

The Tweed Loop

A Newsletter

“INSIDE”

To keep
our members
“in the loop”

THE TWEED LOOP

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THE MEMORIAL CENTER

In our last Tweed Loop you were given pictures of the “new” laboratories and lighting. Well, that was merely a warm up for what has been going on all winter. We placed pictures in this newsletter so you can see what has been happening over the past few months. The bottom line is that the Memorial Center looks totally different than it did last Fall when we left. All the landscaping has been redone! We have now “installed” a desert landscape! This has been an ongoing job and project. The landscape contractor did a lot of the work, but Bonnie and Mike have pitched in with their time and talent and have done a lot of things to make this landscaping effort worthwhile. It has been monumental!

In addition to all the landscaping, the buildings have been repainted and refurbished. They had not been painted in over 30 years! They now have a fresh coat of paint, all the rotted wood has been replaced with good wood, the windows have been reglazed, etc., etc. We cannot ever begin to thank Mike and Bonnie for all that they have done to make these projects come to fruition. I hope that you can see from the pictures that things are really looking good in Tucson. The monies to do all these things came from the endowment and the Course. The Course paid half of the cost; the Endowment paid the other half. The property should be in good shape for the next several generations of orthodontists, and hopefully, it will be a lot less expensive to maintain it than it has been in the past.



2024 BIENNIAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP

It is time to plan to come back to Tucson for our Tweed Study Course workshop (September 17-18, 2024) and the 34th Biennial Meeting of the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation (September 19-21, 2024). All scientific sessions will be held at the Memorial Center. The Thursday evening reception and Saturday evening dinner will be at the JW Marriott Starr Pass resort. A minimal number of rooms will be available at our room rate of \$211 plus taxes. You MUST book your room for check in on Wednesday, September 18 and check out on Sunday, September 22 to receive this discounted rate. You must stay at Starr Pass four nights or pay for the nights you do not use! There is no way, for example, to stay there only two nights. You will need to visit www.tweedortho.com and under "Biennial Meeting", select the "Hotel Accommodations" link. You may also use this Passkey Link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/CHTIFBiennialMeeting> or call the Starr Pass Reservations Center: 888-527-8989.

We also have a block of rooms at the Lodge on the Desert, which will be available from, Sunday, September 15 through Sunday, September 22. Please follow these instructions for reservations at the Lodge on the Desert:

1. Follow this booking link: Tweed Foundation 2024 Series – Biennial 2024 Workshop
2. Visit their website www.LodgeOnTheDesert.com and input the booking code "CTFBWS0924"
3. Call their reservation department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-877-498-6776 and give the group booking code "CTFBWS0924" or the group name "Tweed Foundation 2024 Series – Biennial 2024 Workshop."

The pre-meeting workshop will be held September 17 and 18 at the Memorial Center. The workshop fee will be \$200. Those who plan to attend the workshop will need to arrive in Tucson on Monday, September 16 and book a room at the Lodge on the Desert or other accommodations for Monday through Wednesday or Monday through Saturday night September 21, the last day of the Biennial meeting.

The program for the workshop will be given by the seven young rising stars who will manage the Tweed Course for the next 40 years. Because all of our Course lectures have been changed, we thought we would spend the first workshop day to show all the workshop participants the new lectures. On the second day of the workshop, each of the young people who will run the Course will have a presentation to give to our workshop attendees. Some of these presentations will involve their research; others will be mystery cases that have been put together. It should be an interesting and fun filled two days.

Ray Fuqua and Steve Roehm are organizing a very interesting and dynamic Biennial Meeting scientific program. It will begin on Thursday, September 19 at 3:00 at the Memorial Center. The "model" room will open Thursday morning. All members are encouraged to put their "plaster on the table" and study each other's case reports. Examination committee members will look at case reports for those who desire to become Fellows of the Charles Tweed Foundation. Case report presentation information for all who seek to become Fellows and all members who are required to bring case reports can be downloaded from the website, www.tweedortho.com. The model display room will be located in the Babnick building (Annex) and will be open each day from early in the morning until late in the evening. Lectures will end at approximately 1:00 on Friday so that members can enjoy the camaraderie and the educational experience of the model room. All members are encouraged to bring case reports. It is our DUTY to do so!

