

Registrar Report – Elaine C. Wagner, DDS



Greetings from your USA Section Registrar! This year we took Will Rogers' advice seriously when he said, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." And in that vein, here are a few

of the things that made 2019 another banner year for the ICD.

In May, we held our semi-annual Board of Regents meeting in the beautiful city of Vancouver, British Columbia. While there we enjoyed getting to meet and interact with many of the Fellows and leaders from Section II. One of the more interesting things that we learned from the Canadian Fellows was that the International College of Dentists has a tartan! And it's beautiful (*pictured right*).

September found us in San Francisco for the ADA/FDI meeting where we inducted 336 new Fellows, a record for the USA Section. Thank you to the nearly 300 different Sponsor-Fellows who nominated those Candidates. One of the best parts of my job is getting to read the bios and CVs of the unbelievably accomplished and deserving men and women who join our esteemed organization each year. It's humbling and inspiring to read about all the different ways they have improved the reputation and the profession of dentistry.

Another major milestone for the Section was the launch of our new website in mid-



Section II (Canada) Honorary Fellow Lyle Best wearing the official ICD tartan stole.

December. Our goals for the upgrade were two-fold: (1) to transfer Fellows' information from a database on our server to a website with state-of-the-art security protection in the cloud and (2) to give our Fellows a modern, updated and more intuitive online experience with more

capabilities and more information. We are still tweaking the site and adding more information each week, so check back from time to time to see what's new.

Some of the website's most popular items are articles about what Fellows are doing around the country to serve others. Whether it's helping out with Special Olympics, taking dental students on overseas mission trips or volunteering at Missions of Mercy events, we all enjoy hearing about how our members are making a difference in the lives of others. If you have a story to tell, or if you have been inspired by another ICD Fellow's work, please email Kylie or Paula: kylie@usa-icd.org or pr@usa-icd.org. We hope to feature what you are passionate about, and you may very well inspire someone else to get out there and begin "Serving Others" in a way he or she wouldn't have done had they not read the article about your project.

As I'm writing this we are still under "stay-at-home" orders in the DC area due to the coronavirus pandemic. While it has been almost surreal much of the time, I've experienced unexpected blessings almost on a daily basis and I have found joy in some of the most mundane things. I hope that you, too, have found ways to bless and bring joy to others during these unusual times. Stay safe and well!

In Fellowship,

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