First Friday.....December 6, 2013

It has been stated that the only constant is change! So, fast away the old year of 2013 passes, as we wind down the fall term and look to 2014! It has been a very busy year successfully completing the Commission on Dental Accreditation comprehensive site visit in September, getting our Strategic Planning process arranged for the next 5 years and considering dental school facilities’ options for the next 50 years. Indeed, the only constant is change! How we respond and position the dental school within these opportunities will advance our Mission and the Vision of IUSD to make Indiana..... one of the best dental schools of the 21st century. Wishing each of you a Happy Holiday Season!

• Dental Facilities and Building Project Update

Last month, I shared with you the exciting possibility of acquiring some or all of a soon to be former Wishard clinical building. Several years ago IU and Wishard health system entered into an agreement to exchange two parcels of land and buildings for the purpose of creating a new Wishard (soon to be Eskenazi Health) hospital and outpatient clinical complex. IU gains valuable land along 10th street and Indiana Avenue and 1.1 million square feet of health care space. Last month we were notified of a potential opportunity to assume the current Wishard Primary Care Clinical (WPCC) building (approx. 100,000 sq. ft.). This four story building with a basement connects to other health care buildings through a series of underground tunnels. We have studied the feasibility of relocating programs to this site. After considerable discussion, it appears to make the most sense to explore in earnest the total relocation of the dental school operation to this new area on campus. No final decisions have been made to relocate any program/s, but we did make the conscientious decision on November 22nd to take the next steps in working with an architect to explore “what if” and obtain some preliminary design and cost estimates. So, we have made the “GO” decision to further explore this option of total relocation of the dental school. The dialogue continues and all ideas are welcome. I invite you to contact me directly with your thoughts, ideas or concerns. We are targeting spring 2014 to have a better understanding of our options.

• New Building Fundraising Surpasses $3.3 million!!

As of December 5th, I am extremely pleased to report the tremendous progress the dental school is making toward our initial fundraising goal of $3 million as part of the new clinical building facilities project. Through the generosity of our alumni and supporters, we have secured over $3.3 million in gifts and pledges taking us over the initial $3 million mark before our December 31, 2013 deadline. We continue to raise money and John Hoffman is standing by to take your calls and pledge cards! Thank you so very much for supporting IUSD!
• **Faculty, Staff & Students Credentialing and Compliance….GIS**

In early 2014, GIS, a web-based credentialing database program, will be implemented at the School of Dentistry. This system has been created to simplify the process of record-keeping particularly as it relates to tracking faculty credentials and student immunizations. After the initial implementation of the system, the School plans to broaden utilization of GIS to all employees including staff. Information about GIS is available at the following link: [http://www.geninfo.com/](http://www.geninfo.com/)

• **Changes in Regenstrief Oral Surgery Services effective December 9th**

Another change happens this weekend as Marion County’s Wishard public hospital moves this Saturday, December 7, 2013, from the historic Wishard Memorial Hospital to the new Sydney and Lois Eskenazi Hospital. As part of this transition, Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Wishard’s parent organization, will vacate the old hospital campus, including the Regenstrief Institute Building, and decommission the space in order to transfer legal ownership of it to Indiana University. Both Eskenazi and IU have determined that the decommissioning process will make it very difficult to continue to provide patient care in the Regenstrief dental clinics. Therefore, while IUSD and Eskenazi continue discussions regarding longer term dental services arrangements, both institutions are working to provide appropriate services to the patients historically served at the Regenstrief dental clinics. As part of this effort, IUSD’s emergency dental care web-page has been updated to notify the IUSD community of these changes.

The Dental Clinic in Regenstrief Health Center will close effective December 6, 2013. Scheduled and emergency services were provided through November 26, 2013 with follow-up care through December 6, 2013. After December 6th:

1. Active oral surgery patients who require follow up care should call 274-8300 to schedule follow-up care.
2. General Dental care (e.g. fillings, cleanings and dentures) will be provided by the IU School of Dentistry at Cottage Corner (655-3204) and Grassy Creek (890-2131) Clinics. Routine or simple non-emergency extractions will also be provided in these clinics on a very limited basis. The emergency clinic at 1121 Michigan Street at the Indiana University School of Dentistry will be a phone-in clinic. Hours will be posted on the door and website [http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/patient-services/emergency-dental-care](http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/patient-services/emergency-dental-care), as well as by calling (274-7433). Individuals should call ahead, if possible, to ensure that appointment times are available.

• **January Clinical Faculty Orientation – IUPUI Ballroom**

Clinical faculty will be attending the January 3, 2013 Spring Semester Orientation at the IUPUI Tower Ballroom IUPUI University Place hotel. We will be providing program updates for the spring semester.

• **IUSD Holiday Breakfast-December 18, 2013 7:30am**

Come join the holiday fun on Wednesday, December 18th 7:30 to 9:30 when we will celebrate with a festive holiday breakfast being served in the Student Lounge – lower level. Food, fun and some holiday prizes!!

Thank you for your continued dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I’ll be back next year with the 2014 January edition of First Friday...Dean’s Update.

*Wishing each of you a Happy Holiday Season!*

![Holiday Greeting Card](image)

-John

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