

## Archives

### Joseph M. Doherty, DDS, MPH

#### Appointments

**Dr. Linda Niessen** has been selected to serve on the Commission on Dental Accreditation representing dental public health. Dr. Niessen is the first to serve under the newly reorganized commission, which now has one representative from each of the eight recognized dental specialties. Prior to this, only two of the eight dental specialties were represented on the commission at any one time. In that position she also will serve as chair of the commission's Review Committee on Public Health Dentistry. Dr. Niessen is professor and chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences at Baylor College of Dentistry-Texas A & M University Systems in Dallas, TX. She also serves on the staff of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dallas. Dr. Niessen has served as president of both the American Association of Public Health Dentistry and the American Board of Dental Public Health, as well as of the American Association of Women Dentists. In addition to her dental degree from Harvard School of Dental Medicine, she holds a master's degree in public health and public policy from the same institution. Dr. Niessen has been a member of AAPHD since 1977.



Linda Niessen



Seigo Kobayashi

**Seigo Kobayashi, DDS, PhD**, who recently spent a year at NIDR as a volunteer researcher, has been appointed professor and chair of the Department of Dental Public Health at the Nihon University School of Dentistry at Matsudo in Japan. Because of his concern about the high rate of caries in Japan, Dr. Kobayashi is working to introduce the use of fluorides and fluoridation to the Japanese people. Dr. Kobayashi has been a member of AAPHD since 1991.

#### Awards

**Dr. Raymond A. Flanders** received the 1998 Outstanding Achievement Award from the American Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors for his service to the association and in honor of his distinguished career in dental public health. Dr. Flanders was chief of the Dental Division of the Illinois Department of Public Health from 1985 until his retirement in January 1997. Dr. Flanders received his dental degree in 1959 from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery of the University of Maryland and his master's in public health in 1979 from the University of Michigan. He served in the United States Army Dental Corps in Germany and Alaska. Prior to that, Ray saw service as an enlisted

man in Italy from 1946-47 and Korea and Japan from 1950-52. Before joining the Illinois Department of Public Health, Dr. Flanders taught at the College of Dentistry at West Virginia University, conducted a private practice, served as regional and district dental director with the Virginia State Health Department, and was program director for Project HOPE International in Brazil, where he also held an adjunct faculty position at the Federal College of Alagoas. Dr. Flanders has received many awards throughout his career, including the 1989 Exceptional Achievement Award and the 1990 Illinois Health Promotion Award from the Illinois Department of Health. He also received the ADA Community Preventive Dentistry Award and the 1990 Outstanding Health Promotion Award of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. He has published extensively and served on many committees throughout his career, including the ADA's Steering Committee on Health Volunteers Overseas. Dr. Flanders has been a member of AAPHD since 1979.

#### Fellowships

**Maria T. Canto, MS, DDS, MPH**, is a 1998 recipient of a Cancer Prevention Fellowship with the National Cancer



Raymond A. Flanders

Institute. The program is intended to provide an opportunity for physicians, dentists, and other scientists to train and gain experience in the field of cancer prevention and control. Each fellow participates in a research program under the direction of the fellowship program director and a preceptor. Dr. Canto is presently a Dental Research Fellow with the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. She completed her dental residency with that agency in 1995. She previously worked with the Spanish Catholic Center as program coordinator for an Oral Health America Grant aimed at providing oral health education and promotion for the Hispanic community. Prior to that, Dr. Canto served as a consultant to the Pan American Health Organization and maintained a practice private for eight years. She is the author of several articles dealing with various aspects of the oral health of the Hispanic community. She has received several awards, among them the AAPHD's 1997 Third Place Graduate Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dental Public Health. She has been a member of AAPHD since 1994.

### Promotions

**RADM Dushanka V. Kleinman, DDS, MScD.** On October 1, 1997, Dr. Dushanka V. Kleinman was promoted to Rear Admiral, Assistant Surgeon General, Public Health Service. She has been deputy director of the National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR), National Institutes of Health, since 1991. In this role she oversees, with the director, the institute's comprehensive extramural and intramural biomedical and behavioral research and research training programs aimed at improving and promoting oral, dental, and craniofacial health. She also represents the DHHS, PHS, and NIH on matters pertaining to NIDR programs and budget and ensures effective liaison with other federal agencies and national and international research, health care, education, voluntary, and public health communities. From June 1994 through May 1995 she also served as the acting director of the NIDR.

Born in Podkoren, Yugoslavia, Dr. Kleinman received a BS from the University of Wisconsin in 1969, earned a DDS from the University of Illinois in 1973, and then completed a hospital



*Dushanka V. Kleinman*

residency at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics. She went on to teach and practice dentistry at the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, while obtaining her MS in dental public health. Admiral Kleinman served as an assistant professor for two years at the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Dentistry before beginning her PHS Commissioned Corps career in 1978 at the Bureau of Health Manpower, Health Resources Administration, DHEW.

