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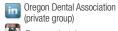
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An Experience of Living in a Black Box



By Barry J. Taylor, DMD, FAGD, FACD, CDE

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barrytaylor1016@ gmail.com I BELIEVE IT WAS 2008 AND I WAS THE SPEAKER HOST FOR DR. HOWARD CROSSELY AT THE OREGON DENTAL CONFERENCE. At

one point, while he was walking up and down the aisle in the large ballroom at the convention center, he was talking about antidepressants as he stood right next to where I was sitting. Pointing directly at me he told the audience, "Well, now we can't all always be as happy as Barry is all the time." To which I thought, "Wow, of the hundreds of people here to say that to, it is quite hilarious that he picked me." I was 24 months removed from an extremely serious episode of major clinical depression.

Now looking back at 2006, I have so many observations and views about depression. I am by no means an expert; I actually have never read a book about the subject. I speak from my experience, so I have no desire to read stories about it. I get about one paragraph into the story and think, "Oh yeah, I can relate. No need to read further." It really was quite the horrendous experience. As my youngest son once asked, "Dad, were you living in the black box?" To me, that was an interesting, and good, term for depression that apparently he had learned in school when his class was learning about mental illnesses.

Although it may not be politically correct to say so, and I very well may be in the minority, I do not care for the term 'the mentally ill' or even 'mental illness' as a way to describe someone who has depression. I look at cancer as an illness. There is nothing good that comes from having cancer. It attacks the body and does damage that no amount of self-help or therapy can prevent. The healthiest individual can get brain cancer that will kill them in a matter of months. My mother died from cancer but we never referred to her as 'the cancer' and our family never said she had a 'cancer illness.' We were more direct; she had stage IV colon cancer. So I do not care to be referred to as 'mentally ill.' Ironically, I see the term 'the mentally ill' used all the time in print and in social media in stories about not labeling

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those that have a psychological makeup that falls outside of the normal range.

I like the term 'black box' because that is exactly what it felt like in 2006. I was not suicidal because I had two sons that I adored, a degree in a profession that I had wanted to be in since I was in grade school, and I generally had a lot in my life that I cared about. So that is where the black box comes in. It is indescribable to be in a position in which you feel hopeless and there is no escape. It is very much like a black box has been placed over your life.

In my mind I had a bad case of clinical depression for which I was treated for and it is now a thing of the past. Someone I know very well quit drinking in 1985 because they had an alcohol problem. I don't refer to that person as an alcoholic or even a recovering alcoholic. In my mind that person just doesn't drink anymore. There is no label needed. They overcame a situation and they deserve to be free of any label. Some people are fortunate enough to survive cancer and it goes into remission. I think that is a very good analogy for my own depression.

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I suppose only you could tell me if there is a stigma attached to someone who has dealt with clinical depression. Over the past ten years I have only heard a couple of derogatory comments from people, but those are the exceptions. What is much more common is how many people approach me to tell me their personal story. Just like me, many were people that you would probably never have known that they have had to deal with depression. Here is something else I have learned: the majority of us have used some type of therapist at some point in our lives. Among several of my friends, we occasionally check in with

each other to see how the other is doing. Sometimes it is no more than a text, "How are things?" The common theme among us is that maybe we are having a bad day, but it will soon pass.

Recently I was talking to my good friends **Dr. Todd Beck, Dr. David Dowsett,** and **Dr. Kim Wright,** about whether to write about my experience and if I should be anonymous about it because I didn't want to be labeled. In our conversation the answer came to me. Writing something anonymously makes for a good story that you can relate to, but it doesn't put a face to it. It reinforces the stigma because it insinuates that

there is something to hide. I am still the same person that I was in 2006. What has changed is that I am no longer to the left of the bell curve. I have moved back center and I make sure that I stay in that normal range. Those friends that helped me when I was in exile know my story. However, when I tell people the story now the response more frequently is, "Seriously? I never would have guessed." My only goal of not being anonymous, is to give a personal example that having clinical depression is not an end point.



