PCSOS goes tropical

Annual session offers continuing education, social activities and more

By Kristine Colker, Managing Editor

Going to Hawaii is normally considered a treat. But going to Hawaii and having access to a myriad of continuing education sessions, a slew of companies showing off their newest wares and an array of social and networking events is even better.

This year, the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists is taking its 74th annual session to the shores of Oahu and the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa. The festivities are set to begin Saturday, Oct. 9, and last until Tuesday, Oct. 12.

According to organizers, some changes have been implemented to attract more PCSO members and their staffs. For instance, the doctor program will begin with a president’s lecture from Past AAO and PCSO President Dr. Don Joondeph and will continue with a lineup of U.S. and international speakers, most of whom are new to PCSO meetings.

In addition, the staff program has been changed to introduce new speakers to PCSO and to provide more useful information for experienced staff.

‘I’m fortunate to have found a career that I’ve embraced’

Dr. S. Jay Bowman talks about how he got started, where he’s been in his career and why he feels so lucky

Please introduce yourself to our readers and tell us about your background in orthodontics.

I grew up in a very small town (Abingdon) in the middle of the cornfields in the western half of Illinois, attended Illinois Wesleyan University and then Southern Illinois University, School of Dental Medicine. I was accepted by Lysle Johnston into the orthodontic residency at Saint Louis University in 1983 and bought the first of three orthodontic practices in Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1985.

Primarily, I am a clinician, but I am honored to have been asked to teach at three universities: adjunct associate professor at Saint Louis University, clinical associate professor at Case Western Reserve University and an instructor at the University of Michigan, where I developed a straightwire course that I’ve taught for 10 years.