures, plaques, and books.

Dr. Routledge's ultimate goal would be to have a Dental Corps museum established and maintained, at which time he would donate his collection to the museum. In the meantime, it is important to preserve any example of the history of the Corps. If any current or former member of the CADC, CDC, RCDC, or CFDS would like to donate items to Dr. Routledge so they can be preserved and displayed for all interested parties to see, they can contact him at #200 - 2885 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam, BC, V3B 1C1 tel (604)942-3262, email/courier routledge@moody.bc.ca

AWARD

Dr. Keith Morley, Chief Examiner in Pediatric Dentistry for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, received the 1999 Merle C. Hunter Leadership Award from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry on 30 May 1999.

Dr. Morley is the first Canadian to ever receive this award whose criteria states that it will "recognize a particular AAPD committee member or consultant who has exhibited exemplary leadership skills and whose committee has done outstanding work during the past year." Dr. Morley served as Chair of the Clinical Affairs Committee from 1996 to 1999.



In his nomination it was stated that, not only had Dr. Morley and his committee accomplished an enormous amount of work benefiting the AAPD but he had carried out this work in a way that prepared for new leadership to carry on the important tasks before them.

"Keith has submitted every committee report or requested project before the deadline. He has communicated regularly and thoroughly with the elected leadership, his trustee liaison and the Headquarters Office Staff. He has coached both committee members and staff support personnel in the right direction to accomplish the tasks at hand. Keith has led with a direct and engaging style, accompanied with the resolve and commitment to assure that all goals are met."

Dr. Morley concluded his second term as Chief Examiner in Pediatric Dentistry for the RCDC in September 1999. Well done Keith!

LAST POST

Church, Edward, Arthur: Passed away in Fergus, Ontario in August of 1999. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps and served from 1942 until 1971 at which time he began his own business as a dental repair technician for some twenty years.

Cope, Maurice C: Died in Peterborough, Ontario on 10 January 2000 at the age of 73. "Moe" was a 1949 graduate of the University of Toronto and served in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps retiring as a Major in 1955, he then established his civilian practice in Peterborough.

Cunningham, Winston Ross: Passed away suddenly on 02 Feb 2000, at St. Joseph's Health Centre, London, Ontario at age 89. "Win" was a graduate of the University of Toronto's Dental Faculty. He served in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps, retiring as a Colonel. He later became the Director of Dental Services for the London Board of Education.

Jewers, Thelma Edith: Died peacefully 30 March 2000 in Ottawa, Ontario at the age of 85. The former Thelma Aubin worked in Ottawa at various military dental clinics as a civilian dental assistant and as a dental hygienist.

Dippel, Gerald: Passed away on 26 Feb 2000 in Kingston, Ontario. He was a Major in the CFDS at time of retirement and was an RCDCA member

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Andre Berthiaume- Co-proprietaire d'un club prive de chasse et pêche J'ai maintenant le temps de m'adonner a la pêche au dore et a la truite, ainsi qu'a la chasse a l'original et au chevreuil Cette annee j'ai abattu un beau chevreuil de 11 pointes, un beau trophée pour la region.

Gilles Brissette

Je suis maintenant un traducteur, non officiel, de l'ACDRC. J'ai des problèmes avec un genou et mes pieds donc je n'abuse plus les trottoirs d'Ottawa. Je me promène plutôt sur l'Internet. Je fournis des histoires propres et quelquefois "sales" à Pierre McQueen pour le bénéfice de ceux que ça intéresse. What Gilles does not say is that he now has a computer and has become an addict and a good student of the e-world. He also fails to mention that he does a lot of RCDCA work. Thanks Gilles!

Jack Fraser went to Reno for his usual trip to donate money and instead came home with some moola.. He had a visit from Ernie Everett, and they talked about the good old days over a few libations. As well, he heard from Bill Bennett and they too exchanged old gang stories. Jack still enjoys curling but didn't get past the zone level this year. Maybe next year!

Richard Abfalter is once again the President of the Nelson Legion Branch. He's trading commodity futures with a California brokerage firm and still works a couple of days a week with a dentist. "Ab" is unmarried but considers himself fortunate to be with the same lady for the past six years. He's not travelling much this year but, this will all change once his Legion duties are completed.

Tom Routledge has been in general family practice after leaving the CFDS fifteen years ago. Since 1995, he's been involved in forensic odontology with the British Columbia Coroners Service and RCMP VICLAS Section and Bureau of Legal Dentistry at University of British Columbia. Tom is currently President of Pacific Forensic Odontology Services and Comparison Section, leader of BC Forensic Odontology Response Team (BC -Fort) which is a mass disaster victim identification team.

Judy Parker's third year of business ended on a successful note and she's celebrating with a twenty day cruise (Holland America) in mid April. The trip starts in Fort Lauderdale, through the Panama Canal, along the Mexican "Riviera", to San Diego and ending in Victoria. She loves the idea of being at sea with no work to do!