The meeting program has not been finalized. What we are trying to do is give young people an opportunity to present material on our meeting program. If you presented at the last meeting, we will probably want you to wait until another meeting so that we can give all the young people an opportunity to participate. We want everyone who has not participated to have an opportunity. We can then fill in the gaps with people who have participated quite a few times. You should receive the program for the Biennial Meeting early in the summer or by mid-summer at the latest.

Please DO NOT MISS what promises to be a fun, educational and exciting experience. Put this workshop and meeting on your calendar. The registration form can be found on the website. It is also attached to this email. If you desire to attend the workshop, please include the workshop fee with the meeting registration fee. Please send a copy of the registration form along with your payment to the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation. To make payment, you may enclose a check in the mail with your registration form or pay by credit card on the website. If paying by credit card, you must still mail or email your registration form to the Charles Tweed Foundation. Additionally, make sure to make your hotel reservations with either JW Marriott Starr Pass or Lodge on the Desert before July 31, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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We continue to have a problem with dues. We dropped 50 people from membership this year because we are simply tired of trying to collect their dues. Some of these people were instructors! Please, when you receive a dues notice, pay your dues. If, for some reason, you cannot pay them because of a problem with payment from the country in which you live, all you need to do is email Bonnie and we will make arrangements for you to pay the dues in a more convenient way or when you come to a meeting. We don't want to drop people from membership, but we simply have to do this because we cannot be sending four and five dues notices. It is just simply too expensive.

TWEED STUDY COURSES

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Due to the death of Dr. Klontz, the Study Course will be forever changed from what we have known at past Courses. We will go on, however, with the confidence that the Course will get better and better due to the efforts of many people. The Course is important for orthodontics and it will continue. In order to make this happen, we must get a new management team. Dr. Vaden is the Course Director. His main goals as Course Director are to continue to streamline the lectures, bring new clinical material but the philosophy is not going to change, and train the cadre of young people to lead the Tweed Study Course. Beginning April 2024, Will Bates will be the Assistant Course Director. The other members of the current Course leadership group are Nathan Hamman, Liwia Minch, Elie Amm, Genevieve Zgheib, Shannon Owens and Celeste Block. These young people are committed to making the Tweed Study Course LAST. While they are managing the Course, they know that they must get people who are younger than they to teach and to eventually manage the Course because the Course must last into perpetuity. Just remember that the Tweed Study Course will not ever, ever be influenced by commercial entities that seem to plague orthodontics at the present time. We have never had any commercial entity that influenced anything that is done at the Course – and we never will have commercial influence in the Course. The Course must remain pure and separate from the rampant commercialism in orthodontics. These young people who are running the Course know this fact and will make sure that commercial involvement in the Tweed Study Course NEVER, EVER HAPPENS. Dr. Vaden is excited about the future and looks forward to watching the young people run the Tweed Course as he sits on the sideline and looks grumpy.

IN MEMORIAM

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Andre Horn and Herb Klontz

We have lost two giants since your last newsletter – Andre Horn and Herb Klontz. The world of Tweed will never be the same without these two gentlemen.

Andre died in the Fall from complications from bladder cancer. As most of you know, Andre was the quintessential teacher. He loved to travel and to teach orthodontics. His latest efforts were in Eastern Europe, and before the Russian invasion, the Ukraine. Andre was a world renowned orthodontist who willingly and cheerfully shared his talents with all with whom he came into contact. He was a leader's leader and an orthodontist's orthodontist. As the former President of the French Society of Orthodontics, the SFODF, Andre always, always kept his finger on the pulse of orthodontics all over the world. He was an inspirational leader and teacher and will be sorely missed. Andre was President of the Foundation in the mid 1990s. His meeting, which was held in Paris, was such an outstanding meeting that people still talk about it. Andre will be sorely missed by the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation.

