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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Since our last Bulletin was published, a number of activities have occurred within ICD Canada, not the least of which was our Annual Meeting and Convocation. Held in Calgary, Alberta June 15-17th, we welcomed 42 new Fellows, elected new officers, and rekindled old friendships in the spirit of our ICD collegiality. Our next Annual Meeting and Convocation will take place in Vancouver, BC, March 7-8, in conjunction with the Pacific Dental Conference. ICD Global President, Dr. Argiris Pissiotis, from Greece will be on hand to address the Canadian Section.

District gatherings also occurred in both Manitoba and Ontario, where local Fellows gathered to catch up and enjoy the camaraderie these events always engender. More recently, the International Council of the ICD gathered in Seoul, South Korea for its annual governance session. We're happy to report that Canada's very own, Fellow Ian Doyle, from Sydney, Nova Scotia, was elected International President Elect. Well done Ian, you make us proud in everything you do for our College.

When we're not enjoying the warm feelings of fellowship these meetings give rise to, the work of the ICD continues, both globally and locally. With over twelve thousand Fellows, spread among 139 countries, the good works of the College can be felt worldwide. The activities of the various sections of the ICD (there are sixteen sections, Canada is Section II), can be found in the most recent edition of The Globe, which can be accessed through this link <https://icd.org/wp-content/uploads/flipbook2023v2/index.html?page=1>.

The good work of our Fellows here in Canada also continues, at the local, provincial,

national and international levels. I'm frequently wonderstruck when I think of the contributions our Fellows make in the lives of others, through their leadership within our profession and throughout their communities. It only makes sense that we have some pretty impressive colleagues among us, given the rigorous, peer-reviewed, Fellowship process, where *individuals are recognized for their outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service, and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind*. Often, the depth of this service and commitment is often obscured by a modesty that our Fellows typically embody.

However, it's nice to feature the good deeds of some of our Fellows occasionally, to highlight the caliber of the Fellows in the Canadian Section of the International College of Dentists. In the last Bulletin, Fellow Lynn Tompkins, a Past President of both the Ontario Dental Association and Canadian Dental Association, and standard-bearer of determined leadership in our profession, was highlighted for her tireless efforts on behalf of her colleagues regarding the Canada Dental Care Plan. In the pages that follow, you will learn about the leadership, talents, passions and compassion of four of our Fellows; our current ICD Canada President, Ed O'Brien, Honourary Fellow Lyle Best, humanitarian, Fellow Aaron Kim, and one of our past ICD Canada Presidents (and resident artist), Cliff Swanlund.

Learning about the endeavors, accomplishments and good works of these four Fellows will undoubtedly make you...**ICD Proud!**

~Editor Drew Smith

On the Cover:

The Skoki Ski Lodge National Historic Site of Canada was built in 1930-31 in the Skoki Valley of Banff National Park. Built by local members of the Ski Club of the Canadian Rockies, the lodge was the first commercial building built specifically to serve skiers in Canada, and possibly in North America. I was inspired to paint this winter scene of the lodge because it was bathed in such crisp afternoon sunshine. It looks so inviting at the end of a cold day skiing in the wilderness.

~Fellow Cliff Swanlund

ICD CANADA ANNUAL CONVOCATION AND GALA CALGARY ALBERTA JUNE 2023

ICD Canada held its Board of Regents Meeting, Convocation and Gala on June 15-17, 2023 in Calgary, Alberta. This meeting was our first in-person meeting in four years. Our meeting was held in conjunction with the Canadian Dental Association, Alberta Dental Association, and the College of Dental Surgeons of Alberta at the Alberta Wellness Summit.

The Board of Regents Meeting, Convocation and Gala included an orientation for our new Fellows that explained the value of our College membership as well as reviewing our supportive and integrated history worldwide with particular emphasis on the Canadian Section.

We had the good fortune to have ICD Global Secretary General Joseph Kenneally present to welcome the incoming Fellows and explain the International programs and structure.

ICD Canada President, Heinz Scherle, provided an overview of the Canadian

Section programs and the contributions that Canadian Fellows have made to the College. William Christie, President of the William J. Spence ICD Memorial Foundation, outlined the humanitarian programs that are funded internationally. A reception followed, where new and "old" Fellows alike gathered to share ideas, memories and fellowship. Our ICD Canada Tartan and Logo Committee was on hand to sell items with our ICD Canada official tartan, which serves two purposes – to raise money for our charitable foundation, and to promote collegiality amongst our Fellows.

At the Convocation, our new Fellows wore the green and gold ICD silk graduation sashes, embedded with the ICD Key logo and the ICD tartan, which highlighted the importance of this event in their professional lives, as well as serving as a beautiful accessory for the tuxedos and evening gowns adorning our new class.

The Convocation had a total of forty-two Fellows which included twenty

In-Absentia, twenty In-Person and two Fellows who were part of the ICD Canada 2021 Virtual Ceremony. International College of Dentists Global Secretary General, Joseph Kenneally, provided the address on ICD Fellowship and programs.

Along with our Class of 2023 Fellows, Honorary Fellowship was bestowed upon Ms. Jocelyn Johnston of Vancouver BC, while Dr. William Christie was recognized with the President's Citation. Jocelyn is the Executive Director of the British Columbia Dental Association. Dr. Christie is a retired professor of the University of Manitoba and is the President of the William J. Spence ICD Memorial Foundation.

At the Gala, members were welcomed by the Calgary White Hatting (YAHOO) and President Heinz Scherle. Guest Speaker, Fellow Cliff Swanlund, noted the importance of giving back and had five of his paintings auctioned off for the William J. Spence ICD Memorial Foundation.

~Registrar Gordon Thompson





ICD CANADA DISTRICT EVENTS

ANNUAL MANITOBA ICD DINNER

On Friday May 12, 2023, ICD Manitoba Chapter held their Annual Black Tie Spring Dinner at the Manitoba Club in Winnipeg, MB.

The gathering of 45 (including 26 Manitoba Fellows) enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship as is the tradition each spring. Our guest speaker, Dr. Boyd McCurdy, gave a very informative presentation pertaining to his area of expertise, radiation physics. The topic of his presentation was cutting edge technology including artificial intelligence as it relates to use of radiation in cancer treatment.

ICD Canada President, Dr. Heinz Scherle, attended the event with

his wife Christine Scherle and was celebrated as yet another talented Manitoban who has risen to lead the Canadian Section of ICD.