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May 2016

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Continuing Ed., 1.5 Hrs: "Treatment & Prevention of Peri-Implantitis," Presented by Dr. Harjit Sehgal, Tues, May 10, Stockpot Broiler, Beaverton. Info: www.wacountydental.org or contact@wacountydental.org

OHSU Mentor Dinner: Thurs, May 12, OHSU Room 3A002

Continuing Ed., 1 Hrs: "Oral Pathology," Presented by Dr. Said-Al-Naif, Thurs, May 19, Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend. Info: www. centraloregondentalsociety.org

Continuing Ed., 2 Hrs: "Table Clinics," Thurs, May 19, Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland. Info: www.multnomahdental.org or lora@multnomahdental.org

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DFO Chip! for Teeth Golf Tournament:

Fri, June 17, Langdon Farms Golf Club. Info: www.smileonoregon.org or 503-594-0880

Oregon Board of Dentistry -

Board Meeting: Fri, June 17, 1500 SW 1st Ave, 7th Floor Conference Room, Portland, Oregon. Info: www.oregon.gov/dentistry/ Pages/brd_agendas.aspx

July 2016

New Dentist Committee CE Course: Sat, July 9, Oregon Dental Association

DFO Committee Meetings: Fri, Jul 15, Wilsonville, Oregon

ODA Board of Trustees Meeting: Fri, July 22, ODA Office, Wilsonville. Info: 503-218-2010

August 2016

DFO Board Meeting: Fri, Aug 12, Wilsonville, Oregon

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Board Meeting: Fri, Aug 19, 1500 SW 1st Ave. 7th Floor Conference Room. Portland. Oregon. Info: www.oregon.gov/dentistry/ Pages/brd_agendas.aspx

September 2016

Continuing Ed., 6 Hr: "Clinical **Challenges for Esthetic Adhesive** Dentistry," Presented by Sillas Duarte Jr, DDS, MS, PhD, Fri, Sept 16, Lane County Community College, Eugene. Info: www.lanedentalsociety.org or office@lanedentalsociety.org

Continuing Ed., 2 Hr: "Oregon Board of Dentistry: All You Need to Know," Presented by Stephen Prisby, Exec. Dir., Wed, Sept 21, Moda Plaza, Milwaukie. Info: www.multnomahdental.org or lora@multnomahdental.org

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- Speaker of the House (3-year term) DECLARED CANDIDATE: Jeff Stewart, DDS, MS
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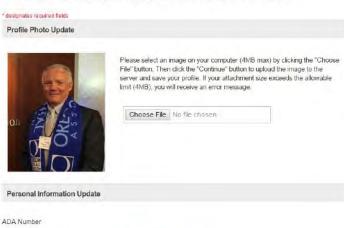




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- www.ada.org/en/member-center/member-benefits/practice-resources/dental-informatics/electronic-health-records
- www.ada.org/~/media/ADA/Member%20Center/Flles/Basics-of-the-EHR-Incentive-Program.pdf?la=en

