MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It is almost summertime and as I look back it has been a very busy year for me, and a very rewarding one. I hope the same for every one of you.

May has been an especially busy month with the various skin cancer screening clinics. I hope that you have been involved in those as well. If you have not, there is still an opportunity to hold these during the early summer. As per our previous letter regarding skin cancer screenings, assistance is available through Dr. Bachenberg and myself, or through the American Academy of Dermatology. We encourage you to be a part of this significant event. We received cards from a number of members who were involved in skin cancer screening clinics. If you were involved but have not yet mailed your card, please do so as soon as possible. This information is very valuable to us and we appreciate your accurate reporting.

The response to the survey included in the last newsletter was very good. There are still many of you who have not yet submitted your survey forms. This is a major instrument that we can use to assess the needs of you and the AOCMD and provide an organization tailored to meet those specific needs. Please take time to complete your form and mail it to the AOCMD office. Enclosed is another copy of the survey form if you have misplaced yours. We will publish in the next newsletter a summary of some of the major points from those documents. Please try to get these in as soon as possible.

A major issue continues to be our relationship with the American Academy of Dermatology. The most recent bylaw proposal is that membership for preexisting affiliate members continue. However, this does not allow for the inclusion of members who were not previously granted affiliate status. We have written the AAD Bylaws Committee, Membership Committee, and the officers of the American Academy of Dermatology urging them to include our new eligible members, and we have had some very positive feedback. This is an ongoing process and we will keep you up to date as developments occur.

We have the opportunity to publish a number of articles in major publications and would encourage those of you with a journalistic flare to produce some articles. (Most provide an honorarium.) If you would please send your articles to my office, we will get them to the appropriate source for review and back to you. Certainly, as a College we need to be as academic as possible and publishing is a very good mechanism for that.

Dr. Conte is working on the program for the upcoming AOA meeting in November in California. It is important to let Dr. Conte know immediately if you wish to present a paper. We need a synopsis or an abstract of your presentation to be included in a booklet for presentation at the meeting. If you have not received one, please write the AOCMD office or my office and we will get you one as soon as possible. They are available without cost and they are a nice compendium of the previously presented material.

Membership dues in AOCMD are due July 1, 1989. One of our immediate goals is to get all eligible dermatologists as members of the AOCMD. This will help us unify support for government and AOA policies as well as our relationship with the AAD. I encourage you to talk to your
American Academy of Dermatology New Affiliate Members Update

Michael J. Mahon, D.O.
Vice President, AOCDD

Through recent correspondence by phone and letters with Marshall Blankenship, M.D., and James Nordlund, M.D., we have been able to obtain information regarding the latest situation with the AAD and its Affiliate Membership. Both of these Dermatologists are members of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Dermatology.

The AAD Board of Directors recently accepted a proposal which would open up the affiliate membership to various categories. One of these categories is Osteopathic Dermatologists who are board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology.

At the present time this is not a by-law of the American Academy of Dermatology since it must be voted on by the general membership by a mail ballot this fall. The final result will be available at the AAD meeting in December 1989.

We hope the general membership of the AAD will pass this new proposal. We will keep interested members of the AOCDD informed as to the current status of the affiliate membership.

LETTERS

"April 20, 1989

Dear Drs Cleaver, Conte, and Mahon

Thank you for your letter of April 14, 1989, concerning Affiliate Membership for Osteopathic Dermatologists. President Ben Smith appointed a special Ad-hoc Committee to define Affiliate membership, including Diane R. Baker, M.D., Chairman, William A. Caro, M.D., Larry E. Millikan, M.D., and Hiram M. Stern, M.D., and their report will be given during the meeting of the Board of Directors in Evanston, IL, April 22 - 23, 1989. I assure you that the Board will give careful consideration to your letter of April 14, 1989.

Yours sincerely,
J. Graham Smith, Jr., M.D.
President-elect, AAD

"March 22, 1989

Dear Ms. Garrison

Thank you for your listing of current Osteopathic dermatology residents in training. As you are aware, Westwood is firmly committed to supporting dermatology education pro-
grams for residents and preceptors. Many of the Osteopathic dermatology residents listed are already receiving support from our program. However, sometimes identifying and locating all the Osteopathic dermatology residents has been difficult because of rotations and schedules.

