Remembering
Dr. Fred Weinstein

He was wearing a Royal Canadian Mounted Police uniform the first time I met him. It was 2007, and I had just started a new job as an editor with Dental Tribune, covering the specialty of endodontics. With his red blazer, hat and tall boots he looked genuine — and approachable. I just had to talk with him. After all, how often does one get a chance to meet a Mountie?

He turned out to be none other than Dr. Fred Weinstein, and he was dressed up to promote the IFEA meeting, which was being held that year in his hometown of Vancouver, British Columbia. Over the next decade I got to know him quite well. He was always generous with his time, and he was always helpful to me, a non-dentist, with information on the specialty and also about key personalities, tools and equipment, and the industry in general.

Weinstein had already retired after a long and successful career in private practice and as an educator and product innovator, but in 2012 he agreed to serve as editor in chief of roots magazine. Over the years we not only worked together on the publication, but we also became friends. We would often meet up at various dental meetings, where I was busy on the exhibit hall floor taking pictures for our show daily. He would be there to partake in the various educational sessions and to visit with his many friends. It seemed he knew almost everybody.

The last time we were together was at last year's AAE in New Orleans. Weinstein and his wife, Heather, and I met up before the meeting got underway for dinner and a stroll in the French Quarter. At this year's AAE gathering in Denver, Weinstein, who passed away last October, will be missed. I sure will miss him. Turn to page 11 of this issue of roots for a tribute to Weinstein in which a number of prominent endodontists share their fond memories.

The centerpiece of this publication, however, is an article by Dr. Frank C. Setzer, "The dental operating microscope in endodontics," which originally appeared in AAE's ENDODONTICS: Colleagues for Excellence newsletter. The article is being made available in this issue of roots with the permission of the AAE. By reading this article, and then taking a short online quiz at www.DTStudyClub.com, you will gain one ADA CERP-certified C.E. credit.

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Sincerely,

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