

MEDICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, DR. CRAIG KLEINMANN



Happy belated New Year to everyone. I am excited about the upcoming year. First, our schedule of speakers is complete. My focus for this year's speakers will be primarily historical in nature as we are all products of not only where we trained but who trained us. On March 24th, Dr. Garabed Eknayan will be coming to town. He is

nationally recognized for his contributions as past president of the National Kidney Foundation. He is a noted scholar on the history of both medicine and nephrology and is a regular contributor to AJKD. He is also widely recognized as the co-developer of KDOQI (Kidney Dialysis Outcomes Quality Initiative). I am certain the first Quarterly meeting will be not only interesting to members but also our significant others. Please come and join us for what I am sure will be an extremely enjoyable evening.

As many of you already know, we enter the new year coming off a tre-

mendously successful previous year. The attendance was up at every meeting overall and we also enjoyed a very successful first memorial lecture series honoring Dr. Gaylord Walker. This was bittersweet. This year we will continue our memorial lecture series in honoring Dr. Sam Miller at our December meeting. As many of you recall, Dr. Miller retired from active practice after developing cardiomyopathy. He ultimately required orthotopic heart transplant and unfortunately died last year. We will be honored to have Dr. Ventura from Oschner presenting Dr. Miller's memorial lecture.

The Circle of Friends

started by Dr. Tart, with contacts provided by many of our members, was a great success. In the current economic climate, our challenge will be not only to keep our Circle of Friends involved but also, if possible, continue to add new members. If you know of an individual or business who might be interested, please send the name via email to Sheree LaCoste at msomc@earthlink.net or the Medical Society office at 476-9494. Your contacts have made this a great success.

I look forward to a great year, see you in March.

PAST-PRESIDENT DR. REGINA BENJAMIN WINS AMA AWARD

The Medical Society of Mobile County is pleased to announce that Past-President Dr. Regina Benjamin has been awarded the Pride in the Profession Award. This award is given by the AMA as a part of their Foundation Excellence in Medicine Awards. It is given to honor domestic physicians who aid underserved populations in the United States.

The Board of the Medical Society voted unanimously to nominate Dr. Benjamin for this award. As noted in the submitted award application, "Dr. Benjamin is the essence of a leader; she has the heart of a servant, the drive for excellence, the understanding and belief that giving means so much more than receiving."

Dr. Benjamin founded Bayou LaBatre Rural Health Clinic in 1990. More than 1 in 5 families in this rural area live below the poverty level. Dr. Benjamin knew the demographics when she chose the area and made a commitment to be their doctor. And yet she treats them all, knowing they often cannot pay. Dr. Benjamin clearly has made a personal sacrifice to care for this community.



*Congratulations
Dr. Benjamin! We are
honored to have you as
part of our organization.*



ANNUAL MEETING PHOTO ALBUM

"The Society has been organized for the purpose of bringing together members of the medical profession in Mobile County, AL and nurturing cordial relationships among such professionals."

-Mission Statement, Medical Society of Mobile County



Drs. Henry Koch, Rod Rocconi, Ian Thorneycroft and Past-President William Jeansonne (l-r)



Drs. Lawrence McGee, Past-President Dino Frangos, and Frank Cope (l-r)



USA Medical Student, Grant Zarzour, with parents, Mrs. Katherine Zarzour and Dr. Robert Zarzour (l-r)



Drs. Mehtab Khan, Thuan Tran, and Ashish Loomba



Drs. Conrad Pierce and Past-President, William Jeansonne (l-r)



Front Row—Dr. Charles Salisbury, Mrs. Vickie Munderloh, Dr. Rob Lerner, Mrs. Mary Ellingwood (l-r)

Back Row—Dr. Carl Maltese, New Board Member Dr. Elizabeth Harper, Dr. Scott Minto



Donate your excess prescription samples to Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy

Ozanam Pharmacy provides medications at no cost to individuals in need. The more donated prescriptions we receive, the more people we can assist. For more information on how you can donate life-sustaining medications to someone in need, please call (251) 432-4111 and speak with our Supervising Pharmacist, Annie Daniels or email us at ozanampharm@yahoo.com.

The Medical Society was pleased to welcome Danny Sheridan, National Sports Prognosticator, as our speaker for the Annual Meeting.

Below are Immediate Past-President Dr. Roger Tart, Speaker Danny Sheridan, and Dr. Richard Mazey (l-r).



OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Special thanks to the following Circle of Friends members who attended our Annual Meeting (l-r):

Janet Hayes, T. Leavell & Associates

Charles Ruffin, Bay Bank

Tom Langan, ProAssurance

Patrick Huddle, Merrill Lynch

We appreciate your participation in this worthwhile program of the Medical Society.



The MSMC CIRCLE OF FRIENDS is a program designed to connect local businesses with our physicians. MSMC Circle provides our member physicians with a list of valuable business resources and offers companies exclusive opportunities to meet face-to-face with physicians. Details can be found on our website www.msomc.com.