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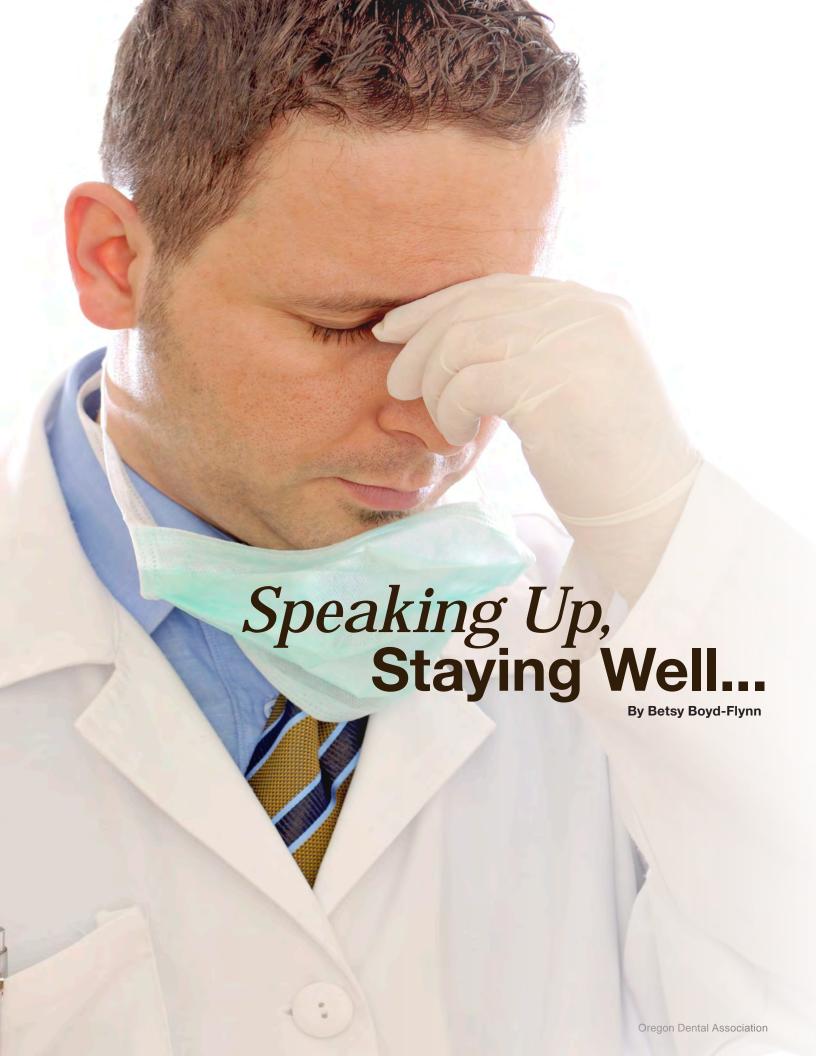
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"I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU REACHED OUT." When Kim Wright, DMD, called a colleague whom she was worried was struggling with depression, those were the colleague's words.

The myth that dentists are at higher risk of suicide, burnout or addiction than the general population is not well supported by the evidence, but still the notion persists. Depression strikes nearly 7% of American adults every year, and the most recent statistics from NIDA estimate that over 9% of Americans age 12 or older had used an illicit drug with a month of being surveyed.

To be sure, dentists are subject to stressors not found in other careers. One reason is that some believe it is a professional accomplishment to carry on through all crises, without showing doubt, worry or strain. Barry Taylor, DMD, FAGD, CDE recalls the impact of isolation as he struggled with his own depression while still in training. "I was afraid of seeking help because I had a fear I would be told maybe dental school wasn't the right choice for me," he said.

For dentists, seeking treatment for mental health or addiction disorders can be particularly daunting. In addition to overcoming persistent stigma around these diseases, there is the risk of losing one's practice and livelihood. In recent years, programs and treatment centers across the country have specialized in treating health care providers for these reasons.

There are many paths to treatment. In Oregon, the Health Professionals' Services Program, to which dentists may self-refer, is sponsored by licensing boards for dentists, physicians, and nurses. The program is anonymous, and has a risk-free initial inquiry process for self-referred participants, intended to help dispel the fear of consequences of asking for help. The program covers mandated treatment as well, and is set up to help professionals with mental health and addiction issues, in a structurally similar way, though the treatments themselves differ (See Sidebar).

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Oregon Resources

Since 2010, dentists have been able to access the Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP), operated by Reliant Behavioral Health under contract to the Department of Human Services. The program also covers physicians, nurses, and pharmacists.

Participants may be referred into the program by their regulatory board, or they may self-refer. If a dentist inquires voluntarily about the program but does not enroll, no report is made to the licensing board.

However, once a licensee is provisionally enrolled, they must continue in the program until they are confirmed **not** to have a substance abuse or mental health diagnosis, **or**; if they do receive a diagnosis, they must comply with and complete treatment, otherwise a report is sent to the board.

The program, which typically lasts five years, and for which the participant bears the treatment costs, is structured with the understanding that addiction and mental health issues are biological diseases; participation is non-disciplinary and is **not** reportable to the National Practitioner Databank.

