The Foundation Board has been in existence since the Center’s early years in the 1900s. In the 80s and early 90s, the Board was made up of 15-20 local leaders interested in the Center’s work.

Following the 1997 merger with the University, the new Board included nine members and their primary task involved fiduciary responsibility for the Foundation endowment.

Recently, the Board decided to take a look at its structure and mission and developed a strategic plan for its future. The focus was to support Dentistry to accomplish its mission.

The Board modified its bylaws to enhance its role in support of academic Dentistry at the University of Rochester. It has increased the number of directors from nine to 18. These will include people who are nationally prominent in oral health, education, research, and clinical care. The recruitment process has begun and the Board will be reviewing a slate of candidates at its May meeting.

The Board will continue with its important duty of overseeing the Foundation assets and endowment funds and approving the allocation of funds for the benefit and support of oral health care, graduate dental education, and dental research.

In addition, it will advise senior leadership of Dentistry, the Medical Center, and the University on clinical and academic programs in oral health care; and on the Center’s mission, vision, and strategic plans.

The Board’s new activities will include representing and advocating for Dentistry to local, state, and national communities, and supporting the Center’s efforts to seek grants, contributions, and other funding. It will also provide ongoing and active support to development, alumni relations, and fundraising efforts. A new position has been approved that will include a major gifts person to solicit funds for the Foundation itself.

Lastly, the Board members have voiced their desire to “spread the word about the good things happening in Dentistry.” This includes the Center’s importance as a national resource for oral health education and research and its local role as a provider of oral health care services. They will also monitor the implementation of the Center’s strategic plans.
COMMUNITY DENTISTS LEND A HAND

A joint venture between Eastman Dental Center, the Seventh District Dental Society, and Rochester General Hospital has identified a way to improve oral health care, particularly for underserved populations in the Rochester area.

"Good oral health is at the core of wellness and all citizens are entitled to that wellness," said Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz.

"National statistics on dental care show that 22 percent of adults reported some form of oral facial pain in the past six months due to poor dental health," Meyerowitz added. "There is a large population in our community, who live their lives dealing with tooth decay and oral pain. We cannot meet the need alone and have reached out to our colleagues in the New York State Dental Association’s Seventh District.

A planning committee proposed a demonstration project with the District, Eastman Dental Center (EDC), and Rochester General Hospital (RGH) as partners in increasing oral health care to underserved populations.

In the plan, dentists will work in half-day increments with a minimum of six to 12 days per year. This time could be scheduled in full- or half-day sessions. Dentists may request the site of their choice and will be paid a stipend for their time. Each provider’s site preference will be considered, however, the goal is to provide the distribution of care providers to the areas of greatest community need.

The initiative includes a process so that dentists in the private sector can participate in community outreach programs through Eastman Dental Center and RGH’s Pluta Family Center for Oral Health. All the outreach programs target Medicaid populations to emphasize the need for oral health services among the poor.

Four recruitment sessions were held between November and January and 23 dentists are in various stages of the application process. That number includes general dentists, a periodontist, a pediatric dentist, a prosthodontist and an orthodontist.

There are currently 14 dentists who are interested in working at EDC sites. They have identified where they would like to be placed and what days of the week they are available. Eleven of the volunteers are willing to supervise residents who may be at a site during the same time.

The response to the program has been very positive. The following comments came from the applications.

“I would like to work at a site that will serve the Hispanic community as I am bilingual.”

“I would prefer to work at a site that will serve all underserved populations, especially ones in need.

“My specialty is working with children, so I would prefer one of the mobile units.”

“I prefer not working on a mobile unit, as I want to go to the same location each time I volunteer.

I see this as an opportunity to give back to the community.”

Excerpts from the joint venture recruitment brochure

"The Seventh District Dental Society has embarked on an exciting new program in service to our community. We’ve put together an innovative way for each of us — if we choose — to treat patients who otherwise could not afford service. To be as effective as possible, we hope to sign up dozens of dentists for this program. When we work selflessly for others, we elevate ourselves and our profession in so many ways.”