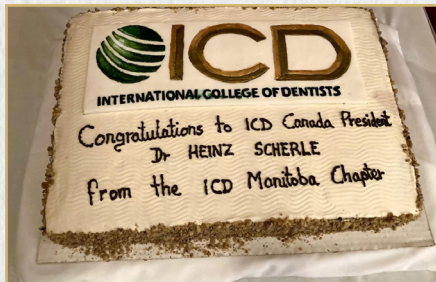
Also in attendance and worthy of special mention, Fellow Aaron Kim was recognized as the recipient of the 2022 Lyle Best Humanitarian Award by the Manitoba Dental Foundation. He was also announced as the 2023 recipient of the Alumni of Distinction Award by the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association, which was another celebratory event, held in September 2023. We are very proud to have such an exemplary humanitarian and ICD member in our midst.

Others of note in attendance....

Fellow Anastasia Cholakis, Dean of the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, who announced there will be a new facility built to replace the aging dental college in downtown Winnipeg.

It was also wonderful to see Fellow Sam Borden in attendance at the Spring Dinner. He celebrated his 100th birthday in March of this year and was pleased to spend time at the dinner with many of his fellow colleagues and grateful former students. Congratulations and best wishes were offered to Ben Shelton, the ICD Student Award recipient for Manitoba, who unfortunately was not able to join us at this year's event.

~Regent Jean Bodnar



ANNUAL ONTARIO ICD LUNCHEON

Fellows from across Ontario gathered for the annual ICD Ontario Luncheon, on May 12, 2023, in conjunction with the Ontario Dental Association's Annual Spring Meeting. Held each year at the iconic Harbour 60 restaurant in downtown Toronto, the event is always well attended. Regent Lisa Bentley welcomed everyone to the event, while Deputy Regent John Glennie gave a beautiful invocation. Registrar Gordon Thompson was in attendance and gave a fulsome report on the activities of the College. Kudos are due to Fellow Bentley for having hosted yet another successful luncheon.

~Editor Smith



WELCOME ABOARD LISA



Dr. Lisa Bentley - elected Vice President ICD Canada

Dr. Lisa Bentley graduated from the University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Dentistry in 1991 and holds an Honours Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from the University of Toronto. She has practiced dentistry in Mississauga since her graduation and opened her own general practice in 1997. Dr. Lisa Bentley is an active member of the Halton-Peel Dental Association (HPDA), which she represented at General Council for two terms (2001 to 2006, 2009 to 2012) before her election as HPDA Vice-President in 2010. That was also the year she joined the ODA's Economics Advisory Committee, which she later chaired from 2011 to 2015. In 2012, Dr. Bentley served as President of the HPDA. Dr. Bentley was a member of the ODA's Sponsorship Task Force in 2012-2013 and the ODA 150th Anniversary Implementation Committee in 2014-2015. She joined the ODA Board of Directors in 2015. In this capacity, she has chaired the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC), Human Resources and Compensation Committee and Articles and Bylaws Sub-Committee. She currently sits on the GNC and CDA General Assembly as a representative from Ontario. Dr. Bentley has been a Political Contact Dentist since 2012. Most recently, she served a very successful term as President of the Ontario Dental Association (2022 - 2023). Outside of the ODA, Dr. Bentley is Strategic Planning Committee Chair for the International College of Dentists (Canada) and has served as ICD Ontario Regent since 2017 and is the International Trustee for Pierre Fauchard Canada, a component of the Pierre Fauchard International Academy. Dr. Bentley has been awarded Fellowships in the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists. She received the ODA's Award of Merit in 2010 and the ODA Service Award in 2019. Dr. Bentley is an active member of the Toronto Crown and Bridge Study Club and has served as a Faculty Mentor at Spear Education in Scottsdale, Arizona since 2009.



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FELLOW IAN DOYLE
ON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT ELECT TO THE
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ICD CANADA FELLOW HIGHLIGHTS



*Recognizing Service
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The Canadian Section of the International College of Dentists is proud of the contributions our Fellows make in the promotion of dentistry and Society in general, locally, nationally and globally.

This issue of the Bulletin will highlight four of our amazing Canadian Fellows, including our current ICD Canada President, Fellow Ed O'Brien, Honourary Fellow Lyle Best, Fellow Aaron Kim, and one of our Past Presidents, Fellow Cliff Swanland in the pages that follow.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ICD CANADA PRESIDENT FELLOW ED O'BRIEN



The Environmental Steward and Youth Leader

I remember first meeting Ed way back in March of 2014 on a rainy Vancouver night. The ICD convocation was being held that year in conjunction with the Pacific Dental Conference, and Ed had graciously offered to host an evening in his home, welcoming the incoming Fellows. His laugh was infectious and he had an ever present smile as he mingled with his guests as the British Columbia Regent. The food and wine were spectacular, but what caught my eye the most was the eclectic collection of umbrellas he had accumulated over the years. I have come to know Ed well enough to say he is steered by a big heart and driven by a motor that doesn't seem to stop. He has worked tirelessly to improve the professionalism amongst his colleagues in BC and the students at UBC, and perhaps more impressively, he has made a significant impact on the lives of many youth through his work with Scouts Canada as well as his founding role in *Catching the Spirit*, an environmental stewardship program created for youth in Vancouver.

I invite you to get to know our ICD Canada President a little bit better by reading the interview I had with him recently.....

1. Tell us a little about your educational background and what led you to dentistry?

I went to UBC for all my degrees, including a BSc in Metallurgical Engineering, and a MSc in Material Science. I developed a process for bonding copper onto sapphire, and while UBC didn't think it was patentable, GE now holds the patent. The first probe NASA sent to Mars died as it got closer to the planet because of the heat delaminating the circuits. Subsequent probes used my process and survived the heat. I'm quite proud of my contribution to space exploration.

I applied to dentistry thinking of a career teaching dental materials rather than restoring teeth. I was registered in a dual DDS/PhD program in dental materials. I discovered that I developed a passion for clinical dentistry. When I graduated I started my practice by renting an operator in a clinic with an older dentist who sent me all of his endodontics and difficult bridge work. I began looking after patients in longterm care homes, which was largely denture work. When I shared one of my cases of a stroke victim with my neighbour who was a MD specializing in rehab medicine, he got excited when I showed him how I changed the bite to accommodate the effects of the stroke. He started sending me patients. Those patients had families who then became patients which helped build my practice.

