

## **DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**

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The department sponsored an all-day continuing education course on September 25 entitled "Pediatric Dentistry: The New and the Tried and True." Presenting were guest speaker Dr. Nicola Innes, accompanied by department faculty members Drs. Matt Geneser, Tad Mabry, Arwa Owais, and Karin Weber-Gasparoni and Mrs. Gayle Gilbaugh and Mrs. Cathy Skotowski. The course was well attended and received great feedback.

On Saturday, October 17, Mrs. Gayle Gilbaugh and Drs. Matt Geneser, Kyle Beulke, Amy Lesch, and Julie Smith participated in a Hemophilia Outreach Clinic for the Amish community. The clinic was held at the Mercy Medical Center in Centerville, IA. As a member of the University of Iowa Regional Hemophilia Treatment Center, the pediatric dentistry staff provided screenings, education and referrals for children and adults with hemophilia. This outreach activity always provides a unique cultural experience for everyone involved.

Our first-year residents traveled to Orlando, FL for the AAPD's Sedation Course October 22-25. The opportunity is a didactic and hands-on course that allows the residents to learn more about alternative sedation techniques outside of those that we use here at the University of Iowa.

On Friday evening, October 30, the Pediatric Dentistry Student Group participated in an outreach event held at the Iowa Children's Museum. Fourteen dental students, two pediatric dentistry residents and a pediatric dentistry faculty member provided dental education, screenings, and fluoride varnish to 65 children. The

outreach event was in cooperation with the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children, the Iowa Children's Museum and the College of Dentistry to promote awareness of ages and stages of child development. After obtaining parental consent, dental students examined the infants, toddlers and older children for obvious dental decay and provided the parents with a results letter and list of resources of dental providers and programs. Fluoride varnish was applied to the children's teeth and the children also received goody bags filled with educational materials and oral hygiene supplies. The event was well received by the children, their parents, and the crew involved.

January 15, Drs. Kecia Leary and Arwa Owais will be presenting a Live Distance Continuing Education course sponsored by the College of Dentistry, entitled "Pediatric Dentistry: What's in it For Me?" The program will describe and discuss the etiology of common oral diseases in children, incidence, management and prognosis of traumatic injuries to the young primary dentition, and share information regarding the indications and procedures involved in the medical management of caries in children using silver compounds, Hall crowns and interim therapeutic restorations. The course will continue to be available online with registration at [www.dentistry.uiowa.edu/ceregistration](http://www.dentistry.uiowa.edu/ceregistration).

Congratulations go out to Dr. Karin Weber-Gasparoni (DEO) and Dr. Alberto Gasparoni (Clinic Administration) along with their daughter, Nathalia, who were among 69 individuals from 31 countries who took the US oath of citizenship recently at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum. All of the new citizens went through a lengthy process of applications and tests. The Gasparonis expressed that they are honored to become US citizens! Although they will always love their countries of origin

and will never forget their roots, they are grateful to the community and their College of Dentistry friends and colleagues for embracing them with open arms and making them feel so welcome and at home!

**PHOTO:** Some of the crew who helped at a recent dental outreach event at the Iowa Children's Museum -- (Front row): Kali Hildebrand (D1), Josh Orgill (D4), Courtney Bohn (D4), Brian Darling (D4) and Pediatric Dentistry second-year resident Dr. Diana Pelzer dressed in her Wizard of Oz Dorothy costume for Halloween. (Second row): Casey Goetz (D3), Walker Clark (D3), Ashley Scarrow (D1), Soyoung Park (D3), Leah Barshinger (D1), Adam Halbur (D4), Dr. Arwa Owais (Pediatric Dentistry faculty) and Pediatric Dentistry second-year resident Dr. Amy Lesch.