The State of the Foundation

Your Foundation continues to do well in a difficult environment. Our Endowment Fund keeps us solvent. As we have reported in many newsletters, dues income does not come close to paying our expenses. We keep dues low because it is our mission to be an inclusive organization. Many organizations are now charging dues that are very disproportionate to the benefits the member receives. It is the Board's feeling that these organizations are going to have more and more trouble with member retention as the years go by. Even though our dues are minimal, we continue to struggle with a segment of our membership that does not seem to heed the notice of dues payment. We sent the third and final notice for the 2011-2012 dues to approximately 90 of our membership. This is not good, and yet, a large portion of this group will pay their dues. Some of our longstanding and great members are on this list. It seems that people simply do not read their mail! If you fall into this group, know that we love you but also know that we would love for you to pay your dues in a timely fashion.

The Memorial Center continues to receive the necessary maintenance that it needs to remain a state of the art facility. Nancy Netherton does an excellent job with getting various people employed to do all the little odd jobs that we need accomplished. As of the writing of this newsletter, we are doing some painting and other things which will make our facility more appealing. We take pride in our Memorial Center and can assure all members that you will enjoy seeing it when you come to the Biennial Meeting in 2012. You will be happy with its maintenance because it looks brand new each time we visit it.

The Foundation gets new members through the Course. All Courses are fully subscribed and each one is, in its own way, a very exciting and exhilarating event. The success of the Course is due to essentially three things: 1) We teach fundamentals. There is a great need in today's world for the fundamentals, and it is evident that most universities appreciate what we do for their students. 2) The organizational abilities of Dr. Klontz and the constant care and nurture that he gives the Course are exemplary. 3) The instructing staff is, for each Course, a wonderful attribute for the Course and for orthodontics. Each staff member does a significant and masterful job with the duties at hand. You can be very proud of the Course and what it does for the Foundation, in particular, and orthodontics, in general.

Your Board of Directors grapples with the challenges that are faced by the Foundation, but each member of the Board is optimistic that the Foundation will continue to thrive in the unusual environment in which orthodontics finds itself. The Board is to be commended for its diligence and for its collective stewardship of the Foundation and for those principles for which it stands.

Call for Papers / Case Reports

Any member who has an interest in presenting a paper / case report at the Biennial Meeting of the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation, which will be held in Tucson from October 25-27, 2012, is invited to send an abstract to David Williams, Program Chairman. You may contact David by mail or email at:

David Williams
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Columbia, TN 38401-3590
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All submissions will be considered by the program committee. The program will be finalized in the spring of 2012, so the submissions deadline is March 15, 2012.
The Foundation’s Biennial Meeting will be held at the Westin LaPaloma in Tucson from **October 25 to 27**. Kenny Rowan and Dave Williams are planning an exciting social and scientific venue. We encourage all members to attend and hope that everyone who attends will bring clinical material for the model room. Since Tweed’s day, the model room has been one of the most exhilarating and interesting facets of our meetings. Every member is to bring cases for display. It is also our hope that we have several guests who wish to become a Fellow in the Charles Tweed Foundation. Look for registration materials to be mailed sometime in the summer. Along with the registration materials will be a program outline, pertinent hotel information, and case presentation information. Mark your calendars. We will see you in Tucson.

The L. Levern Merrifield lecturer for our 2012 meeting will be Dr. Greg Huang, the Professor and Chairman of Orthodontics at the University of Washington. Dr. Huang is an expert on evidence in orthodontics and will share some very valid concepts that all orthodontists should know and understand when reading scientific literature. Also on the program will be Dennis Bernardi who will give a fun filled and very informative session on wines and their relationship to orthodontics. Another guest who has been invited by Ken Rowan is Steve McElvoy. Steve is the guiding force behind Dolphin imaging and will give us some very practical knowledge about computerization and how to deal with our new and very emerging computerized world.

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**2012 BIENNIAL MEETING**

**Fellowship**

Fellowship in the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation

All members who have not presented clinical material to the Foundation’s examining committee are invited to do so at the **October 25-27, 2012 Biennial Meeting**, which will be held at the Westin La Paloma in Tucson. Case report requirements can be found on the Foundation’s web site, www.tweedortho.com. Any member who has a question about the “examination” process may contact Dr. Klontz, Director of Education, at drklontz@flash.net. We would love for every member to be a Fellow! Get your cases together and join all the other Fellows in Tucson!