Chuck Rheault is following in George Bradley's footsteps, he's employed as a part time funeral director. He's also maintaining his interest in hockey, managing to play four times a week and taking part in an annual tournament in Victoria for the sixty-plus age group.

Geoff and Gloria Iverson celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary in December at Whistler. Geoff continues to keep fit by swimming three miles a week and hiking around Chilliwack and surrounding mountains. The weather was so mild in BC he was able to continue his weekly forty to fifty km bike rides all winter as well as getting an early start with their spring gardening. He reports that life continues to be just great, spending lots of time with their boys. They are all looking forward to putting the boat in the water in April and spending time in the Okanagan this summer. He has only two bottles of Dental Corps wine left, and he intends to keep them for nostalgia's sake.

Colleen Torrens spent six weeks on Vancouver Island last winter and saw a number of former dental people - Bill Harrington, Ed Graham, Gen. Liddle, Peter Lobb and Tom Taylor. Colleen was getting ready for a trip down under to Australia and New Zealand and was glued to her television watching the America's Cup being "sailed" out of Auckland. The New Zealand yacht 'Black Magic' won over Italy's 'Luna Rosa' so Colleen must have been celebrating with her long red socks on!!

Hank and Wilhelmina Pankratz are happily retired, spending their summers in the Cariboo and winters in Arizona. For the past four years, Harold and Beth Brogan have gone south as well. Hank says that it keeps their friendship warm and the 'Brog's golf game hot. Wilhelmina teaches old folks how to swim while he spends most of his time participating in volleyball and softball.

From Vernon, **Leon Richardson** writes that he's doing his best to bring his life back to normal after suffering a stroke slightly over a year ago. He states that his friend, Lorraine MacKay, helped pick up the pieces and they are taking a Panama Canal cruise together this spring. Mary continues to be well taken care of in the extended care wing of the local hospital, having been admitted there over two years ago.

Peter Lobb is in general practice in Victoria. He's also involved in hospital dentistry and active in the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia, and is the current Chair of Legislation Committee. Peter recently received a Certificate of Merit from the Canadian Dental Association for his work in Ethics. He received a fellowship from the International College of Dentists in March for his contributions to dentistry. Raising a family of three children is keeping him busy. Steven (twenty-two) is finishing fourth year at the University of Victoria. Kim (twenty) is in second year, also at the University of Victoria and plays for the University's Vikings Basketball Team. Amy (fourteen) is in grade nine at St. Michael's University School. Peter enjoys his golf Sunday mornings with Dave Jones and somehow finds time to ski and garden.

Robby Robertson retired from the Corps in 1968 and ran the full and partial denture laboratory in the Dental Faculty at the University of Western Ontario. From there, he moved on to Shaw Laboratories in Toronto where he was employed for fourteen years. He relocated to Minden where he practised denture therapy for four years, and finally, moved to Kelowna at age seventy where his wife of fifty two passed away. Robby bought a park model dwelling in Yuma where he spent six months of each year enjoying golf, painting and bridge. He often used to visit with Dan and Jan Posyluzney and Ken and Joan Wallace who lived nearby. The park model has been sold and Robby has returned to that cold white stuff.

Drew Cahoon tells us he suffered multiple fractures of the pelvis in a head on collision with a semi-trailer this past July. He sold his practice in Three Hills, Alberta and he and Joanne are moving to Raymond, Alberta in July where he's hoping to start working again by January 2001.

Alan Fee and his wife Isabel have been enjoying their retirement these past fifteen years. They've done considerable travelling and Alan still enjoys the odd game of golf. Alan says that his game isn't getting any better but he feels lucky that he can get out and give it a try. Roy Castigan and Sam Reeves (both dental technicians during the war years) passed away last year. Roy went to the University of Toronto and obtained a dental degree. He returned to Edmonton and entered private practice. Sam joined Dick Mitchell (another war time technician) and together they ran a commercial laboratory for many years. Dick died several years ago.

Denis Lamoureux debated America's leading anti-evolutionist Phillip E. Johnson (Berkley University) last year. The debate was published as a book entitled: Darwinism Defeated? The Johnson-Lamoureux Debate on Biological Origins (Regent College Press 1999)

Doug Pettigrew continues to practise periodontics and management of TMJ dysfunction in Edmonton, Alberta. He teaches Periodontics at the University of Alberta part-time. His son is practising dentistry in Pembroke, Ontario and his daughter is teaching in a remote area of the North West Territories. Doug has two Chow Chows and is looking forward to golfing soon if Edmonton's weather continues to be balmy.

Neville Headley is now fully baptized in private practice, with a superb dental team and three other energetic dentists, in northwest Calgary. Beth is taking an evening course at University and training to walk in an October marathon, being held in Dublin, Ireland, for the Arthritis Association. Her sponsorship drive, although in its earliest stages, is in motion. Neville is keeping busy preparing a lecture for a Women's Wellness Workshop in Calgary and the Endodontics Clinical Short Course in Winnipeg. He continues to volunteer on the Promotions Committee for the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede and has commenced preliminary activities to support the Restoration Outreach Society (R.O.S.), this fall, they provide free dental care to remote areas of eastern and central Mexico. He looks forward to contributing a follow-up synopsis, of the expedition, to the newsletter.

