

Chapter news

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Chapters support the College's funds

In 2006, 17 chapters contributed a total of \$21,150 to the College's endowment funds. The chapters' commitments to the various funds support the College's pledge to surgical research and education. Chapters can contribute to several different funds, such as the Annual Fund, the Fellows Endowment Fund, or the Scholarship Fund. The chapters that contributed in 2006 include the following:

*R. Gordon Holcombe, MD, FACS, Chapter Award**: Louisiana

*The R. Gordon Holcombe, MD, FACS, Chapter Award was established in 2004 for chapters that have contributed \$100,000.



Connecticut Chapter leaders present Dr. MacArthur with the Distinguished Service Award. Left to right (all MD, FACS): Philip Corvo, Vice-President; Dr. MacArthur; Kathleen LaVorgna, Councilor; and Scott Kurtzman, President.



Connecticut Chapter: The winners of the chapter's 2006 residents' competition included (not in order) Charles Bakhos, MD**; Brian Kelly; Syed O. Ali, MD; Khaled Zreik, MD**; Bridget Nibler, PA-C, MHS; Tabatha Groff, PA-C, MPAS; Arun A Mavanur, MD**; Souheil Adra, MD; Scott M Cinelli, DO**; C. Van Cott, MD**; Lynsey Biondi, MD**; Jeremiah T Martin, MD**; Shaher Khan, MD**; Peter Abrams, MD**; and Tracy S. Wang, MD**. The winner of the Residents' Jeopardy was the team from Yale University (also pictured).

**Denotes Resident Member.

Chapter meetings

For a complete listing 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 that the ACS is providing *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* for this activity.

Date	Event	Location/contact information
February 2007		
February 15–17	Puerto Rico	Location: San Juan Hotel and Casino, San Juan, PR Contact: Aixa Velez-Silva, 787/277-0674, genteinc@prtc.net ACS Representatives: Paul Collicott, MD, FACS; Mary McGrath, MD, FACS
February 17	Alberta	Location: Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff, Alberta, MB Contact: Sean McFadden, MD, FACS, 403/944-4279, sean.mcfadden@calgaryhealthregion.ca
February 22–24	South Texas (CS)	Omni Houston Hotel, Houston, TX Contact: Janna Pecquet, 504/733-3275, janna@southtexasacs.org
February 23–24	North Texas (CS)	Location: City Place Conference Center, Dallas, TX Contact: Mark Watson, MD, FACS, 214/645-0500, mark.watson@utsouthwestern.edu
February 24	Metropolitan Washington (CS)	Location: Georgetown University Conference Center, Washington, DC Contact: Ebony Harris, 202/337-2701, eharris@facs.org
March 2007		
March 22–24	Northeast Mexico	Location: Convention Center, Monterrey, NL, Mexico Contact: Hector Marroquin Garza, MD, FACS, 011-52-8183-186900, hmarroquinfacs@prodigy.net.mx
April 2007		
April 12–14	Alabama	Location: University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham Contact: John Hooton, 205/776-2106, jh@surgicalassociates.com
April 13	Japan	Location: Rihga Royal Hotel, Osaka, Japan Contact: Susumu Eguchi, MD, 81-95-849-7316, sueguchi@net.nagasaki-u.ac.jp
April 13	New York (CS)	Location: Sagamore Resort on Lake George, Bolton Landing, NY Contact: Amy Clinton, 518/283-1601, NYCofACS@yahoo.com ACS Representative: Edward Copeland III, MD, FACS
May 2007		
May 2–5	Chile	Location: Hotel Sheraton, Santiago, Chile Contact: Carlos Lizana, MD, FACS, 562/264-1878, c_lizana@hotmail.com
May 10–12	South Carolina (CS)	Location: Marriott Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC Contact: Heather Black, 803/798-6207, heather@scmanet.org
May 10–12	West Virginia (CS)	Location: The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV Contact: Sharon Bartholomew, 304/598-3710, wvacs@labs.net ACS Representatives: Ajit Sachdeva, MD, FACS, FRCS; Julie Freischlag, MD, FACS

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Connecticut Chapter recognizes distinguished service

During its annual meeting on November 6, 2006, the Connecticut Chapter presented its first Distinguished Service Award to John MacArthur, MD, FACS (see photo, page 38). Dr. MacArthur has served the Connecticut Chapter in all leadership capacities, including the Board of Governors. Currently, Dr. MacArthur is semi-retired and working in Massachusetts.

In addition, the Connecticut Chapter conducted an extensive paper and case-report competition that included various categories, including bariatric surgery, plastic/reconstructive surgery, general surgery, and oncology, as well as Residents' Jeopardy, which concluded the day-long education program (see photo, page 38).

Manitoba observes 50th anniversary

The Manitoba Chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary at its 2006 annual meeting at the St. Boniface Research Centre in Winnipeg in November. Richard J. Finley, MD, FACS, a Regent of the College, presented the Manitoba Chapter with its 50th anniversary commemorative charter. Jacob Langer, MD, FACS, from Toronto, ON, served as the keynote speaker. After the education program concluded, a special dinner was held at the Manitoba Club (see photo, this page).

2007 Leadership Conference

The 2007 Leadership Conference will be held June 3–6 at the Washington (DC) Court Hotel. Chapters are encouraged to send their chapter officers, two to three young surgeons (age 45 or



Manitoba Chapter: Leaders and guests of the chapter included the following: From left to right (all MD, FACS): B.J. Hancock; Dr. Langer; James Ross, Governor; Mark Taylor; Iona Bratu, Secretary; and Dr. Finley.

younger), and their chapter administrator or executive director to the meeting. The College's Washington, DC, Office will schedule Capitol Hill visits—to be conducted Tuesday afternoon—for all the chapters that participate.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
January	Northern California	55
	Louisiana	55
February	Arizona	55
	Australia–New Zealand	22
	South Florida	53
	Iowa	39
	Italy	21
	Lebanon	44
	Montana–Wyoming	42
	Eastern Long Island, NY	39
Peru	30	
South Korea	20	
Washington State	55	

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