

A Love of Learning and Teaching Still Strong after 43 Years

After 43 years of practicing periodontics, Fred Rosenberg, DDS '68, has learned a few things. Perhaps one of the most profound lessons he learned and regularly passes on to his students came from his then five-year-old granddaughter. "She was observing me trying to figure out why the light on one garage door wasn't working," he explains with a laugh. "She looked at me and said, 'Gramps, why don't you look at the other side that *is* working and see what looks different.'" Using this logic, he frequently advises his students, "when you see a problem on one side of the mouth, look on the other side to see what is happening there."

While he is retiring from his private periodontal practice in Beachwood, Ohio, Dr. Rosenberg has no plans to slow down. He'll continue his teaching duties both at CWRU School of Dental Medicine as well as mentoring young dentists about periodontics in the general practice residency program at the VA Medical Center in Cleveland.

Dr. Rosenberg attended The Ohio State University from 1964 through 1966 and then entered dental school at CWRU, graduating with his DDS in 1968. He then completed a general practice residency at the VA in Cleveland. "That was a very interesting time," he says. "The Vietnam War was winding down, and it was a wonderful place to train." Seeking additional training in general anesthesia, Dr. Rosenberg continued his education for six months at University Hospitals. He then went on to the University of Kentucky to obtain his Certificate of Training in Periodontics.

After completing his periodontal training, Dr. Rosenberg returned to Cleveland, and along with Stuart Sears, DDS '68, began their periodontal practice in Maple Heights, Ohio. Charlene Krejcki, DDS '84, MSD '86, joined the practice in 1986, and in 1987 they moved to their current Beachwood location. Dr. Sears retired in 2007, and in 2011 Dr. Sasha Ross, who also happens to be Dr. Rosenberg's cousin, joined Western Reserve Periodontics.

Dr. Rosenberg's love of teaching is not likely to diminish any time soon. "I very much enjoy passing on knowledge," he says. "It was instilled in me during my



Fred Rosenberg and Dean Kenneth Chance at the School of Dental Medicine's Celebration of Philanthropy

formative years that if you have the opportunity to receive excellent training, you have the obligation to pass it on." He cites this as the key reason that he plans to continue lecturing at CWRU and consulting at the VA. "It really keeps me fresh," he says. "It's not one year repeated 43 times; it's really 43 years of continued learning."

And although he'll miss his patients and his staff, many of whom have been with the practice for more than 20 years, he is looking forward to spending more time with his family and his somewhat uncommon hobbies. "I love to repair antique clocks and am currently rebuilding and restoring the sewing machine that belonged to my grandfather, who was a tailor."

Dr. Rosenberg and his wife look forward to taking advantage of the many continuing education opportunities at CWRU and in Greater Cleveland. "The opportunities to learn and grow here are phenomenal," he says.



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From the Chairman

The past year has given us the opportunity to remember our friends and colleagues, celebrate our successes, and embrace the possibilities that lie ahead. It's an exciting time at Case Western Reserve University, the School

of Dental Medicine and the Department of Periodontics.

Those of you who were fortunate to know Oreste Zanni, DDS '73, will know exactly what I mean when I say that our profession lost an excellent practitioner, a passionate educator and a loyal friend. Dr. Zanni passed away suddenly this past July at the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, where he served as an associate clinical professor and director of the advanced specialty program in periodontics. He also had a private practice in Methuen, Massachusetts.

Dr. Zanni made a bequest of \$3 million each to Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine and BU School of Dental Medicine. As a result of Dr. Zanni's generosity, the Periodontal Clinic in the new Health Education Campus will be named in his memory. I am honored to be able to carry out Dr. Zanni's legacy and expand upon his interest in research that focuses on the link between systemic and periodontal disease. I was fortunate to work and serve with Dr. Zanni on several committees of the American Academy of Periodontology and am honored that our department and our school have been entrusted with carrying out a part of his professional legacy. I look forward to sharing much more information about the Health Education Campus and the Periodontal Clinic.

In addition to our ongoing academic and research activities, we are in the midst of forging some very exciting partnerships with dental schools in other countries. This type of collaboration between schools can be extremely beneficial in terms of faculty and curriculum development.

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Health Education Campus and Interprofessional Learning

In the coming months, you'll be hearing much more about the partnership between Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Clinic that will result in the creation of a 485,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art Health Education Campus. This innovative center of health education will bring together students, faculty and staff from the University's schools of dental medicine, medicine and nursing to radically transform the way we educate, train, treat and care.

