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Dear Alumni, Colleagues and Friends,

As I am coming off my presidency of the Orthodontic Alumni Association, I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a great orthodontist and mentor to me and, at the same time, ask you to seriously consider supporting and continuing to support Dr. Evans and the department. We all have a story of why we came to pursue orthodontics. Like many of us, my own orthodontist, Dr. George Kottemann (UIC '59), influenced me to become an orthodontist too. It was his passion for helping people and enjoyment in his profession that was really remarkable to me at such a young age. I can remember being amazed at his deep interest in his patients as well as the joy he had in his work day. He whistled while he worked!



Dale Davis, President

Dr. Kottemann was so proud of the fact that I decided to become an orthodontist and graduated from the University of Illinois. I had followed in his footsteps and got a great education at UIC too. Over the years I have found that Dr. Kottemann also gave back so many other ways; to his community, to his profession, the dental school and the orthodontic program. He was truly a generous person. He mentored me in this way too; **to give back.**

Dr. Kottemann passed away in June this year. He will be missed by so many. Consider honoring someone that influenced you to go into our great profession and, do so, by giving back to our department. What a difference it can make in the lives of future orthodontists and our profession!

Dale Davis, President (UIC '94)

CALLING ALL ALUMS!

Who is going to fill the shoes of our retiring faculty? If you have any suggestions or know suitable candidates, please contact Dr. Evans. There is also an open invitation to our alums to present an interesting topic or technique to the residents. Part of our orthodontic training comes from learning what is done in the "real world". Should you have an interest in marketing, practice management or even sharing interesting multidisciplinary cases, we would love to have you share your knowledge. The residents are extremely enthusiastic to learn how things are done in private practice. Presentations should be approximately an hour in length and you are encouraged to contact Dr. Evans directly via email at caeans@uic.edu.



*Drs. T.M. Graber, Sakols, Evans
and Hohlt in 1996*

Call to Support and Join the Alumni Association

"Having Fun and Making a Difference!"



Please make sure to include your email address. We will be using these addresses for notifications and reminders of alumni events.

The Alumni Association is a Tax Exempt 501(c) corporation and revenue that is collected in excess of alumni expenses is spent directly in the Department. Besides equipment and furniture, our contributions have provided support for guest lecturers' visits to the department, orthodontic books and educational material for the residents, and also helps to defray the cost of the graduation banquet. It's never too late to become a member!

Last year we collected **\$11,250** in donations for the Department. We hope to count on you in 2016!

Thanks to our 2015 donors \$100-\$999:

Vincent Arpino (UIC '96), Paul Broadwater (UIC '86), Terry Burke (UIC '77), Victoria Chen (UIC '04), Michael Conlon (UIC '77), Garison Couser (UIC '10), John Damas (UIC '75), Dale and Lisa Davis (UIC '94 & '96), Michael Durbin (UIC '90), Kathryn Edgcome (UIC '11), John Ford (NU '84), Thomas Horrigan (UIC '62), Craig Hunter (UIC '03), Edward John (UIC '69), Jeff Kemp (UIC '90), Lihong Lin (UIC '08), James Lupi (UIC '93), Robert Manasse (UIC '76), Steven Moravec (UIC '85), Donald O'Donoghue (UIC '63), Yoon Park (UIC '03), Carrie Hedin Thangamani (UIC '07), Michael Thompson (UIC '06), Andrew Tringas (UIC '98), Marty Verbic (UIC '11)

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*Please take the time to support the UIC Orthodontic Program and the
Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois!*

Alumni Association Donations Make a Difference!



The Alumni Association does it again! \$12,900 in furniture and storage cabinets have been purchased for the recent renovation of the 2nd floor office and lab areas. With the State of Illinois budget in limbo, it is nearly impossible to get funding for anything. Rather than attempt to get funding through the bureaucratic nightmare of the University, the Alumni Association was called upon to help purchase furniture and cabinets for the second floor offices. With your financial assistance, we are able to help improve the educational environment that our wonderful orthodontic residents deserve.



RETIRING FACULTY

Robert J. Manasse (UIC '76)

The Department is extremely thankful for the services of Rob Manasse. After practicing in his private practice full time for 32 year and teaching part time, in the last seven years, he had devoted more time to teaching and became a Clinical Associate Professor of Orthodontics.



Rob is passionate about everything he does, whether it is exercising, running a private practice, participating in organized dentistry or teaching.

According to Clinic Director Budi Kusnoto, "Rob has been very instrumental in running and supervising the day-to-day operation of the clinic floor as well as coordinating and teaching the technique course for the 1st year residency program as well as supervising at least 20% of the residents cases. Rob played a very significant role during renovation of our clinic a few years back, the modernization of the technique lab as well as more recently establishing the Berkowitz library and collections."

Loving the world of dentistry, Rob has been very active with the Chicago Dental Society including President of the South Suburban Branch, a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and also was the

past President of the Orthodontic Alumni Association (1996-00).

On a personal note, Rob has had a very strong friendship with Dr. Andy Haas. Dr. Haas continues to come to the Department one Monday a month and lectures to the residents. Rob has been taking him to and from the airport for his monthly visits.

I guess Rob has finally had enough with the weather and has decided to move to North Carolina. Rob leaves some big shoes to fill and we wish him well in retirement.

William Hohlt

(Indiana University '69)

Bill Hohlt was recruited by Dr. Evans in 1998 as a Clinical Professor of Orthodontics and taught biomechanics to the residents. Bill has been teaching for 46 years with 17 years at Illinois and was fortunate to have taught with the "Father or Orthodontic Biomechanics," the late Charles Burstone at Indiana.



