Dental Mamma Mia: Transformation is Huge Success!

Monday’s All-College Conference was enhanced by a wonderful production given by dedicated and talented College of Dentistry faculty and staff. After many hours of brainstorming, lyrics writing, rehearsals, costume sewing sessions, and a few stage jitters, the musical, Dental Mamma Mia: Transformation, was presented to an appreciative audience whose thundering applause reflected their enthusiastic response to the production. The musical provided a creative venue for encouraging faculty and staff to participate in the building transformation’s fundraising campaign.

There were numerous positive comments following the production:

“Great!” “I can’t get the singing, dancing dean out of my head!” “Really, really fun!” “I didn’t know the dean had those good moves!” “Encore!” “Take it on the road!” “Fabulous!” “No one could resist it!” “I’ve been humming ABBA songs for the past 48 hours.” “I was so impressed by all of the multi-talented faculty and staff we have housed in the college! So when does Dental Mamma Mia makes its debut on YouTube?!” “FUN! THEY CHOSE MUSIC NO ONE CAN DISLIKE.” “Simply outstanding!”

For additional photos, see page 2 of this issue.
DENTAL MAMMA MIA BEING CREATED & TRANSFORMED: REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE
Lauren Baker Lends Her Talents to Dental Mamma Mia Production

The hard work and dedication exhibited by dental faculty and staff who participated in Dental Mamma Mia’s production was enhanced by the contributions of Karen and Bill Baker’s daughter, Lauren, who is a double major at Iowa in theatre arts and vocal performance. She will graduate in May 2011. Karen, director of Dental Pharmacy, who also lent her voice to the production, says, “Lauren has done everything from Shakespeare to opera, but her first love is musical theatre. (She is currently starring in “The Drowsy Chaperone” at the Des Moines Playhouse, which runs September 9-October 3 in Des Moines.) For the dental production, she rewrote lyrics for some of the songs as well as designed and helped sew the new jumpsuit costumes.

Another contributor was choreographer, Jill Beardsley. Lauren and Lynn Conway (Dental Business Office) had worked with choreographer Jill Beardsley for IC Community Theatre productions, so Lynn asked Jill to choreograph the Dental Mamma Mia show. (Jill and her husband are professional ballroom dancers.) She graciously agreed, and the result was a substantial improvement in the quality and visual impact of the production.

Lauren has been in MANY shows but emphatically states that Monday’s audience was “the most responsive and appreciative audience she has ever had.”

“That,” Karen adds, “is a real tribute to the faculty and staff at the CoD.”
**Recent Publications**


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**Get Moving for Healthy Kids 5K Run/Walk:**
Support Dental Care for Indigent School Children

The Bright Smiles program is a dental program that supports dental care for indigent school children in Johnson County. It is part of the Healthy Kids School-Based Health Clinic that is supported by United Way of Johnson County; UIHC; the Colleges of Nursing, Medicine, and Dentistry; and the Community Foundation of Johnson County. Over the past two years, we have supported the dental care for over 100 children referred by the Healthy Kids Clinic. This care has been supported by grants from the state of Iowa, United Way, and the Community Foundation of Johnson County. We would very much like to continue this extremely important service for local school children and are continuing to look for new grants. Unfortunately, as of now, we have exhausted all of our funding sources. You can support our effort through the 5K Run/Walk on August 29. Donations are welcome and will be put directly to dental services (via Bright Smiles), if that is what the donor choose/designates. Donations can also be made at the event – we will have a booth with information about the clinic. Alternatively, to receive the Endow Iowa Tax Credit, a minimum $100 donation can be made to the Clinic Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Johnson County.

To register for the 5K Run/Walk, go to [http://www.communityfoundationofjohnsoncounty.org](http://www.communityfoundationofjohnsoncounty.org). If you are interested in being a volunteer at the event, please contact Dr. Howard Cowen (howard-cowen@uiowa.edu), Dental Clinic Administration.

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**Filling Station Menu**

**August 23-27, 2010**

**Monday**

BBQ Chicken Sandwich and Chips $4.49
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza & Paninis

**Tuesday:**

Smoked Pork Sandwich & Chips $4.79
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza & Paninis

**Wednesday:**

Cheddar Bacon Chicken Sandwich & Chips $4.99
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza & Paninis

**Thursday:**

Taco Bar!!!
Chicken Strips & Ranch Dressing $4.29
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza & Paninis

**Friday:**

Mini Steak Burger $1.29
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza & Paninis
Looking for Examiner Training Patients

All exams will be performed by College of Dentistry Faculty

Volunteers must be available on October 8th or 9th, 2010

We are looking for patients ages 13-30 with clinically evident frank caries (cavitated lesions) that will not be treated prior to October 8th.

Compensation will be provided, as well as parking and mileage (if over 10 miles).

If you know of any patients or volunteers who may qualify, please contact: The Iowa Fluoride Study at 319-335-7026 or toll free at 1-888-857-7038
Volunteers invited!

Volunteers are invited for a University of Iowa College of Dentistry study. The purpose of this study is to assess the effectiveness of lollipops containing licorice root extract in reducing levels of bacteria that cause cavities. To participate, volunteers must be

- 18 years of age or older
- Student, faculty, or staff of the College of Dentistry
- In good physical health

For information or a screening, please email Hillary Guenther at hillary-guenther@uiowa.edu.

The Office of Clinical Research will provide special assistance for people with physical or other disabilities.
VOLUNTEERS INVITED

For a University of Iowa, College of Dentistry study. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effects of different formulas of fluoride toothpaste on dental decay. To participate, volunteers must be:

- 18 years of age or older;
- in good/excellent physical health; and
- in need of a crown (cap) on a lower permanent molar.

For information or a screening, please call the Dental Clinical Research Center at (319) 335-6763 or (319) 335-7414.

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UI and Palmer College
Jaw Pain Study Invites Participants

People age 21 or older with chronic jaw pain classified as temporomandibular disorder may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study investigating whether the Activator Chiropractic Technique can reduce head and neck pain and the need for prescription pain medications, and improve quality of life.

The collaborative study involves the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, the UI Institute for Clinical and Translational Science's Dental Clinical Research Center, and the Palmer Center for Chiropractic Research at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport.

Study participants will be randomly assigned to one of four different treatment groups. Participation, including follow-up, will last six months and involves examinations and treatment at the UI Dental Clinical Research Center. Participants assigned to chiropractic care will be referred to a private practice in Coralville. All examinations and treatment are provided free of charge.

For more information, contact the UI Dental Clinical Research Center at 319-335-7387 or 319-335-6763.
Volunteers Invited

Do you have a need for two dental fillings on your permanent back teeth? The UI College of Dentistry is recruiting subjects for a research study to evaluate dental fillings of the back teeth. You may qualify if you have:

- recession of the gumline on your back teeth
- eroded, abraded areas or notches at the necks of your back teeth near the gumline

Call the Dental Clinical Research Center for a screening appointment at (319) 335-6763.

Compensation is provided.

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