For more about the Oregon Health Professionals' Services Program, including a detailed overview of the process for self-referred participants, visit the program web site here: www.oregon.gov/dentistry/Pages/Confidential_Diversion.aspx.

The ODA Dentist Health & Wellness Hotline has volunteers on-call 24 hours per day at 503-550-0190, and offers services to all Oregon dentists and dental students. The hotline offers help to anyone with stress, mental health, or addiction problems.



Willing to help others through a tough time? Join the ODA Peer Support Network. For more information, contact the ODA.

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Some signs that are often present in depression:

- > Feelings of sadness, tearfulness, emptiness, or hopelessness
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- > Sleep disruptions—insomnia or sleeping too much
- > Extreme fatigue
- > Changes in appetite
- Anxiety, agitation, or restlessness
- Slowed thinking, speaking or body movements
- > Feelings of worthlessness or guilt, fixating on past failures or blaming yourself for things that aren't your responsibility
- > Trouble thinking, concentrating, making decisions and remembering things
- Unexplained physical problems, such as back pain or headaches3

Unspoken, not invisible

Perceptible warning signs for depression can be hard to see, notes Taylor, because in his experience, "depressed people go to great lengths to hide their depression." Some signs that are often present in depression:

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Loved ones and friends can open a critical dialogue just by asking: "How are you doing?" Wright, who was also a key figure in Dr. Taylor's journey dealing with depression, recalled asking that question of the first colleague she helped at a dental conference, in a hallway gathering. He broke down and said, "My life is falling apart." Wright made a point of following up with him the following Monday by phone. That contact, and the continued check-ins they had over subsequent months, were part of what helped that dentist get past his crisis.

Peers helping peers

Wayne McElhiney, DDS, of the Tennessee Wellness Committee, says their program, operated with funding from licensure fees, is built from the understanding that professional societies are in the best position to recognize impairment and intervene. "No one can talk to a dentist like a dentist, just like nobody can talk to a drunk like

a drunk," according to McElhiney—who is himself an alcoholic in recovery.

Nancy Davis, MSW, LCSW, LCAS, who is the Executive Director of the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals program, agrees. Their program, which also helps hygienists and dentists, matches participants with mentors from the same profession. "The peer support aspect is absolutely wonderful," Davis said. "I've seen so many dentists once they complete the program stay actively involved."

When signs of depression or other impairment appear in a colleague, it may take persistence to get through, but speaking up is essential, as is offering practical help. Steps to take include:

- Talk to the person about what you've noticed and why you're concerned
- Emphasize that it's ok to get help—depression is a medical condition, not a personal flaw or weakness—and that it usually gets better if treated
- Suggest seeking help from a professional
- Offer to help prepare a list of questions to discuss in the initial appointment
- Express your willingness to help by setting up appointments, going along to them and helping with family
- Work with other family and friends to build a network around the person³

Taylor's friends connected him with needed care, and took steps like covering his practice and keeping constant tabs on him in the days leading up to his departure for treatment. That organized help was

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more valuable, ultimately, than empathy for Taylor. "When your car breaks down everyone is sympathetic and wants to help you, but no one is an auto mechanic. Only the auto mechanic is going to fix the car," he said.

Taking care of yourself

Depression, stress and burnout can affect anyone, but there are strategies to help build resilience against them. Taking time for self care is essential. Mindfulness training is now incorporated into the curriculum at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, and evidence is growing that with persistence, the practice can improve stress and depression.^{4,5}

In their publication "Self Care for Dentists," The New Zealand Council of Dentistry identified several concrete activities to consider engaging in to help develop resilience in the face of stress.

These activities were used by doctors in a Canadian study of physicians and their coping strategies, which included activities like journaling, cultivating a hobby, and cultivating a support network of family, friends and peers.⁶

Silence leads to stigma

Any dentist knows many others who have struggled with mental health or addiction problems, though they may not know it. Those with experience need to be more vocal about it. Mental illness and addiction are still hard to talk about, though they are diseases, not character flaws. Anonymity is part of any recovery program, and is essential to preserve. However, there is no reason individuals cannot talk about their own experiences, and help further dispel the stigma associated with these disorders. On the contrary, they must.