I was a Boy Scout leader and became the

dentist for many of the cubs and scouts and their families. I bought a building and developed a seven chair clinic. I added a GA facility and rented it to a UBC faculty member who was an oral surgeon and allowed to practice one day a week. The first titanium implants in BC were implanted in my clinic. He was joined by other faculty, including a pedodontist and an orthodontist. I enjoyed contributing to some very interesting cases in conjunction with various Faculty of Dentistry members.

2. You have a long history with the ICD, dating back to being recognized with the ICD Student Award. What led to this early recognition by the ICD?

The ICD Student Award at that time was given to the 3rd year student who had the top marks in clinical dentistry. It was special to me and helped nurture my early interest in the ICD.

Many years later, I was inducted as a Fellow into the ICD. I was asked to become Deputy Regent my second year as a Fellow and I was appointed as Regent the following year. I spent 6 years as Regent, building a network of Fellows who would nominate or second nominations for worthy colleagues. We went from one or two nominations a year to 18 by 2015.

I was disabled soon after receiving Fellowship. I detached my left retina, went blind, but with 14 bouts of laser surgery I regained my sight, although not well enough to practice. My involvement

in the ICD gave me the opportunity to stay involved in a meaningful way. I still miss the clinic.



3. Organized dentistry has benefited significantly from your leadership over the years. Can you give us a short summary of the roles you played over the years?

I was President of the Dental Undergraduate Students Society and was on the Dental Admissions Committee as a student. After graduating I sat on a committee of the BCDA. Our mandate was to encourage new dental grads to be involved in their local dental society. When my term was over I decided to not be involved in organized dentistry.

I had joined the Children's Hospital as a volunteer dentist in the program we had for indigent children. I sat on various committees, I was involved for 25 years. I put my energy into youth oriented activities.

One fateful day, I met for lunch with a classmate who was the Director of the Member Services of the College, the late Dr. Don Lauriente. There, I found out, is no such thing as a free lunch. Public complaints against dentists under the new Employment Standards Act had gone from a few hundred to a few thousand in a short time, as we had elected an NDP government and they had changed the law. The government set up offices and staff to address the influx of complaints. I became involved in organized dentistry in this process and after two years talking to dentists and staff, I wrote a series of lectures and an office manual. I was also writing articles for publication in the dental assistants, hygienist and dentist newsletters. When I was ready to lecture, the College split into the regulatory college and the professional association, with neither wanting to finance my lectures. I offered my talks at no cost beyond travel expenses. I travelled the entire province three times. I also ran a help line, and fielded over 4000 calls. I was elected to the BCDA Board and spent 3 years representing Greater Vancouver. I went on to serve as President of the BCDA followed by five years on the Nominations and Awards Committee, and 2 years as the BC representative to the CDA.

4. You seem to have a passion for your alma mater, UBC. What roles have you played at the Faculty of Dentistry?

I lectured for three years and served as a Clinical Assistant Professor in dental materials, where I rewrote the course for the UBC Faculty of Dentistry. I also gave courses on employment standards, professionalism and ethics. I had prospective students spend a day in my office. I served as the dental representative on the UBC Alumni Association as well.

I have an ICD gown and a UBC Dentistry academic hood and I lived a few blocks from the campus so I would get calls to parade the colours or talk to people about UBC. I was the dental representative on the convocation stage at a number of graduations over the years, proudly wearing the ICD colours.

5. Beyond organized dentistry and your

contributions to the UBC dental school, you have a history of being an activist within the profession, working to provide care to underserved populations. What led you to contributing so much to these disadvantaged populations?

I grew up giving back to my community. My parents were socialists and religious. I have a certificate on my den wall for 13 years of perfect attendance at Sunday school thanks to my Mom. My Dad was amazing. He attended church about 3 times a year but he lived a Christian life. He was always there for my mother and for family and neighbours. His ideal was to give back and not have anyone know it was his doing. He would often say "If we all did that it would be a wonderful world". I was six when I was doing my first giving back. We held a hot dog sale on Burnaby Mountain. We were raising funds to establish Forglenn Park. He organized the neighbours and then cleared and levelled the area. He then went to the municipality who declared it as an official park.

Growing up I seemed to be drawn into roles that gave me an opportunity to give back. In grade 5 my teacher asked me to run the safety patrols. I ran them for four years through Junior High school and I received the citizenship award in Grade 9 for my contributions. I was also very involved in my church and the *Older Boys Parliament*, serving as Premier and then taking part in the first *National Parliament* serving as *Prime Minister*.

We ran an Agape program in Vancouver for mentally challenged youth and I started a second program in Burnaby. I also started the summer camp for youth who were from financially challenged families, Camp Phoenix, which still runs to this day.

6. You were very passionate about contributing to Scouts Canada. Where did this passion come from and what were you're your most satisfying experiences with Scouts Canada?

I held the first Beaver (ages 5-7) day camp in the area, and following on this success, I initiated a region wide one. We were self taught back then, just a few sheets of ideas and little else. We held sharing sessions and learned from each other. I eventually became the Regional Beaver Leader. I wrote the training manual and held the original courses. We had an explosion in terms of the number of groups, when we went from 1 to 8 in my district.

When my son reached the age for Cubs I backed away and looked at getting Sea Scout programs implemented. We ended up with 8 Sea Scout Troops (11-13), two Sea Venture and two Sea Rover Crews (17-23). I bought a sail boat that would accommodate up to 7. I had a Sea Rover Crew and they became better sailers than me. They ran the boat while I manned the galley.



I was made a Scout Commissioner but always kept my involvement at the group level as well. I preferred to be an assistant leader but often I was working on building groups so I would go in and recruit and train my replacement. I held district Scout camps and Cub camps and served as camp chief or assistant camp chief. I had 600 youth in my district, while my neighbouring districts had around 100 each.



Pictured above: Ed receiving Scouts Award

As Commissioner I started night hikes with my Rover Crews. They took me out for Chinese food and outlined what they had in mind. Scout aged youth would sign up as participants, Ventures oversaw the 20 check stations and my Rover Crews ran the event in Pacific Spirit Park. We ended up drawing participants from across the lower mainland, from the US, Vancouver Island and the Interior. We

started with a few hundred and ended up with 1200+ participants every year. My Cubs complained that they wanted to be involved, so I started *Night Quest* for Cub age youth. The first three years we took them to the first three stations then hot chocolate and then home. Park staff asked if we could open the event to everyone, which we happily obliged. It is still running to this day, with up to 2 nights to accommodate those who want to attend. I became the "Pacific Spirit" and welcomed people into the park up until a few years ago. I miss it.