Everyone also knows of the passing of Herb Klontz. We have placed Herb's obituary in this newsletter so that all of you who have not read it will be able to read it. Words cannot describe how we will miss Dr. Klontz.

HERBERT A. KLONTZ

February 2, 1935 – December 27, 2023

Orthodontics – and the human race – has lost a very talented, dedicated and passionate individual. Those who have had the good fortune to intimately know Herb Klontz have lost a dear friend and mentor. Dr. Herbert A. Klontz was the personification of enthusiasm, attention to detail and passion. He practiced orthodontics in Oklahoma City for over 60 years and provided world class orthodontic treatment to all who sought his care.

Though Herb Klontz lived and practiced in Oklahoma City, the world was his audience! He lectured on the fundamentals of orthodontics in over 30 different countries. He served as the Director of the Tweed Study Course in Tucson, Arizona for 40 years. During this time, he interacted with approximately 6,000 orthodontic students from the United States and approximately 25 other countries. Herb Klontz was a “clinician’s clinician” who freely and graciously shared his skills and knowledge with all who requested him to do so.

Herb Klontz was born in Salem, South Dakota on February 2, 1935. As he grew up in Iowa, he lived on a golf course because his dad was a golf course supervisor in Ottumwa, Iowa. During high school at Ottumwa, Herb was extremely busy – Eagle Scout, and a two time winner of the Iowa State High School Golf Championship! He was also the Iowa State Junior Champion and the Iowa State Amateur Champion golfer. He went to college at the University of Iowa on a golf scholarship and continued his golfing “career”. He won the Chicago District Junior Open Championship and the Western Junior Championship. A little known fact is that as a freshman at Iowa he lettered in football! But the golf coach said “No more football”, so golf became his sole passion. He was accepted into Iowa’s dental school after his college graduation. By the start of his graduate training in orthodontics at Washington University in St. Louis, he had qualified four times for the National Amateur Championship and had married Karen Robertson – his college sweetheart. The last time he qualified, the National Amateur was held at Pebble Beach, California. This tournament was won by Jack Nicklaus! But Herb did not get to play because Dr. Earl Shepherd, the Washington University orthodontic chair, called him into his office and asked him if he wanted to be a golfer or an orthodontist? Luckily for the specialty of orthodontics, Herb Klontz returned his trophy and stayed in the graduate orthodontic program!

While in his second year of orthodontic education at Washington University, Herb and his friend, Ed Noffel, also a student at Washington University, met Charles Tweed who was in St. Louis to receive the Merit Award at St. Louis University. Herb went to Oklahoma City to practice after graduation from Washington University and immediately started to visit the Tweed Study Course Co-Director, Levern Merrifield in Merrifield’s Ponca City office. Dr. Klontz was a student at the Tweed Study Course in 1963 and again in 1965. In 1967 he was asked to be instructor at the Tweed Study Course. At Tweed’s death in 1970, Merrifield became the Course Director. In 1976 he asked Herb Klontz to be the Course Coordinator. Herb served admirably as Course Coordinator and was asked in 1983 by Merrifield to be the Course Director.

The rest is history. Herb Klontz served as Course Director of the Tweed Study Course for over 28 years and has been Tweed Study Course Co-Director for the past 12 years. During his tenure as Course Director and as Tweed Study Course Co-Director, many, many students have been blessed to hear his lectures and to experience his orthodontic skills first hand as he helped them with their wire bending and their typodont work at the Tweed Study Course. During these years, he lectured extensively in the United States and all over the world. He published over 20 articles in peer reviewed journals and was the co-author of several book chapters on the fundamentals of orthodontics. In addition to doing all these things for his specialty, he was a clinical instructor in the Orthodontic Department at St. Louis University from 1970 – 1975, a visiting lecturer at the Baylor College of Dentistry from 1974 – 1984 and taught at the University of Oklahoma in the Department of Orthodontics from 1989 – 2020.