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Additional Resources

The North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals program offers an extensive library of resources for dentists and hygienists available here: nccaringdental.com/ library-new/resources/

A comprehensive publication, "Self Care for Dentists" is available online from the Dental College of New Zealand here: www. dcnz.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Publications/SelfCareForDentists.pdf

Information from the American Dental Association about state well-being committees, specialized treatment facilities and other resources is available here: www.ada.org/en/member-center/member-benefits/health-and-wellness-information

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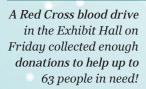
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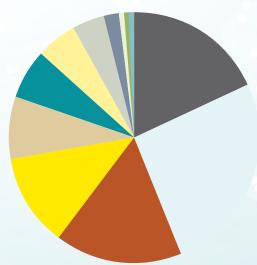
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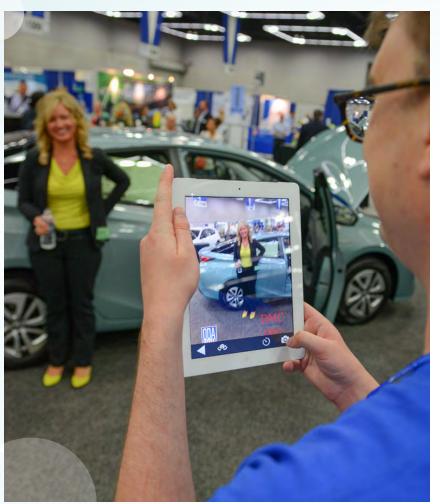
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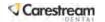
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ADPAC Week Recap By Thomas Grass, DS2

DREAM BIGGER ASDA, THE CALL TO ACTION FOR THE 46TH ASDA ANNUAL SESSION WHICH TOOK PLACE MARCH 2-5, 2016 IN **DALLAS, TEXAS.** Seven OHSU dental students traveled to Dallas to represent Oregon and OHSU ASDA. The American Student Dental Association represents 22,000 dental student throughout the country. As a student-led organization, it is charged with protecting and advancing the rights, interests, and welfare of dental students. It also serves as a valuable introduction to organized dentistry, helping to train future national, state, and local leaders in the dental profession. At Annual Session, over 600 dental students were present to elect new leadership and vote on policy resolutions in the House of Delegates.

The beautiful Hyatt Regency Dallas hosted Annual Session this year, a gleaming monument of mirrored glass to which the Reunion Tower is attached, the Dallas equivalent of the Space Needle. The overall quality of the event and all of the programming was exceptional. The first day was very low-key as people trickled in from across the country. The conference began in earnest the next morning with a bright and early networking breakfast. Immediately following breakfast was an impactful keynote address from actor and activist Chris Bashinelli entitled, "Ignore the Noise: Life Lessons for Ignoring the 'Noise' and Discovering your Passion." OHSU first year class president Paul Lamoreau made it on stage during an interactive portion of the keynote where his dynamic personality catapulted him to immediate ASDA fame.

After the impassioned speech from Chris, the real business of Annual Session was called to order: the House of Delegates. The House is the legislative body of ASDA and determines the policies, initiatives, and directives of the organization. Two voting delegates from each school form a body of over 130 individuals who are responsible for representing ASDA's 22,000 members. The House only meets at Annual Session so all resolutions are addressed at this meeting. There are many House sessions throughout the conference, both to discuss and vote on resolutions, as well as elect national leaders. In-between sessions attendees enjoyed amazing networking lunches where dental students were intentionally mixed to encourage

meeting new people. A variety of excellent breakout sessions were also incorporated which appealed to people at all stages of dental education.