CAMP RAP-A-HOPE REPORT



Melissa McNichol, Executive Director

Camp Rap-A-Hope welcomes our newest Board of Directors members:

Lindsay Blankenship, Laura Gibson, Dr. Elizabeth Mancini, Donna Oaks, Judy Park, Dr. Charles Rodning, Chris Sylvester and Mike Trenier. They are joining Scott A. Browning, Hallie Croom, Janea Delmas, Jennifer Hartley, Greg House, Pam Koch, Mary Day Lantaff, Jeff Lawrence, Leslie Lerner, Dean Liollo, Amanda Muscat, Dr. Jimmy Walker and Curt Wilson as we continue to meet the needs of children with cancer. Dr. Debra Gardner is serving as Board President with Dr. Jimmy Walker as President-Elect, Bart McNeil as Secretary

and Scott Browning as Treasurer. Thank you to Chief Phillip Garrett for his six years of service on the Board of Directors and most recently as President.

Our Fall Family Fun Day and Fundraiser was a huge success. It was well attended by Campers and families as well as volunteers, supporters and many of you. Over 500 came out to spend a little time at Camp Grace and see what we do for our Campers for the week of Camp. The parents of the Campers were especially grateful to see how their special children spend the week and to meet a few of those who take care of them. It was very exciting to have new Campers to come and meet us for the first time and to learn a little about Camp Rap-A-Hope.

brated the Holidays with over 300 in attendance at Bellingrath Gardens on Dec. 28th. We enjoyed a cookout and a fish fry. Bellingrath donated the tickets for the gardens to all who attended. It's always a real joy for these kids to be together at the Holidays to celebrate their lives and the anticipation of the great days ahead.

Thank you to Mona Lyons for an outstanding job with the Holiday cards. The fundraiser was successful not only in the money raised but in keeping Camp Rap-A-Hope on the minds of those in our community and beyond.

Camp 2009 will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars—**May 30—June 6**. We look forward to working with you to make Camp 2009 the best yet.

The Medical Society, Sheree LaCoste, your Executive Director and Wendy Bedsole, are truly an asset to the Medical community but especially to Camp Rap-A-Hope. Thank you for all that you do to help Camp continue our mission. Your work with us is greatly appreciated.



Dr. Caesar Agagan spins plates with a Camper

Camp Rap-A-Hope cele-



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

5th Annual Tour de LADR

Saturday, March 14th

Grand Hotel

It's almost time for the 5th Annual Tour de LADR (Lower Alabama Doctors) Bike and Run. The event promises to be very family-friendly with plenty to do for athletes & non-athletes wishing to raise money and awareness for the Mobile Medical Endowment Trust and Camp Rap-A-Hope.

Member, Dr. Jeff Conrad, recently presented Melissa McNichol with a check for \$6,072.57 for Camp Rap-A-Hope. Dr. Conrad had participated in the



Ironman Hawaii and was donating his proceeds and sponsorships to help support Camp. Thanks so much Dr. Conrad!

THE ALLIANCE

The Alliance will present, again this year, our exceptional Wine Tasting on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at the home of Dr. Ron and Sheila Gray. A portion of our proceeds this year will benefit The Ronald McDonald House. To add a new twist to our event, we will be showcasing art talent by the Alliance and Medical Society members in the form of a Silent Auction in conjunction with the Wine Tasting. Please consider donating a sample of your talent; no item is too big or too small. Examples include, but are not limited to: paintings, sculpting, photography, jewelry making, etc. If you are interested in donating an item for the Silent Auction or have any questions, please contact Ashley Burch (ashleyburch@comcast.net) or Julie Flotte (julieflotte1@hotmail.com).



*Jana Simpson, Brenda Huddle,
Janice Setzler, Stacy Howell (l-r)*



*Brandy Revels,
Renee' Mullenix,
Kim Daniels (l-r)*

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Benefiting the Regan Robinson Young Scholarship Fund

More info online! www.gumbochili.com. Tickets \$5 in advance/ \$7 at event



DETAILS

- Bring the whole family for Inflatables, face-painting, and lots of fun!
- Come taste some of the best food in the South!
- Live Bands
- Large tent for seating
- Raffle & door prizes
- All proceeds to benefit the Regan Robinson Young Scholarship Fund



Saturday February 28, 2009

Noon-3pm

Mitchell Center North Field





UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST FOR OUR MEMBERS

- ◆ **ALLIANCE WINE TASTING/ART SILENT AUCTION – MARCH 5TH**
- ◆ **5TH ANNUAL TOUR DE LADR – MARCH 14TH, GRAND HOTEL**
- ◆ **MEDICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY MEETING; COUNTRY CLUB OF MOBILE**
MARCH 24TH; 6:30PM SPEAKER: DR. GARABED EKNOYAN
- ◆ **USA GRAND ROUNDS; CONFERENCE CENTER; 8:00AM**
FEBRUARY 5TH, THOMAS STEVENS, M.D., “DEMENTIA”
FEBRUARY 12TH, MAJID MUGHAL, M.D.,
“LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MASA ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 16-19TH, MONTGOMERY, AL
CAMP RAP-A-HOPE, MAY 30TH-JUNE 6TH @ CAMP GRACE

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