

Chapter news

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North Carolina Chapter busy with recognitions

During its 2007 annual meeting in July in Asheville, the North Carolina Chapter presented two awards to Rollin S. Burhans, MD, FACS: the Chapter's Honored Surgeon Award and the inaugural Lowell Furman, MD, FACS, Humanitarian Award (see photo, right). Dr. Burhans has served in all the leadership positions of the North Carolina Chapter, and this year, his chapter recognized his volunteer surgical missions that have occurred in 19 countries, including China, where he provides surgical care in rural villages.

The Lowell Furman Humanitarian Award was created to honor Dr. Furman's development and devotion to world medical missionaries, which was begun in 1978 and sends approximately 250 surgeons, internists, and family practitioners to hospitals throughout the world.

In addition, during the meeting the College recognized the North Carolina Chapter for its loyal support of the Scholarship Endowment Fund since 1969. Having contributed \$25,000, the North Carolina Chapter has attained Life Membership in the Fellows Leadership Society.

Tennessee Chapter honors Kurita

In July, at its annual meeting at Paris Landing State Park, the Tennessee Chapter recognized State Sen. Rosalind Kurita for her sponsorship and support for legislation to fund the state's 10 trauma centers. Senator Kurita, a nurse by profession, was recognized by Julie Dunn, MD, FACS, the Chapter Secretary and Chair of the Tennessee Committee on Trauma (see photo, right). During the presentation, Senator Kurita explained that the sponsored legislation, which added 2 cents to the cost of a pack of cigarettes, would assist in funding Tennessee's six level I, one level II, and three level III trauma centers.



North Carolina Chapter: Richard W. Furman, MD, FACS (left), visits with Dr. Burhans after the presentation of the inaugural Lowell Furman, MD, FACS, Humanitarian Award; the Furmans are brothers.



Senator Kurita (left) receives Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, *Team of Rivals*, from Dr. Dunn.

Chapter meetings

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

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Date/time	Event	Information
January 2008		
January 17–18	Southern California (CS)	Location: Santa Barbara Biltmore Hotel, Santa Barbara, CA Contact: C. James Dowden, 323/937-5514, cjdowden@pacbell.net ACS representative: Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS
January 18–20	Louisiana (CS)	Location: The Ritz Carlton–New Orleans, New Orleans, LA Contact: Janna Pecquet, 504/733-3275, pecquet@LAACS.org
February 2008		
February 2	Salt Lake City	Location: The Hotel Monaco, Salt Lake City, UT Contact: Teresa Holdaway, 801/747-3500, teresa@utahmed.org
February 16	Alberta	Location: Rimrock Resort Inn, Banff, AB Contact: Philip Mitchell, MD, 403/264-6720, philipmitchell@mac.com
February 22	North Texas (CS)	Location: TBA, Dallas, TX Contact: Marcia McIntyre, 314/579-9707, Marcia@lettuceplanet.com ACS representative: Andrew L. Warshaw, MD, FACS
February 22–24	Puerto Rico	Location: La Concha Hotel, San Juan, PR Contact: Aixa Velez-Silva, 787/277-0674, genteinc@prtc.net ACS representative: Bruce L. Gewertz, MD, FACS
February 28– March 1	South Texas (CS)	Location: Omni Houston Hotel, Houston, TX Contact: Janna Pecquet, 504/733-3275, janna@southtexasacs.org ACS representative: Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS
March 2008		
March 5–7	Peru	Location: Los Delfines Hotel, Lima Peru Contact: Eduardo Barboza, MD, FACS, 511/219-0051, edbarboza@qnet.com.pe ACS representative: H. Randolph Bailey, MD, FACS
April 2008		
April 25–26	Indiana (CS)	Location: University Place Conference Center, Indianapolis, IN Contact: Carolyn Downing, 317/261-2060, cdowning@ismanet.org
April 26	New York (CS)	Location: Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown, NY Contact: Amy Clinton, 518/283-1601, NYCofACS@yahoo.com ACS representative: Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS

Representatives from New York Chapter to serve on task force

In August, the New York State Health Department and the New York State Insurance Department announced the membership that will compose the Medical Malpractice Liability Task Force. In addition to the New York Chapter representatives, other stakeholder groups to be members of the task force include physicians, consumers, businesses, hospitals, health insurance plans, malpractice insurers, attorneys, and several members of the state legislature. According to Amy Clinton, the New York Chapter Executive Director, the task force is charged “with identifying the fundamental causes of high medical malpractice costs and proposing solutions.”

Nebraska Chapter welcomes young surgeons

On September 9, in conjunction with the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton University Medical Center, the Nebraska Chapter hosted young surgeons, residents, and medical students, as well as faculty members. Called the Welcome BBQ, the event was hosted at the home of Debra Sudan, MD, FACS, President of the Nebraska Chapter. The purpose of the BBQ was to welcome the new first-year medical students and to network with the medical students who are planning residency training in Nebraska.

Florida Chapter honors Dr. Copeland

During the Clinical Congress in October in New Orleans, LA, the Florida Chapter presented Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS, Immediate-Past-President of the College, with a plaque to honor his service to surgeons in Florida (see photo, this page).



Florida Chapter: Dr. and Mrs. Copeland (left) and Richard Lynn, MD, FACS, Florida Chapter President.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
November	Arkansas	55
	Chile	56
	Florida	54
	Indiana	56
	Kentucky	55
	Michigan	56
	Nebraska	56
	Bronx, NY	56
	Southwest Pennsylvania	55
	December	Argentina
Missouri		41

Trauma meetings calendar

The following continuing medical education courses in trauma are cosponsored by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and Regional Committees:

- **Advances in Trauma**, De-

ember 7–8, Kansas City, MO.

- **Trauma, Critical Care, & Acute Care Surgery—2008**, March 24–26, 2008, Las Vegas, NV.

Complete course information can be viewed online (as it be-

comes available) through the American College of Surgeons' Web site at <http://www.facs.org/trauma/cme/traumtgs.html>, or contact the Trauma Office at 312/202-5342.