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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 1993! I want to take this opportunity to wish the best for a happy and healthy New Year to each of you. It's a particularly exciting time for the College. We have had some tremendous leadership and it is a true honor for me to follow as your president. On behalf of the membership, I want to congratulate and extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Shelly Friedman for his exceptional leadership and many achievements as our President last year.

Our College has seen an exciting explosion of growth in recent years as well as an increased awareness on behalf of the AOA and the AAD. It is important that we maintain our professional unity as the College matures. Our strength is in remaining united, for it is only through a concerted effort, that we will attain our future goals.

Education, of course, is the foundation of our College. The midyear and annual meetings serve as the principal forums for the sharing of medical and surgical advances, procedures, treatments, and research developments. Our upcoming Midyear Conference on April 2-5, 1993, in Vail, Colorado, promises to be an outstanding program due to the excellent preparation by program chairman, Dr. Steven Brenman. Please make every effort to attend this most important meeting of the College. Thanks also to Dr. Lloyd Cleaver and KCOM for their help with the program. (Be sure to contact KCOM for registration information.)

Communication and involvement from our members is critical to the growth of the AOCD. It will take the talents AND participation of ALL our members to enable our College to continue to move forward in 1993. I invite you to contact me with your questions and suggestions. If you would like to serve in a particular area, let me know, or contact the chair of that committee. If we work together, our AOCD can truly be greater, stronger, and more effective.

Look forward to seeing you this April in Colorado!

Fraternally,



Michael J. Scott, III, D.O., FAOCD
President

ULBRICH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GOES TO KOPRINCE

In a sometimes emotional tribute to one of the giants of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, the *Lifetime Achievement Award* was presented to Dan Koprince, D.O. at the banquet of the AOCD Annual Meeting in November, 1992, in San Diego, California. Immediate past president Dr. Shelly Friedman who presided at the banquet called several members forward to tell how Dr. Koprince had touched their lives in a very special way, both professionally and personally.

In a tribute to Dr. Koprince, longtime member and secretary/treasurer of the College Dr. James Bernard submitted the following:

"I have had the privilege of knowing Dan Koprince for nearly a quarter of a century. During this time he has been a mentor, confidant, advisor, friend and father figure. He is a one of a kind individual who has assisted many a young and aspiring dermatologist to reach his/her goals. In fact, few members of the AOCD have *not* been touched by his good works, either

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directly or indirectly and those of the AOA and AAD executive echelon are aware of the shadow of greatness he has cast upon osteopathic dermatology. Dan has been the driving force of the College for

many years, spawning a new generation of dermatologists to bring the AOCD into the 21st century.

As a young trainee under Dr. Koprince, there were times I wondered why he took so much time to

explain, train and nurture. As the years passed, I came to see that this was his way of giving something back to the profession he loved so much. For those of us who were fortunate enough to train under Dr. Koprince, we consider ourselves blessed. Many of the procedures and methods he introduced years ago are still performed and considered the mainstay of many a practice... he is truly the "Great Master" of osteopathic dermatology and I'm honored to have had the opportunity to participate in this tribute to him."

The Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 1989 in honor of one of the founders of the College Albert P. Ulbrich, D.O. to recognize outstanding osteopathic dermatologists who have exhibited exceptional commitment to the College, especially in the area of education. The award was presented to Harry B. Elmets, D.O. in 1990.



Pictured above after receiving the AOCD Ulbrich Lifetime Achievement Award are Dan Koprince, D.O. with (from left to right) Elizabeth Langford, D.O., daughter Janet Koprince, D.O., and Dari Ann Ungaretti, D.O.

AOCD Midyear Conference
in conjunction with the
Kirksville College
of Osteopathic Medicine

DERMATOLOGY UPDATE

April 2-5, 1993

Radisson Resort Vail
Vail, Colorado

23 AOA-approved
Category 1-A Credits

Steven A. Brenman, D.O.,
Program Chair

For information on registration, contact
Rita Harlow, Director, Continuing
Education, KCOM, 816/626-2232

For hotel reservations,
call 800/648-0720
Room rate: \$99 (S/D)



Member News

Featured in the September issue of Muscle & Fitness was a lecture given by Monique Cohn, D.O. (Pontiac, MI) on "fragrance free vs. un-scented" products.

JUST ONE HAPPY FAMILY!



