June was a month of rain, storms and floods. BUT, not on June 2nd! That was the day of the 3rd Annual Give Kids A Smile Golfing “Fore” Kids Tournament at Bogey Hills Country Club. The sun shone, the golfers came to play and the festivities of the day and evening were exciting. A record turnout for this event, helped to make it a special day for everyone.

The golf committee of Jeff Moisan, Jeana Boarman, Angie Rightnowar, Joan Duello, Renee Joshu and Co-chairpersons of Dr. Tom Flavin and Robert Seals, worked hard to make this event very special. As Dr. Flavin said, “. . .you are doing something special for the kids of our community while enjoying the camaraderie and friendships that go with it. To me, that is one of the best things about GKAS--bringing wonderful people together for such a worthwhile cause.”

Many guests and all of the golfers chose to attend that affair. As chairperson, Bob Seals said, “Whatever your score at the end of the day, take time to enjoy the moment.

Laugh with your friends, and appreciate what life has to offer.” Everyone who attended enjoyed the event. Place it on your calendar for next year--first Monday in June--JUNE 1, 2009!

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As I write you this morning, the skies are filled with lightning and the thunder is rolling through dark clouds. We have been pelted today with hale, winds in the range of sixty to ninety miles per hour have tried to level the trees in the back yard, and the rain has fallen in thick sheets. Actually, I should turn off my computer for fear that one of the lightning strikes may make its way back through the electric lines and destroy the whole machine when I need it the most.

The truth is, this is how the year of 2008 has gone. We have had the wettest spring on record, we have had another near-hundred-year flood (two such catastrophes in fifteen years), we have had earth quakes that have shook the pudding out of us, and tornados, and on and on and on. In February, we had one of the heaviest snows on record and that happened right in the middle of our February Give Kids A Smile Biannual Clinic at St. Louis University. The university shut its doors and closed everything down. That was a first, in most people’s memory. The world around St. Louis came to a screeching halt. But not at Give Kids A Smile!!

Despite the snow, the Give Kids A Smile Biannual Clinic went on and the patients came whether there was snow or not. The TV stations said everything in the city was closed, but the patients still came to Give Kids A Smile. They rolled into the Center for Advanced Dental Education with smiles on their little faces and they were ready to see the dentists and dental hygienists and clowns and tooth fairies and all the other exciting things that we promised to give them. We couldn’t let them down. Give Kids A Smile has taken a very important place in the lives of children and bad weather can’t keep them away.

So now it’s time begin work on the October event. Can you believe it? It’s that time, again. October 24th and 25th are the dates and we need our great volunteers to sign up to work and have fun. It’s also time for the patients to begin making their appointments for the clinic and with the demand for Give Kids A Smile services so high, it can’t be too early to begin getting on the lists and getting involved with one of the most exciting dental events in our area. As always, we will be having new things to look forward to at the clinic in October. If you don’t sign up, you won’t have a chance to see what’s new. If you have volunteered in the past, we look forward to seeing you again. If this is going to be your first clinic, you have an exciting and wonderful experience waiting for you at Give Kids A Smile.

And most of all, to everyone, both patients and volunteers, unless the world comes to an end on October 24th or 25th, the Give Kids A Smile Biannual Event will take place. If the TV weathermen say that the city is closed, Give Kids A Smile will still be open. It will be open because the kids will come and we will need every volunteer to help us help the kids. I hope to see everyone in October. God bless you all!

Ray Storm, President
Hear It — from the Board of Directors

So Long, Dr. Miller

We have lost a great one. One of the truly nice people in this world, Dr. Frank Miller, recently died. I encourage everyone to read the In Memorium column in the summer issue of St. Louis Dentistry to learn about all of the accomplishments in his life. I dedicated that issue of St. Louis Dentistry to Frank.

Give Kids A Smile is a program based on the desire to “give back” and all of the virtues of volunteerism. Frank was a “poster child” for just these ideals. If he wasn’t “giving back” here in the States, he was off somewhere in the world helping those who otherwise needed help. It wasn’t enough that he was a dentist and an orthodontist. Frank went back to school and earned a MD degree so that he could offer more. The word “NO” was not in his vocabulary. He often volunteered at our St. Louis Give Kids A Smile Clinics. We will all truly miss Frank. He most definitely left this world a better place.

And I want to encourage everyone reading this article to follow him in your schedule, then get involved with some of our other programs, with some of our other programs, then get involved with Give Kids A Smile and his desire to help others less fortunate. Let’s show Frank just how in your schedule, then get involved with Give Kids A Smile and his desire to help others less fortunate. Get involved with Give Kids A Smile.