**AAO MIXER/RECEPTION**

The Foundation’s mixer/reception will be held in the Rainbow Suite at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, Hawaii on May 4, 2012. Reception hours will be 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Every member will receive a mailing about this reception, but the notification printed here in this newsletter gives you plenty of advance notice. If you are planning to come to the AAO meeting, please make it a point to arrive in time for our Foundation reception. You will certainly be glad you did so.

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**MEMBER EMAIL ADDRESSES**

We constantly try to update our data base. We request that all members make sure that the Foundation has your correct email address. We have no way of knowing when an email for a member changes unless that member notifies Nancy Netherton at the Foundation’s office in Tucson. If your email has changed, please notify Nancy so that she can make sure she has a proper email in the event that we need to contact all members with a mass emailing. We have also updated our membership directory on the website. Please check your listing and let us know if it is not correct.
PRE-TUCSON COURSES

In the Fall of 2011, there were organized “pre-Tucson” courses in China, Japan, and Serbia. These courses are great experiences for students who are interested in attending a two week Tweed Study Course in Tucson. They are not, however, a prerequisite for a student to take the Tweed Study Course. The Tweed Study Course welcomes any qualified student from any country in the world whether the student has or has not experienced a pre-Tucson course.

“PRE-TUCSON” COURSE - DALIAN, CHINA

October 31 thru November 4, 2011
A team which included Tweed Study Course instructors, Jimmy Teng, Haiping Lu and William Jiang, presented a one week course which included wire bending exercises taught in Tucson, treatment of a Class II division 1 malocclusion and didactic material which introduced the students to the Tweed-Merrifield Directional Force philosophy. Ninety seven students from various orthodontic departments participated in the course. Dr. Chang Xin, chairwoman of the orthodontic department at Dalian, invited Steve McCullough and Dennis Ward to participate as instructors. Steve and Dennis were impressed with the warmth and generosity of their Chinese hosts and with the remarkable enthusiasm and passion for the Tweed-Merrifield technique displayed by the students. The Chinese team of Tweed instructors deserves high praise for its unwavering dedication to the Foundation, the Tweed Merrifield technique and its support of clinical orthodontics in China.

“PRE-TUCSON” COURSE - SERBIA

This past Summer, Robert Stoner and Sergio Cardiel Rios traveled to Serbia at the invitation of Tweed Course participant and Foundation member, Branislav Vidovic. With Bane’s (Branislav Vidovic) help, these gentlemen conducted an exciting pre Tucson wire bending type experience for approximately 35 Serbian orthodontists. One of the photos makes one wonder about how much work the three leaders accomplished.
“Pre Tucson” Course – Tokyo, Japan

For the 15th year in a row, Herb Klontz journeyed to Tokyo to help the Tweed instructors from Japan conduct a hands on wire bending experience for Japanese university students. The organization for this experience has been handled for the past 15 years by Masatoshi Nakakuki. All the Tweed instructors from Japan help with the endeavor. This group of Japanese instructors is also busily planning the 10 year anniversary of Foundation member, Noriyoshi Shimizu’s appointment as Chairman of Orthodontics, Nihon University. Included in the grouping of photos from this pre Tucson experience in Japan is a picture of Noriyoshi with his beautiful wife and their one month old son, Takihiro. This event will be celebrated in June 2013.
The September 2011 Study Course was attended by 131 eager, hardworking students. Fourteen countries as well as 18 American graduate programs were represented. Seventeen instructors were on hand. It was a “barn burner”.

Because the Course is continuing to be more and more popular, Dr. Klontz has made arrangements to have three Courses in 2012. The April Course is fully subscribed as is the “extra” June Course which will be held from June 10 – 20. The September Course is always full. The extra Course will allow more people to attend the Tweed Study Course and reap the benefits of attendance. The success of the Course and the large number of applicants is a testament to the fundamentals of treatment planning and force systems mechanics that are offered by a dedicated cadre of instructors. Dr. Klontz organizes each Course to perfection so that each student gains the maximum amount of knowledge in edgewise appliance manipulation and in treatment planning.