Pictured above with his "second family" - his office staff - is AOCD past president and AOBD member David C. Horowitz, D.O. of Torrance, California. (Snuggled next to Dr. Horowitz is Mrs. Horowitz who helps out in the office and second from left standing is new resident Dr. Gregory Lagos.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

— Shelly A. Friedman, D.O.

Included in this newsletter are the winners of the 1992 Koprince Awards (both for the Midyear and the Annual Meetings.) Recipients are chosen by the program chairs at our two meetings for excellence in presentation of papers. Beginning in 1992, only residents were qualified to be considered. As you know, Dan Koprince, D.O. was selected as the 1993 winner of the "Ulbrich Lifetime Achievement Award". It was a special honor for me personally to be the one to present him with this award. We are now soliciting nominations for the next Award. Please submit your nominees, along with pertinent information on why you believe he or she should be so honored, to me at 10603 N. Hayden Road, Suite 112, Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

Bylaws

— Charles G. Hughes, D.O.

The proposed bylaws change which would have changed the name of the AOCD did not receive a majority vote at the annual membership business meeting in November. I have been asked to once again request information from the membership concerning a proposed name change (see enclosed in newsletter). I would appreciate your sending these forms back in to the AOCD office in Atlanta as soon as possible. It would be very helpful for us to have some idea of the membership's wishes prior to the Midyear Executive Committee meeting in April.

Convention - Annual Meeting Program

— James Q. Del Rosso, D.O.

In October of 1993, the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology will once again join the AOA and approximately 14 other specialty colleges for an annual event that features didactics, workshops, business meetings and social activ-

ities. It's a time of learning, relaxation and visiting, visiting with former classmates and friends, refreshings, events, a meeting with the AOA Convention. I hope you will take a few minutes to mark your calendar now for this very important College meeting. The dates are October 10-14, 1993, and will be held in Boston, Massachusetts.

The program is quickly developing into what I believe will be an outstanding educational experience. The major focus of the meeting is therapeutics, and I am asking all presenters to share therapeutic "pearls" based on their experience and knowledge of the literature. Dr. Ken Tomecki of the Cleveland Clinic will be speaking on the management of fungal diseases, as well as providing an overview of what is new in the field of dermatologic therapy. Dr. Peter Lynch from the University of Minnesota will be discussing the management of Human Papillomavirus infection. Dr. William Jordan will be joining us from Virginia and will be sharing with us therapeutic insights regarding the treatment of difficult eczematous disorders. I am working hard to enlist other well known and highly experienced dermatologists for the program . . . and the outlook at this time is very good.

In the area of cutaneous oncology. Dr. Terry Harrist of Pathology Services Dermatopathology Laboratories has agreed to assist me in the organization of a cutaneous oncology seminar. Dr. Harrist is affiliated with Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Hospital. Dr. Wally Clark, a well-known expert in the melanocytic skin lesions, has agreed to participate in the seminar. In addition, Dr. Poulos of American Laboratories has agreed to return to complete the second half of his dermatopathology workshop reviewing the histology of cutaneous tumors. Dr. Poulos is also equipped to review therapeutic considerations regarding these tumors based on their biologic behavior.

We have not forgotten our highly skilled crew of osteopathic dermatologists who are interested in providing education. Dr. John Hibler and Dr. Scott Drew will be presenting a breakfast session on phototherapy. Dr. Shelly Friedman and Dr. Matt Leavitt will be providing a thorough review of hair replacement techniques. Once again, Dr. Greg Brady has agreed to coordinate the "hands on" dermatologic surgery workshop with both a basic and advanced program being offered at this meeting. Last but not least, Dr. Earl Bachenberg will be presenting a session on Radiation Therapy based on his years of experience with this modality. Other "breakfast" sessions are in the planning states.

Please watch future issues of the AOCD Newsletter for more information . . . and don't forget those calendars!

Convention - Midyear Meeting Program

— Steven A. Brenman, D.O.

The Midyear Meeting is on schedule: 30 inches of snow was reported in Denver in December alone! And, the program is on schedule too. We are very fortunate to have such a wide variety of excellent dermatologists to choose from in our College. With their help, I have developed a program I believe will be of interest to everyone. Skiing has been great so far. I've checked out the slopes personally (research!) Spring skiing should be sunny and in the 50's. For Saturday night, we're planning a trip via the free shuttle to Central City for a "Casino" night.