Paddy Tweed remustered into Dental in 1964, and retired in 1985. His postings were mainly in eastern Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, and Germany. He has many fond memories of temporary duty trips to Moosonee, Lowther, Yellowknife, Beaverlodge, Kamloops and Inuvick. He later "rejoined" and worked in the dental clinic at CFB Edmonton until finally retiring in 1995. Paddy and his wife Denise have done some travelling, spending five weeks in Scotland and Ireland last year, and just completed a trip to Arizona. This summer they plan a cross Canada trip - from one coast to the other. They like to spend time at their summer retreat at a lake sixty miles north of Edmonton and golf at the Paddle River Golf Club in Barrhead. He keeps in touch with Ken Wallace when Ken's in town. Paddy asks for old friends to give them a call when passing through Edmonton.

Roger Paturel writes that they visited the Lake Buena Vista area in Florida with another couple. They took in the usual attractions of Walt Disney World, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Universal Studios and explored the central areas of Florida, and saw the launch of the space shuttle Enterprise.

Marc Lamarre and his wife Susan recently became 'in-laws' when their oldest son Matthew (twenty-three) was married to a great girl, Heather. The newlyweds live in Guelph and so the 'empty nest syndrome' begins. Three more to go!!

Don Clark is looking for some older dental equipment. He's helping to restore the dental clinic at the former Canadian Forces Station Carp. It is now the Cold War Museum called the Diefenbunker. If anyone out there with dental equipment from the late 1950s or early 1960's wants to donate it, please call Don at 613 - 825-1612. His Fax number is 613-825-4209.

John Willard tells us he will be ninety-one years young in June! He graduated with his DDS in 1936, and practised close to Kirkland Lake until November 1941 when he joined the Canadian Dental Corps. John worked at several Air Force sites in Canada before being shipped to England in 1943 where he was employed at Aldershot and Borden clinics. He joined No. 5 Company which was part of the Canadian Third Division which attacked Normandy in June 1944. He and his group were held back until there was a better beachhead, they were bogged down in Holland for the winter, later crossing the Rhine and when the war ended was in northern Germany. John practised in Chatham, Ontario until the age of eighty, and he is one of our Life Members.

Gerry Anderson sends a big hello to all fellow dental friends! He's presently putting the finishing touches to a new hot rod - a 1951 Monarch. He promises a picture for the next newsletter.

Victor and Marilyn Lanctis were away 'wintering' in Portugal, Spain and Andorra during the months of January and February. Victor is the President of the Canadian Section of the International College of Dentists and was recently elected as Vice President of the College-at-large. He plans on being at the golf in Trenton in the fall and in the meantime passes on his warm regards and best wishes to all.

A co-member of the dental team for the Ottawa Sixty-Seven's Junior A hockey team for the past four years is **Harry Amos**. His confrere in this endeavour is Dr. Steve Earle, the son of long time former member Jack Earle (Jack passed away two years ago). The team won the Memorial Cup in 1999 in their home arena and Harry was thrilled to have been a member of the medical support staff. In his first three years with the team, Harry sutured lots of facial lacerations but never saw a case of dental trauma; this year in contrast they seem to be having a run of bad luck with dental and alveolar fractures making up most of his work - all this despite the wearing of compulsory mouth guards.

Gen and Cathy Gunther celebrated the arrival of beautiful twin grandsons, just before Christmas. This was followed a few days later with the safe arrival of another grandson, bringing their total number of grandchildren to five. They feel truly blessed!! Last month in Vancouver, Gen was proud to be inducted as a Fellow in the International College of Dentists. Cathy and Gen are now travelling with a dental-medical group to South Africa visiting local dental schools and hospitals in four countries.

Peter McQueen enjoys working on the RCDCA with Earl and June. Regrets the loss of Hap. He's busy in his church and is doing a small contract with Health Canada. Their oldest daughter is married and lives in southern France. The younger daughter is also married and teaches high school in northern Ontario and son Peter has started a computer business in Edmonton.

William Budzinski is in part time private clinical practice, as an associate in Orleans with a former CFDS member Jaideep Lal. Bud's also a member of the Medications Committee with the Ottawa Dental Society, a worthwhile endeavour to the membership - he enjoys his association and volunteer work with the ODS group. His wife, Janice is a certified marital and individual counselling therapist, loves her work both in private practice and for an Employees Assistance Program. The children are in their individual academic pursuits; Jason in a Masters (Biology) program at Ottawa University, and Michelle in her last year of high school.

