A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

As the end of my term as president draws near, I am amazed at how quickly time has gone by. It has been an exciting and educational year for me. I am looking forward to closing my year as the A.O.C.D. first female president, at the annual meeting that has women’s health issues as its focus. New Orleans is a vibrant city and Dr. Ziering has a great program scheduled.

The banquet will also be unique. This will be the first time the Fellows of our college will be recognized individually and as a whole with medals of distinction. This will provide a wonderful opportunity to thank and acknowledge these physicians for their accomplishments and service to our college and profession.

In July, I attended the A.O.A. Board of Trustees meeting and House of Delegates in Chicago. The A.O.A. will be holding a Women’s Health Forum in New Orleans to develop a women’s health curriculum and CME programs. The A.O.C.D. can contribute in a significant way, and support the A.O.A. in this important issue. There was much discussion regarding graduate medical education, which may significantly affect the future of osteopathic dermatology.

A.O.A. President, Ron Esper, D.O., and President-elect, Eugene Oliveri, D.O., met with the specialty colleges soon after Dr. Esper’s installation. They both expressed their commitment to recognize the importance of the osteopathic specialties, and increase their involvement in the A.O.A. I am hopeful that these two “specialists” will continue their support for us.

During my tenure I feel the formation and implementation of OPTIs and GME funding have been, and will continue to be, the most critical issues affecting our college. These areas are in a constantly evolving process, which will continue well into, and possibly beyond, Dr. Ziering’s presidency. Osteopathic dermatology residencies have been thrown into a state of uncertainty by HCFA cuts, OPTI guidelines, and hospital buyouts.

Communication guidelines have been instituted to provide distribution of relevant material to executive committee members. This was done in an effort to make us a more efficient and unified governing body, to serve our members more effectively. We have a few topics to address in New Orleans, and I will report on these at our business meeting.

I have enjoyed my time serving as an officer in the A.O.C.D. My involvement began in 1992, the year I finished my residency. During this time I believe I have missed only one executive committee meeting convention. Some of those sessions proved long and frustrating, but yet rewarding. I do not regret any of the time I have spent in the A.O.C.D. The A.O.C.D. is the body which has enabled me to become an Osteopathic Dermatologist, and I am happy that I have been able to contribute to it in a small way. I would encourage other members to get involved and help secure our future.

I would like to thank those who have encouraged and supported me through the years, especially my mentors Drs. Mike Mahon and Mike Scott for urging me to get involved, and Dr. Ed Yob for his wisdom and fire. Also, thanks to Becky and Rick Mansfield for their dedication to the college. Lastly, a very special thanks to my husband, John Scales, who has done so much work for the A.O.C.D. in an effort to make my life less stressful. I look forward to continued involvement in the A.O.C.D. after a real vacation.

Sincerely
Lynn Sikorski, D.O.
President
Midyear Meeting: Program Chair - Cindy Hoffman, D.O.

Plan to attend the winter meeting in Palm Desert, California at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort Hotel.

February 3-6, 1999

Highlights include:

Great Hotel
- 5 pools including 2 children's
- Golf, tennis
- Spa and fitness center
- Camp Hyatt
- All rooms are suites

Great Activities
- 80 golf courses
- Jeep tours
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- Outlet Shopping
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Great Guest Faculty
Boni Elewski, M.D. • Jeffrey Callen, M.D. • Mark Lebwohl, M.D.
Barbara Reed, M.D. • Joseph Bikowski, M.D. • James Turner, M.D.
Michael Palko, M.D.

Our Own Great Faculty
Ed Yob, D.O. • James Del Rosso, D.O. • Stephen Purcell, D.O.
Shelly Friedman, D.O. • Michael Scott, D.O.

Welcome to our 14 new residents who have joined our residency programs since May.

David Esquerra, D.O. - Sun Coast Hospital, Largo, FL
Thomas Burke, D.O. - PCOM, Allentown, PA
Amy Goldstein, D.O. - NYCOM, New York City, NY
Gerrit Henry, Ill, D.O. - COMP, Phoenix, AZ
Rachael Kushner, D.O. - Sun Coast Hospital, Largo, FL
Greg Neily, D.O. - COMP, Pomona, CA
Alka Madan, D.O. - Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, Troy, MI
Bruce McDonald, D.O. - Tri-City Health Center, Dallas, TX
Natalie Monticciolo, D.O. - Sun Coast Hospital, Largo, FL
Nancy Spinelli, D.O. - NYCOM, New York City, NY
Shani Studnik, D.O. - North Broward County Hospital, Hollywood, FL
James Towry, D.O. - KCOM, Kirksville, MO
Gregory Wilentz, D.O. - North Broward County Hospital, Hollywood, FL
Neal Walker, D.O. - PCOM, Allentown, PA
Ronald Miller, D.O.
presented
"Modern Treatment Options in Onychomycosis"
at the MDOC Medical Conference in Lansing, MI

Janice Lima-Maribona, D.O.
(resident at Sun Coast Hospital)
had an article, "Incontentia Pigmenti"
selected as Case of the Month
for the May, 1998 issue of
Skin & Allergy News.

Melinda Greenfield, D.O.
(resident at NYCOM)
had the following articles published/accepted for publication.
"Beneath the Skin", Cortlandt Forum;
"Ring in Annular Lesions" Patient Care
"Vitamins and the Sun" Patient Care.

Daniel Hurd, D.O.
(resident at Grandview Hospital)
had an article, "Sarcoidosis Presenting as a Testicular Mass" published in Cutis.

Congratulations to
Gregory Papadeas, D.O.
who is President-elect of the
Colorado Dermatology Society

Harry Elmets, D.O., F.A.O.C.D.
dressed alumni, faculty, staff and guests at the
Centennial celebration of the
University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences
in Des Moines, Iowa in May. At the young age of 78, Dr. Elmets is still practicing in Des Moines.
He was remembered for his
"constancy and devotion as well as for pioneering efforts in osteopathic dermatology and in extending local hospital privileges for D.O.'s."

Jack B. Cohen, D.O.
has been appointed to the position of full-time
Assistant Professor of Dermatology
at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.
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