Flights are available directly to Vail, or you can fly into Denver and then by van to Vail. Cost is approximately \$25 and the vans run every 1/2 hour through midnight. Do make your airline reservations early; this is a very busy time for the Colorado mountains and most flights fill early.

As you know, Vail offers world class skiing, dining and shopping!

There's seven miles of terrain for skiing. But, there is much to do in Vail besides ski - especially this time of year. If you're not a skier, or only want to ski a couple of days, why not try ski snowmobiling, hiking, trout fishing, ice skating, balloon rides over the Rockies, or the 2,900 foot bobsled ride! Be sure to bring plenty of sun screen!

Thanks to KCOM, Rita Harlow and Dr. Cleaver for their help in setting up the meeting, publishing the program materials and handling registration.

The didactics are scheduled for early morning and late afternoon. Munches and coffee will be available in the exhibit's room each morning and Westwood Pharmaceuticals is sponsoring a wine and cheese reception each afternoon. I'm looking forward to an exciting meeting - both physically and mentally challenging - so make your plans now for April 1-5 in Vail.

Convention - Educational Program Resource Fund

- Gene E. Graff, D.O.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a list of contributors, speakers sponsors, etc. who provided financial assistance to the College over the last year. I would very much appreciate your posting the list in your offices and thanking representatives of these companies who call on you. Then . . . ask them to request that their companies help us again this year! We have already begun our campaign to raise funds to help with the ever-increasing expenses for our cme programs this next year. The College could benefit greatly from your help.

- Matt L. Leavitt, D.O.

We are very pleased with the response by exhibitors and other companies that have provided support for our Midyear Meeting in April in Vail. Dr. Brenman deserves a big "THANK YOU" for all his help. Hope to see you April 1-4!

Education Evaluating

- James D. Bernard, D.O.

The Education Evaluating Committee will be meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, February 20 and 21 to review applications and inspection reports.

Education Research Fund

- Eugene T. Conte, D.O.

Once again, please be reminded that money is available for educational research grants through the College. Applications and criteria for the grants can be obtained from the AOCD national office in Atlanta.

Ethics

- Shelly A. Friedman, D.O.

The following is a brief synopsis which was submitted by the former Ethics Committee chair Dr. Mahon. It outlines the purpose of the AOCD Ethics Committee and how complaints should be registered with the College.

The purpose of the AOCD Ethics Committee is to review all matters of an ethical nature regarding any member, including residents/trainees. The Committee shall report such matters to the AOCD Executive Committee.

All complaints, must be in **writing** and should be forwarded to a member of the Committee or the chair. The chair will inform all parties involved and may conduct an initial inquiry into the charges prior to presenting to the Ethics Committee. After reviewing the charges, the Committee shall forward their recommendations to the AOCD Executive Committee.

The AOCD Executive Committee shall review the report of the Ethics Committee and may report their findings to the AOA Ethics Committee which may conduct their own investigation into the charges. The recommendations of the AOA Ethics Committee shall be presented to the AOA Board of Trustees for final action.

In-training Examination

- Eugene T. Conte, D.O.

By this time, all residents and trainers should have received their respective in-training exam scores. On the whole, the scores were good. An exact breakdown of these scores will be presented at the Education Evaluation meeting in February. I will keep you posted on when you will need to submit questions for future exams. Please don't hesitate to call me, if you have any questions.

Membership

- Eric Seiger, D.O.

Immediate Past President Shelly Friedman, D.O. reports that he has finalized an agreement with Krasity's Medical Surgical Supply, Inc. in Dearborn, Michigan, for substantial discounts on medical and surgical supplies for members of the AOCD. Dr. Friedman states he has researched the market and believes Krasity's offers the best in discounts as well as service. Members will be able to order using an 800 number. Within the next month, members will receive a mailing formally introducing them to this innovative buying group. If there are products or equipment not on the initial list, owner Mr. Eric Krasity assures us he will extend the discounts to cover our needs. Thanks to Dr. Friedman!

Also, under consideration are member discounts on a variety of valuable publications through St. Anthony Publications to help your practice optimize reimbursement income. We will be reviewing this material at the upcoming Midyear Meeting. Watch for further information in mid May.

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**Watch for the 1992-1993
AOCD Membership
Directory and Yearbook to be
published in February.**