She joined the NIDR in 1980, and has served as the institute's evaluation officer, chief of the Planning and Evaluation Section, and in 1985 managed the institute's Division of Epidemiology and Oral Disease Prevention during a time of transition. In this latter program she headed a new section focused upon soft tissue, craniofacial defects, and pain epidemiology, establishing herself as an internationally recognized researcher. She also guided the institute's development of the oral health component of the third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, and led NIDR's participation with the World Health Organization and the Fédération Dentaire Internationale in establishing standardized procedures for the worldwide surveillance of oral manifestations of HIV infection.

From 1990-91, while detailed to the Office of the Surgeon General, RADM Kleinman was responsible for establishing the Healthy Children Ready to Learn Program, an initiative that spanned three departments and encompassed the national education as

well as health promotion and disease prevention goals. She also addressed national issues related to tobacco control, injury prevention, and women's health.

Throughout her career, RADM Kleinman has been recognized both by the PHS and the academic community for her work. She is the recipient of the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal, two PHS Outstanding Service Medals, and a PHS Meritorious Service Medal, among other awards. In 1993 she was honored with the PHS Jack D. Robertson Award for her scientific, service, and administrative achievements. In that same year, her alma mater, Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, bestowed upon her the Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to the Profession. The author of numerous publications, RADM Kleinman serves as a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of the American Dental Association*.

Admiral Kleinman and her husband, Captain Joel E. Kleinman, have two daughters, Alexa and Jessica. RADM Kleinman is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health and has served in many professional organizations. She has been president of the American Association of Women Dentists and the American Board of Dental Public Health, is president-elect of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, and was its program chair in 1997. She has been a member of AAPHD since 1977.

### Obituaries

With the death of **Dr. Philip E. Blackerby, Jr.**, on February 11, 1997, dental public lost one of its true pioneers. He was the first dental director of the Tennessee Department of Public Health and an organizing member of the American Board of Dental Public Health. He attended the first meeting of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry and served as its president in 1952. His vision for the future of the AAPHD was noted in his president's address, when he recommended that "provision should be made for extending appropriate membership privileges to dental hygienists, dental health educators, public health engineers, administrative assistants, and other nondental personnel actively engaged in dental public health work."



*Philip E. Blackerby, Jr., DDS, MSPH*

Just recently, Dr. Blackerby and his wife, Clara, gave the University of Michigan \$50,000, which was matched by the Kellogg Foundation, to establish the Philip E. and Clara M. Blackerby Lectureship Fund at the School of Public Health.

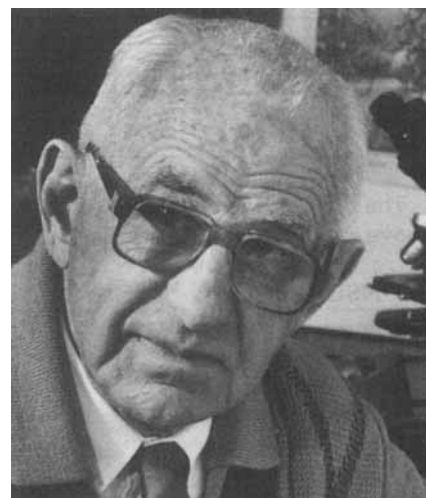
Dr. Blackerby graduated in 1933 from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. He then served as dental director for Tennessee from 1936 to 1942, when he returned to the University of Louisville as chair of the Department of Oral Pathology and Diagnosis. He was appointed dean in 1944 and served in that position for one year before joining the Kellogg Foundation as its dental director, where he worked for 27 years. Dr.

Blackerby eventually became president of the foundation and served as a trustee until his death. In addition to being a past president of AAPHD, Dr. Blackerby was a past president of the American Board of Dental Public Health and the American College of Dentists.

His lifelong interest in community dentistry is reflected in the leadership role he played as chair of the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education, the American Public Health Association's Committee on Professional Education, and as a consultant to the World Health Organization, the US Public Health Service, and the Pan American Health Organization. Among the many awards he received are the American Dental Association's Distinguished Service Award, the William J. Gies Award, and the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Dentists.

Dr. Blackerby is survived by his wife, Clara Mae, of Punta Gorda, FL, his two daughters Linda C. Vaughan and Nancy M. Stone, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

**Dr. Basil Bibby**, former director of the Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, NY, died on February 4, 1998, at the age of 93. Dr. Bibby was born in New Zealand and graduated from dental school in 1927. He served as dean at Tufts School of Dental Medicine from 1940-47 and as director of Eastman Dental Center from 1947-70. He is credited with advancing dentistry as a



*Basil Glover Bibby, PhD, DMD*

biologic discipline at a time when the leaders in dental education were technically oriented. Dr. Bibby made major contributions in three areas: he was credited with first demonstrating that fluoride reactions with the enamel surface would prevent caries; he provided research into the cariogenicity of food; he advanced knowledge about the role of pellicle, plaque, and oral bacteria; and he obtained funding for research by Eastman scientists to study the use of adhesive plastic coatings for dental procedures. Dr. Bibby is survived by his wife, Beatrice, a son, Douglas, three daughters, Ruth Bonn, Anne B. Leshner, and Susan Bibby, and 10 grandchildren.

## FUTURE AAPHD ANNUAL MEETING DATES

October 21-23, 1998 . . . . . San Francisco, CA  
 October 6-8, 1999 . . . . . Honolulu, HI  
 October 25-27, 2000 . . . . . Chicago, IL