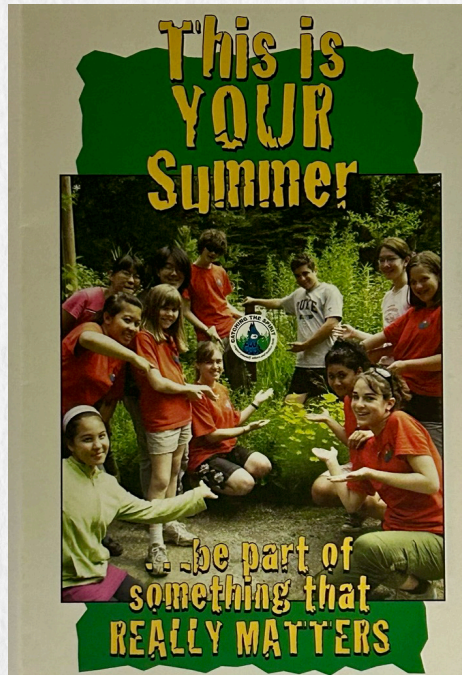
Pictured above: President O'Brien's alter ego—the Pacific Spirit

I also volunteered as a dentist at a number of Scout events, including four provincial jamborees, one national and one world jamboree. I was using a motor home that was converted into a two chair mobile dental operator by the provincial health authority.

7. You have also been somewhat of a community activist in Vancouver. With all of your other commitments, what led to your involvement?

My community activism came from my involvement in programs that impacted the community at large. I had 12 Scout campsites in what was to become Pacific Spirit Park. I lived in the middle of the park in a small enclave of private homes. I felt blessed. We added 3 more parks that had existing campsites used by schools during the school year. Metro Vancouver wanted to encourage citizen involvement through the development of park societies. I ended up chairing a group of 17 who were park volunteers and we developed the bylaws and constitution of

the first society at Pacific Spirit Regional Park.



Pictured above: Catching the Spirit Youth Program



Pictured above: Fellow O'Brien receiving an Environmental Stewardship Award from the mayor of Vancouver

I became a trainer of park volunteers, and helped organize annual get togethers with all of the volunteer groups in the park system. I became the strategic planning expert.

I left Scouting when it changed. I was not alone. Registration dropped from 600,000 to below 100,000. The youth approached me about starting a program for youth in parks. I started *Catching the Spirit* youth program and offered it to 12-18 year olds at no cost. The program connects kids to the forest and nature and teaches them about environmental sustainability. I raised the first \$450,000 and secured an annual \$75,000 grant from Metro Vancouver as I could not find a donor for administration costs. They also gave us the use of a building. We draw over 450 youth each summer at 4

sites. I recently resigned from the board of directors of the *Catching the Spirit Youth Society*. The board now has 100% membership from past participants of the program. They decided to restrict board membership to those under 30. It is now run by youth for youth.

8. You are known as a big promoter of the ICD Canada tartan. Where does your love of tartans come from?

My father was an O'Brien, and my mother was a Sutherland so I have tartan roots you could say. Scouts Canada has a tartan and I saw someone wearing a kilt with the Scout uniform when I was in my teens, but I could never afford to get one. It was really (Regent) Carol Martin's fault - she rekindled my interest in tartans. She wanted someone to get a kilt made with the ICD tartan and I decided the time was right for me to get a kilt. I feel it is a privilege to be a dentist, to be asked to be a Fellow, and then to serve as Regent ...it was time to "fly" my tartan colours with pride. I ordered from Carol's craftsmen/tailors. I measured myself and ordered it online. My story with that doesn't end there... I was ordered by my MD to lose weight and 30 lbs later my kilt-wearing days were in trouble before they even started. My kilt was adjustable for gaining weight but not for losing weight. I had it re-tailored in Vancouver by the kilt-maker for the Canadian Armed Forces. He altered it so it stays up on its own. I love my kilt and I will wear it to the convocation ceremony this March in Vancouver. I'm looking forward to it.

9. Do you have any special hobbies or interests that keep you busy now that you are retired?

I do 1.5 hours/day in the gym, 5 days a week. My best story is when I was finishing off my routine one day, I found myself surrounded by co-eds (the gym is next to UBC). When I commented to one of the young ladies she confessed that they were talking about me. I was like a father to them. I commented it was more like a grandfather.

I am a member of both the United Church of Canada and the Roman Catholic Church. I belong to the men's walking group and we get together once a week for a walk. I am also in a men's breakfast group that gets together every 3 weeks. They pride themselves in their oat meal. I was an adult member of the Boy Scouts for 34 years. Although hard to imagine, I also enjoy quiet time, doing nothing, but friends make sure I am

busy. I have a very active barbecue on my porch plus a hot tub so I have lots of friends who keep in touch.

10. You have been very active as an ICD Regent and Officer over the years. Now as President of ICD Canada, when you look back, what are your favourite memories of your involvement with the College, and what has your ICD Fellowship in general meant to you?

The ICD gave me a way of staying connected to dentistry in a meaningful way. I loved being a dentist and I was one of the last UBC grads to graduate when there was still a shortage of dentists. I started from scratch and built

a practice, ending up with 4000 patients. When I was disabled, I interviewed 32 prospective associates. The top contender was in his last year in dental school....his life changed as did mine.

The ICD in BC had a smaller footprint when I first became Regent. There were about 50 Fellows, most as Life Fellows. I looked at the number of dentists in BC who deserved recognition and started vigorously nominating colleagues. I did two full terms as Regent and built our Fellowship to about 150. I'm proud of this legacy within District 1 of ICD Canada.



CATCHING UP WITH HONOURARY FELLOW LYLE BEST

THE CORPORATE PHILANTHROPIST



If you decide you'd like to catch up to Lyle Best, I suggest you put your running shoes on. He is one very busy Fellow. Over the course of my years of nominating colleagues for Fellowship in the ICD, I have reviewed many august CV's. I have, however, never seen a CV quite like Lyle's. The breadth of his involvement in our profession, his community, and society in general is, to say the least, beyond impressive. Originally from Brantford, and now residing in Edmonton (with significant ties to the Oilers), he has served in leadership roles on countless charitable boards in the community, health care, and educational fields, not to mention his significant contributions to the dental profession, including a one hundred thousand dollar donation to ICD Canada to underwrite our ICD Student Awards program. It is little wonder that his industry colleagues have dubbed him *the other Great One*, and that our nation has deemed fit to recognize him with the Order of Canada.