Herb Klontz has been recognized by his peers with many awards for his long years of teaching and his dedication to the specialty of orthodontics. He received the Merit Award from St. Louis University, the Martin Dewey Award from the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists, the Charles H. Tweed Foundation’s Distinguished Service Award and the most prestigious award in orthodontics, the Ketcham Award which is given by The American Board of Orthodontics. During all of these years and during all of his activities in orthodontics, he was supported by his wife, Karen, who was his soul mate, partner and “advisor”. While he was traveling, she was raising their two children – Kelly Klontz, who is an orthodontist in Oklahoma City and Kathy Nassimbene who lives in Colorado.

Herb Klontz was an amazing and special person who generously shared his life and talents with his family, his friends and the

HERBERT A. KLONTZ

specialty of orthodontics. He worked very hard in order to have a positive impact on all with whom he came into contact. He loved and stimulated every student with whom he interacted over the years. The students in turn loved him and attempted to use what they learned from him to make the orthodontic care they gave to each of their patients better and better. His influence has, therefore, spread to thousands and thousands of people all over the world.

Dr. Klontz was preceded in death by his wife, Karen, his parents, and his sister, Blanche McVey. His survivors include his son, Dr. Kelly Klontz, an orthodontist in Oklahoma City, and Kelly's wife, Terrie, his daughter, Kathy Klontz Nassimbene, two granddaughters, Morgan and Lilly Klontz, and a wonderful great-granddaughter, Kylie Klontz. He is also survived by his sister, Pat Erickson, her husband, Nick, and their three children, and by his brother-in-law William McVey and his three children. His family has asked that those who wish to memorialize him should send a contribution to the Tweed Study Course in care of the Charles Tweed International Foundation, 2620 E. Broadway, Tucson, Arizona 85716. By doing this, all can contribute to Herb's mission in life – To make the Tweed Study Course better and better and allow it to serve more and more young orthodontists who desire to improve the care that is given to orthodontic patients the world over.

BATES NAMED 2023 OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS

Modified from UAB Dentistry News Written by: Scott Huffman and Lynne Jarreau

Will Bates, DMD, MS, has achieved so much in such a short time. To call him an overachiever is an understatement, which is why Bates was named 2023 Outstanding Young Alumnus by the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association at Alumni Weekend 2024. Huntsville, AL native, Bates earned his undergraduate degree from UAB in 2012. The 2017 UAB School of Dentistry graduate excelled throughout his student career. He was class president and Dean's Medal recipient.

He and his wife Kathryn, whom he met while in dental school, moved north so he could pursue his Master of Science in Orthodontics at the University of Michigan. After completing his residency, Will and Kathryn moved back to Alabama where they started a practice in Birmingham. Six months after starting that practice, they took on the challenge of acquiring another practice from an orthodontist who suddenly passed away. This was in the middle of the pandemic. Kathryn says that while they were both crazy for taking on the responsibility, it all turned out well.

Colleagues and friends describe Bates as passionate, industrious, talented, and caring. Although he loves practicing, he says his true calling is teaching orthodontics and seeing that "ah-ha" moment when it clicks for his students.

That passion for teaching carries over into his role with the Tweed Study Course. He believes the Tweed Course is essential because it teaches fundamental principles of the specialty. In September, he was able to secure the funds to send UAB residents to the 7-day Tweed Study Course in Tucson, AZ – a first for the UAB Orthodontics program.

"This is a huge honor," said Bates. "When I hear the names of those who have received the award before me, I realize I have big shoes to fill. UAB means so much to me – from my time as an undergraduate, to dental school, and now serving as faculty. I love UAB and I am here to serve."

Bates is also active in the school's alumni association, the Alabama Dental Association, and the American Association of Orthodontists. When he is not practicing, he can be found running/hiking or attending Dave Matthews band concerts around the country. He and Kathryn enjoy travelling and spending time with their dog Roux.



