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# MEDICAL SOCIETY *news*

## From the President

Your Medical Society has been very busy. In March, we were honored to have Dr. Garabed Eknayan, M.D., Past President of the National Kidney Foundation here in Mobile to discuss the history of medicine and Nephrology. His lecture focused on one disease process, diabetes. The evening was a great success. I hope you had the pleasure of attending.

The rest of the year will be as busy. The summer meeting is a social with Baldwin County. The date is August 25<sup>th</sup>. The September meeting has also been set. Dr. Wickliffe Many, director of the UAB Montgomery Internal Medicine Residency Program will be our speaker. His topic, will be "Emerging Infectious Diseases". The wrap-up of the year will be the Dr. Sam Miller memorial lecture which will be given by Dr. Hector Ventura, director of the Tulane Cardiac Transplant Program to talk about cardiac transplantation.

The May Board of Censors meeting was canceled to host the first ever Healthcare Information Forum. We were honored to have representatives of nearly all of the larger groups here in town. We were also honored to have our local AMA delegate, Dr. Jeff Terry and Niko Corley of MASA to outline the current healthcare reform proposals and the AMA's position

on healthcare reform. Since then, the battle for healthcare reform is beginning to heat up, and currently even more proposals are being offered. The information as you might imagine is overwhelming. You can review the updates from the AMA on our website, [www.msomc.com](http://www.msomc.com). Two things are certain: the first is that change is coming; the second is that no one is one hundred percent certain of what the final product/products will be. We can, however, feel confident that we are well represented both locally and nationally. You have the opportunity to check these updates on a weekly basis and see what has changed.

As the economy has slowed, revenues have dropped; our Society has not been immune. We have tightened our belts and cut costs where possible. We will continue to provide the current level of services as long as possible. For the remainder of this year there will be no change in either Quarterly Medical Society meetings or in the current set agenda. Hopefully through the success of the Circle of Friends, we will continue to be able to provide the same level of service that we have in the past. The only noticeable change for the remainder of this year will be that this newsletter will only be printed twice a year. We will continue to provide on-line updates as well



*President, Dr. Craig Kleinmann presents the USA Community Service Award to Medical Student, Sarah Squires Parker. Each year the Mobile Medical Endowment Trust awards scholarships to USA Medical Students.*

as reminders which will be mailed prior to every Quarterly Meeting. I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Social.

Lastly, I want to send a warm congratulations to our Surgeon General nominee, Dr. Regina Benjamin, who as many of you know, is the Past-President of both our Medical Society and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. We look forward to her Senate confirmation.

## HEALTH CARE REFORM

On May 12th, the Medical Society Board of Censors held its first Health Care Reform Committee meeting. There were 28 physicians in attendance. Dr. Jeff Terry, AMA Delegate, did an excellent job updating those attending on the latest in Health Care Reform and the direction in which the AMA and MASA wish to go. Dr. Terry's presentation can be found on our website [www.msomc.com](http://www.msomc.com) under the *Publications* tab. His presentation contains valuable links that give the history, as well as the

current goals of organized medicine for Health Care Reform. He assured us that MASA is committed to being the voice for the local physician. The Healthcare Reform Committee is committed to gathering the most current information and distributing that information to our members in a timely manner to keep you informed. We are prepared to take action when necessary.

*Right—MASA Governmental Affairs Representative Niko Corley, Dr. Philip Butera, and AMA Delegate Dr. Jeff Terry. Below—Local Physicians weigh-in on the current climate of Health Care Reform*



# Making *a Difference...*

## From The Executive Director

Several of you have called our office asking if we are involved in health care reform activities. Please be assured that we are very involved. Our method of communication to you has been thru e-news and emails until this newsletter. It appears that most all of the information today must be obtained from our computers and this is really no exception. As a former practicing CCU nurse, I recognize that this is not the focus of your day; but I would encourage you to visit the websites of your County Medical Society, MASA and the AMA. We will try and not inundate you with emails but will send you timely information in this format.

