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soon as we can.

Financially, the pandemic has reduced our normal annual expenditures to the extent that we are in sound condition. We are moving the treasurer's work to Claudine Cafferata. We understand that many of our members are strongly affected by the pandemic and we are allowing for some forbearance but ask those that can afford it to pay their dues. We are asking for \$300.00 for those in private practice and for \$150.00 for those who are re-

tired or in academics. We are doing this through the Newsletter to save on mailing costs. We will supplement this with email also.

{Dr. David Caponigro of Suffern, New York has asked that we report that he is looking for a new associate to join his practice in the next year. If anyone is interested in the position, he or she should contact Dr. Caponigro.}

Dues notice for 2021: \$300.00 for those in private practice. \$150.00 for those in academic positions or retired. Please remit to Dr. Claudine Cafferata 101 Stewart Avenue, Suite 302, Gaarden City, NT 11530



2020 HARRIGAN AWARD WINNER DR. BILL NELSON

WE ARE HONORING DR. BILL NELSON WITH THE HARRIGAN AWARD

this year since we were not able to meet in 2020. Dr. Nelson practiced oral and maxillofacial surgery in Green Bay, WI for 30 years. He was a founding and managing partner of Bay Care Health Systems and BayCare Clinic at the Aurora BayCare Medical Center.

He is a Past President of the American Association of OMFS and a Past President of the American Board of OMFS. Currently Dr. Nelson serves as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Division of OMFS at the University of Minnesota, Faculty University of Wisconsin Medical School Western Clinical Campus Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, and Faculty in the Kellogg School of Management Physician Executive Leadership Institute at



Northwestern University. He also serves on the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation(CODA) as the Commissioner for OMFS.

Dr. Nelson is a Fellow of the AAOMS, American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of OMFS.

Dr. Nelson is active nationally and internationally in health care ethics, physician executive leadership and the challenges in Health care education.

Dr. Nelson completed his undergraduate and dental education at Creighton University in Omaha, ME and his surgical training at the Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in LaCrosse, WI.

The title of Dr. Nelson's presentation to the WFHS will be "To Err is Human".

William F. Harrigan Society



MONTEFIORE'S FIVE 2021 OMFS GRADUATES. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

RYAN STERK will be going into private practice in Albuquerque, NM
STEFAN SCHNEIDER will be going into private practice in Huntington Beach, CA
CLAIRE LEEWING will be going into private practice in Long Island, NY
VINCENT NGUYEN-CAO will be going into private practice in Alexander, VA
ALEX SONESSON will be going into private practice in Arlington, VA}

BELLEVUE GRADUATES

MOHAMED EL-OUNSI is graduating from our 4-yr certificate program. He and his lovely wife, Pallavi had a baby boy in late May. He will be entering an associateship in private practice in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

WILLIAM KONICKI is graduating from our combined OMS/MD 6 yr program and will be joining a private practice in South Carolina

LASTLY, ASHKAN DAVARY is also graduating from our combined OMS/MD 6 yr program and will be practicing in the greater Virginia area. We congratulate Ashkan and his wife Michelle for the birth of their beautiful baby girl earlier this year.



IAN LEHRER, DDS is the graduating resident from Nassau County Medical Center and he will be entering private practice with the Niguel Coast Oral and Facial Surgery in Dana Point, California.

THE HARRIGAN SOCIETY WAS STARTED IN THE late 1950's by Dr. Harrigan to facilitate graduates of the Bellevue training program to keep in touch with Dr. Harrigan and other members of the attending staff at Bellevue. It began as mostly a social organization but always had a clinical side in which cases were presented and discussed. Each year a prominent oral surgeon was honored with the Harrigan Award and he or she was asked to speak to the group about topics pertinent to our field.

As the years progressed, the annual meetings were more formal and structured. When Dr. Harrigan retired, it was decided by active alumni that we would continue to honor outstanding members of our profession but we would also take on the role of promoting the training of oral and maxillofacial surgeons who were in the NYC programs. Over the years, we have asked other programs to present cases and participate in our annual dinner at which the Harrigan honoree would be formally given the award. The original core programs were Bellevue, Nassau County Medical University and Columbia/Presbyterian Hospital. Columbia has not been active lately and Montefiore Hospital has replaced them as a core member. We have had other programs that have participated in these presentations including New Haven, St. Lukes, Cornell, New Jersey and Long Island Jewish.

The Jerry Cozzi Fund was created to help fund residents participating in cleft palate cases in Central America and South America. This was begun by Dr. Bruce MacIntosh and continued by Dr. Willimas and Herman and Bertz. This augmented a resident's training because cleft work was not done by OMFS surgeons in the NYC hospitals and yet was part of their Board exams.

The exposure of the trainees to other programs and to many prominent OMFS practitioners continues to be an important part of our mission and has been very valuable to those preparing for their Board exams.

The NYC and metro area have some of the most prominent medical facilities in the world. Dr. Harrigan was instrumental in promoting Oral Surgery from its

exodontia beginnings into the full gamut of OMFS that we enjoy today. It is not without its ongoing challenges and we have to engage ourselves in the challenge to our privileges in NYC and the country as fully trained surgeons. We understand this and are charged with advancing our specialty and fighting for our expanded role in health care. This all has to be done in conjunction with the OMFS training programs in the NYC area.

That is why we continue to exist and ask that all of the OMFS programs, their residents and their graduates join us to further our specialty in NYC.

In conjunction with the Board of Directors, we are looking at making some changes in the way the WFHS organization is run. Specifically, we are moving to a more electronic communication emphasis. This will reduce our mailing costs and allow swifter communication with our members. While we have collected the email addresses of many of our members, we would like to increase the number of members that we can communicate with over the internet. We are planning to ask all our members to provide their email addresses so that we can send your WFHS material by email; we will, of course, protect the privacy of such information. We are also looking at up-grading our web site (williamfharrigansociety.org). Up to now, this only provides electronic copies of the Newsletter, but we want to post more material to make it more timely and informative. If members of the WFHS have pertinent material that they would like to post on our web site, we would gladly consider doing so. We will continue to offer hard copy of our mailings for those who prefer it.

The Board of the WFHS has been conducting Zoom meetings to consider the obvious challenge presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and, particularly, to make decisions as to how we can hold meetings and dinners in the coming months. The annual meeting in NYC planned for November of 2021 is still under consideration, but is questionable at this point. We are considering alternatives such as moving it to the Spring of 2022. We will be providing guidance on this as