

# Chapter news

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## Southwest Missouri Chapter conducts fall meeting

The Southwest Missouri Chapter held its fall meeting on September 19 in Joplin. The meeting included the election of officers for 2002, and a presentation to the outgoing President, Allan Allphin, MD, FACS. New officers include Joseph Newman, MD, FACS, President; Thomas Pearson, MD, FACS, President-Elect; and John W. Buckner III, MD, FACS, Secretary-Treasurer. The educational portion of the program featured presentations on imaging, including breast imaging, stereotactic surgery, and positron emission tomography.

## Connecticut Chapter meets

The Connecticut Chapter conducted its 2001 annual meeting November 6 in Waterbury. The day-long education program, which was attended by 150 Fellows, residents, and medical students, featured competitions for trauma, cancer, and general surgery papers, three "cine papers" (video presentations), and 22 poster presentations. Before the education program, various committees met, including the cancer liaison, trauma, and young surgeons committees. Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, the College's Executive Director, delivered the keynote address. In addition, Sherman Bull, MD, FACS, a Connecticut Chapter Past-President, related his experiences ascending Mt. Everest; Dr. Bull is the oldest man to summit, an achievement he completed with his son.

## New Jersey Chapter observes 50th anniversary

The New Jersey Chapter conducted its 2001 annual meeting December 3 with more than 200 Fellows, Associate Fellows, Candidates, resi-

dents, and medical students in attendance. The day-long education program featured a paper competition for residents and medical students (see photo, p. 47), nine surgical specialty sessions, a luncheon, the Sheen Award Lecture, and the annual business meeting.

During the business meeting, R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS, the College's President, presented a 50th anniversary commemorative charter to officers of the New Jersey Chapter (see photo, p. 47). Also, during the luncheon, the 2001 Sheen Award was presented to James C. Thompson, MD, FACS, a Past-President of the College. His address was titled Endocrine Tumors of the Pancreas. Also during the business meeting, Art Ellenberger, Executive Director of the New Jersey Chapter, announced that Eric Munoz, MD, FACS, recently had been elected to a two-year term to the New Jersey Assembly. Mr. Ellenberger noted, too, that Dr. Munoz won his first election to statewide office by a significant majority (see photo, this page).



Dr. Munoz

## New York Chapter

On October 6, 2001, the Board of Regents approved the formation of the New York Chapter. As a result of the Regents' action, the Upstate New York Chapter and the New York State Society of Surgeons will combine. The interim officers of the New York Chapter are John Nicholson, MD, FACS, President; Peter Max, MD, FACS, President-Elect; Saqib Chaudhry, MD, FACS, Secretary; and Peter D'Silva, MD, FACS, Treasurer. In addition, Heather Bennett, JD, will serve as Executive Director.



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New Jersey Chapter, left to right: Elizabeth Robinson; Gregory Albaugh, DO; Dr. Jones; Saraswati D. Dayal, MD\*; and Arash Mohebbati.



New Jersey Chapter: Displaying the 50th Anniversary New Jersey commemorative charter, left to right: H. Stephen Fletcher, MD, FACS, Treasurer; Paul LoVerme, MD, FACS, Vice-President; Dr. Jones; J. Thomas Davidson, MD, FACS, immediate Past-President; Robert W. Hobson II, MD, FACS, President; and Mr. Ellenberger.

## Chapters continue support for the College's funds

During 2001, 19 chapters contributed a total of \$35,025 to the College's Endowment Funds. The chapters' commitment to the various funds support the College's pledge to surgical research and education. Chapters can contribute to several dif-

\*Denotes participant in the Candidate Group.

ferent funds, such as the Annual Fund, the Fellows Endowment Fund, or the Scholarship Fund. The chapters that contributed during 2001 include:

**Life Members of the Fellows Leadership Society:**<sup>†</sup> Arizona, Southern California, Louisiana, Maryland, Nebraska, Brooklyn-Long Island (NY), and Ohio.

**Annual Members of the Fellows Leadership Society:** Florida, South Florida, Georgia, Hong Kong, Illinois, Indiana, Metropolitan Chicago, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Metropolitan Philadelphia, North Texas, South Carolina, and Virginia.

**Contributors:** Maine, Alberta.

## Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
January	<b>Northern California</b>	<b>50</b>
	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>50</b>
February	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>50</b>
	Australia-New Zealand	17
	South Florida	48
	Iowa	34
	Italy	16
	Lebanon	39
	Montana-Wyoming	37
	Eastern Long-Island, NY	34
<b>Westchester, NY</b>	<b>50</b>	
Peru	25	
South Korea	15	
<b>Washington State</b>	<b>50</b>	

## Leadership conference for officers and young surgeons

In 2002, two important education programs are being combined. These education programs

<sup>†</sup>The Fellows Leadership Society (FLS) is the distinguished donor organization of the College. Chapters that contribute at least \$1,000 annually are members. Chapters that have contributed \$25,000 are FLS Life Members.

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include the Young Surgeons Representatives Annual Meeting and the Chapter Leadership Conference. These programs will be held at the College's headquarters in Chicago, IL. A preliminary schedule for the combined event includes:

May 15: Half-day education program for chapter administrators and executive directors.

May 16: Full-day education program for chapter officers and chapter administrators; joint re-

ception and dinner for young surgeons, chapter officers, and chapter administrators.

May 17: Full-day education program for young surgeons, chapter officers, and chapter administrators, including plenary sessions and breakout workshops.

May 18: Half-day education program for young surgeons.

# Next month in *JACS*

The March issue of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* will feature:



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#### Original scientific articles:

- Identifying Patient Preoperative Risk
- Factors and Postoperative Events: VA NSQIP
- Factors Associated with Conversion to Laparotomy in Laparoscopic Appendectomy

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#### Collective review:

- Overview of Bariatric Surgery

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#### Ethics:

- Ethics and Philosophy Lecture

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#### What's new

- In Trauma and Critical Care
  - In Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery
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