The multitude of resolutions at Annual Session ranged from grammatical corrections to major revisions of existing ASDA policy. A few of the more notable changes this year are summarized as follows. ASDA resolved to encourage all U.S. CODA-accredited dental schools to accept Medicaid patients in their respective clinics. This aligns well with the ADA code of ethics and commitment to serve the underserved. National ASDA dues were increased by \$5 from the current rate to help fund existing ASDA directives including funding the national pre-dental staff member who is helping to increase pre-dental membership. Lastly a monumental shift in the association's position on licensure was adopted. In an effort to streamline ASDA's position on L-1 Initial Licensure Pathways, the existing language was rescinded and it was resolved that the association believes an ideal licensure exam:

- Does not use human subjects in a live clinical testing scenario
- Is psychometrically valid and reliable in its assessment
- Is reflective of the scope of current dental practice
- Is universally accepted

There was a great deal of active debate and insightful comments on many of these resolutions. The full list of adopted resolutions can be found on ASDA's website.

In addition to the resolutions, the House elected national leaders. While evaluating the candidates, OHSU ASDA benefitted from the wisdom of Oregon dentist Dr. Rickland Asai, ADA District Trustee, who joined our group for a lively discussion. In addition to Dr. Asai, other national leaders of the ADA were also present and engaging, including current ADA President Dr. Carol Summerhays. As an introduction to organized dentistry, it was inspiring to see the top leadership there supporting dental students. After several rounds of voting, the new ASDA National President was announced as our own District 10 Trustee and University of Washington Student,



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Sohaib Soliman, with whom we have worked closely with over the last year.

Overall, Annual Session was an outstanding testament to the success of ASDA and the future of organized dentistry. Exceptional dental students from all over the country displayed incredible passion and drive, both to improve dental education, and to maintain the outstanding reputation of the dental profession. The representatives of OHSU ASDA are very grateful to have had the opportunity to fellowship with so many great people and have resolved to try and maximize the number of students who can share in the opportunity next year, so that they too can dream bigger!





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DFO Raises \$50,600 at the 2016 ODC to Improve Children's Oral Health



CHRISTINA BODAMER WAS THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE 2016 DFO MOTOR MOUTH CAR RAFFLE DRAWN ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9 AT THE OREGON DENTAL CONFERENCE.

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The Motor Mouth car raffle raised \$43,200 to support DFO programs like the Tooth Taxi. Thank you to Lonnie Timmons and Gresham Toyota for their support of this important fundraiser. Dr. Weston Heringer Jr., DFO Board President, was again our top ticket seller. It seems no one can resist Weston's charm, or his ability to track people down, with his handy cell phone credit card processor in hand!









Our Tooth Taxi mobile dental van was parked inside the Trade Show Hall and staff provided tours to all who were interested to see where thousands of children receive dental treatment. Dan Mankin, DFO Interim Executive Director, thanked the Tooth Taxi staff, Carrie Peterson, Program Manager; Dr. Karli Herzog, full-time dentist; and Becca Jordan, dental assistant, before drawing the winning ticket.

The annual **Wall of Wine**, this year sponsored by Lanphere Construction & Development (LCD), was a smashing success, selling out early Saturday morning and raising over \$7,400 for the foundation. Amy Chenier and Amber Hall, both with LCD, worked the Wall and enjoyed visiting with our donors. An anonymous donor provided a rare 1966 bottle of Chateau La Fleur-Petrus from his private collection to auction off, which Dr. Robert Lyon of Portland acquired by highest bid. This event would not be nearly as successful if we did not receive so many amazing bottles of quality wine, which is all donated. Thank you to those who generously donated wine (see listing) and all those who participated in this fun event.

The DFO is fortunate to have a host of volunteers to help throughout the three days, which we would like to thank and recognize: Amy Chenier; Steven Doane; Amber Hall; **Dr. Weston Heringer, Jr.**; Catherine Johnson; CJ McLeod; Steve McNannay; Rosalea Peters; **Dr. Tony Ramos;** Lonnie Timmons; and Janaé Werner.

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Photo left to right:

Mark Jensen, DMD (Vice Chair) Weston Heringer Jr., DMD (Chair) Andrea Beltzner, DMD Erik Richmond, DMD

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Jill Price, DMD was selected as the John C Peterson Distinguished Alumna of the Year Award at the OHSU School of Dentistry Reception. photo credit Dr. Fred Bremner









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