Our structured residency program provides textbooks and educational support which is personally delivered by our sales representatives on a regular basis throughout a resident's training years. The names and addresses you provided will be forwarded to the appropriate area representatives who will attempt to contact the omitted trainees and set appointments to discuss the elements of our current program.

Thank you for your interest in Westwood and for your assistance in helping us to locate residents we may have missed.

Sincerely,
Marita Ronald
Supervisor, Professional Services.
Westwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

EDITORIAL by
Daniel Koprince, D.O.

There are no ordinary moments in life. Yesterday is gone forever - never to return - like a canceled check, spent forever. The future is promised to no one. To assume you will be here several years from now - is just that - an assumption - a blatant assumption. We only have today - make this day a miracle - for there are no ordinary moments in life.

The AOCDD presently has two residency training programs located in Pontiac, Michigan and Dayton, Ohio, currently training two students each. We need several seasoned Certified Dermatologists to step forward and begin new Osteopathic Residency Programs. These programs should be associated with a teaching hospital and/or one of our 15 Osteopathic Colleges.

The Evaluating Committee has received complaints that preceptorship training programs occasionally leave something to be desired. The Committee shall tighten up the guidelines and is considering surprise inspections of some programs where complaints have been registered.

Eleanor Roosevelt said ... you can become whatever you think about all day long - whatever you tell your brain you want to be. Tell your brain you want to become an exceptional Osteopathic Dermatologist.
AOCD LEADERSHIP GATHERS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN LAS VEGAS IN DECEMBER, 1989

Pictured above are left to right standing: Drs. Shelly Friedman, Eugene Conte, Lloyd Cleaver, Charles Hughes, and Thomas Bonino; seated are: Drs. Steve Roberts, Jim Bernard, Dan Koprince, and Harry Elmets.

CONGRATULATIONS

At its meeting on March 20, 1989, the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association, on the recommendation of the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists, approved the certification of the following physicians in dermatology:

John G. Brady, D.O.
Seymour R. Diskin, D.O.
Gary J. Rothfeld, D.O.
Stanley Skopit, D.O.
John N. Stathakis, D.O.

MEMBER PICTURES NEEDED

The AOCD will begin collecting pictures of members for the AOCD Membership Directory to be published in December, 1989. Please mail a "head and shoulders" picture of yourself to the AOCD office in Atlanta.

If you do not have a picture available, see Drs. Walker and Hughes at the next Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. They will have a photographer available to take your picture for the directory.

American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology

Thomas H. Bonino, D.O.
Secretary/Treasurer

Elsewhere in this issue you will see a list of D.O.'s who recently became board certified after taking their board examinations at the last Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Congratulations to them.

The next board examination will be held on Sunday, November 12, 1989 at the Anaheim Hilton in Anaheim, CA in conjunction with the AOCD Annual Meeting. Those interested in taking the exam must have submitted their materials to my office by April 1, 1989.

AOCD VOTES ON CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHANGE

The AOCD membership approved a recommendation from the Executive Committee to change the AOCD Constitution, ARTICLE III - Membership Section 2 - Eligibility, Rights and Obligations, D. AFFILIATE to: (The underlined words are the change.)

"Any Physician in good standing who is directly affiliated with the practice of dermatology shall be eligible to become an affiliate member. Affiliate membership may be granted by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology. Affiliates shall have all the rights and obligations of active members except they shall not be eligible to hold elective office or to vote."

The change shall be voted on at the Annual Membership Business Meeting in Anaheim, CA in November, 1989.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS . . .

DR. J. GREG BRADY (Boston, MA) has been selected for a fellowship in Mohs' Micrographic Surgery. The fellowship will commence on July 1, 1989 and will be two years in duration. The fellowship training will be located at the tufts New England Medical Center, Boston, MA and shall be under the direction of Donald J. Grande, M.D.

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DR. SCOTT J.M. LIM (Philadelphia, PA) had published the cover cme article on "Herpes Foster" in the March issue of Osteopathic Medical News.

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DR. JAMES DEL ROSSO (Athens, OH) has presented lectures to several Ohio osteopathic and medical groups on a variety of topics. He also appeared on local TV and radio stations to discuss dermatology.

