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What do you celebrate???

The time between Halloween (October 31st) and the vernal equinox – the first day of spring (March 20, 2015) has many holidays for many people.

We asked the School of Dentistry community to share their traditions—what holidays they celebrate and how they celebrate them.

We thank those who shared, and have the results on page 6 of *The Multicultural Mirror*.

To aid in our planning for next year, we also asked what we *should* celebrate at the School of Dentistry. The best answer we got : “Everything!”

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Taste of Culture 2014

It can be agreed that great food is one of the best ways to bring people together. Every culture and background possesses foods with unique recipes, meals, tastes, and histories. The University of Michigan School of Dentistry's 2014 Taste of Culture event on September 30th, hosted by the Multicultural Affairs Committee, was an exciting opportunity for such an experience.

With great school-wide participation, faculty, staff, and students alike were present either providing food or simply stopping by for a taste. Those who stopped by for the event could enjoy main courses or light bites, such as vegan chili, egg rolls, and traditional Indian dishes or desserts such as peach cobbler and Danish Dream cake. Every dish was anonymously judged by a panel of taste judges to determine the best tasting dish.



The 2014 Taste of Culture Best Dishes were prepared by:

- Shelly Bedayse (D4 - 2Green) for **best entrée - Curried Goat**
- Soumya Pal (Dr. Jacques Nor's lab) for **best side dish - Coconut Rice with lentils**
- Valerie Etchison (Patient Services) a repeat winner from 2013 for **best dessert - Banana Pudding**



Dr. Ken May with
Dean Laurie McCauley

and diversity in which everybody is given their chance to shine.

DeAngelo Webster



Saliah Miles gives her tribute;
Karra Evans (right) also
spoke in honor of Dr. May



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Celebrating our Veterans

Each November 11th, we stop to thank veterans for their service to our country. This year, the program opened with everyone standing in silence honoring the flag as *The Star Spangled Banner* played.

Dean McCauley began her inspiring remarks honoring our dental school veterans. She asked for a moment of silence for those who gave their lives in service to our country, then recited a "Roll Call" of all the SOD veteran's names, shaking the hands of those present.

Paul Blackford told of how his father, Sam Blackford, and the crew of a B-17 bomber *Ye Olde Pub*, earned the Silver Star for bravery on a 1943 bombing mission during WWII.

When Dean McCauley asked if there were any veterans in the room that were not on the list, Dr. Gilbert Kleif came forward. He served in the USAir Force's Dental Corp, in the Strategic Air Command stationed in Nebraska from 1962-1964. He's now officially added to our list!



Cheryl Quiney (left) with our honored Veterans: Sean Meyer, Dennis Fasbinder, Stephen Wade, Patricia Doer, Joseph Dennison, Robert Berg, Dion Taylor, Karen Skipper



Paul Blackford



Dr. Gilbert Kleif

November 11, 2014



See the next page for more pictures of School of Dentistry veterans from their service days.

Some you will recognize - others are more difficult to identify!





“Thank you for your service”



Robert Bagramian	US Army
Patricia Bauer	US Air Force
Robert Berg	US Army
Daniel Chiego, Jr.	US Army
Joseph Dennison	US Air Force
Patricia Doerr	US Army
Jesse Edwards III	US Navy
Dennis Fasbinder	US Air Force
Thomas Groom	US Army
Richard Han	US Army
Gilbert Kleif	US Air Force
Mary Ellen McLean	US Air Force
Sean Meyer	US Army
Jessica Perkins	US Air Force
Barbara Preston	US Army
Andrew Saman	US Marine Corps
Karen Skipper	US Army
Dion Taylor	US Army
Stephen Wade	US Navy
Brett Walcott	US Navy
Wayne Walcott	US Army

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 19, 2015

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration & Ida Gray Diversity Awards

March, 2015 (day tbd)

Celebration of Women's Awareness Month Women's Tea

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