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There are questions that I’d like answered. But there aren’t any answers to those questions.

If world leaders were doctors, I think they would be more concerned with the welfare of people. There would be less poverty. There would be medical care for everybody, no matter whether people paid for it or not.

In any good society, every member should be interested in the health of every other member. Because if any member is unhealthy, it’s a burden on the society.

What advice would I give a doctor preparing for surgery? First and foremost, walk into the right operating room. You’ve got the right room, make sure you’ve got the right patient.

I’ve done more than sixty thousand heart operations. I used to start operating at six in the morning. Sometimes I wouldn’t finish until ten or eleven at night. I’ve been fortunate in that I need very little sleep. I can get along well on four or five hours.

Okra is the key to good gumbo.

I’m not sure I can answer that question specifically. But the operation I did in ‘53 for aneurysm of the thoracic aorta gave me great satisfaction. It had never been done successfully before, and lots of doctors took the position that you shouldn’t try it. You’ve got to push ahead in spite of them. I learned that lesson early.

I don’t think the difference between ninety-nine and a hundred is important.

I scheduled my last operation when I was ninety. I just felt that I’d done enough and should turn it over to my colleagues.

If you had a heart problem right now and needed an operation and I was the only doctor around, sure, I’d do it.

The best lesson my mother taught me involves an orphanage we had in town. Every Sunday after church we would get in the car and drive to the orphanage. Mother would bake bread and cookies, and she would go through our clothes and give the items we’d outgrown to the children at this orphange. One Sunday, she was putting clothes in the basket and I noticed she had put one of my favorite caps inside. I immediately protested, but she reminded me that I had a new cap. “The child that’s going to get this cap doesn’t have a parent to give him a new cap,” she said, “and you do.” She told me I ought to be glad that I could give up the cap. I never forgot that.

Being compassionate, being concerned for your fellow man, doing everything you can to help people — that’s the kind of religion I have, and it’s a comforting religion. I don’t get involved in discussions of intelligent design. You can’t answer those questions, so why fool with them?

You can never learn enough.

It’s important for a patient to go into an operation with confidence. The functions of the heart will be abnormal if they go in scared to death.

The worst thing, of course, and you’re never quite prepared for it — is when the patient dies during the operation. You die a little every time that happens.

There was a historian in the fourteenth century who wrote a book about what he knew of the world, and for that time it was pretty good. One of the interesting observations he made is that all the tribes that have difficulty feeding themselves are lean and healthy, and those that have plenty of food are fat, lazy, and unhealthy.

People often use words in a loose way that covers over what they’re talking about. I like to choose words that get to the basics.

The doctor who operated on me only a few years ago was one that I trained. I was lucky to have somebody like that.

Never had a symptom. The pain came like a bullet out of the blue. I was alone when it started. My wife and my daughter had gone out. The pain is often described as the worst pain you can have. The pain was so severe that I would have welcomed anything to relieve it — including death. I wasn’t going to fight it. I looked

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upon death as a part of living, just as some trees lose all their leaves in the winter and have them replaced in the spring. But at the same time, part of me was thinking, What caused this pain? Part of me was doing a diagnosis on myself -- which, as it turned out, was correct. Aortic dissection. I’d written more articles about the condition than anybody in the world, and I resigned myself to having a heart stoppage. The pain didn’t teach me anything about the heart. It simply emphasized what I had already learned.

**I was a little surprised** to find myself recovering after the surgery. Then gratified to have been given a second life.

During my recovery, I played possum. I pretended to be sleeping and listened to what the doctors standing over my bed were saying about my condition. Then I’d argue with them about the therapy. I’d make them prove that I needed it.

**I guess it’s hard** to be my doctor.

Thanks Frank for all that you have done for people here in St. Louis and for many others around the world!

