

Chapter news

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Connecticut Chapter meets U.S. representative

Last May, a small group of Connecticut Chapter members participated in a fundraising evening (see photo, right) for U.S. Rep. Nancy Johnson (R), who serves as Chair of the Subcommittee on Health of the House Ways and Means Committee. The event was a success, and at the function, Representative Johnson indicated she is open to reviewing the Chapter's concerns relative to improving access to bariatric surgery.

Chapters target Resident Members

Last spring, two chapters—New Mexico and North Dakota—announced plans to subsidize Resident Members' ACS dues. In addition, the North Dakota Chapter also announced plans to cover College dues for Medical Student Members. For more information on memberships for residents and medical students and for electronic application forms, go to <http://www.facs.org/memberservices/documents.html>.

Michigan Chapter recognizes winning residents

Last May, at its 2005 annual meeting, the Michigan Chapter recognized the winners of the annual Residents' Competition. Edward R. Laws, MD, FACS, the College's Immediate Past-President, served as Chief Judge of the judging committee.

The first-place winners included the following:

- *Frederick A. Collier Award*: Alisha Arora, MD,* Neoadjuvant Intratumoral Cytokines and Superior to Post-operative Vaccines in Generating Systemic Anti-tumor Immunity.

- *Alexander J. Walt Award*: Jules Lin, MD,* Inhibition of the Ubiquitin-Conjugating Enzyme E2C: A Potential Therapeutic Agent in Esophageal Adenocarcinoma.

* Denotes Resident or Medical Student membership in the College.



Connecticut Chapter, left to right: Martin Hasenfeld, MD; Gary Bloomgarden, MD, FACS; Patrick Tomak, MD; David Glassman, MD; Katie Orrico, JD; and Isaac Goodrich, MD, FACS.

- *Robert V. Danto Cancer Research Award*: Chaim B. Colen, MD, Inhibition of Lactate-Pyruvate Transport in Malignant Glioma: A Novel Chemo-radio Sensitizing Approach.

- *The Gift of Life (Transplantation) Award*: Noreen Durrani, MD,* The Effects of Gradually Increased Blood Flow on Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury in Rat Kidney.

- *Michigan Committee on Trauma—Basic Science*: Kellie McFarlin, MD,* Trauma Laparotomy: Effects of Stem Cell Therapy on Facial Wound.

- *Michigan Committee on Trauma—Clinical Science*: Krishna Athota, MD,* Pulmonary Complications in Trauma Patients Using Airway Pressure Release Ventilation.

- *D. Emerick Szilagyi Michigan Vascular Prize*: Stephen D. Berry, MD, Results of Infringuinal Bypass in African-Americans: Is Race a Factor?

Tennessee Chapter sets course

In late July, the Tennessee Chapter conducted its annual meeting and residents competition at the Paris Landing State Park on Kentucky Lake. With regard to chapter business, the members agreed to (1) send \$1,000 contributions to the Tennessee Medical Foundation and to the College; (2) increase the number of its delegates in the Tennessee Medical Association's House of

Delegates to seven from six; and (3) forward a resolution to the College concerning Medicare funding for residents who are training in rural areas. The chapter also elected the following new officers (all MD, FACS): Ray Compton, President; Bill Richards, President-Elect; Tony Haley, Vice-President; and Julie Dunn, Secretary-Treasurer.

Three separate competitions were conducted for the Residents at this meeting. First-place winners were as follows:

Trauma: J.G. Christiano, MD,* Prioritizing Trauma Prevention Efforts Using the University of Tennessee Prevention Ranking Score.

Basic Science: Dan Shell, MD, Rapamycin Coated ePTFE Grafts Exhibit Decreased Anastomotic Neointimal Hyperplasia in a Porcine Model.

Clinical Science: Benjamin K. Poulouse, MD,* Cost Effectiveness Evaluation of Bariatric Surgery Strategies.

Minnesota Chapter announces collaboration

The Minnesota Chapter announced plans last spring to begin conducting education programs in conjunction with three existing surgical societies: the Minnesota Surgical Society, the Minneapolis Surgical Society, and the St. Paul Surgical Society. In making the announcement, Joe Van Camp, MD, FACS, observed that "...this collaboration between the surgical societies of Minnesota will lead to a broad base of communication and cooperation amongst the state's surgeons, and continue in our excellent tradition of excellence in surgical care and continuing medical education."

