Message From The President . . .

The 1987 Annual Meeting of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology held in Orlando, FL in October was a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS! The didactic sessions were well attended as well as the many social events. I would like to thank all of the speakers who contributed their time and efforts to produce the largest and most informative program we have had to date.

I would also like to commend the speakers on the quality of their lectures and papers. As program chairman, it was my responsibility to judge the first annual competition for the "DANIEL KOPRINCE, D.O. EDUCATION AWARDS." This was not an easy job. Included in this issue are the winners of the award . . . but, we were all winners to have had the opportunity to hear these outstanding lectures.

If you are interested in speaking at next year's conference, I urge you to get your request to Dr. Lloyd J. Cleaver, 1988 program chairman, as early as possible.

I would like to thank Dr. Cleaver for securing a record number of contributions for the 1987 meeting. Please keep a list of these contributors handy in your office and thank the local representatives. Without the support of these companies, we would not be able to provide meetings of such high quality.

As most of your know, Dr. Verona has been pursuing the issue of D.O. membership in the American Academy of Dermatology. He met with AAD president, Dr. Richard Odom at the recent AAD annual meeting. His report is also included in this issue. I would like to thank him for following up on this matter.

From my family to yours, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

Steven C. Roberts, D.O.
President

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW AOCDD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pictured above: President, Steven C. Roberts, D.O.; President-elect, Lloyd J. Cleaver (seated); Immed. Past President, Robert D. Verona, D.O.; Vice President, Eugene T. Conte, D.O.; and Secretary/Treasurer James D. Bernard, D.O.
editorial . . .

"A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever," wrote John Keats, who was England's fourth greatest poet. Keats was a romanticist who died at an early age in a foreign country and therefore was not buried in Westminster Abbey.

William Shakespeare was far and away the greatest poet of the English language. He wrote over thirty plays and over 150 sonnets, having had a vocabulary of over 20,000 words. Nobody comes close to William Shakespeare, but John Milton, who wrote "Paradise Lost" and ranks second. William Wordsworth, poet Laureate in the twilight of his career, author of my favorite poem, is usually ranked third in English literature.

Like John Keats, all Dermatology Residents/Preceptees can create their own thing of beauty. Resolve now to create "A Thing of Beauty" by writing a paper or giving a talk at our next AOCDD meeting.

Give some thought, put some effort into your next presentation and come up with "A Thing of Beauty."

If your presentation is judged to be first, second or third best, who knows, you can even win a cash prize!

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever, its loveliness increases, it will never pass into nothingness, but still will keep a bower quiet

for us, and a sleep full of sweet dreams."  
(From Endymion--J. Keats)

Look forward to seeing all of you next year in Las Vegas . . . or perhaps sooner.

Fraternally,

Daniel Kop prince, D.O.

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Education Evaluating Committee Report

James D. Bernard, D.O.  
Chairman

All TRAINES and TRAINERS should submit their materials and reports by February 15, 1988, to the AOA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

These items will be submitted to the AOCDD Education Evaluation Committee. The Committee will review and make recommendations to the AOA Committee on Post Doctorial Training which meets in April, 1988.

Cleaver To Serve As Program Chairman For '88 Meeting

Dr. Lloyd Cleaver will serve at the program chairman for the 1988 Annual AOCDD Convention in Las Vegas December 4-8. Trainees and others interested in serving as speakers should contact Dr. Cleaver as early as possible.
AAD To Offer New Membership Category

The Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Dermatologists at their December, 1987, meeting recommended that a new membership category be established. To be called "Nonmember Affiliate," it will not affect D.O.'s who are currently members of AAD.

The new "Nonmember Affiliate" will include osteopathic medical dermatologists with osteopathic dermatological training, all M.D.'s who are boarded or are eligible by boards other than the American Board of Dermatologists or Canadian Boards, certain dermatopathologists and PhD.'s.

This membership category will make all educational meetings, computer programs, publications and other communications, etc. available to those who meet membership requirements. They will have no vote and are not eligible to run for office.

The AAD Board of Directors referred the proposal to the Bylaws Committee with a request to refine the concept and report back to the Board at the AAD's June, 1988 summer meeting. If then approved by the Board, it will be submitted to a mail member vote in September, 1988 with the results reported at the December, 1988 AAD annual meeting.

(Submitted by Dr. Robert D. Verona, AOCD Immediate Past President)

News About Our Members

DR. JAMES D. BERNARD has been reelected Secretary Treasurer of the AOCD. He has served in this capacity since 1979.

Dr. Bernard was also recently elected vice president of Phi Sigma Gamma, a national osteopathic medical fraternity.

DR. ROBERT D. VERONA was recently elected Secretary Treasurer of the Central Ohio Dermatological Society.

CONGRATULATIONS! ! !

Congratulations to DRS. JOEL J. HARRIS, WILLIAM F. HECKERT, AND ROBERT D. VERONA who were elected Fellow in the AOCD at the annual meeting in Orlando.

Congratulations to DRS. HARRY B. ELMETS AND CHARLES G. HUGUES who were reelected to the AOBD.