"Bill Hohlt, has been the GURU of Biomechanics for many years," said Budi Kusnoto. "His teaching in biomechanics as well as his role in supervising the other 20% of the cases has contributed a lot in the strength of our graduates. Besides that, Bill has tons of collections of jokes that always

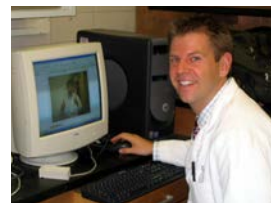
bring laughter to many. Within the past year, Bill has been instrumental in coordinating the Ortho-Pedo mixed dentition clinic together with fellow faculty Ralph Robbins (LU '77)."

Bill has numerous accomplishments which include being a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, Past President of the Midwest Angle Society and Past President of National Flying Dentist Association, and numerous publications. Bill is very innovative and in step with the times including the use of TADs.

Bill has promised his wife that he would do more traveling with his free time.

Anthony Eltink (UIC '05)

Tony has been a Clinical Assistant Professor of Orthodontics in the Department for 10 years since graduating from the Program.



A favorite among the residents, his commencement address to the residents was one that could rival a Comedy Central roast. He has a full-time practice in Buffalo Grove and a young family. He has decided to take a little time off from teaching to watch his kids grow, but promises that he will return to the clinic when his kids are older and his wife gives the okay.

2015 AAO San Francisco Alumni Reception

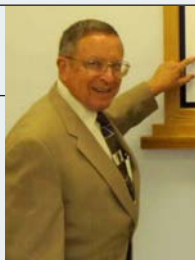
Special thanks to second year resident Shahab Parsa, is a UCSF graduate, who found our 2015 reception location at Thirsty Bear Brewing Company! We had an outstanding turnout of almost 80 alums who came out to socialize during the AAO Meeting. Another benefit of membership!



In Memoriam

George J. Kottemann (UIC '59)

George has always been an active alumnus of the UIC College of Dentistry and with the Orthodontic Alumni Association. George and his wife, Norma, provided the funding that established the Kottemann Gallery of Dentistry at UIC and were also generous chair donors to the orthodontic clinic renovation. He passed away at the age of 83 on June 10.



George practiced in Peoria and was a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. He received many awards and recognition for his alumni loyalty as well as distinguished service.

George lived his life by donating his time, talent and treasure to the advancement of dentistry and our profession.

Eliot I. Sakols (UIC '75)

Eliot was a faculty member in the Department from 1975 to 2008, and had earned a Golden Apple for Excellence in Teaching and also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Orthodontic Alumni Association in 2008. He passed away on March 25 at age 67.



Matching Fund in Memory of Dr. Eliot Sakols

As you all know, we recently lost a friend, teacher and colleague, Dr. Eliot Sakols. My class (1983) knew Eliot as the "young guy" who had not yet reached the status of a "Blue Book Instructor." Nevertheless, we remember him for his passion for teaching, thoroughness, and spirit of giving and helping. Finally, Eliot was the guy who made you reposition just a few brackets right before you were ready to retain your case!

I have pledged to set up a "Matching Fund" in memory of Eliot up to a grand total of \$10,000. Dr. Evans will recommend what these funds will be

allocated for within the department. It has become apparent that a lot of the furniture, lab equipment and other facilities within the clinic, where we all learned our skills, are in need of updating and/or replacement.

Please take the time to consider a "healthy" contribution to this fund. And... if you ever felt the urge to "sock it to me", this is your opportunity!

Best Wishes to All for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Holiday Season!

Howard Spector, Classmate (UIC '83)

"Reflecting back on my memories of Eliot during the old residency days, two things come to mind: Perfection and Passion," said Pamela Johnson (UIC '91). "Eliot had a true passion for orthodontics and was a master perfectionist. Although I didn't appreciate it at the time, I now understand as a practicing orthodontist why he had me "reposition" all of those brackets in the clinic and "retrace" all of those cephs from his private practice. Eliot was instilling the principles of striving to always do your best as a residency instructor. I will forever appreciate the positive influence Eliot has had on my own orthodontic career because of these values. Thank you Eliot Sakols for your years of dedication to the field of orthodontics and for shaping and molding all UIC orthodontic residents to maximize their potential."

"It was truly an honor to know and work with Eliot," said fellow faculty Greg Jackson (UWASH '78) and Robyn Silberstein (USC '87). "He was a skilled and caring professional who strived for the best possible clinical outcome for his patients while treating them with the respect and kindness we all desire. Teaching with Eliot on Fridays at UIC was always interesting and fun! In an era of political and social correctness, he resolutely stood by his personal beliefs without forcing them on others. He lived his faith daily by being charitable and kind to all people. He was extremely generous with his time and energy to UIC; the orthodontic residents, faculty, staff and patients. We miss him deeply."

SAVE the DATE

Sunday, May 1, 2016
4:30-8:00 pm

AAO Alumni Reception at
The Pub Orlando



We are happy to be hosting another off-site reception in Orlando! Special thanks to local orthodontist and restaurant aficionado Andy Tringas (UIC

'98) for being able to locate and secure our site for 2016. The Pub Orlando (9101 International Dr., Suite 1003, Orlando, 32819) is conveniently located in the Pointe Orlando Shopping Area and next door to the Hyatt Regency Orlando. You will be treated to an English-inspired pub with British eats, pour-your-own beer taps & a staff wearing kilts. We hope you plan on making a stop for a pint and visit with some old friends. Check out www.ExperienceThePub.com for more information.

FREE drinks and heavy appetizers are always provided! We promise not to disappoint! Reminders will be sent through Evite so it is important to include your email in the dues remittance envelope.

Please be aware that if your school does not appear when you are registering for the meeting (i.e. University of Illinois, Northwestern and Loyola), please sign up with the Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois and we will be able to send you information about the reception. Still another benefit of membership!