Murray Cuff is happily employed as a clinical periodontist at the Ottawa Health Care Centre (formerly NDMC). He has regular temporary duty trips to Borden which allows him to cover an even larger region. He lectures frequently to military and civilian groups and serves as an examiner in Periodontics for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. He enjoys spending as much time with his family as possible, playing squash and mountain biking. Their family cottage near Calabogie serves very well as "his happy place".

Matt Hall is now living in the Ottawa area. He retired from the military in 1981, and worked with the Calgary Police Force for ten years, fully retiring in 1992. Since then, travel has been his main interest. A trip to Alaska where he spent a whole summer was the highlight of many travels. Matt also manages to get some golfing in here and there.

Mike Bouris says hello to all old friends. He thinks that life in Ottawa is just great! Mike 'rejoined' (AGAIN!) - he has a contract with the Department of National Defence to help out at NDHQ clinic and is thoroughly enjoying it. He says that you can't beat walking out the front door at noon and skating on the canal only a hundred feet away. Their daughters have the travel bug so Mike is off to South Africa to visit Adrienne while wife Peggy is heading to Argentina to visit Kristina.

Ron McWade and his wife Maureen are busy raising their family of three teenagers and a dog. Ron is busy with his orthodontic practice in Kanata. Doug VanDahl moved into the office next door last year. In summer, Ron does a lot of golfing with his two boys. In winter they run to various arenas all over eastern Ontario with their thirteen year old son who's in competitive hockey. Ron manages to get away to a number of continuing education courses out of town each year and their family is planning a trip with three other families to the Dominican Republic in the near future.

Ken Smallshaw started off his dental career by working for Hildred Dental Laboratory in Montreal and then Allen and Rollaston Dental Laboratory in Ottawa prior to enlisting in the RCAF in 1942. He wanted to be a 'flyboy' but couldn't pass the medical so remained ground crew until 1946. Served overseas with 162 Squadron in Reykjavik, Iceland and while there met a Major A. Fyfe (Dental Officer and a sax player) so Ken passed some time in the dental lab. He re-enlisted in 1948, this time with the RCDC, served with 12 and 13 Companies, No. 1 Central Dental Stores, Plouffe Park in Ottawa, 35 FDU in France and finally at Headquarters Ottawa where he retired in 1976. Since then, he has let golf and the fun things in life take care of winters in Florida and summers in Ottawa, Halifax and Toronto. Ken and his wife Ann visit Florida almost every winter. Disney World twenty-six times - exciting or what! Since suffering heart attacks in 1993 and 1998, Ken says that he's in damn good shape for the shape he's in. He plans on golfing this summer. Their daughter Linda has two daughters and two granddaughters and lives in Ottawa; son Stephen works at PSAC, and lives in Ottawa; daughter Brenda teaches school in Brockville; daughter Sandra is with a law firm in Halifax and has two sons. Ken says 'hello' to all old friends.

Doug VanDahl's wife Sarah penned a note to say that Doug is having a great time these days in his own perio practice in Kanata.

Ted Fox wrote that when he retired from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, they moved in 1995 to Heritage Village - a senior's development in Vineland, Ontario. They regret not moving there earlier. He's keeping active by golfing and has a sky-rocketing handicap. Ted is secretary of their computer club and a member of their financing and purchasing committees. They do a bit of travelling and attend the Shaw Festival, visit their many wineries and make wine. He says, "it may not sound like it but we have very little spare time". A secret e-mail humor source ?

Al Lambert says hello. He's been at the University of Western Ontario for almost fifteen years teaching x-ray technique to dental students and enjoys his work!. Lynn retired from her job at the bank three years ago, is busy doing volunteer work. Son Frank has been married over six years so their only dependent is a two year old beagle, Pepper. They spend most summer week-ends at a travel trailer in the country and hope to tow it around when Al retires in three or four years. Their health and life is good.

Bob Drouin and his wife Joanne moved into their new home last June. The Drouins have four children, ages three to eleven. Bob opened his solo prosthodontic practice in Kingston at the end of October after spending close to two years sharing space with Mark Prager.

Al Charlebois practices full-time in Kingston but is hoping to retire in three or four years. Terry and he are planning to build a one level house this year so are presently tied up with selling their current home. Youngest son, Dan, is a MARS officer in Halifax and the oldest, Andy, is married and teaching high school in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Kerry Mathers writes that he and wife Fran got together with Marilyn and Morley Deyette for lunch not long ago. They also had a visit with Ken Baird who is now living in Waterloo.

Bill Gray is still teaching at the dental school at University of Western Ontario and loves it! He is presently Chairman of the Division of Operative Dentistry and Endodontics, and also Assistant Director of Academic Affairs. Bill took up sailing in 1999 and has been addicted ever since. Plays some golf, reports he's as lousy as ever, but suspects he can still beat Keith Morley. In spite of an ageing body (his words) he reports he's in good health as is Barb and the family. Bill and Barb are grandparents, they have three grandsons, aged five months, six years and fourteen years. How time flies.