While dental students already participate in educational collaborations, the opportunities for interprofessional learning on the new Health Education Campus will expand significantly. This will range from daily interaction and working together on an informal basis to small group learning opportunities in both the classroom and clinical settings.

We'll be providing regular updates on this project in this newsletter and our Alumni Magazine. You'll learn more about how Periodontics will utilize and benefit from the new campus.



Graduates in Practice Veronica Ng, DDS '93, MSD '97

With a thriving practice that includes three office locations in Michigan, teaching positions at two universities and three teenagers at home, Veronica Ng has a full and very busy life.



"It's incredibly busy," she says, "but I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to be part of such a great practice and to be able to teach."

Dr. Ng is a partner in Periodontal Specialists, whose offices are located in Clarkston, Flint and

Grand Blanc, Michigan. She lectures once a month at the University of Michigan, where she has been an adjunct clinical assistant professor for the past ten years and occasionally lectures at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, where she is an assistant clinical professor. "To me, you can't really separate practicing and teaching. Being able to teach what I do in my own practice comes very naturally."

Originally from Hong Kong, Dr. Ng moved to the United States in high school. She recently obtained her U.S. citizenship, a fact she proudly shares. During her undergraduate years at CWRU she studied biology, but was unsure of her career path. A cousin who was an oral surgeon sparked an interest in dentistry.

"I knew I wanted to pursue periodontics during the third year of dental school. In the clinic, I was fascinated by the foundation of periodontics in terms of overall dental health."

Despite her hectic schedule, Dr. Ng has always made volunteering a part of her professional life. She has been very involved with the professional dental associations in Michigan, including the Michigan Periodontal Society. She recently completed her second three-year term as a board member of the dental school's alumni association. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology.

Beyond her professional life, Dr. Ng and her fiancé keep quite busy with the lives of their three teens and enjoy traveling as much as possible. "I still get back to Hong Kong quite a bit," she says.

Dr. Ng encourages her fellow alumni to get involved as she has done. "There is so much opportunity to get involved at CWRU as an alum. It's been very rewarding for me."

From the Chairman continued

These partnerships will also provide opportunities for our students and faculty to travel and learn more about dentistry abroad. You will be reading much more about this in future publications and I will be certain to keep you informed as plans are finalized.

This is an exciting time for our department and our school. I thank each of you for your continued support—whether it is time or financial contributions—your contributions are so deeply appreciated. I hope I can count on your continued support as we move forward to ensure that our program remains at the highest quality for our students, faculty and patients.

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"Incorporating Diversity into the Health Care Curriculum," University of Pittsburgh, June 2014 (L. Palomo)

"Current Status of Furcation Management – Root Reshaping," Annual AAP Meeting in San Francisco, California, September 2014. (P. Ricchetti)

"Rationale for occlusal therapy—Occlusal adjustment, Splinting, or Monitoring," University of Michigan, 2015 (P. Ricchetti)

"Saving Teeth: Do the Bugs Matter? Surgical & Maintenance Strategies," AAP Annual Meeting, November 2015 (P. Ricchetti)

Department News

In addition to the generous bequest from the estate of Dr. Oreste "Russ" Zanni (see From the Chairman), Dr. Leena Palomo received a grant of \$50,000 for a forward-thinking research partnership with Proctor & Gamble.

Dr. Clair Pernsteiner retired after faithful service as Clinical Associate Professor.

Dr. Paul Ricchetti has been appointed a co-director of the Periodontal Clinic. He was also elected a member of the nominating committee for the selection of AAP Board Directors from District IV.

Dr. Bissada was re-elected as the alternate delegate of the Greater Cleveland Dental Society for the Ohio Dental Association.

Drs. S. Abdel-Malek, Naif Alwithanani, and B. Atkins became Diplomates of the American Academy of Periodontology.

Congratulations to all on these successes and milestones!

Welcome New Resident



Dr. Amer Shatta completed a Fellowship Program in Dentistry last year at CWRU. He graduated from Misr University for Science and Technology in Egypt in 2012. Amer chose CWRU for his residency because, "My goal is to be the best in my

field, and to achieve this I chose the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, which has an excellent reputation."

Best Wishes to Graduate Students

Dr. John Estemalik is staying in Cleveland, with his wife, Caroline, an endodontist, to begin their private practice. John's master thesis is on "Presence of Similar Oral Pathogens in Dental Plaque of Patients with Periodontal and Prostate Diseases: A Pilot Study."

Dr. Estemalik and Dr. Hazem Abdelazeem passed Part I of the AAP Board Examination. Congratulations!



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