Ohio Chapter opposes legislation

Last August, the Ohio Chapter announced its complete and total opposition to a state bill that would afford a new status to providers of "complementary and alternative health care ser-

Chapter meetings

For a complete listing of all of the ACS chapter education programs and meetings, please visit the ACS Web site at <http://www.facs.org/about/chapters/index.html>.

(CS) following the chapter name indicates a program cosponsored with the College for Category 1 CME credit.

January 2006		
Date	Chapter	Location/Contact information
Jan. 18	South Florida (CS)	Location: The Doral Golf Resort and Spa, Miami Contact: Bill Bouck, 305/687-1367
Jan. 20-22	Southern California (CS)	Location: Bacara Resort and Spa, Santa Barbara Contact: C. James Dowden, 323/937-5514
Jan. 20-22	Louisiana (CS)	Location: Marriott Hotel, New Orleans Contact: Janna Pecquet, pecquet@laacs.org
February 2006		
Feb. 23-25	South Texas (CS)	Location: TBA Contact: Christine S. Cocanour, MD, FACS, 713/500-7194
Feb. 24-25	North Texas (CS)	Location: Cityplace Conference Center, Dallas Contact: Joseph Kuhn, MD, FACS, 214/824-9963
April 2006		
Apr. 7	New York (CS)	Location: Rye Town Hilton, Westchester Contact: Heather Bennett, JD, 518/433-0397
Apr. 21-22	North and South Dakota (CS)	Location: Mitchell Holiday Inn, Mitchell, SD Contact: Terry Marks, 605/336-1965
Apr. 28-30	Virginia (CS)	Location: Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg Contact: Susan McConnell, 804/643-6631



Kansas Chapter: Mr. and Mrs. Riehm received their Alaskan cruise certificate from Stephen Myrick, MD, FACS, Past-President.



New Mexico Chapter, left to right: Dr. George, Dr. Howdieshell, Dr. Haynes, Dr. Jones, Dr. Macfarlane, and Dr. Kwan.

vices” (HB 117). In his letter to Rep. Tim Shaffer (R-Columbus), Chair of the House Commerce and Labor Committee, Ohio Chapter President Gary Williams, MD, FACS, observed that “. . . it is inappropriate and dangerous for lawmakers to allow an unlicensed health care practitioner to use titles such as ‘physician’ and ‘doctor’ that are synonymous with the extensive training required of ‘true’ physicians.” For more information about the Ohio Chapter’s advocacy activities, visit its new Web site at <http://www.ohiofacs.org/>.

Kansas Chapter executive retires

After serving nearly 20 years as Executive Director of the Kansas Chapter, Harold Riehm will officially retire this month. Mr. Riehm served adeptly from the Topeka headquarters. At the chapter’s 2005 annual meeting in September, the chapter membership presented Mr. Riehm and his wife with a gift certificate for an Alaskan cruise (see photo, above).

Beginning in January 2006, Mr. Charles “Chip” Weelen will take over the management responsibilities for the Kansas Chapter in Topeka.

New Mexico holds annual meeting

The New Mexico Chapter held its 2005 annual meeting September 9 in Albuquerque, and R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS, Director of the ACS Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care, presented the College’s perspective on pay-for-performance. The new officers elected at this meeting include (all MD, FACS, see photo, this page): Jacob George,

President-Elect; Thomas Howdieshell, President; Steven Haynes, Governor; Albert Kwan, Secretary-Treasurer; and J. Ralph Macfarlane, Immediate Past-President.

New Chapter in Iran

The College’s newest chapter is located in Iran and was approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting October 7–8. On Sunday, October 16, Courtney Townsend, Jr., MD, FACS, Chair of the Board of Governors, presented the charter for the Iran Chapter to Heshmatollah Kalbasi, MD, FACS, who serves as the Governor for Iran and will serve as the first President of the Iran Chapter; other officers include (all MD, FACS): Siavash Sihhat, Vice-President; Masoud Saleh, Second Vice-President; Abolghassem Abasahl, Treasurer; and Mohammad Reza K. Motamedi, Secretary.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
November	Arkansas	53
	Chile	54
	Florida	52
	Indiana	54
	Kentucky	53
	Michigan	54
	Nebraska	54
	Bronx, New York	54
	Southwest Pennsylvania	53
	December	Argentina
Missouri		39