Your Medical Society is governed by a board of directors that meets regularly and stays informed. We are organized and prepared to take action on issues that require immediate attention. Please let me reassure you that these physicians are representing your interests. Of course, they give of their precious time; family time, personal time and professional time to represent you in this profession. This is the first year I have had a

President with 4 children under the age of 4. I would say this is sacrificial service. Thank goodness for doctors who know they can make a difference in representing you and for spouses who support them. In addition to our board of directors, we have AMA delegates and MASA board members who represent you. When you pass these doctors in the hallway (*I've conveniently made a list for you on the next page*), thank them for what they are doing for you in these volunteer positions. We would not be successful without them.

While I am recognizing these wonderful doctors, I want to thank a visionary board who recognized the value of having our own office. The building that you erected has served as a wonderful, very functional facility for us, the Alliance and Camp Rap-A-Hope. It was a good move.

Another great example of someone that has served this Medical Society well is our past president, Dr. Regina Benjamin. What an honor to be nominated as our next Surgeon General. See what doctors who serve on our board go on to accomplish. Don't everybody call at once.



Dr. Regina Benjamin (l) accepts the AMA Pride in Profession Award at the AMA meeting in Washington. AMA Delegate Dr. Jeff Terry, Medical Society Executive Director Sheree LaCoste, and MASA President-Elect Dr. Jorge Alsip attended the event in support of Dr. Benjamin.



Dr. Jorge Alsip (above, l) was installed as the 141st President of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. This was especially memorable as he is supported by Dr. John Shriner, MASA Award winner and Dr. Alsip's Pediatrician when he was a child.



Dr. Burt Taylor (shown, left) has served MASA for 20 years on the AMA delegation. He has represented Alabama at both AMA meetings each year and has served as the Chairman of the Southeast Delegation as well as the Alabama Delegation. We have been fortunate to have such capable leadership for the past 20 years. Thank you, Dr. Taylor.



Mobile leader, Dr. Jeff Terry (r), has taken over Dr. Taylor's role as Chairman of the AMA delegation for Alabama. Dr. Terry has served as an AMA delegate since 2001.



Dr. William Jeansonne (seen here with wife Stephenie and President Dr. Craig Kleinmann) was recognized for 50 years in the practice of medicine at the MASA Annual Session.

## VOLUNTEERS sought for appointments

Various organizations throughout the state seek nominations from MASA's Board of Censors for appointments to health care related boards and committees. Regular nominations are sought from the Alabama Medicaid Agency for their Drug Utilization and Review (DUR) Board and Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee. For more information or if you are interested in serving on a board or committee, please contact MASA at (800) 239-6272 or (334) 954-2500.

## 2009 Medical Society Board

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AMA Delegates: Jorge Alsip

Jeff Terry  
 Richard Esham  
 Regina Benjamin

# ...on your behalf



*Mobile Psychiatrist and Past President of the Medical Society, Dr. Joseph P. Thomas, was elected to the Medical Association of the State of Alabama's Council on Medical Education at their annual meeting in April. The Council is responsible for matters concerning post-graduate medical education and the development of state-wide post-graduate education policies and programs.*



Above: MSMC Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Elizabeth Mancini, MASA President Dr. Jorge Alsip, Dr. Bob Israel, and Dr. Steve Teplick visited Congressman Jo Bonner in Washington with the MASA Governmental Affairs meeting to represent Mobile physicians.



Dr. John Shriner, Pediatrician with the Child Advocacy Center, Mrs. Sandra Forbus, Executive Director Mobile United, and Mr. Tony Bondoro, Alabama Baby Coalition Coordinator received awards at the MASA Annual Meeting in Montgomery on April 16th. These recipients were nominated by the Medical Society of Mobile County for their contribution in the medical field. President Dr. Craig Kleinmann is pictured with them.



The Medical Society hosted a breakfast for our local legislators in conjunction with the American Cancer Society to support the Smoke-Free Alabama bill proposed in the Alabama Legislature. Seen above are Representative Victor Gaston, President Dr. Craig Kleinmann, Representative Jamie Ison, and Board member Dr. Ronald Franks.