Michael Grassi, DDS
President
Seventh District Dental Society

"At the turn of the century, the Eastman Dental Center was created in collaboration with the local dental community to provide care to indigent children. In 1967, the Monroe County Dental Society and Eastman Dental Center jointly implemented the ‘Indigent Children’s Dental Health Care Program,’ which led to the SMILEmobile, the first dental mobile unit in the state. A close working relationship has continued over the years. This partnership focuses on the delivery of oral health care and educational programs to the underserved populations in rural and urban areas.”

Cyril Meyerowitz, DDS, MS
Director
Eastman Dental Center

ORAL HEALTH NATIONAL CALL TO ACTION

The National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health released by Surgeon-General Richard H. Carmona encourages policymakers and community stakeholders to address the disparities in oral health care and to expand efforts to improve that care in every community in the country.

Eastman Dental Center provides a significant amount of service to underserved populations in the Rochester and surrounding rural areas. Patients included over 52,000 urban and rural area residents—including nearly 17,000 on Medicaid, over 9,000 children, the elderly, special needs patients, such as the homeless, disabled, and those with HIV/AIDS.

However, tooth decay remains the single most common, chronic, childhood disease. Oral and pharyngeal cancers, primarily diagnosed in the elderly, affects about 50,000 Americans annually; 8,000 a year die from this disease.

Children lose more than 51 million school hours annually and adults lose more than 164 million work hours due to dental disease or dental visits.

The nation’s total bill for oral health services was estimated to be $70.1 billion in 2002. This does not include indirect expenses of oral health problems or the cost of services by other health care providers. Solutions to these challenges rely on the support of individuals, health care providers, communities, and policymakers at all levels of society.
PATIENT CARE

Reaching Out...Making a Difference...Creating Lasting Impressions

The winter issue of Momentum featured a story about the S250/AV Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant that supports a partnership between Strong’s Division of Social Work and Eastman Dental Center. The grant funds a full-time outreach worker who offers families a wide range of services to address barriers to care and improve utilization of dental services. The following Q&A evolved from a discussion group including two Pediatric Dentistry Program residents, an outreach worker, and two social workers.

Q: You’re mentioned wanting to extend an “olive branch” to parents and families. Why is that?

It’s the respect and concern that we have for our patients that demonstrates we care. It would be nice to be able to offer a parking voucher and meals vouchers to a mom with three children who traveled a distance and had to spend a long time here. It may be a book or a Nickelodeon magazine that a little girl can take home to read. It could cost the $8–$10 needed to purchase an antibiotic that is not covered by insurance. Often it’s the chance to listen to someone’s frustrations and validate his or her perceptions that makes life easier.

We’re working in “neighborhood clinics” where staff can empathize with and relate to parents and family circumstances. We try to engage and support them in their oral health care in a way that makes sense to them.

We make an effort to connect with families because “social networks” typically entail more than just missing an appointment. One little boy, whose family had a history of no-shows, was brought in on an emergency basis, he had a swollen face. He was seen, sent home with antibiotics, and was given a follow-up appointment. His mom was contacted by one of the social workers who learned she had lost Medicaid last year and didn’t know that she could apply. The social worker was able to help her work through the process, get Medicaid reinstated, and ensure that treatment was completed.

Q: How is the experience of working in neighborhood clinics different from other settings?

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Q: Do you think we could make a big difference if we raised money?

Yes! Children and families made vulnerable by poverty, hardship, illness and loss deserve to have dental care experiences that are comparable to those more affluent peers. It would be wonderful if we could provide our pediatric patients and their families with the kind of care that other children can take for granted. The fact that she arrived for her appointment fifteen minutes late is less significant in the light of obstacles she had to overcome to get there.

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Petrosky includes requests to evaluate possible childhood obesity, domestic violence, substance abuse, inadequate resources or non-covered services, and the impact of factors interfering with oral health recommendations and treatment. Social work is dedicated to working with dental staff, administrators, and practitioners to support and achieve successful outcomes related to patient care.

Q: Tell me about home visits—are there scheduled?

Unsafe neighborhoods, homes without phones, and mailboxes without names pose real barriers to communication and may explain why some families lose track of appointments and/or seek care rather sporadically. Home visits can serve multiple purposes such as forging connections with families, and informing future interventions.

