

Chapter news

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Chapters observe 50th anniversaries

Recently, two chapters observed their 50th anniversaries: the Alabama Chapter, June 13-15, and the Tennessee Chapter, August 26-28. The Alabama Chapter 50th Annual Meeting took place in Point Clear; Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, the College's Executive Director, presented a commemorative charter to the Alabama Chapter.

The Tennessee Chapter continued its tradition of meeting at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Dr. Russell attended the three-day event (see photo, top right), during which three paper competitions for residents were held. The recipients of awards in these competitions included:

- Trauma Competition: First place—Wright Jernigan, MD, University of Tennessee (UT), Memphis.
- Jabbour-Basic Science Competition: First place—John Pacanowski, MD, UT, Knoxville.
- Clinical Science Competition: First place—Glen Balch, MD,* Vanderbilt University.

Ohio and Hawaii host annual meetings

The Ohio Chapter conducted its 47th Annual Meeting May 9-11. A hands-on course on laparoscopic ventral herniorrhaphy began the three-day education program, which also featured posters and presentations by residents and Ohio Chapter members. Claude H. Organ, Jr., MD, FACS, the College's President-Elect, presented the Ohio Oration during the annual business meeting. Also at the meeting, Richard Fratianne, MD, FACS, was awarded the Chapter's Distinguished Service Award (see photo, bottom right). Finally, the Ohio Chapter received an award of appreciation from



Tennessee Chapter: Dr. Russell (right) presented the 50th anniversary commemorative charter to David Walters, MD, FACS, chapter President.



Ohio Chapter: Dr. Fratianne (left), Past-President of the chapter and a former ACS Governor, receives the Ohio Chapter's Distinguished Service Award from Mark A. Malangoni, MD, FACS, a Governor-at-Large representing the Ohio Chapter.

*Denotes participant in the Candidate Group.



Hawaii Chapter, left to right: Michael Sawyer, MD; Simon H. Telian, MD; Elizabeth Sawyer, MD; Hideko Yamauchi, MD; Danny Morito Takanishi, Jr., MD, FACS; Jeffrey Lee, MD, FACS; Della M. Linn, MD; and Philip T. Siegert, MD, FACS.

the College's Development Committee for its contributions to the endowment funds. Other activities included: (1) reports from chapter lobbyist Dan Jones, president of Capitol Consulting Group, regarding trauma center verification and tort reform; and (2) a report on the 2002 surgery resident debt survey, which indicated that the average debt for Ohio surgery residents was \$81,260; 5 percent of residents' debt exceeded \$100,000, 22 percent had debt exceeding \$150,000, and 11 percent had debt that exceeded \$200,000.

Meanwhile, the Hawaii Chapter met August 9-11 in Oahu and a variety of topics were presented during the education program. Philip T. Siegert, MD, FACS, presented several sessions dealing with ambulatory surgical care, including regulations governing facilities. In addition, Dr. Siegert met with surgical residents and other physicians from the University of Hawaii and Tripler Army Medical Center programs (see photo, above).

New hotline for all ACS members

Since October, all College members—Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Candidates—have been able to use a new toll-free number to contact

the College—800/621-4111. Chapters are encouraged to alert their members to this new service.

2003 chapter leadership conference planned

To realize the goal of having a greater influence on health care policymaking, the 2003 Leadership Conference for Chapter Officers and Young Surgeons will be held in Washington, DC, June 22-24. Various education sessions will focus on legislative and rule-making processes and an update on the College's health policy priorities, as well as other activities.

Special sessions are planned for chapters' management staff and young surgeon representatives. In addition, all chapter leaders and young surgeons will have an opportunity to visit with their members of Congress during the three-day conference. For more information, contact Rhonda Peebles at 888/857-7545, or via e-mail at rpeebles@facs.org.

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Month	Chapter	Years
November	Arkansas	50
	Chile	51
	Florida	49
	Indiana	51
	Kentucky	50
	Michigan	51
	Nebraska	51
	Bronx, New York	51
	Central Pennsylvania	50
	Southwest Pennsylvania	50
December	Argentina	49
	Missouri	36