Murray Cornish writes from North York that he's alive and well, and still kicking! He's now eighty-five years young.

Robert Wainright wound up in the Canadian Dental Corps after quitting grade thirteen. He decided to go back to school and graduated with Dennis Skinner and Chuck Sivell to name a few. He spent forty-six years in private practice - enough! He worked part-time at the University of Toronto from 1960 to 1970 and then the University of Western Ontario - still there - just talking. He is now a widower, has two daughters, one in Dunnville, the other in Sault Ste Marie. Spends some time at church, the university, the lodges and has the most fun with the Shriners. Loves going to Parry Sound in the summers. He had the following tid bits: Paul Sills- still in love with students and prosthetics; Willy Wilson- "Mr. Fix It", doing great things for the crippled children; A.J. Harris- hasn't seen him in a long time.

From Pickering, **Charlie Loken** writes that Joanne has been settled in a nursing home for some time now. Unfortunately, she broke a hip at Christmas and is now walking with the aid of a walker but for the most part is in a wheelchair. He is living alone with his BIG twenty-six pound cat referred to as 'the boss'. Charlie is looking forward to seeing some good friends at Trenton in September and has the calendar marked in anticipation.

Howard Ferguson left the Corps in 1954 and practised in Willowdale for forty years. For over thirty years he spent one day a week as a demonstrator in the Oral Diagnosis Department of the Faculty of Dentistry at University of Toronto. He says that they are not very active these days, as his wife, Mary is physically handicapped. He sends best wishes to all.

Ken Baird now settled in Waterloo, has lost touch with the University of Western Ontario and the Corps. Dennis Skinner drives over from London once a month and they rehash all the news over lunch. Dennis keeps him up to date.

Bill Thompson took a cruise in February with daughter Barbara.. The highlight of the cruise was the stop at Cozumel, Mexico and the visit to the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza.. He won the jackpot bingo on the last night, nearly five thousand dollars! Earlier he was presented with his fifty year membership pin by the Ontario Dental Association President at the Bay of Quinte Dental Society meeting.

Dave Tisch is the Past President of the Canadian Academy of Periodontology. Last June, the Tischs' celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. They have two daughters, the oldest is in second year at University of Guelph, the youngest is finishing her OAC's and intends to go into Nursing. In the past year he's visited Bermuda, New Orleans, San Antonio, Las Vegas and the Dominican Republic - definitely the year of travel. Next trip is to Hawaii in September.

Nelson Highfield will be leaving University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Dentistry in June. He's moving from London and heading into semi-retirement as a summer placement with a lawn care company in Sarnia.

Jack Jury writes that he and Sandy are now officially empty nesters with the departure of their youngest daughter to join her two sisters in Calgary. He's still practising four days a week (Sandy won't let him retire.) They are enjoying the wonders of grandparent hood. Curl in the winter and spend summers at their cottage.

Bob and Jean Fell are planning a move as soon as they can sell their home which is now too big for them. They live a very quiet life and travel only to visit family. They took a nice trip last summer to the west coast, partially by train and the remainder by rental car, stopping to visit family in Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

Thomas "Reace" Jackson enlisted in Kingston in 1940 and sailed to England in 1941 with a five troopship convoy from Halifax to Gourick, Scotland on the "Duchess of York". His first clinic was with the Infantry Training Unit at Witley, Surrey, then to Aldershot in the Toronto Scottish lines. From there he proceeded to Intermediate Overseas Base London which was Dental Headquarters, England. In 1943 Base Dental Units were formed, and Reace went to 16 Base Unit (Broomhill Lodge) Witley in June, he later served in Holland and returned to Canada in early 1947. At Number 16 Base Dental Unit there was a Dental Technician School, two of its staff members were Captain Shenton and Warrant Officer second class Dick Shade. Reace believes that Dick Shade received the Member of the British Empire for his efforts in formalizing the "Shade Guide" in prosthesis. The Dieppe raid was carried out after this laboratory school was formed and various artificial body parts (eyes, ears and noses) were made there and used on Dieppe casualties. The school became known as Shenton's College of Knowledge but Reace doesn't think this appears anywhere in the story of the RCDC. During peace time, Reace served in every dental unit with the exception of 14. He was on staff of the Dental Equipment Depot at Plouffe Park, Ottawa, also the Depot in Petawawa, spent four years at the RCDC School in Camp Borden. Reace had seventeen Commanding Officers between 1947 and 1972 - he thinks that this could be a record number.

By the sound of things, **Jocelyn Lemieux** is completely out of retirement these days. He's a dental consultant with an insurance company in Montreal and also works with Santé Canada, where he reports that Yves Ayotte is his excellent boss. Previously, he had worked in Santé Canada's Human Resources Department as a consultant, reviewing the Universal Classification System. Jocelyn is always on the look out for more work. A new opening with the Order of Dentists of Quebec is a possibility.

Eric Reid said that he has nothing of great interest to report at this time, but he does say hello. He's currently serving as the Detachment Commander at Valcartier.

