

The Tweed Loop

A Newsletter

"INSIDE"

To keep
our members
"in the loop"

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THE MEMORIAL CENTER

Bonnie and her husband, Mike, continue to upgrade our facility and make needed and necessary repairs. Mike has replaced wood in the benches which are in the garden, has done some work to restore a wall that was consumed with dry rot, etc. etc. He is in his element, however, when he is washing windows! At least, that is what Bonnie reports. Just know that your Memorial Center continues to receive the care and maintenance that it deserves. It is a very historical area in orthodontics, and the Foundation and its Board of Directors is committed to keeping it pristine and in good repair. The effort is ongoing and will be continued into perpetuity.

COPYRIGHT INITIATIVE

The following policy statement announcement has been prepared by the Executive Committee. We want every member to be aware of the legal copyright of the Tweed Foundation name and all names that are associated with it, i.e. Tweed, Merrifield, Tweed Study Course, etc. The Executive Committee made the decision to copyright these names because of the current climate in orthodontics. This initiative has not been taken lightly, nor has it been done to stymie activities for Foundation members who offer courses which stimulate people to take the Tweed Study Course. These preparatory courses, however, cannot be named Tweed Study Course, Tweed/Merrifield Course, etc. They can be entitled "Standard Edgewise" based upon . . .

TWEED FOUNDATION COPYRIGHT

As our world shrinks due to electronic communication and social media, your Foundation's Executive Committee has deemed it prudent to protect and preserve the names: Tweed, Tweed-Merrifield, Tweed-Merrifield Technique, Tweed Foundation, and all permutations of these names/phrases. Tom Ehrnfelddt, J.D., a partner in the firm Waldheger-Coyne Co, was hired to copyright these names so that they are the property of the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation.

As all of us who are members of the Foundation know, there is only ONE Tweed Study Course and only ONE Charles H. Tweed Foundation. The Executive Committee does not seek to stymie any legitimate educational endeavors of our members but it does not want anyone anywhere to be able to use these names to promote themselves or to promote a commercial product. The Tweed Study Course and the Charles Tweed Foundation will always encourage our instructors to be active in their respective country – to teach the Tweed-Merrifield Force System and the Tweed Philosophy. All instructors will continue to be encouraged to do so as each works to disseminate the ideals, the philosophy, and the force system we love. But we must all be cognizant of the fact that the names are copyrighted and cannot be used in such a manner as to cause embarrassment or harm to the Study Course or the Foundation.

It is the Executive Committee's belief that our challenging orthodontic environment compelled it to take this action on behalf of our Foundation and the Tweed Study Course that it sponsors. It is the Committee's hope that this action will help preserve our Foundation and the Tweed Study Course for future generations.

2018 MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Our 32nd Biennial meeting will be held October 25 – 27 at the Westin LaPaloma in Tucson. Jean Comard is planning an exciting and interesting program. We will not have as many speakers at this meeting as we have had in the past so that those who attend can have time to study case reports that are displayed in the cast/model display area. It seems that at past meetings we have not had much time to study cases that had been brought for display. The planning committee is making a conscious effort to eliminate that problem. We will have our scientific session from 8:00 until 12:00 each day and then from 1:30 until 2:30. After 2:30pm our members will be free to spend time visiting and discussing case reports in the model room. It is hoped that all members will take advantage of this opportunity to learn and enjoy each other's camaraderie.

Prior to our annual meeting, we will have a workshop entitled "Our Struggle to Stay Straight". This two day workshop will devote one day to adult treatment and all of its ramifications. This "Adult" day will be managed by Giovanni Biondi and several people from Europe, China and Korea. The second day will be devoted to the extraction/nonextraction dilemma – specifically whether or not to treat a patient without premolar removal or to remove the maxillary first premolars and mandibular second premolars. Mystery cases will be included on this day's agenda. It is hoped that members who plan to attend the meeting, particularly those from overseas who need to spend more than three days to make the trip worthwhile, will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the workshop.

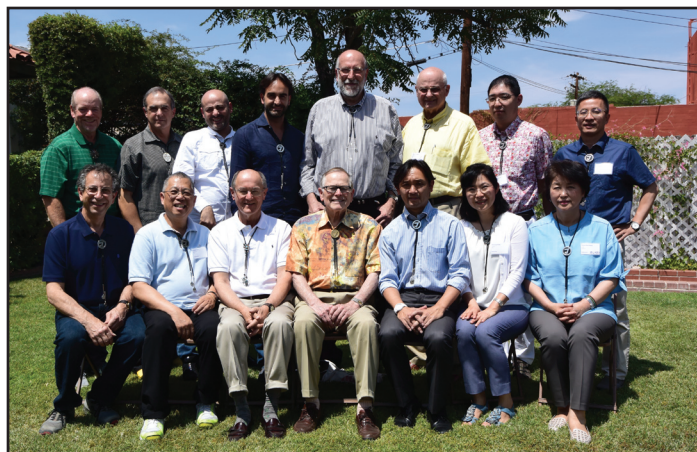
Save the dates for the workshop and the meeting. Registration forms will be sent approximately a year from now. We have given you plenty of advance notice of what is being planned for our meeting and the workshop that will precede it.

TWEED STUDY COURSE

The Tweed Study Course has been offered twice this year and will be offered again in September. The September Course is totally subscribed with over 123 students registered. The April Course was totally full. The June Course was a very exciting and enjoyable Course for all participants. We had students in the June Course from about twelve different countries as well as graduate students from five graduate training programs in the United States. The April 2017 Course had graduate students from seventeen U.S. graduate programs and the September Course will have students from approximately fifteen U.S. graduate programs as well as students from China and other parts of the world. Dr. Klontz continues to recruit faculty to teach these Courses because the life blood of the Tweed Study Course is the "hands on" experience the student has with each instructor who rotates through his/her table.

The syllabus for the Tweed Study Course continues to be updated so that the procedures are more user friendly. As an example, we are now soldering cusp seating spurs on the final set of wires so that the student does not have to remove the wires from the typodont, add cusp seating spurs and dunk the typodont again. This addition of cusp seating spurs to the final wire prior to its initial insertion has saved an inordinate amount of time for the student and for the instructor.

The Course is healthy and it continues to teach fundamentals to students from all over the world. It also continues to receive rave reviews from the students who attend. It is one of the great things that happens in orthodontics, and it is wonderful to offer it to the world's orthodontic students and orthodontists three times per year.



SCENES FROM THE COURSE



