Spring greetings to all. Today, I’m sitting in my back yard, enjoying the weekly waves of my wonderful fresh flowers in bloom. It’s interesting how the colors change as time passes. So too our college and the AOA are changing and improving. At the February AOA Board of Trustees meeting, we adopted an 83 page revision of the “AOA Basic Documents for Postdoctoral Training” which contains standards for all internship and residency programs. The AOA has supported our executive committee more than ever and is trying hard to increase and strengthen membership as we need a strong unified voice on Capitol Hill.

Since our last Newsletter, our college activities have been diverse. This newsletter will now be on the Internet. Our first AOCD Journal will be distributed to the membership. We pointed out to the AAD that some non-MD’s were deleted from their “Find a Derm” site, they are rectifying the error. The Executive Committee of the AAD has passed our right to a more equal status in the Academy, which means there should only be one more hurdle toward a general vote.

Our Midyear AOCD meeting was a smashing success. Dr. Rick Miller proved that academic excellence could be obtained in the Colorado Rocky Mountains at an altitude of over 9,000 feet. The food and social events reflected the beautiful alpine atmosphere. I especially enjoyed the Art Show and the Friday Dinner Event. What a stellar convention!

The 2004 Spring Convention will be held the first week of April in the boomtown of Tucson, Arizona. The meeting will be presided over by Dr. Bill Way. I have been informed that he has a plethora of great ideas for yet another outstanding convention.

This March I attended the AAD annual convention. Their membership committee had discussed AOCD Issues without resolve. President-elect Stan Skopit and I attended the AOA DO Day on the Hill in Washington, DC on April 9-10. We met with the leaders of HHS to educate them on skin diseases and to kick off Skin Cancer Month.

That’s it for now.

Robert F. Schwarze, DO, FAOCD, President

Dr. Richard Miller congratulates Dr. Bob Schwarze on winning the 1st Annual AOCD Art Contest with his scenic painting of downtown Telluride.
A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

New Year. New Look. What does 2003 have in store for you? Professionally, what do we have to look forward to as we conclude our fifth decade of service to dermatologists? A bolder, cleaner, faster, busier group of dermatologists!

Some major changes in our A.O.C.D. Newsletter are taking place in 2003. I have received numerous comments via email and in person that convey that the new content of the AOCD Newsletter is well received. I continue to welcome input for making this an even better newsletter. Most of the work for producing this newsletter is done by a small group of dedicated individuals spurred on by Dr. Robert Schwarze and myself. Our President and Executive Director do a great job with this service!

Inside each issue you will find a message from the editor. You will find advice concerning the stock market. You will find members’ perspectives. You will find mid-year meeting updates and convention reviews. You will find updates from the annual meeting as well as lecture notes from those meetings. You will find sample letters from AOCD member that address legislators on serious concerns facing our profession such as the new Medicare fee reimbursement schedule. You will find updates on vital cases from Osteopathic institutions. You will find classified ads. You will find corporate membership listed on the last page. And the list goes on!

Although some of this information is not new, the concise format and the newsletter’s currency offer our professional community help in making clear, distinctive, good decisions on how to manage both our practices and our money. The Newsletter offers you many “Fast Facts” and, beginning this year, an increased emphasis on clinical quality. Although the articles are concise, they all relay information that is pertinent to the success of our practices.

Throughout the upcoming year, you may see additional change in the content of the AOCD Newsletter. As these changes appear, I hope that they continue to echo the goals of all AOCD members: to increase the standard of dermatology and to spread this good news; to be brighter, bolder, and more accessible to the outside world.

Ronald C. Miller, DO, FAOCD
1st Vice President

FINANCIAL CORNER

Robert Schwarze, DO, FAOCD

Avoid These Common Financial Mistakes

The economy has been riding out plenty of bumps and sharp turns these past couple of years, providing investors with little certainty as to what direction it plans to take them. In these troubled times, it’s more important than ever to maintain a close watch on the management of your finances. Common financial mistakes that occur are:

*Failure to properly diversify (e.g., only investing in familiar health care sector);
*Investing in experimental drugs/therapies while still in phase 1 trials;
*Relying too heavily on an accountant for investment advice.

