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Dear Sylvan,

Thank you for this opportunity to talk about a group that is near and dear to my heart. SENTAC was the first organization that I had an opportunity to enrich my knowledge of pediatric otolaryngology. I appreciated not only the format of the annual meeting but most importantly the participation of pediatricians, speech and hearing pathologists, anatomists, etc. all of whom have a common interest namely children.

There is no other format that encourages this kind of participation and my hat is off to our founders for their vision. The reasonable size of the organization has allowed for a genuine dialogue on a very personal basis. I still remember getting "shot down" by some of my closest friends over a controversial issue. This is one of the important values of this group.

My wife and I appreciate the friendships made through this association. Thank you.

Bill Gibson