Education Evaluating

James D. Bernard, D.O., Chairman

The next meeting of the AOCD Education Evaluating Committee is scheduled for October 8, 1989. All reports and materials from trainees and trainers must be mailed to the Committee by that time. The AOA Committee on Postdoctoral Training is set to meet December 6-8, 1989.
CONVENTIONS
Michael J. Mahon, D.O. Chairman
Eugene T. Conte, D.O. Chairman,
Program

Included in this issue is a list of companies that have contributed to this year’s Annual Meeting. Please talk to representatives who call on you but are not on this list. Ask them to contact their companies with a request to make a contribution. These contributions are very important toward our College’s continued efforts to present quality education programs.

As of May 18 there were only six remaining lecture spots. Contact Dr. Conte immediately, if you wish to present a paper, or NEED to present a paper. Remember, trainees are requested to present at the Annual Meeting, two papers over their three year training period. (These cannot be presented in the same year.)

HCFA TO IMPLEMENT NEW IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has begun implementing a new system to uniquely identify every physician who treats Medicare patients. Under the system, each doctor will be assigned a Unique Identification Number (UPIN), which will remain with the physician throughout his or her career.

In order to uniquely identify all providers, HCFA is establishing a Registry to assign the numbers. The Registry Carrier will maintain data as well. By comparing career data with AMA and AOA data, the Registry will be able to issue a UPIN for most physicians. When there is a discrepancy in the data, the Registry will first try to resolve it with the professional society data file. When this effort does not resolve the discrepancy, the carrier will contact the individual physician.

HCFA hopes to have the program in operation by April, 1989. Eventually, it is hoped that the UPIN will replace the existing system of provider numbers.

THIRD OSTEOPATHIC SUMMIT FOCUSES ON SOLUTIONS

Representatives of some two dozen osteopathic associations drew up partial solutions to the ten most pressing problems facing the profession as they gathered in Chicago for the third osteopathic summit.

The group’s recommendations include:

- Devising a consistent message about osteopathic medicine for all associations to use.
- Reminding the public that osteopathic medicine encompasses complete care, not simply manipulative therapy or general practice.
- Establishing centers of excellence—an osteopathic teaching hospital linked with an osteopathic college, for instance—as models of the type of care the profession provides.
- Supporting the community in any way possible—for instance, through the contributions of a hospital’s employees to a United Way campaign—to underscore the profession’s concern for its neighbors.
- Setting up a national physician-referral hotline.
- Encouraging hospitals to help physicians just entering practice.
- Producing a video on graduate medical education financing.
- Arranging free "Ask the Doctor" columns with local newspapers that would otherwise have to buy such features from a wire service.

Summarizing the outcome of the third summit, AOA past president Eugene Sikorski, D.O., labeled the relationship among the groups represented as "symbiotic." "What’s good for one is good for the rest," Sikorski said. "The survival of one depends on the survival of the rest.”

ULBRICH MEMORIAL AWARD TO ACCEPT DONATIONS THROUGH DUES

The AOCDS Executive Committee voted to include a section on the Annual Membership Dues Statement for voluntary contributions to the Albert P. Ulbrich, D.O. Award. Dr. Ulbrich who died in late 1988 was a founding father of the College. The award will recognize an outstanding, practicing osteopathic dermatologist.

Drs. Conte, Goetz, Horowitz and Koprince are establishing a procedure for presenting the award.

A listing of those contributing to the award will be included in the next issue of the AOCDS Newsletter.

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

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colleagues who have for some reason or another dropped their membership in the AOCDS as well as those who are eligible for membership by their training, but for some reason are not members of the AOCDS. I’ve asked Dr. Gene Graff to serve as membership chairman and he will be contacting individuals who have not been active members of the AOCDS and try to solicit their membership.

We will soon be asking you to provide information for the Annual Membership Directory and part of that will be a passport size photo that we can include so that you can connect a face with a name. This is very important, and we hope that everyone will comply with this request.

I would like to again congratulate the many members who are working hard out there on an ongoing basis to improve the AOCDS and improve dermatology. It requires a continual effort, and we appreciate your support on the AOCDS.

Warmest personal regards.

Fraternally,

Lloyd J. Cleaver, D.O. President
**THE EOPRINCE CORNER**

*Clinical "PEARLS" in Medical & Surgical Dermatology*

**3.1 SIGNIFICANT DRUG INTERACTIONS IN DERMATOLOGY**

*Dr. James Del Rosso*, of Athens, Ohio, has provided a table of potentially significant systemic drug interactions that are likely to confront a dermatologist.

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*SEND ANY "PEARLS" YOU HAVE TO:*

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