Data regarding neighborhoods, housing, environmental hazards (e.g. lead and tobacco exposure), proximity to community resources, household composition, and social components can be gained on a single visit. We can also get a sense of a family’s cohesion and organizational style. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon to encounter families who have sustained significant trauma or are struggling with serious medical and behavioral health problems. All of these factors contribute to how and when families interact with the health care system and should be taken into account if successful outcomes are to be achieved.

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How to Sponsor-a-SMILE

The stories told above are only a sampling of the cases dealt with each and every day in the Eastman Dental Center clinic. Many of you may recall treating some of these patients during your residency in Rochester. The demand for social work services has increased and the need for funds to help our under-served community patients is critical. A donation of $25, $50, $100 or more can go a long way to make a real difference in these patients’ lives. The “little things” spoken about here are not covered by Medicaid or health insurance but are the things often times needed to carry through a successful treatment plan, improve patients’ quality of life and perhaps effect change helping them to understand the importance of brushing their children’s teeth and keeping regularly scheduled cleaning appointments. $25 can provide 4 parking vouchers $50 can provide 2 children’s magazine subscriptions or books for the waiting room $100 can provide 500 toothbrushes for the families of pediatric patients $250 can provide 2 splints for low-income patients suffering from TMD $1,000 can purchase durable age-appropriate play equipment for the waiting room

Please join us today and help make a difference in the life of a child!

Giving Made Easy

For many people, accessing the Internet is part of daily life. People buy things like cameras, cellphones, and children’s toys on-line. They purchase clothing from their favorite store’s on-line catalog and often times pay bills on-line. Why not make giving to your favorite charity just as easy. Dentistry’s secure on-line site is simple and quick. To read about our current funds, go to: www.urmc.rochester.edu/Dentistry/alumni/whatisbogich.htm or to make a gift directly, click on: www.urmc.rochester.edu/Dentistry/alumni/makeaphand.html. For questions or concerns, contact Dentistry’s Development Office at alumni@urmc.rochester.edu or 810-333-4418.

Anne Williams is a middle-aged woman doubtful by a number of chronic illnesses and living on a fixed income. She presented to the clinic as a result of chronic jaw pain. A “splint” was created for her a reduced rate but she was still unable to afford it. The social worker was able to locate the necessary funds through a local charity so that Ms. Williams could get the care she needed.

Sarah Green is a petite, energetic, 65-year-old grandmother caring for 5 grandchildren as their mother continues to struggle with chemical dependency. Ms. Green, easily confused and overwhelmed by the children, was asked to return but was clearly inconvenienced. As a good will gesture, the pediatric dental team and the social worker rallied on the family’s behalf and provided them with parking stickers, lunch, and a health-oriented gift bag for Johnny and his siblings. He was successfully treated the following week and all involved parties were pleased.

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The Division has a close working relationship with the School of Medicine and Dentistry’s Clinical Trials Coordinating Center, Departments of Pediatrics, Biostatistics, and Preventive Medicine, and the Center for Oral Biology in the AAB Institute of Biomedical Sciences.

The Division also interacts collaboratively with the City of Rochester School District, the Monroe County Department of Health, and the Dental Bureau of the New York State Department of Health. Nominees and applicants with a PhD or equivalent degree in a health related field with advanced training in epidemiology, public health, or biostatistics will be given highest consideration.

Preference will also be given to individuals with grant funding and/or the demonstrated ability to build a strong research program. The successful candidate will be appointed at the Associate or Full Professor level. The University offers a significant compensation package commensurate with qualifications of the appointee.

Letters of inquiry should include a brief background statement, including academic and research interests, a current CV or resume, and should be sent to the Chair of the Search Committee, Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz, Professor and Chair, Department of Dentistry, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Box 683, Rochester, NY 14620-2989. E-mail: cyril_meyerowitz@urmc.rochester.edu. Telephone: 585-275-3145. Fax: 585-273-1081.

Assistant/Associate Professors

These openings are postdoctoral positions to study the influence of novel naturally occurring compounds on the expression of virulence by the oral pathogen Streptococcus mutans. Dr. Todd Thierer relinquished his role as co-chair of the Division of General Dentistry. He is doing this because of the increased demands on his administrative time resulting from his appointment as the newly formed Rochester Institute of Biomedical Sciences. The Division also collaborates with the City of Rochester School District, the Monroe County Department of Health and the Dental Bureau of the New York State Department of Health.

