

MEDICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, DR. ROGER TART



Tis the season of politics and football.

It was a great honor to host Dr. Pam Varner and Mr. Dickey Whitaker at our September meeting. They gave us great insight into the political issues at hand and the upcoming elections. Boy,

we have a lot to think about just within the state. If you missed the meeting, please ask one of those who attended about the issues presented.

As the football season is in full swing, we have invited Mobile's own Danny Sheridan to speak. Danny is a nationally known sports analyst and handicapper. His predictions and insights can be found on the pages of USA Today. His forecasts and projections are quoted on nearly

every television network and in most major US newspapers. Besides teaching us about football and football odds, I hope he can answer the age old question "who will win the Auburn – Alabama game". Please come and enjoy a fun evening!

See you at the next meeting November 18th at 6:30 pm!



(l-r) Mrs. Beverly Davis, Dr. Roger Tart, and MASA Governmental Affairs Lobbyist and Speaker, Mr. Richard Whitaker, at the September Quarterly Meeting



MASA REPRESENTATIVES SPEAK AT SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY



Mrs. Gail Tart, MASA President and Speaker Dr. Pamela Varner, Dr. Richard Esham, and Mrs. Elizabeth Terry (l-r)

On Tuesday, September 30th, the Medical Society held the Fall Quarterly Meeting at the Country Club of Mobile.

Speakers Dr. Pamela Varner, MASA President, and Mr. Richard Whitaker, MASA Governmental Affairs Lobbyist, shared with those attending on the subject of "Medicine & Politics-The State of the Union". They addressed several of the pertinent political issues currently affecting medicine.

In addition to their presentation, they fielded questions from the attending members and offered suggestions regarding upcoming elections.

The meeting was very well-attended.

RIGHT: USA Medical Students John Merimether, Adam Huang and Kim Bryan(l-r)



BELOW: Dr. Rey Rodriguez, Dr. John Delmas and Alliance President, Mrs. Janea Delmas, Mrs. Brandy Revels, and Dr. Tim Revels (l-r)



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Medical Society of Mobile County is pleased to offer the MSMC Circle of Friends, a resource to assist you in making valuable business decisions for your practice. MSMC Circle of Friends consists of businesses that serve the Mobile-Baldwin County-area physicians. These companies pay an annual fee to participate in this service.

Participation in MSMC Circle of Friends has many advantages, including numerous opportunities to spend time with our physician members. Businesses can choose from three levels of participation

for MSMC Circle of Friends. Each level entitles them to face time with MSMC physician members at exclusive special events, year-round name recognition in the Circle of Friends, first choice for event sponsorship, listing in the MSMC Membership Directory, and a copy of our membership roster.

We encourage you to visit our website and acquaint yourselves with these businesses. If, as a MSMC member physician, you'd like to recommend a company join please contact Sheree LaCoste, Executive Director at slacoste@earthlink.net .



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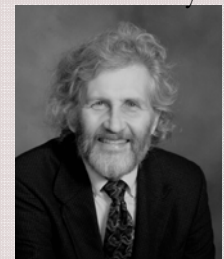


The Mobile Medical Museum began in 1962 with a gift donated by Patricia Heustis Paterson as a memorial to her father, James F. Heustis, M.D. (1828-1891), a native Mobilian with an outstanding medical career. Samuel Eichold, II, M.D. encouraged Mrs. Paterson to designate that her gift be used to start a museum in her father's name. There were approximately 100 artifacts and documents in the initial collection.

I am encouraging our Medical Society Membership to please donate to the Medical Museum. The dues statements from MASA have been mailed and there is an opportunity to a make a donation. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to preserve our history.

Charles Rodning, M.D.

Medical Society of Mobile County Secretary-Treasurer





CAMP RAP-A-HOPE REPORT

*Melissa
McNichol
Executive
Director*

Camp Rap-A-Hope invites all of you to be part of our Fall Family Fun Day and Fundraiser on Nov. 2 out at Camp Grace, our new home. Bring your family and enjoy an afternoon of fishing, football, arts and crafts, hay rides, more fun and food. You'll also have opportunity to see how your support benefits the kids and their families of Camp Rap-A-Hope. Please contact the Camp office for more info. at 476-9880.

Kelley Andrews, a former Camper now Counselor, had the following to say, **“As a young child, camp was the one thing that kept my spirits up and made me who I am today...I can not express my gratitude to everyone that put their time and effort into making Camp what it has become today.”**

Thank you for all you do for all of the “Kelleys” who need Camp Rap-A-Hope. We continue to touch and change lives through the efforts of Camp that is only done with your diligence to ensure our success.



Counselor Richard Foster and Camper, Reese Rowell, enjoy the paddleboats on Saturday, September 27th, for the Camp Rap-A-Hope Fishing Trip at Camp Grace.



Camper Kasie Forman and Counselor Kevin Callen show off the “Big Catch of the Day”

The Alabama Baby Coalition is a collection of medical professionals in Mobile County that is concerned with the infant and fetal death rate in our county. They have a review team that reviews every infant death up to 12 months of age, and every fetal death after 20 weeks gestation. After review, the Coalition determines if any changes need to be made in policy, procedure, or public education. They also look for trends to help us determine the big picture of infant health in Mobile County. Ultimately, the goal is to reduce infant and fetal deaths.

Recently, The South has seen an increase in infant deaths and Mobile County is no exception. The goal of healthier babies in our county has never been more important.



For more information, please contact the **Tony Bondora MPH.**

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THE JOINT SUMMER SOCIAL WITH THE BALDWIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!



Dr. & Mrs. John Ives, Dr. Conrad Pierce, and Dr. Joseph Fontenot (l-r)



Dr. Lee Thompson and New Member, Dr. Eddie Reed (l-r)

On August 19th, the Medical Society of Mobile County & the Baldwin County Medical Society held a joint SUMMER SOCIAL At the 5 Rivers Delta Center. A photo contest was held and Dr. Frank Cope won 1st Place.



Baldwin County Physician, Dr. & Mrs. Gary Nelson and Dr. & Mrs. Michael Finan (l-r)



Dr. Terry Rivers and Dr. Suzy Figarola (l-r)



Dr. Brent Faircloth, Mrs. Gail Tart, Dr. & Mrs. Milton Wallace, and Mrs. Leigh Faircloth (l-r)



Board Member Dr. Juan Ronderos, Dr. Stephen Savrie, Board Member Dr. & Mrs. John Russell (l-r)



UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST FOR OUR MEMBERS

- ◆ **USA GRAND ROUNDS; CONFERENCE CENTER; 8:00AM**
 NOVEMBER 13TH, HIROAKI SHIMOKAWA, M.D., PHD, "RHO KINASE INHIBITORS"
 NOVEMBER 20TH, WILLIAM K. GREEN, M.D., "BAD BUGS AND NEW DRUGS"
- ◆ **ALLIANCE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON/BRUNCH – DECEMBER 9TH**
- ◆ **MEDICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY MEETING; COUNTRY CLUB OF MOBILE**
 NOVEMBER 18TH; 6:30PM TOPIC: FOOTBALL ODDS & ENDS,
 HOW FOOTBALL ODDS ARE DETERMINED
 SPEAKER: DANNY SHERIDAN, NATIONAL SPORTS PROGNOSTICATOR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Alliance will be holding their Annual Wine Tasting on
 Thursday, March 5, 2009 (to benefit Ronald McDonald House)

There will be a Silent Art Auction. Please consider donating a sample of your talent
 (painting, sculpting, photography, jewelry making, etc.) for auction.

If you are interested in donating an item, please contact
ashleyburch@comcast.net or julieflotte1@hotmail.com

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