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



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

Last Summer, on August 19th, the Medical Society of Mobile County & the Baldwin County Medical Society held a joint SUMMER SOCIAL

This year's Summer Social will be Tuesday, August 25th at 5 Rivers Delta Center. An announcement will be mailed to your offices and homes.



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



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

### In Memoriam

**Charles Morgan Gross  
Joe G. Hardin  
Edward Crampton Harris, Jr.**

*An opportunity to make a lasting contribution is through the gift of a personalized brick. The bricks will be imbedded in the floor of the front porch of the Medical Society building. Each brick will be inscribed to recognize a person, family or practice. Your engraved brick purchase not only honors a special person, group or event, but your tax deductible gift funds the Mobile Medical Endowment Trust, which offers scholarships to USA Medical Students. A replica of the brick will be sent to the individual who is being honored. It is our way of expressing gratitude for your kind support. For further information, contact the Medical Society office at 476-9494 or visit our website [www.msomc.com](http://www.msomc.com), under Member Services/Mobile Medical Endowment Trust/Buy a Brick Program.*

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# From Generation...

## USA Medical Students and Residents

Since its inception in 1841, the Medical Society has always had an excellent working relationship with the USA Medical Students and Residents. On February 28th, the USA Medical Students held their 1st Annual Gumbo-Chili Showdown, where over \$15,000 was raised for the Regan Robinson Young Scholarship. This success was in part by the 120 people who came to cook and over 2000 who came to sample. John Meriwether, USA-AMA Student Representative stated, "We would love to take this opportunity to thank the physicians and staff that were integral in their roles as cooks, tasters, and donors."

Spring and Summer time is especially busy for incoming Students and Residents. USA had its Match Day on March 19th. President Dr. Craig Kleinmann encouraged the Medical Students to consider returning to our great city of Mobile to practice medicine once their residency was complete. The Incoming Residents' Orientation was held on June 26th at the Battleship (picture l-r, Dr. Allen Perkins, Lisa Furr, Dr. Steve Furr, Dr. Jorge Alsip, and Jeff Arrington with MASA).



Many Residents have applied for membership with the Medical Society and MASA to become an active part of organized medicine. The Medical Society welcomes the incoming Class of 2013 and the starting Residents.

There will be many opportunities in the future to meet with these "up and comers". On August 5th at 7pm, at the Mobile Medical Museum, the AMA, MASA and the Medical Society are hosting the New Medical Student Orientation Dinner. You are invited to attend this event and welcome these new Medical Students.



Dr. Charles Rodning greets Medical Student Haseeb Rahman during Match Day



Dr. David Pate and daughter, Erica Pate, at the White Coat Ceremony



New Member, Dr. Robert Vernoooy and Dr. Andrew Burch, Sr. at the March Quarterly Meeting

# ...To Generation

## Mobile Medical Museum

Drs. Sidney Phillips, Lamar Snow, and Max McLaughlin (l-r) serve on the Mobile Medical Museum Board. Dr. Lamar Snow is the current President of the Mobile Medical Museum. Shown far right is a photo of Dr. Sidney Phillips, who at the age of 17, enlisted in military service and saw combat during WWII. The Mobile Medical Museum is working on a display of medical artifacts from the World Wars and would like to have photos of local physicians (in uniform) who served during WWI or WWII. For further info, contact Sally Green at 415-1109.



## Retired Old Docs Eating Out

A group of about 100 retired physicians in the Mobile and Baldwin County area form the R.O.D.E.O. group. This group of physicians meet every three months (seen right at their January 29th lunch meeting). For further information, please contact Dr. Henry Mostellar at 878-8763 or Dr. Ed Bryant at 344-2864.