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A joint appointment in the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine is possible depending upon qualifications. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience of the appointee and includes the opportunity to join the Medical Center Faculty Group Practice for the DDS/DMD appointees.

To apply, please send a letter of interest containing a brief summary of research goals, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to: Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz, Professor and Chair, Department of Dentistry, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Box 683, Rochester, NY 14620-2989, or e-mail: cyril_meyerowitz@urmc.rochester.edu.

The University of Rochester is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply for all positions.
**Library**

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**Bibby Library History**

**Timeline**

- 1976 - June Glaser appointed first librarian
- 1977 - EDC receives anonymous donation of $100,000 to have the library named in honor of Paul G. Bibby
- 1978 - Official dedication of the library is held
- 1980 - Computerized literature searches including access to Miner Library's databases are offered by appointment with the librarian
- 1986 - First computer in the library includes word and statistical software
- 1997 - Library receives grant to preserve rare book collection
- 1988 - Library can access "Chester" the University of Rochester's online catalog, a new computer is added
- 1990 - Medline available on cd-rom
- 1991 - Internet access makes it possible to use Miner library's online databases
- 1998 - Bibby Library joins the University of Rochester library system
- 1999 - June Glaser retires after 23 years
- 2000 - Christine Degoyler becomes Bibby's second librarian
- 2001 - Dentistry journals become available online through the Miner Digital library
- 2002 - Beth Lange becomes the new library assistant and Librarian, Pamela White becomes Bibby’s third librarian.
- 2004 - Three network drops are added for laptop access to the Internet and UR network
- 2004 - The faculty is updated with new renovations such as carpeting and upholstery
- 2004 - New and improved library Website goes live
- 2005 - Wireless Access is available in the library
- 2005 - Patrons can chat live with a librarian over the Internet
- 2006 - Dentistry archives are reorganized, new donations are absorbed into the collection, and some of the old images are scanned and loaded on the library Website

**What do we do?**

- Provide access to up-to-date knowledge-based information related to dentistry through journals, books, and Web resources
- Use technology to assure that these resources are widely available on a 24/7 basis and educate our users about new and improved methods of accessing information
- Help patrons find timely and relevant information to support their practice using online databases and catalogs
- Support research and clinical practice by conducting literature searches for faculty and other patrons
- Help patrons locate library and archive materials and obtain materials from other sources through interlibrary loan
- Provide computer workstations and software to enable patrons to prepare documents and presentations and answer questions about computer/software use
- Consult with faculty to ensure our collection meets the needs of the dentistry community for comprehensive and research-based literature
- Keep abreast of new technologies to ensure effective and timely access to information and materials

**Bibby Library - A Look into the Future**

Looking at the timeline reminds us of how much libraries have changed in the past 20 years - in ways many could not have anticipated. So while predicting with any certainty is risky, it’s easy to foresee some changes, and to recognize that some things will remain the same:

- Electronic resources in dentistry will continue to grow, eventually exceeding resources available in print.
- Users will need library resources as much as they do today, but more users will access these resources remotely.
- Resources will become available in different, and more mobile, formats (such as PDAs) and the Library will take the lead in helping users with this transformation.
- As health care information continues to "explode," the need for evidence-based information will also grow. The Library will continue to filter through that vast array of information, serving as a conduit to the best available, evidence-based resources.
- The role of library staff will continue to evolve. Where once our goal was to find you the answer to your question, we will increasingly focus on helping users to navigate through an information-rich world as effectively and efficiently as possible.
- The need for the Library as a "place" will not disappear. Users will still want to browse the latest issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association, or work on presentations with software even more sophisticated than PowerPoint, or consult with library staff, etc.

Most importantly, two things will not change. We may not be able to predict all the technological advances to come, but Bibby Library will continue to embrace those changes and integrate them into our daily operations. And finally, Bibby will continue to focus on providing service to our users. We will continue listening to your needs for information, whatever the format, remembering that our first priority is to help you find information – no question is too big or too small, and we’ll always do our best to help you find the answer.
Dr. Shaila Garasia, Genden '98, Res. '01, received the American Dental Association (ADA) Institute for Diversity Leadership Award, Fall 2004.