I believe you will enjoy reading more about Honourary Fellow Lyle Best through his responses to my questions I posed to him last month.

1. As a young grad from Mohawk College, in a seemingly non-dental field (industrial engineering), how is it that you became one of Canada's most prominent dental insurance professionals?

While I did study engineering, I knew early on I would never work a day in it. I wanted more action and people interactions, so I became a private investigator. My clients were mostly insurance companies, and I did this until my first child was born, when my wife convinced me to change gears and go to work as an investigator at a multinational insurance company. That was in 1978 and that is how I started in the insurance world. I got to know the claims side of the insurance business and ultimately moved on to the group benefits sales division. In 1989 the company was sold, and I took an opportunity with the Alberta Dental Association to take over their small dental claims administration company.

2. Your history of philanthropy and volunteerism is truly inspiring. You have served in significant leadership positions across the spectrum of society... education, medicine, sports, and community development. Where does your drive to give back to society on such a grand scale originate from?

I grew up in a funeral home in Brantford, Ontario and saw early on the importance of giving back to the community and the need for compassion for people in their times of sorrow and need. I have always volunteered and taken action to promote various causes and it was infectious. To anyone who has ever met me I think they would describe me as outgoing with a big personality and a bit of a comedian. I also like to get things done so I commit 100 percent.

3. Having served as a volunteer leader in vastly different endeavors, from the Edmonton Oilers to medical foundations, from the Junos to university boards, from police boards to government consultancy, to name just a few of your previous commitments, along with your tremendous success in the insurance industry, what personality traits do you possess that contribute to your business and philanthropic successes?

Philanthropy has been a huge component in my life and the feeling one gets from giving is infinitely more than the feeling you get from receiving. At the end of the day I think its important to be a net giver rather than a net taker. I was one of the founders of the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation and the Edmonton Oilers Alumni Association.

Together we put a different face on the Oilers brand by giving back tens of millions of dollars to various charities across Alberta . We created pro sports largest 50/50 draws at our games. This past Saturday the winner took home 1.4 million dollars.



4. Your insurance colleagues, recognizing your contributions to Canadian society, along with your accomplishments in the insurance field (Chairman of the Board, CDSPI; Chairman, Quikcard Group of Companies, among other appointments) have sometimes

referred to you as “the other Great One”, referencing your early roots in Brantford combined with your leadership roles with the Edmonton Oilers. Can you give us a summary of your successes within the dental industry?

Back in 1989 part of the reason I was hired by the Alberta Dental Association (ADA) was my background in the dental insurance world and my knowledge on how insurance companies were involved in plan designs and claims cost control. I found myself to be a much in demand speaker at dental society meetings, addressing the ways to combat the capitation plans and preferred provider organizations. That, and an innovative alternative to dental insurance that I was promoting to small businesses in Alberta, led to invitations from various provincial dental associations to speak to them on these topics.

5. Community service can provide such amazing utility to the volunteer and can be seen as a reciprocal benefit. Can you describe the value your philanthropy brings to you on a personal level?

I travelled to every province and territory in Canada over the years and visited all of the dental associations including the CDA where I met Mr. Jardine Nielson. We hit it off and he asked me to consider joining the Board of CDSPI. In time I became Chairman and I served on that board for over 25 years. This role meant I was invited to virtually every AGM in the country and got to meet many amazing leaders in the dental community.

6. The Canadian Section of the International College of Dentists has benefitted dramatically from the Quikcard Charitable Foundation, having received a one hundred thousand dollar donation in 2019 to support our ICD Student Award program, which recognizes one fourth-year student from each of Canada’s ten dental faculties based on scholastic record, general

character and participation in extracurricular activities. As Vice President and Founding Director of the Foundation, could you please talk about the history of the Foundation, along with some other projects you have supported over the years?

In 1997 some of the employees of the ADSC, which was the not-for-profit company founded by the ADA, decided to buy the for-profit component Quikcard from the ADSC and the proceeds of that became the genesis for the start of the Charitable Foundation. Years later we formally became the Quikcard Charitable Foundation and we have supported many charitable and dental causes across Canada. We have supported the Manitoba Dental Association, the Alberta Dental Association, among various other dental associations charitable endeavours. We have also supported mental health programs, kids charities, hospital foundations, and youth sports initiatives. It has been very rewarding.

7. I would be remiss in my duties if I didn’t point out that you were inducted as an Honourary Fellow of the Canadian Section of the International College of Dentists. For you, how meaningful was your introduction to the world’s oldest honorary dental organization?

I have been very fortunate to have received many honours and awards from organized Dentistry across Canada and I cherish them all. The ICD recognition has a very special place in my heart and I will never forget the ceremony in Saskatoon. A tremendous honour indeed. Recently I was promoted to the rank of Colonel for Number 1 Dental Ottawa and I will continue visiting various military bases across Canada for the next three years.

8. You have understandably been recognized with multiple other significant recognitions for your philanthropic and volunteer contributions aimed at bettering Canada. These include honorary memberships in the Alberta Dental

Association and College, the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Association, and the Canadian Dental Association, being appointed as Lieutenant Colonel in the Canadian Forces Number 1 Dental Unit Ottawa, an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Concordia University, induction into the Alberta Business Hall of Fame and the City of Edmonton’s Community Service Hall of Fame, among numerous other awards. Perhaps, the most significant of all was being named a Member of the Order of Canada in 2008. What does the Order of Canada mean to you and what was the experience like?

You have covered an extensive list of my awards and recognition and have asked about the Order of Canada. The experience was unforgettable and deeply humbling. I was fortunate to be seated at the head table with the Governor General and some outstanding recipients of the Order that night. To my left was former Prime Minister Kim Campbell, to my right Tantoo Cardinal, across from me Ms. Chantal Peticlerc, and Mr. Gord Nixon as well as The President of the Montreal Canadiens and behind him Mario Lemieux. The Governor general said it was the first time three NHL teams were represented at one dinner and she joked she hoped a fight wouldn’t break out.



GETTING TO KNOW FELLOW AARON KIM

PROFESSOR OF HUMANITARIANISM



I have never met Aaron Kim, but I sure have seen his name a lot on the grant proposals he submits to The William J. Spence ICD Memorial Foundation, the charitable arm of ICD Canada, which provides monies to dental humanitarian missions in both Canada as well as abroad in developing nations. Aaron has a long and exceptional history of organizing such missions (12, in fact!), to such far off destinations as Guatemala, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Burundi as well as helping vulnerable populations in Winnipeg. The Spence Foundation is proud to have awarded Aaron and his colleagues \$126,000 over the years to support these missions.