# The Alliance

The Alliance held its' Installation of New Officers on Tuesday, April 21st at the Medical Society office. Seen below are: Standing, l-r, Renee Mullinex, Sue Eways, Vickie Munderloh, Barbara Agagan, Pam Gacek, Julie Flotte, Mary Ellingwood, Kim Daniels, and Immediate Past-President Janea Delmas. Seated, l-r, Ashley Burch, President Lindsay Blankenship, Laurie Outlaw, and Kendra Barnett.

## 2009-2010 Alliance Board



The 5th Annual Tour de LADR was held on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear. The event was a huge success, with 177 participants and 34 volunteers. The weather held off until the event came to a close! Between registration fees and sponsorships, over \$13,000 was raised. These funds were given to Camp Rap-A-Hope and the Mobile Medical Endowment Trust. This event could not have occurred without the tireless efforts of the volunteers, ranging from representatives from Doctors offices, Camp Rap-A-Hope, the Alliance, and the USA Medical Students. Thank you to everyone who participated in this wonderful event!



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# CAMP RAP-A-HOPE REPORT

*Melissa  
McNichol  
Executive  
Director*

It's hard to believe Camp 2009 has come and gone. We had an amazing week of fun with 72 Campers... our most ever!! We spent the week "Stomp'n through the Decades". Each day we celebrated a different decade and concluded the week with a Stomp concert for the Campers' families. Thanks to so many of you, The Medical Society and to your Alliance, our week was a huge success. Without your continued support we could not provide Camp week, which serves as a much needed change of pace for our special children. The father of one of our Campers, Krisanna, came to see me the Saturday before Camp to say that they may need to bring her to Camp every morning instead of her staying the night because she was having some

new pain and had to have meds during the night and they didn't want to be a burden. I reminded her father - that's why we have Camp Rap-A-Hope, so that Krisanna can come to camp. We have the support of the Medical Society so that meds can be given during the day and night. Krisanna stayed all week long and according to her television interview, she "never wants to leave". Since camp week, she has once again been diagnosed with cancer. Her parents have expressed their sincere gratitude for Camp and allowing her to have a great week of fun prior to her latest diagnosis and now time away from home for treatments. Thank you for giving Krisanna a chance to stay at Camp all week and not have to miss a minute's fun!! Thank you for making Camp Rap-A-Hope possible for all of the Campers. If you missed out on this year's fun, no worries - Camp 2010 is less than a year away, June 5 - 12, 2010!



*Dr. Mark McCaslin and Camper Isaac go fishin' down at Waterfront.*



*Above- Dr. Allison Douglas and Dr. Fred Bodie*

*Left- Dr. Caesar Agagan & wife Barbara as SodaJerks at the SockHop*

## **Special Thanks to the Following Physicians who volunteered at Camp this year! We could not have done it without you!**

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| Craig Kleinmann       | Felicia Wilson      |
|                       | Dwight Yoder        |



*Camper Alan, Dr. William Jeansonne, Camper Jeffrey, and Dr. William Daniels at Arts & Crafts*



*Dr. Dick Duffey & Son Danny (the 4th Duffey child to be a Camp Counselor)*



*Cory McGee (son of Dr. Tommy McGee) and Camper Sean*

**UPCOMING DATES**

◆ **USA MEDICAL STUDENT ORIENTATION DINNER**  
AUGUST 5TH, MOBILE MEDICAL MUSEUM

◆ **MEDICAL SOCIETY OF MOBILE CTY AND BALDWIN COUNTY SUMMER SOCIAL**  
5 RIVERS DELTA CENTER  
AUGUST 25TH; 6:30PM

◆ **USA GRAND ROUNDS**  
USA MEDICAL CENTER CONFERENCE CENTER,  
AUGUST 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, & 27TH; 8AM

◆ **MEDICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY MEETING**  
COUNTRY CLUB OF MOBILE  
SEPTEMBER 22ND; 6:30PM  
SPEAKER: WICKLIFFE MANY, M.D.

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*IN HONOR OF DR. SAM MILLER*

*Dr. John Nipper greets  
Circle of Friends Mem-  
ber, Chris Roberts (and  
wife, Lori) with BayBank  
at our March Quarterly  
Meeting*



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