Dr. Edward Snyder, Ortho '87, was appointed by the Governor on July 1, 2004 to the Virginia State Board of Dentistry to serve a 4-year term. He was the only dental specialist appointed.

Three PhD alumni of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry formed the nucleus of a committee of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements. Des. Stuart White, PhD '73, Alan Lurie, PhD '74, and Julian Gibbs, PhD '89 completed the report titled "Radiation Protection in Dentistry." They dedicated the report to the memory of Dr. George Casarett whom they studied under within the Department of Radiation Biology and Biophysics.

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Dr. T is waiting for your new child or grandchild

Give your new child or grandchild a teddy bear from your alma mater. If you are a Dentistry alumna/us and have a new bundle of joy in your life, contact Dentistry’s Alumni Relations Office and we will send a “Dr. T. Bear” on us. Contact us at 800-333-4428 or alumni@urmc.rochester.edu.

If you send us a photo in a tiff file of your new addition with “Dr. T,” we will publish it in the next issue of Momentum. You can e-mail it to constance_truesdale@urmc.rochester.edu or mail it to Momentum, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620-2989.

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The goal of the Enhanced Oral Health Access for People with Developmental Disabilities Project is to increase involvement of community dentists in order to improve the overall health and quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.

The B. Thomas Golisano Foundation has provided financial support for a new project to reach out to the dental community to assist in providing much needed care for the developmentally disabled population in the operating room at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Local families and advocates for the developmentally disabled have devoted a great deal of effort in working with Eastman Dental Center to help make this program a reality. More than 17,000 people with developmental disabilities reside in the ten-county Finger Lakes Region. They commonly have complex health conditions and experience more pronounced oral health issues than the general population. As you know, impaired oral health not only leads to needless pain and suffering, but also affects diet, nutrition, sleep, psychological status, and social interaction. In addition to greater risk for oral disease, people with developmental disabilities are also one of the greatest underserved populations for oral health care in our local area and in the nation.

Dentistry at the University of Rochester Medical Center is the primary care provider for this population, especially for the 25% of patients who require sedation for routine care in the operating room. Due to a lack of providers, there is currently a one-year waiting period for operating room care at Strong Memorial Hospital.

The Enhanced Oral Health Access for People with Developmental Disabilities Project is designed to recruit up to five community dentists per year over the next five years. Participants will complete a short didactic session, which will provide education concerning the special needs of the developmentally disabled population. They will also receive information on the challenges and requirements of working in a hospital operating room. Following the educational component of this project, participants will have the opportunity to shadow/train in the operating room with a faculty of the Eastman Department of Dentistry. The faculty member will provide one-on-one training and mentor the participants over the course of the program.

Participants in the program will be able to bill Medicaid’s fee-for-service schedule.

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“Due to Glenn’s mental retardation and the nature of his condition precludes his ability to withstand any dental procedures. He is receiving dental hygiene care at Strong Dental, but he needs complete sedation for anything more invasive. The time from diagnosis to admiration to an operating room is now up to one year. Glenn’s dental hygienist discovered a cracked tooth that was confirmed by a dentist. One year later he was admitted to an operating room for corrective dental work.

Due to the progression of decay during that time, the tooth had to be removed. A second tooth was also necessitated. A bridge or crown was not recommended due to his general dental condition.

“Glenn is a pleasant young man with a beautiful smile and a great sense of humor. He now has two teeth missing from what would have been a minor procedure for the general population.

We are told that the wait time could be reduced to a reasonable level if there were more dentists willing and qualified to work on the developmentally disabled. We therefore ask you to step up to your responsibilities as members of the dental community and support the program for adding more trained dentists to serve the developmentally disabled.”

Thank you for listening.
Doug & Gloria Fisher

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Further details can be found in the recruitment letter that was sent to all Rochester area dentists. The Fisher Family has been instrumental in supporting the Oral Health Access for People with Developmental Disabilities Project.
Dear Alumni, Faculty, and Friends:

The spring issue of Momentum highlights a number of new initiatives and focuses on our clinical care to the underserved. It will also introduce you to the Eastman Dental Foundation Board. These individuals have devoted their time and energies as we moved through the merger with the University and over the past eight years. Their leadership and support made the road an easier one to travel. They have completed their own strategic planning process and the future will see the Board more involved in our efforts on many fronts.