Fellow Kim is not just a passionate dental humanitarianism, however. He is a passionate educator at the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, University of Manitoba, having served in multiple leadership roles over the years, including Associate Dean, Clinics, and currently as full-time faculty as Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry.

Aaron's impact on the dental students is unmistakable, having received eight teaching awards over the years, and one can imagine the imprint of compassion and altruism he has left on many of our colleagues across Canada.

In recognition of both his efforts to help vulnerable populations as well as his contributions to dental education, he has recently been recognized with the 2022 Lyle Best Humanitarian Award and the 2023 University of Manitoba Dental Alumni of Distinction Award in 2023.

Read on to appreciate the good works and big heart of Aaron, another of ICD Canada's Fellows who make us so proud.....

1. You have a long history of organizing humanitarian missions to underserved populations in developing nations. What is the source of your altruistic spirit?

My calling to serve happened early on. As a child I had heard a story about Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a missionary doctor who opened hospitals and treated patients in North Africa. Moved and inspired by Schweitzer's missionary and philanthropic work, I knew I too wanted to do work in Africa and serve communities in need of care when I grew up.

Thereon, doing mission work in Africa became my life goal. My altruistic spirit was also influenced by the Korean government, as a country that promotes so much humanitarian work. As a practicing Christian, my family lived with the mantra of serving others. I have been groomed from childhood to serve and give the best of myself to humanity.

2. Zambia, Zimbabwe, Guatemala and Burundi have benefited from your passion to serve the dental needs

of vulnerable populations. How did you come to choose these nations to benefit from your teams' work?

In 2002, a missionary from Zambia visited our local church in Winnipeg. He talked about the children's orphanages and the need for medical and dental work. This was my moment and a call to action for my life's purpose.

My focus has been on sub-Saharan Africa with a focus on the Village of Hope Children's Mission. All African countries I do humanitarian work in are supported by Village of Hope, an organization supported by the Pentecostal Assembly of Canada (PAOC).

So, in 2004 I started my first mission trip in Zambia. A second mission was again to Zambia in 2013 to build a dental clinic. In 2017, for my third trip, one of my students from Zimbabwe encouraged me to go to Zimbabwe. With my student's assistance, we made a trip to both Zambia and Zimbabwe and also completed setting up a clinic in Zambia. My 4th trip was made to Zimbabwe and we set up a portable

dental clinic at the existing nursing station. The church I am attending supports the Burundi Village of Hope and this is our next project, to build a dental/medical clinic there.

Given the lengthy preparation and planning for the trips to Africa, I tried to find another country I could visit in less than 2 weeks of time with minimal preparation. So, I was able to connect with a Korean Presbyterian Church pastor in Guatemala to fill in the gap between my Africa trips.

3. What are some of the more interesting challenges you've been faced with in each of these countries?

Not knowing the culture of these countries was a big challenge initially. The technical challenges of bringing in dental anesthesia, medication and instruments into international airports has presented logistical challenges as well. Airport authorities who have never seen some of the medication etc. become suspicious of our work and intentions. Thankfully we gather all the necessary documentation and health authority passes for travel

verification.

4. Not only do you organize and serve on missions to these developing nations, you have also left a lasting imprint on the populations you have cared for by establishing operating dental clinics as well as elementary schools in each of these countries.

How were you able to coordinate the construction of such needed clinics and schools, all while continuing your work as a dentist and educator at the University of Manitoba?

My approach was to make a multifunctional clinic; a nurses' station/ medical clinic with one wing dedicated to dentistry. The clinics can be used all year around for general health care by nurses working at the orphanage to serve the children and surrounding community. The clinics and schools are built after much discussion with the locals so we can best serve the community. Funding is from the International College of Dentists, the PAOC and donations from Winnipeg philanthropists who have always supported my work.

Construction of the clinics in Africa are managed by local Village of Hope staff. Construction of the schools in Guatemala are managed by a local Mayan pastor who oversees many villages in the vicinity of Carcha, San Pedro in Guatemala.

5. Tell us a little about the clinics you have established for these countries. Can other humanitarian groups use the facilities, and are they operated year-round?

All the clinics are multi-purpose and multi-functional and used as nurses'

stations predominately. In Zambia and Zimbabwe, local medical doctors use the clinic on a rotational basis to serve the communities health care needs. The clinical charts have been left behind for incoming mission groups as well as large boxes with sterilized instruments. The autoclaves are used by the medical staff and nurses. Instructional videos on how to use the autoclaves/ dental chairs and x-ray equipment were made so incoming groups knew how to use the equipment. Zambia has a fully functional dental clinic with a generator to provide 120volt electricity.

6. As a full-time educator at the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, University of Manitoba, have you been able to include dental students in your humanitarian work?

I have not been able to include students yet. The trip to Africa takes too many days for students to miss school and the trip to Guatemala is deep within the mountains away from cellular service and away from urban cities. I would not deem it safe to bring students to that location.

7. Is the virtue of altruism alive and well in our dental students today?

Most definitely. The students are always excited to hear about the mission trips. Locally, the dental students participate in "Tooth Fairy Saturday" which is a Manitoba Dental Association drive to screen children for cavities. Pre-Covid, we had instructors from the dental school who took students on mission trips. There is much enthusiasm for this amongst the students.

8. What can our dental schools across Canada do to cultivate the value of altruism as the students' progress through their four years of learning to become a dental professional?

Awareness of the need to serve communities who require care and participation of students are key to cultivate the value of altruism. We do not have to go far, within our own city, there are communities in need of care. In 2021, with Covid travel restrictions, I focused on the underserved populations locally in Winnipeg. In 2022, with a group of over 40 dental team members at the NorWest Access clinic, more than 200 patients in northwest part of the Winnipeg community were treated at no charge. This year we had a dental day on October 14th, where we screened more than 300 patients, with 250 patients being booked for work to be done in 4 different local private practices. We had students from the dental school volunteer their time in the clinics and they were able to see dental volunteer work done locally.

9. What is the greatest gift you have received from your inspiring career as dentist, educator, and humanitarian?

As a dentist, we have a duty to teach our patients and others of their oral health care. This has given me a sense of purpose for life. It is an incredible gift that I can support and provide a second chance for people in need. It is a such a blessing that I can be a part of someone else's successful life story.



