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Dear Sylvan,

A long time ago, you asked for a picture and for some thoughts about my year as president of SENTAC. Take your pick of the photos that are enclosed.

The scary thing about my year as president that it was the year we were waiting to see if we would sink or swim with the idea of combining the meeting with the Academy of Pediatrics meeting. This was a decision that was made years earlier, and with a lot of trepidation. It came down to "we'll never know if we don't try". Financially, it was a disaster for SENTAC, but it was a risk we took consciously. I trust current and future officers will always try to balance potential risk against potential gain. SENTAC was strong enough to survive this major hit to its stability, so what can be scary in the future?

I am enjoying retirement, but I do miss the kids.



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Hello Sylvan,

The e-mail address I have for you does not seem to work. I am enclosing a couple of pictures that might serve your purpose. I prefer the one in the sombrero.

SENTAC has always been a learning experience for me, and I get the most fun out of it now seeing young professionals given a chance to try their wings as researchers, clinicians, and "presenters." I know there are many other organizations for these individuals to join and to use as a showcase for their talents, but I'll bet the mentoring in SENTAC is better than in it is in most other professional associations.

My main memory of the year I was president was wondering if we were going to be able to survive the joint meeting with the APA, without losing our shirts. Well, that first time-around for a joint meeting was not much of a success. But maybe we learned enough to know what not to do next time. Life is like that.

Fondly, as always,