We have embarked on a number of new exciting projects as we continue to carry on George Eastman’s tradition of providing care for the underserved in our community. Two of those initiatives involve local dentists and our community outreach programs.

One initiative trains dentists to treat our developmentally disabled patients in the operating room to shorten the amount of time patients must wait for treatment.

The second project involves a joint venture with the Seventh District Dental Society that will allow us to treat more patients in our three SMILEemobles, the #17 School clinic, and the Downtown Dental Center.

As a follow up to our article on the Dental Home for Children Project in the last issue, we’re highlighting our social work efforts through a brief history and a look at a funding campaign that will support that work.

The Bibby Library has a new look. We’ve provided you with a brief picture of the newly renovated area if you haven’t had the opportunity to visit it in person. The library has become a very active place and I know Dr. Bibby would be pleased.

We’re continuing to raise money for a number of fellowship funds to support residents and international students in their education and research endeavors. Our giving theme for this year is “Participation is Key – Every Gift is Important.”

We are reaching out to alumni, friends, faculty, and staff to achieve 50% giving participation. Our new Website makes giving easy through an online form.

You’ll see photos from a number of alumni activities that have taken place including our annual IADR/AADR Alumni and Friends Reception in Baltimore and numerous events held in conjunction with various program annual meetings.

Photos from the alumni trip to South Africa that took place in February can be viewed online at www.urmc.rochester.edu/dentistry/alumni/photos.cfm. Everyone enjoyed the trip and brought back wonderful memories of the camaraderie we shared.

If you haven’t had the opportunity to attend one of our events, I urge you to mark your calendar and join us. The dinners and receptions are enjoyable and it’s a wonderful opportunity to revisit old memories and meet new members of the Dentistry Family.

If you check our Website on a regular basis you’ll enjoy our news updates, photos of events, and calendar of upcoming activities.

The Dentistry History Project that began in 2003 is moving right along and we expect it to be completed in 2005. You’ll see some photos from the early 1900s in this issue of Momentum.

As you can see, Dentistry is in the midst of a number of new and exciting initiatives. I hope you’ll enjoy this issue of Momentum and that you will continue to be an active member of the Eastman/Dentistry Family!

Sincerely,

Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz
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Eastman Department of Dentistry
Professor and Chair
Eastman Dental Center Director
The Dentistry History Project that was featured in the fall edition of Momentum is underway. The history book is being written by Elizabeth “Betsy” Brayer and is expected to be published in winter 2005.

Also look for more photos and information about the project on Dentistry’s Website this spring.
E D U C A T I O N

W inter Convocation 2004 was held in December to celebrate the three General Dentistry Program residents who completed their two-year programs. Celebrating the event were Drs. Oscar Gagoh, Sangeeta Gajendra, and Ariana Kirkby.

Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz welcomed the new alumni and wished them success in their future endeavors. He also reminded the three awardees that they were now a part of an international Dentistry Family. He urged the graduates to stay in touch so faculty and staff can share in their future accomplishments.

Dr. Ronald Billings was the guest speaker and urged the graduates to strive to do their best and carry on with the Eastman legacy. The event included musical entertainment to celebrate the occasion.

The graduates were serenaded by Lydia Gagoh, Dr. Gagoh’s wife, and accompanied by Roman Sysol of the General Dentistry Program.

The three General Dentistry Program awardees were presented with their awards by Dr. Hans Malmstrom and the General Dentistry certificate, and Ariana Kirkby, and her General Dentistry certificate.

Drs. Oscar Gagoh, Sangeeta Gajendra, and Ariana Kirkby.

You’ll begin to receive two issues of Momentum each year and we hope it achieves its purpose of keeping you up-to-date on Dentistry’s people, programs, and events.

Your thoughts count. Please take a moment to fill out this card and drop it in the mail or e-mail us at constance_truesdale@urmc.rochester.edu. We’ll listen and do our best to include your suggestions in upcoming issues. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us. You may also receive one of our surprise gifts for doing so.

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--- See Pages six and seven for more on the Alumni Event. ---