Jeffrey Dalin, DDS

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**More Results from the 3rd Annual GKAS Golfing “Fore” Kids Tournament**

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**Most Accurate Drive Ladies**  
Vanessa Keller

**Most Accurate Drive Men’s**  
Dean Johnson

**Closest to the Pin**  
Bob Cissell

**Skins Game**  
**Team 14**  
Keith Skubic, John Pietroburgo, Scott Jarcow & Eric Meinkoth  
**Team 17**  
Fred Karwas, Gil Hart, Chris Verch & Tom Turntine

**Chipping Contest**  
pregame  
David Allen

**Putting Contest**  
pregame  
Joey Westfall

**50/50 raffle**  
Jerry Louis

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**
Keller Laboratory Employees
“Toss” their support for GKAS

Not only do the employees of Keller Laboratories regularly volunteer and support at our bi-annual clinics, they have found ways to involve all of the employees in support of Give Kids A Smile throughout the year. One such event took place recently with the proceeds benefiting the kids of GKAS. The “pie” throwing involved the efforts of the Keller activities committee to have fun and support the dental health of more kids. As you can see the event was an overwhelming success. We would like to feature more organizations and their unique efforts to support Give Kids A Smile. Please send in your photos and stories.

Keller Laboratories has taken a sincere and fun approach in support of the Give Kids A Smile organization over the years. We are truly blessed to have such caring and hardworking people as our supporters. Thank you from the bottom of the “next tossed pie”.

Support Give Kids A Smile By---

Swiping this regularly!

Adding someone to our Banner of Heroes with a $25 donation

Purchasing tribute cards for birthdays, anniversaries, in sympathy, etc.
The staff, directors and volunteers of Give Kids A Smile have been very busy this summer helping at various health fairs in the St. Louis area. On June 21 at Busch Stadium, June 28 at University City Community Center and July 19 UMSL, Give Kids A Smile assisted the Cardinals Redbird Rookies at their annual health fairs. Volunteers of Give Kids A Smile conducted hands-on demonstrations of proper oral health techniques. They shared with the coaches, parents and caregivers information about the Give Kids A Smile free dental clinic in October and Tooth Wizard, Panda and Plaque man of Delta Dental's Teeth on the Go entertained the kids along with Fredbird. Delta Dental provided a canvas bag and dental supplies to every child who attended the event. In addition, Give Kids A Smile worked the annual Back to School Event for the National Council of Jewish Women on July 27. It has been a very productive summer with Give Kids A Smile serving more than 2,300 children at these events. Volunteers for future health fairs are always welcome. Contact the GKAS office for more information. Thanks you to all who assisted with these programs. Special thanks to the following volunteers: Susan Frederickson, Alice Durbin, Ray Herberger, Tracy Glisson, Sam Zakrzewski, Jeannie Yoon and Andrew Yoon. Volunteers make it happen!!!
“Night of a 1000 Smiles” 😊

JOIN US

For the Give Kids A Smile Gala

• Friday, September 19, 2008 •

• St. Charles Convention Center—Ballrooms A & B •

Laugh and Enjoy the evening with family and friends.

Dine at an elegant sit-down dinner. Back by popular demand—be entertained by Ladue High School Strolling Strings.

Raffles, Auction, Music, Cash Bar and Awards.

Doors open at 5:30 for cocktails and silent/oral auction.

Dinner at 6:30 followed by entertainment and much more fun.

Give Kids A Smile provides underserved children of St. Louis with free, comprehensive dental care through its bi-annual clinics, smile factories and now the Tiny Smile Clinic.

Dental Disease is the number one disease in children.

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☐ I would like to attend the GKAS Gala on Friday, September 19, 2008

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We would like to take this opportunity
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- Emerson Charitable Trust—support of the free dental clinics
- Cardinals Care—support of dental health for children
- Kellwood Foundation
- Daughters of Charity Foundation of St. Louis

Our grantors continue to help the Give Kids A Smile organization serve the St. Louis region. It is only through their financial support that we are able to continue our mission of serving the dental health of our underserved and impoverished children.

Our Grantors—

We're on the Web at www.gkas.org

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Partners--

Give Kids A Smile would like to welcome Premier Dental Anesthesiology as a collaborative partner. Working with Dr. Mark Fernandez, DDS and Premier Dental Anesthesiology, the Smile Factories of GKAS was able to treat nine-year old Cristian Decena. Cristian, a Dominican Republic native, was brought to this country by another of our partners, Healing the Children, for specialized corrective surgery. In addition, he needed to have his dental needs addressed. Give Kids A Smile, with the help of our partners and generous volunteer dentists was able to give Cristian the healthy smile he needed. After all—Every Smile is a NEW BEGINNING!

Congratulations to Diann Bomkamp who was recently installed as the President of the American Dental Hygienists' Association

BANNER OF HEROES
In memory of—
Francis J. Miller, DDS

With our Sincerest Gratitude, We Thank You!

Visit our website to view the 3-minute clinic video—at www.gkas.org.
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