*Recognizing Service
and the Opportunity
to Serve*

FELLOW AARON KIM AND HIS TEAM CREATING HEALTHY, HAPPY SMILES IN GUATEMALA, ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE

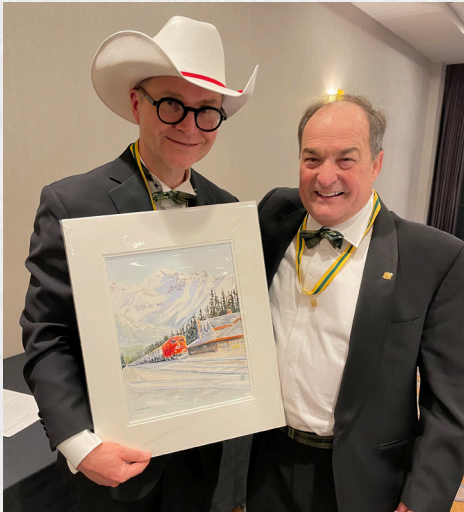


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PAINTING A PORTRAIT OF FELLOW CLIFF SWANLUND...

ICD CANADA'S ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



I first met Cliff in 2011, at a Board of Regent's meeting In Saskatoon. It was my first meeting as a Deputy Regent, and I, of course, was a bit timid amongst all of these seasoned leaders from across Canada. I had the good fortune of being seated next to Cliff, who immediately made me feel like I belonged. He shared with me his view on the value of ICD Fellowship, which he identified as the collegiality belonging to the College provides. I think we can all agree that our digital world has impacted our camaraderie and it is groups like the ICD that help to hold us together through the common bond of service and leadership.

For Fellow Swanlund, leadership seems to be in his blood. As you likely know, he was President of the Canadian Section of the International College of Dentists in 2018, but his dedication to organized dentistry runs much deeper than the green and gold of the ICD. Cliff has also served as President of the Alberta Dental Association and College (2008 – 2009), President of the Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (2016 – 2017), and President of the Western Canada Dental Society (2018 – 2019) among the highlights of the lengthy list of his contributions to our profession.

But there is another side to Fellow Swanlund that has blossomed more recently. Rekindling a love for art that started in grade school, Cliff built himself a studio in his new home in Canmore and uncovered his hidden gift, painting. Starting humbly with lessons, he has progressed to become an award winning, accomplished artist, represented by two art galleries, participating in solo and group shows, and who now gives painting instruction himself. Of course, his philanthropic drive mixes with his artistic passion and he donates much of his work to raise money for worthy causes. The William J. Spence ICD Memorial Foundation is one such cause, with Fellow Swanlund donating five of his works to the silent auction at our ICD Convocation this past June in Calgary. Through his generosity, \$2975.00 was raised for the Foundation, and five lucky Fellows left Calgary with some beautiful art. His art also adorns the cover of this bulletin...thank you Cliff for your generosity to, and leadership in, ICD Canada.

Learn more about our ICD Artist in Residence and his passion to create and give back below...

1. *When did you first recognize your passion for art and what was your inspiration to pursue this passion?*

Even in childhood I feel I was inclined towards art. I doodled a lot, and I spent a lot of time doing arts and crafts at a child-size card table at home. It was my "happy place". Once I received a book on how to draw Disney characters and I recall spending hours drawing them.

In grade six I was chosen to represent my school for Saturday morning art instruction at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. This was a very memorable experience. Interestingly it commenced around the time I had a positive experience at a dental office. It involved having an upper C extracted for orthodontic reasons. I announced to my parents then that I was going to be a dentist and proceeded to fashion teeth out

of plasticine modelling clay at my little table.

In grade 9, a teacher commented to me that she felt that pursuing either art or dentistry would be suitable for me. Just last year I was able to reconnect with her, sending her a photo of me doing an art demonstration in Banff. I explained that I had become both a dentist and an artist, which she was thrilled about.

2. *How did you go about uncovering*



On site art demonstration at the Canada House Gallery in Banff, summer of 2022

and honing your artistic talents?

Raising 4 children with a spouse who had a full-time medical career left little time for hobbies for several years. At age 50, however, we built a second home in Canmore, complete with an arts and crafts room. I started taking weekend watercolour workshops and lessons from a Canmore artist. As I reduced my work hours, I engaged more in her classes, eventually becoming part of her Advanced Watercolour Group which I still participate in.

Our class participated in some local charity fundraising events, donating the profits from our work. These events provided exposure to groups looking for commissioned work as well as to galleries. Having increased demand for one's work allows the opportunity to hone one's skills as practice makes perfect!



My art group during a critique session



My home art studio, my "happy place"

3. What are your favourite subjects/objects to paint?

I like painting pictures that tell a story. For instance, I recently visited the Sunshine Village area to take photos for future compositions. I came across an older couple sitting on a bench, taking in the panoramic view of Rock Isle Lake and the mountains. Turns out that the gentleman had visited this same spot 40 years ago and was reminiscing about that experience. Now that was something I had to paint! Below is the image of that painting. I entered this painting in a juried Vancouver show this summer and it was accepted; one of the entry criteria was that the painting had to tell a story.



8 by 10 watercolour painting titled "Tranquility"

4. Dentistry has been termed both an art and a science. Beyond the obvious, what are the similarities between dentistry and painting? How has dentistry improved you as an artist?

There are several similarities indeed. Regarding composition, in dentistry we know that the eyes are the focal point of the face and that the "smile line" should follow the lower lip and that the teeth should follow the "Golden Proportion" rule. In painting there also must be a focal point, for example a mountain, and the foreground, perhaps trees, needs to somewhat create a smile, and perhaps even be spaced according to the "Golden Proportion" rule to be pleasing. A straight row of trees or even worse, a reverse curve across the canvas would be unappealing to the eye. Setting teeth myself for denture cases prepared me for some of the compositional challenges in painting.

In shade selection for dentures, crowns and resin cases, choosing the value of a colour before its hue and chroma gave me a great background to choosing colours in painting. Artists also know this to be true in choosing paints.

I use the Munselle colour sphere instead of a colour wheel to match the values of different paint colours.



Selecting colours using the Munselle Colour Sphere principle



I love colour

5. Has art developed into a second career, or does it remain a labour of love?

It is both. Whereas I do sell my paintings at two galleries in Alberta and do sell commissioned work, I have always gifted paintings to family and friends. I received a lot of satisfaction from my 46 years in dentistry and I anticipate that painting will continue to give me enjoyment for several years in the future. The art career does have the bonus of getting me out and about in nature to search for new reference material.



