Just getting started

By Sierra Rendon, today Staff

- It’s finally here … AGD 2015 has officially kicked off, with an exciting day of advanced learning, hands-on experiencing and dental product shopping!

Thursday’s sessions began with Terry Jones of Travelocity.com, Kayak.com and WayBlazer. In his address (sponsored by Colgate), Jones spoke about survival of the fittest. To paraphrase, Jones said that surviving, whether it’s in nature or the marketplace, isn’t about being the strongest or the smartest. It’s about adapting to change.

Other sessions Thursday included “Wow! Complete Dentures in One Hour,” “Everything You Wanted to Know About Oral Surgery But Were Afraid to Ask,” “Today’s Top Clinical Tips,” “Professional Liability in the Dental Practice: Lessons Learned.”

Oral cancer event expected to screen 300 for disease

Foundation’s AGD 2015 events support awareness and research

- The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Foundation has planned a lineup of events to support oral cancer awareness, education and research. Here are three of the key offerings, including the silent auction fundraiser, which began Wednesday.
  - The AGD Foundation Silent Auction Fundraiser is being held at Moscone West, First Floor Lobby, today until 5 p.m. and Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thanks to the support of donors, the silent auction offers state-of-the-art dental equipment and dental instruments, C.E. courses, jewelry and more.
  - AGD Foundation Oral Cancer Screenings will be held today from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Moscone West, First Floor Lobby. Volunteer dentists will provide their services for the event, screening an expected 300 people for oral cancer.

- The AGD Foundation Fun Run/Walk 5K Fundraiser will begin at 6 a.m. Saturday at AT&T Park in San Francisco. Buses will be located outside Moscone West, midway between Minna and Howard streets, between 5 and 5:30 a.m., to transport participants. This is a ticketed event. Registration — $45 for AGD members and $50 for nonmembers — is available in the AGD Registration Area at Moscone West, First Floor Lobby.

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Achievement awards

The AGD offers the only achievement-based awards in general dentistry—the prestigious FAGD and MAGD awards.

To learn more about these awards, consider attending “Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry (MAGD): Getting There,” a session offered today, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. at Moscone West, Room 3020.

Coming up tomorrow

A tour of Chinatown, Fisherman’s Wharf and the California Academy of Sciences and lunch are planned for Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is $160 per person. Start the day at Fisherman’s Wharf, where you will explore vintage canneries, and then visit the Embarcadero Center. After this, you’ll explore San Francisco’s popular Chinatown, then enjoy lunch at the R&G Lounge, 631 Kearny St. Following lunch, you’ll visit San Francisco’s popular China-town, then enjoy lunch at the R&G Lounge, 631 Kearny St. Following lunch, you’ll visit the California Academy of Sciences. Registration includes lunch, round trip transportation and guided day tours. Buses will depart at 9:30 a.m. from Moscone West.