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New AOCD Directories Ready

If you would like another copy of the 1987-88 AOCD Membership Directory, please contact the central office in Atlanta.

California Court Ruling Precedent Setting

A decision with potentially severe implications for physicians recently emerged in California. The California Supreme Court has let stand a state appellate court's precedent-setting decision on utilization review liability in Wickline vs. State of California.

In dismissing the plaintiff's appeal, the state's highest court left intact the appellate court ruling which implies that physicians may be held liable if they fail to appeal or override cost containment based insurance company decisions which they believe may be adverse to the patient.

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REQUEST TO SPEAK AT
1988 MEETING

Dear AOCD Member:

The 1988 AOCD Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the AOA Annual Convention, December 4-8, 1988, in Las Vegas, NV. Due to the large number of requests to speak at the meeting last year, it will be necessary to begin planning the program early.

For those doctors who are in training, it is particularly important that you submit your request as early as possible.

Please complete the form below and mail it to the Central office in Atlanta.

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: _______________________

____ YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND THE 1988 CONVENTION AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

TOPIC: _______________________

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED: (30, 45, OR 60 MINUTES) _______________________

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History of Las Vegas

Legal gambling was the catalyst that transformed a dusty desert village known as Las Vegas into a world-famous tourism mecca and the largest city in the nation formed in the 20th century.

But the opulent hotels, lavish shows and games of chance would never have blossomed in Las Vegas if it hadn't been for the ready availability of nature's most precious desert resource - water.

This year an estimated 12 million visitors will swim in it, fish in it, sail on it and drink it. Nearly 550,000 Las Vegas will cook with it, water lawns and parks with it, air condition homes with it, and revel in it during those rare days when it actually rains.

The man who sparked the Las Vegas land boom was Senator William Clark, who came to Nevada in 1902. He needed Las Vegas' water to fulfill his dream of building a railroad connecting the Pacific Ocean with the Great Salt Lake. In those days the steam locomotives needed water, and Las Vegas had the only artesian water between Milford, Utah and Los Angeles. On May 15, 1905, on what is now a parking lot for the Union Plaza Hotel, Clark's railroad held an auction for Las Vegas townsite lots. Investors braved 106 degree heat and paid up to $500 each for the lots - then an enormous price. Upon many of those lots today sit glittering high-rise hotels and casinos.

The rampaging waters of the nearby Colorado River pulled Las Vegas from the depths of the Great Depression in the early 1930's when the federal government decided to build Boulder Dam - now Hoover Dam - in Black Canyon. Las Vegas, located just 30 miles from the construction site, was designated as railhead for the enormous project.

An engineering marvel, the concrete dam is 726.4 feet high and 660 feet thick at its base. It tamed the Colorado and stores two years average flow of the river. Best of all, it is providing Las Vegas with an abundance of that precious resource - water.
AOCD Enjoys
Annual Convention
in Orlando In
October, 1987
First Annual Koprince Awards Given

The first annual "Daniel Koprince, D.O. Education Awards" were given by program chairman, Steven Roberts, D.O. They are:

Best presentation by a physician in the third year of training - $150:
Edward H. Yob, D.O.
"Verrucous Carcinoma"

Best presentation by a physician in the second year of training - $100:
William C. Chow, D.O.
"Chemotherapy Induced Toxic Acral Erythema"

Best presentation by a physician in the first year of training - $50:
Glenn I. Goldberg, D.O.
"Lichen Sclerosus et Atrophicus: Clinical Variants"

The awards are given to the trainees who present the best three papers at the annual didactic sessions. The competition is judged by the current program chairman.

Trainees Alert!!!

Trainees are urged to KEEP ALL ORIGINAL documentation on their training program. Mail COPIES only to the AOA.

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FUTURE AOCD ANNUAL MEETINGS

1988 - Las Vegas, NV
December 4 - 8

1989 - Anaheim, CA
November 12 - 16

1990 - Las Vegas, NV
October 14 - 18
In "Wickline," patient Lois Wickline charged that the California Medi-Cal utilization review board negligently allowed her only four days of continued hospital care following her leg surgery rather than the eight days her attending physician requested. Because of the inadequate hospitalization, she charged, she developed an infection that subsequently resulted in the amputation of her right leg.

A jury awarded Ms. Wickline $500,000. The California Court of Appeals for the 2nd District however reversed the decision on the grounds that the patient's discharge was based on the applicable standard of care and that Wickline's physicians had never appealed the decision to discharge. Therefore, the court held, Medi-Cal could not be found to have overturned the medical judgment of the patient's physician.

Because the defendant in "Wickline" was the utilization review board, no case has yet specifically addressed the liability of physicians under these circumstances. The California appellate court certainly hints, however, that such liability can be found: "The physician who complies without protest with the limitations imposed when his medical judgment dictates otherwise cannot avoid ultimate responsibility for the patient's care. He cannot point to the health care payer as the liability scapegoat when the consequences of his own determinative medical decisions go sour."

In light of the "Wickline" decision, the AOA Washington office is suggesting that physicians might be well-served by documenting their protests of utilization review decisions they believe to be adverse to their patients.

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