Richard Orawiec visited Germany last summer and picked up his new car. Together with his wife Erika who was a medical officer in the Forces, they own and operate a small medical/dental centre in Aylmer, Quebec. They are desperately looking for a medical doctor and a dentist so they can take more time off to enjoy themselves.

George MacDougall curls three mornings a week in Lennoxville. Still does some cross country skiing and plays bridge once a week with a group of friends. Belongs to the Sherbrooke Snowshoe Club, membership doesn't necessarily involve snow-shoeing but the group meets weekly during the winter months for dinner, sing along and entertainment often with a guest speaker. The club has been active since 1877, a sort of local "Order of Good Cheer" to liven up the winter period. Continues to golf, usually at the Old Lennoxville Golf Club (well named for old golfers). The club was founded in 1897, has nine holes and is five minutes from home.

Gilbert Grenier has been part of the wonderful team of the Faculté de Médecine dentaire since August 1998. He's much involved in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching (clinical and didactic) in periodontics. A graduate program in periodontics started in August last year at Université Laval. He is also involved in endodontics (pre-clinical and some didactic). Gilbert supervises the residents in the one year GDR program one half-day a week. Overall, he finds it extremely interesting and challenging. Travel these days is mostly limited between home and the university. Last December, Denis Côté organized a party for the 'old' retirees in the area, Gilbert describes the event as being: FUN! FUN! FUN!

Corinne Leek has been getting her hand back into art, sold the horses back in May so she has the time. She has never tried watercolours before but reports it's fun. She is heading to Texas for a visit, wants to take in the Houston Livestock Show again, and will be packing her camera, sketch books and watercolours. Corinne plans a trip to Toronto in May or June to do a family grand tour.

Ian MacDonald sends his best regards from Dartmouth. He's enjoying good health and tries to keep fit by curling in winter, golfing in summer and throwing in some housework all year round

Harold Kirby says hello. He comments that its hard to believe he's been retired from the service for over twenty-six years. They had a good winter in the Annapolis Valley but look forward to the good weather as indeed we all do.

Ralph Rix has been back in the Dental Service since 1998, and will be leaving this September when he reaches retirement age. He's really enjoying his latest stint but thinks he must hold the record as the oldest Captain ever in the Corps. Ralph is divorced with four children of his own and is a step dad to two children with new wife Jackie. He's still playing hockey two or three nights a week and says that life is great, and health is terrific. Ralph presently has a private practice which he will sell after his time is finished next fall.

Alex Roger retired from Dalhousie University's Faculty of Dentistry (Clinic Director) in 1979. Since then has had some great trips to the Far East, Europe, and Africa. They are living in the home they built thirty years ago on William's Lake, N.S.. Each summer they spend three months at their cottage near Napanee, Ontario. The fifty year old cottage sits on property which was a U.E.L. grant to Tabby's ancestors. They have two sons - in their fifties (Tabby still speaks of them as the kids) and two grandchildren. Tabby and he celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary recently and feel most fortunate to be keeping reasonably healthy and mobile.

Ernie Everett enjoyed the piece in the last newsletter from Denny Winslow, as they were in Korea together. While out in Maple Ridge, British Columbia, visiting his daughter last October Ernie got together with Jack Fraser. Sadly Ernie's wife of forty-seven years June Marie, passed away in March of last year. Ernie hopes to get back to travelling once again and sends kind regards to all.

Joe Walsh moved to St Anthony on the northern peninsula of Newfoundland in January. Joe works for Grenfell Regional Health Services in St Anthony and in coastal communities on the southern coast of Labrador.

Dwayne Lemon says hello from North Carolina where he's finishing his post-graduate training. He'll be posted to Trenton in July as the Detachment Commander and will no doubt be able to get some practise rounds of golf in before our tournament.

John "Moon" Mullins, writes from Bradenton, Florida, that when Betty wanted him to report her credit card stolen, he declined. Said that the thief didn't use it nearly as much as she did. Comments about his fishing trips include: My mind always gets there before my body. Sometimes it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive.

Ed MacInnis is still working in Saudi Arabia for the Saudi National Guard. He is the Head, Division of OMS at the King Fahad National Guard Hospital. This is a full scope Oral Surgery practice with an emphasis on trauma. The hospital there is the equivalent of an American wannabe Level 1 Trauma Center. They also extract teeth by the dozens since Oral Hygiene is practiced, for the most part, at a very rudimentary level. He has fifteen months left on his current contract and he plans on coming home to Ottawa in July 2001. He's still not certain if that will mean retirement for good or not. When not in Saudi, he can usually be found at home in Ottawa. Since he's been in Saudi for nearly ten years, he finds the winter harder and harder to take. South during part of the winter months is very appealing. Doesn't know if Brogan, et al., will allow him to play the occasional game with them in Arizona in the winter or not? He still has a daughter at home and has three grandchildren also in Ottawa. Golfs occasionally, not usually very well. His wife is still on active duty with the Navy and is in Ottawa. Ed says that his hairline gets closer to the seat of his pants every year.