Hiking with my art group

6. The ICD has seen firsthand how generous you are with your time and talents, both as a leader as well as your donation of pieces to our recent silent auction benefitting the Spence Foundation. Are there other ways your art has given back to the community?

My first solo show and sale was in Winnipeg, the city I grew up in. The profits from the sales of the paintings were directed to an arts programme for the disadvantaged. For the past 3 years AIDS Calgary and Safelink Alberta have received donations of paintings from me for their fundraising silent auctions. I have supported the Manitoba Dental Foundation and the Alberta Dental

Foundation similarly. The Western Canada Dental Society has an annual curling bonspiel which raises over \$20,000 annually for scholarships to the four western Canadian dental schools. The auctioning of my donated paintings to them has been very successful, elevating me to Silver Sponsor status. This aspect of my painting is extremely rewarding and is an easy way to give back while enjoying my passion.



8 by 10 watercolour "The Poppy Dance"

8. What is next on your artistic journey?

Being represented by two galleries has been wonderful, however I am one of their few self-taught artists with no formal training. I am therefore working on obtaining status through the Federation of Canadian Artists. Paintings I submitted in 2022 got me to "Active" status which allowed me to enter their juried shows in Vancouver. I am well on my way with juried-in paintings to attain "Associate" status, at which time I can act as a juror and can teach under their umbrella. Next will be "Signature" status, a further feather in my cap and letters after my name!



A large triptych acrylic (36 by 96 inches) titled "The Past Presidents Grove" which contains the names of all the past presidents of the ADA+C. situated in the ADA+C now CDSA office in Edmonton.



Close-up of the past president names on the tree trunks



My first solo art show in Winnipeg

7. What has following your passion for art taught you in life?

Life is short and we should, as we get older, pay attention to the unmet dreams and aspirations we have harboured since childhood. While pursuing them can be a challenge, the exploration of them to any degree can be quite rewarding. I now look at my surroundings somewhat differently, appreciating shapes and shadows to a much greater degree than I did before.



Teaching a class on the basics of watercolour at the ADA+C Wellness Conference in 2019



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON FELLOW SWANLUND'S ARTWORK PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINKS:

Website: cliffswanlundart.com

Gallery representation:

Banff Canada House Gallery (canadahouse.com)

Calgary Stephen Lowe Art Gallery (stephenloweartgallery.ca)



“LAUNCHING AT LAKE LOUISE”

**ACRYLIC JURIED INTO THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN
ARTISTS’ 2023 FEDERATION ONLINE SHOWCASE**

IN MEMORIAM FELLOW ROGER ELLIS

Our colleague, friend and ICD Fellow, Dr. Roger Langrick Ellis passed away peacefully at his home in Guelph, Ontario on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, in his 91st year. He was survived by his wife Margaret and children Betty Ann (Iain) and Stephen (Magdalena).

Roger obtained his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, Diploma in Dental Public Health and Master of Science in Health Administration degree at the University of Toronto.

He received Fellowships in the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the Academy of Dentistry International and an Award of Distinction from the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto.

Roger spent ten years in private practice in Cambridge, Ontario; ten years teaching at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto; nine years teaching and as Chair of the Department of Dental Health Care at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Alberta. He then returned to Toronto and spent two years as Deputy Registrar, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario and seven years as Registrar, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario. He continued working for eleven years as Senior Associate, ROI Corporation, and then seven years as their Senior Consultant. He retired in 2014 at the age of 82.

Uncle Roger, as he was known to my children who have no family uncles, was a unique individual. Our paths first intersected when he returned to the University of Toronto for his postgraduate education. My wife and I met Roger and Marg on their first date at a Faculty Graduate Student Dinner. Roger endeared himself to Marg when he ate the vegetables off of Marilyn's plate.

Roger was older than me, but I ended up being one of his teachers. There were no issues until he found out that there were examinations in the course and noted in his lengthy letter to me that no one should have the right to challenge his knowledge and skills.

When I moved back to Edmonton from Toronto for the Dean's position, our paths intersected again when Roger became a Department Chair at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Alberta. He was an avid jogger who completed fourteen marathons. Roger also jogged back and forth to the Faculty at the University of Alberta, and, by the way, the Dean had a shower installed in an upstairs washroom so that Roger could shower in the morning upon his arrival.

Roger returned to Toronto to work at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario where our paths crossed again as I too had moved on down the street to the Alberta Dental Association. Roger was not a forgetful person. However,

he would tell the story about the time after work that he took the subway and then the GO Train to Burlington like he had done hundreds of times and could not find his car. Then he remembered that he drove to work that day so that he could attend a noon meeting, and his car was still at the office in Toronto.

He continued work in Toronto selling dental practices with ROI Corporation. Roger was a personal friend of Roy Brown, the founder and owner of ROI. As he did well with selling practices, he treated himself to a diamond earring at the age of 75.

He was a passionate photographer and sent out relevant photos to family members and his many, many friends. He made a point of sending the pictures that you were in, to you at Christmas time.

A Celebration of Life for Roger Ellis was held on July 22, 2023 in Guelph, Ontario. A tree was planted in memory of Roger L. Ellis in the Wall-Custance Memorial Forest in Guelph.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. It is hard to believe that there will not be any more chapters.....

I was "pleased" to be asked to write this Roger Ellis obituary for ICD Canada Bulletin

Gordon Thompson, ICD Canada Registrar

~Death Is Nothing At All (by Henry Scott-Holland 1847-1918)

Death is not good-bye
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.
Call me by my own familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we always enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effort, without the ghost of a shadow in it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident.
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner.
All is well.
Nothing is past; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.~

THE FINAL WORD...

2023 has drawn to a close, and I reflect upon how much work has been achieved by the Canadian Section of the International College of Dentists this past year. Our Foundation continues its good work promoting humanitarian missions, around the world and here at home, we have recognized one outstanding student leader from each of the ten dental schools across Canada, and our leadership is strong both here in Canada as well as on the global stage. We are blessed with a membership that is chock-full full of passionate leaders who embody our mission of service to both profession and community, and our Fellowship continues to be a source of camaraderie that strengthens us as individuals and as a college.

I suspect we'll see more of the same good deeds from the College and its' Fellows in 2024.

~Editor Drew Smith



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