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What do you celebrate???

The time between Halloween (October 31^{st}) 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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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

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• 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





At the event, the School of Dentistry also took the time to honor our own Dr. Kenneth May as he stepped down

from his long standing role of Direc-

tor of Multicultural Affairs. For many

years Dr. May has been a pillar of un-

leadership for multicultural affairs at

wavering dedication, support, and

This was showcased by Dr. May's

many plaques and awards and also

the heartfelt speeches delivered by

students Saliah Miles and Karra Ev-

ture 2014 was a very successful

ans, and Dr. Todd Ester. Taste of Cul-

event, and a wonderful reminder of

what those around us have to offer

sustain an environment of inclusion

and share. It also motivates us to

the dental school.



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



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

Dr. Gilbert Kleif

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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!



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What do you celebrate???

Mar 20 March equinox

When talking about which holidays to celebrate, some would answer "just the traditional ones," but within the School of Dentistry community, the "traditional" are certainly varied! With many nationalities and cultures, everyone doesn't celebrate the same holidays; even those we have in common can be celebrated differently. While it is impossible to have activities inclusive of every holiday, we want to acknowledge and be respectful of the various ways to celebrate them. The Multicultural Affairs Committee put together a short survey and asked: What holidays you celebrate and how you celebrate them?

Mar 20 International Day of Happiness Mar 21 World Poetry Day Mar 29 Palm Sunday Apr 2 Maundy Thursday Apr 3 Good Friday

The survey responses showed that Halloween (October 31) is a day of creativity, fun and candy for many, as witnessed by the very creatively costumed folks around our building on Halloween. For others, October 31st is Samhain or All Souls Day, a day of remembrance of the dead and our ancestors.

Thanksgiving Day is turkey dinner with all the trimmings, pumpkin pie, football and leftovers for many. Others create their own spin on the day, which may be their "family of choice." for those who are very close but not related by blood to gather and celebrate all the things they're thankful for, especially their friendship. Some use this holiday to share an "American" experience with international students or folks that have no family in the area.

Food is the feature of Thanksgiving. Many families bring their "special" side dish to the feast, as this may be the only time during the year to experience Grandma's green bean casserole! A twist on the occasion can be having invitees bring their cultural food favorites to the table too-for a truly international event.

For some families, Thanksgiving is also the official beginning of Christmas shopping, as all the children come with their Wish List to share with the aunts, uncles and grandparents. Many use the long weekend to put up a tree and decorate their home.

There are many ways Christmas is celebrated; for many it is an important religious holiday. Whether it is Christian Christmas (December 25th) or Orthodox Christmas (January 7th); many traditions include church services on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day. St. Nicholas or Santa Claus is most often part of the celebration too. It's a time of year to reconnect with family and friends, which many accomplish through annual Christmas cards and family newsletters.

Christmas also has its food traditions too. The seasonal goodies before the actual holiday, like cookies and gingerbread houses, Christmas Eve brings traditions of no meat for some, thus seafood chowder or salted cod, tortiere (meat pies) on Christmas morning, with turkey or ham for dinner. Many bring their heritage to the table too, and use family recipes to bring international flavor and represent our personal histories.

New Year's Day—again has various iterations: January 1st, or perhaps Orthodox New Year (January 14) or Lunar New Year/Chinese New Year (February 19). Have you ever wondered how Chinese New Year is celebrated? One respondent said in their home it was like the American

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Thanksgiving— all the family members gather together and celebrate. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 19th is also the day the UMSD announces the recipient(s) of the Ida Gray Award.

Apr 7 United Nations' World Health Day

February brings Ground Hog Day! Folklore doesn't say how we should celebrate, but we hope he will see his shadow and bring an early spring! For the romantics, Valentine's Day is on the 14th, a day to spoil your sweetheart.

Everyone's heard of St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, but do you celebrate Pi Day on March 14th? The Greek letter " π " (Pi) "is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern." (http://www.piday.org) Any excuse for Pi (or *pie*) is a good day!

Beyond holidays, we can celebrate the results of our work and that of our colleagues, our family and friendships, and life itself! Keep celebrating!

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Getting to Know You Brown Bag Series

Apr 10 Orthodox Good Friday

Bring your lunch and learn more about your colleagues!

★ Sywe-Ren Chang ★ ★ Thomas Davis ★ ★ Cheri Hogan ★ ★ Amy Koh ★ ★ Deanna Nellis ★ ★ Kristi Ocenasek ★ ★ Verron Rife ★	January 21	Dental service trips to Guyana, South America Dr. Scott Hodges, UofM alumnus
☆ 10 Years ☆ ☆ Lisa Blumenauer ☆ ☆ Kevin Borowski ☆ ☆ Roger Gillie ☆ ☆ Takayuki Hayami ☆	February 2	University of Michigan Dental students in Brazil
A Nancy Lako A Tammy Leffler A Caroline Phelan A Hilye Pittman A Carrie Towns A Carrie Towns	March tbd	Providing care for students of Muslim Faith

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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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