Justin McNeill spent a month in Miami because of weather and boat problems but he and his wife finally were able to make the crossing from Miami to the Bahamas in March. They've been in Nassau for three weeks, and when last heard from, were heading to the first island in the Exuma Cays - Allen's Cay. They plan to stop off at a few of the smaller islands, eventually ending in George Town on Great Exuma.

Robert Burgman joined the Dental Corps in 1942 following graduation from University Of Toronto. He was posted to # 15 Service Flying Training School at Claresholm, Alberta for three years, then over to England till discharge in March 1945. Bob practised general dentistry in Blairmore, Alberta for forty-three years. In September 1972, he left his practise in the hands of an associate to work in the civilian dental clinic in Lahr for eighteen months. He and his brother Bill, who is also a dentist, attended the closing ceremonies of the Lahr Dental Clinic. Bob's wife, Jean, died five years ago. He and his partner Kay Kerr live in a seniors mobile home park in Mesa, Arizona and enjoy travelling. They stayed in Switzerland four years ago and returned to Lahr to renew old acquaintance.

Interesting Item

The following was submitted by one of our members , Warren Williamson.

The University of Toronto Magazine for Spring 2000 has a large article on "Class Acts, 100 Alumni Who Shaped The Century". Included in the Builders and Pioneers section is Brigadier Frank Melville Lott , Director General of the Canadian Dental Corps.

Quote " F. M. Lott, (DDS 1923 BScD 1930 MScD 1936 PhD 1940) brought dentistry to the front through mobile clinics-trucks with their own water and electrical supply, x-ray and folding dental chair. No army was ever so fit from a dental standpoint, said a dental journal in 1945. He is included with a broad group of individuals , teachers, engineers, arts types who have made great contributions outside of the eye of the public." End Quote.

SOME HUMOUR

There are teachers and then there are teachers.....

According to a radio report, a middle school in Oregon was faced with a unique problem. A number of girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night. To demonstrate how difficult it was to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance guy to clean one of the mirrors. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it into the nearest toilet and then cleaned the mirror. Since then there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There was a Scottish tradesman, a painter called Jock - of course- who was very interested in making a pound where he could ... so he often would thin down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the Presbyterian Church decided to do a big restoration job on the roof of one of their biggest churches. Jock put in a bid and because his price was so competitive, he got the job. And so he set to, with a right good will, erecting the trestles and putting up the planks, buying the paint and ... yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with the turpentine. Well, Jock was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly done, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, and the sky opened and the rain poured down, washing the thin paint from all over the church and knocking Jock fair off the scaffold to land on the lawn, among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint. Jock was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he fell on his knees and cried: "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?" And from the thunder, a mighty Voice spoke: "Repaint! Repaint and thin no more!"

Waxing

Two farmers are talking about the deteriorating paint finishes on their trucks. one states, "ya need to get some of that Turtle Wax." the other replies, "but it is so expensive!" the first states, "well, it's because they have such tiny ears!"

Women can follow directions

The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all of the background checks, interviews, and testing were done there were three finalists, two men and a woman. For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow your instructions, no matter what the circumstances. Inside of this room, you will find your wife sitting in a chair... Kill Her!!! The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife." The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job." The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes. "I tried, but I can't kill my wife." The agent said, "You don't have what it takes, take your wife and go home." Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one shot after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman. She wiped the sweat from her brow and said, "You guys didn't tell me the gun was loaded with blanks. I had to beat him to death with the chair."

Subject: Dompteur de lion

Un propriétaire de cirque publie une annonce pour trouver un dompteur de lions. Deux jeunes répondent à l'appel. Un gars d'une vingtaine d'années et une superbe blonde du même âge. Le propriétaire leur dit, ««Je vais vous faire passer un test. Attention, ça ne sera pas facile. ««Je vais vous placer dans la cage avec le plus féroce de nos lions. Votre seul équipement: une chaise, un fouet et une arme à feu. Qui veut essayer d'abord?» - Moi, dit la fille.. Elle ne touche ni à la chaise, ni au fouet ni au revolver et entre dans la cage. Le lion gronde, grimace et se prépare à bondir sur elle. À ce moment là, elle ouvre son manteau et lui révèle son corps complètement nu, un corps superbe! Le lion s'arrête sur le champ, il rampe timidement jusqu'à elle et lui lèche les chevilles et les mollets avant de se coucher aux pieds de la dompteuse... Le propriétaire n'en revient pas: - De toute ma vie, je n'ai jamais vu un truc pareil. On va faire salle comble avec cette fille. Mais soyons fair play... Jeune homme, vous pouvez faire mieux ? - Aucun problème. Faites sortir le lion de la cage et je vous montre.

