

Lionel "Len" Traubman

Curriculum Vitae & Biography to 2000

Lionel Traubman, D.D.S., M.S.D.

Born: Duluth, Minnesota, August 8, 1939

Married: Elizabeth Daugherty Linn, August 19, 1967, Indianapolis

Children: Eleanor Linn Traubman, November 13, 1969 and Adam Traubman, July 23, 1971

1946-1953 – Westwood Elementary School, Los Angeles

1953-1955 – Emerson Junior High School, Los Angeles

1955-1957 – University High School, Los Angeles

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization

Aleph Zadek Aleph

PROFESSIONAL

1957-1959 – University of California, Berkeley

Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity

Phi Eta Sigma Scholastic Honor Society

1963 – D.D.S. – University of California School of Dentistry

Alpha Omega Fraternity

1964-1965 – Private Practice of Pediatric Dentistry, San Francisco

Clinical Staff: St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco; Children's Hospital, Oakland

1965-1967 – M.S.D – Indiana University School of Dentistry, Indianapolis

Major: Pediatric Dentistry

Double minor: Oral Pathology, Education

Clinical Research:

[*A critical clinical and television radiographic evaluation of indirect pulp capping*](#)

1971 – Diplomate, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry

1967-2000 – Private practice of Pediatric Dentistry, San Francisco

1967-1982 – Lecturer and Clinical Instructor in Pediatric Dentistry, U.C. San Francisco

While teaching at U.C.S.F. for 15 years, Len was a Director of the San Francisco Dental Society and Editor of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and of the California Society of Dentistry for Children, and President of Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity Alumni. He contributed to national and international dental journals and textbooks, and was a featured speaker at postgraduate courses for the U.C. School of Dentistry, the American Dental Association, and California Dental Association local societies.

Len served on the Peer Review Committee of the San Francisco Dental Society and the California Society of Pediatric Dentists. He was Bay Area chapter alumni President of Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity.

As an educator, he pioneered the popular use of radio and television public service announcements, and live interviews and talk show appearances, for Children's Dental Health Week in San Francisco.

As Seminar Chairman for the California Society of Dentistry for Children, Len organized a landmark conference in Hawaii that brought together pediatric dental educators from North America, Asia, and New Zealand.

In 1998, Len was [Distinguished Alumnus](#) of the University of California School of Dentistry.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND INTERNATIONAL

In the 1970s, Len and his wife, Libby, helped launch Parents Who Care, a grassroots educational endeavor to assist families in understanding and preventing widespread drug use among our youth.

In 1974, in response to the national energy crisis, the Traubmans helped begin Project Survival. This educational work helped Americans conserve energy and gain a new appreciation for our limited resources.

In 1982, Len and Libby helped found the [Beyond War Foundation](#). Working on Beyond War's International Team, Len was responsible for relationships with the 57 San Francisco consulates. Perceiving a need to build bridges and end the Cold War, he taught himself the Russian language. In the mid-'80s, Len worked with the Beyond War International Scientific Initiative, a task force which brought together Western and Soviet scientists of note, to publish a landmark cooperative book, [BREAKTHROUGH: EMERGING NEW THINKING](#). Calling for the end to wars and a required new global thinking, it was published in 1988 in the USA and USSR, in English and Russian.

[Ham Radio](#)

Licensed at age 11 in 1951, Len (W6HJK) was virtually off the air for 35 years after high school, to establish his dental career and family. During glasnost and perestroika, to bridge to “enemy” Soviet citizens beginning in 1982 he became self-taught in the Russian language. In 1988 he returned to ham radio in a successful experiment to build bridges of cooperation with Soviet citizens, who had his articles published in increasingly free Soviet newspapers. Seeing a language gap among radio operators, he created on his home computer a 20-page dialogue guide, [RUSSIAN PHRASES FOR AMATEUR RADIO](#). The non-profit project has spread the syllabus and its audio cassette to over 1,300 radio operators representing every state and 40 countries around the world.

[The Saving of Oleg](#)

In June, 1990 Len received a call from a fellow ham to help find medical assistance for a critically injured Russian ham, Oleg Murugov, who lay in a coma, near death, in a Soviet hospital. In a demonstration of remarkable human concern and Soviet-American cooperation, Len organized a devoted team of ham radio operators and doctors who used multiple methods of

electronic communication to rush medical information and supplies to save the stricken Russian – and help bring the nations a bit closer.

The Israeli-Palestinian Initiative: Toward A Common Future

In 1991, as the Cold War ended, Len helped organize the California conference for prominent Israelis and Palestinians which resulted in a historic signed document, [FRAMEWORK FOR A PUBLIC PEACE PROCESS](#), a model and predecessor to official agreements. This was to be the introduction of the "[public peace process](#)." Len and his wife then traveled to Jerusalem to help the Arabs and Jews from the conference build a working team where they live.

[The Armenia-Azerbaijan Initiative](#)

In 1992, he helped launch a "public peace process" to help end the war in the Transcaucasus. This citizen-based dialogue process continues today and has helped bring former enemies together in collaboration.

[The Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group](#)

In Summer, 1992, in response to the Middle East crisis, Len and his wife, Libby, invited American Jews and Palestinians to their home to for dialogue and to learn how to change the nature of their relationship. This successful group continues to be a working model for others, here in America and in the Middle East. Len's 1997 editorial article, [ON PASSOVER AND PEACE](#), was featured by both the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Jose Mercury-News.

Center for the Evolution of Culture

In 1997, in response to the signs of our times, the Traubmans began helping the [Foundation for Global Community](#) establish a Center for the Evolution of Culture. With a sense that our culture wasn't really working, their hope was to cooperate with other concerned citizens to contribute to a shift of cultural values, a shift from the dominant culture of growth, of more, of materialism, to a culture of enough, of quality and excellence, and of spirit, a culture which works for the diversity of all life in California, across America, and everywhere on Earth.

In August 2000, after treating children since the early 1960s Len retired from his San Francisco practice of pediatric dentistry to continue with Libby their [life of volunteer education and community building](#).

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