Subject: TI-JEAN QUI JOUE AU BON DIEU

Le petit gars a besoin de 150\$ pour acheter des jeux vidéo. Ça fait des mois qu'il harcèle ses parents qui refusent. "Tu n'auras pas une cenne tant que tes résultats scolaires ne seront pas bons". En désespoir de cause le petit gars décide d'écrire à Dieu. "Cher bon Dieu. Si tu es bon, si tu existes, si tu es puissant et si gentil, tu vas m'envoyer 150\$ pour acheter des jeux vidéo. Je t'aime beaucoup." Et le petit gars adresse sa lettre à Dieu, Canada. Émues, les autorités postales envoient la lettre au secrétaire de Jean Chrétien, qui la montre au premier ministre. Impressionné par le fait que le petit gars ait choisi le Canada comme lieu de résidence de Dieu, Jean Chrétien ordonne qu'on lui envoie 10\$. Le petit gars reçoit la lettre et répond immédiatement. "Cher Dieu, merci pour ton 10\$ mais il ne fallait pas répondre via le gouvernement car les maudits fonctionnaires ont tout gardé pour eux."

MISCELLANEOUS

THE MAN IN THE GLASS - Poem by Dale Wimbrow, 1934

When you get what you want in your struggle for self and the world makes you king for a day
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself and see what "the man" has to say
For it isn't your parents, your children, or wife whose judgment upon you must pass
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you a straight-shooting chum and call you a wonderful guy
But the man in the glass says you are only a bum if you cannot look him straight in the eye
He's the fellow to please NEVER MIND THE REST
For he's with you clear up to the end and you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test.

If the Man in the Glass is your friend

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of life and get pats on the back as you pass
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears

If you've cheated the Man in the Glass.

LATE BREAKING NEWS- Postage may kill us but what the heck!!!!!!

We asked , you sent , we print!!!

It Is A Small World:

The first week of February we packed up the motor-home and headed south to San Felipe , Baja California, Mexico, for a week of beach combing. There were eleven R.V's in our group and most of knew each other; but, we were all organized to arrive at the El Dorado Ranch at the same time. As I was trying to get my rig backed into my spot there was a funny bearded old guy from the Blot directly across from us who was trying to help me. I tried to avoid him and his help as much as was possible, but when I got out he said, "Ken?". I couldn't believe it. It was Brian Sims (RCDC 1952-1963). We had been on the assistants course together in Ottawa in 1953 and the Group One laboratory course in 1954. In reminiscing over 'Old Tymes' we lived together with Don Playford and Gord' McGunigal during that lab' course, and as 20 year olds it was an important time of growing up in our lives. We had only a couple of days there before he had to get back to the USA for medications, but he was waiting in Yuma for us when we arrived back home.

Unfortunately, Robby (D.D.) Robertson has sold his place in Yuma and has returned to Kelowna, but I think his plans are to return. I was able to take Brian over to meet Dan Posyluzny (RCDC 1954-1975) who lives less than a mile from us now. We also had a day out in the desert prospecting for gold with a Dry Washer. We both agreed that as lab technicians we could have scooped more gold out of one inlay casting than we had just found in four hours of heavy duty gravel shoveling. Mind you, we were two hours of four-wheeling driving it into the mountains, and maybe another hour from a major highway; but I seemed to have a vision of a young couple driving by and saying, "Look at those two old, fat, white-haired, fahrts drinking beer and shoveling gravel like they think they are going to find gold." Then, all this reminded me of the Laboratory Technician's "Golden Rule": "The casting to the patient, the button back into the gold drawer, and the sprew to the technician." Somehow, there were some technicians who fell in love with the R.C.D.C. (didn't we all); some of these guys went all the way to the top of our Corps, but they were armed with the technicians 'Golden Rule'; and, they gave us 30 mm casting rings which gave us a 4mm sprew. Thanks to Germany's Volkswagen and those long tail pipes, which made excellent casting rings, we were able to do all the gold casting 'Rabbits' that we wanted.

I am sitting down here in Yuma, Arizona; (the second hottest spot in North America, exceeded only by Death Valley, Nevada); and I am thinking: "How fortunate I am to have been able to have been part of the Dental Corps." For without having the skills that the Dental Corps gave me in my training to be a laboratory technician, I would have not been able to go on to do the things that have given me an early retirement in Arizona; and friends from Victoria to Cape Breton Island, and all over the world for that mater. How fortunate we are to have been able to work with such a variety of individuals from Privates to Generals in our day to day employment for they have all enriched our lives.

I wanted to get on to answer Deny Winslow's question of the "gun" which I still have, but that has to be for another day: we are presently preparing to head back to Edmonton. I also wanted to get on to some of those people in the Dental Corps that have left me with a profound appreciation of their personalities and abilities, but time has squashed that. Does anyone know Major Bill Muray's address? He was in Hollywood, Florida, in 1988; then, he moved to the Canary Islands, or the Virgin Islands.

Ken Wallace, RCDC 1952-1964

Happy Reading!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Earl-Peter-June