*Failure to execute a will or trust;
*Failure to pay yourself first and to live within your means;
FINANCIAL CORNER CONT’D...

Five Investing Principles: Now, Forever

1. Diversify

The events of the past two years – the tech bubble bursting followed by tragic situations that have shaken investor confidence – have highlighted the importance of a diversified portfolio.

In today’s bear market, there is no more essential lesson investors can learn than the importance of diversification.

The past two years have served as a reminder that we need to have small, medium, and large companies in our portfolios. And not only stocks that are growth-oriented but also those that are value-oriented. Also, regardless of how aggressive investors might choose to be, bonds are an important part of a well-diversified portfolio as well.

2. Focus Long Term

Advisors agree that planning for the long term is critical, but it’s equally important to reevaluate what your long-term goals are. For example, as you get closer to retirement and your income level changes, you might be more inclined to take on less risk. Still, a portion of your portfolio should always be dedicated to long-term investments.

It’s also imperative for investors to spend some time looking at the cost side of their financial life. Investors will hardly ever be hurt badly with a long-term approach to investing, provided they invest with their mind and do not invest with their heart. That doesn’t mean that investors can’t enjoy playing with a little of their money on the side.

3. Understand Risk

The concept of risk tolerance has long been an important investment principle. It’s different for each individual investor, and each investor should know their risk tolerance. Generally, as investors begin to approach retirement, their ability to tolerate increased risk declines.

4. Buy Quality

The investing principle of buying good companies sounds like it ought to be common sense. So, what is a good company? According to one source, it’s usually a company that has been around a long time, has good price/earning rations, and a stock price that is not based on future earnings which have not yet been realized. You want to buy big names. You also want to buy names that you’re familiar with because you know the products.

5. Utilize a Pro

Doctors have enough to do keeping up with the state of the art in their particular field; they ought to rely on advisors. You want that third-party eye, because it’s difficult to step back and be objective, especially on the money side, where we get that emotional attachment. Speak with people you know—trusted advisors and successful friends.

OSTEOPATHIC PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

At the July 2002 meeting of the AOA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates meeting an osteopathic pledge was discussed and adopted. During the 2003 AOA Leadership Conference and spring meeting of the AOA Board of Trustees this pledge was reaffirmed by all those in attendance. The AOA will be disseminating more information to all AOA members during the next few months, regarding the pledge and ways to share their commitment with your patients.

Preamble

As members of the osteopathic medical profession, in an effort to instill loyalty and strengthen the profession, we recall the practices and principles on which this profession is founded – the dynamic interaction of mind, body and spirit; the body’s ability to heal itself; the primary role of the musculoskeletal system; and preventive medicine as the key to health maintenance. We recognize the work our predecessors have accomplished in building the profession, and we commit ourselves to continuing that work.

Pledge

As an osteopathic physician/student, I pledge to provide compassionate, quality care to my patients and partner with them to promote health; to display integrity and professionalism throughout my career as I represent the entire community of osteopathic physicians and students; to advance the philosophy, practice and science of osteopathic medicine; to continue life-long learning in the medical sciences; to support my profession with loyalty in both word and deed; and to live each day as an example of what an osteopathic physician should be.

Dr. Robert Schwarze and Dr. Stanley Skopit in Washington, D.C. at D.O. Day on the Hill.
2003 MIDYEAR MEETING

I want to thank all those who took the time to participate and attend the AOCD Midyear Conference in Telluride, Colorado. We had one of the best attended Midyear Conferences in the history of our College.

Those who attended, I felt, were enlightened on many topics with excellent presentations from speakers across the country, both members of our College and nationally known academicians. The setting of Telluride was spectacular, the skiing was great, and the social interaction was also tremendous. The speakers talked on a variety of subjects from practice management issues to the genetics of melanoma.

2003 MIDYEAR SYNOPSIS OF PRESENTATIONS

Resident Lectures:

Michael Eyre, DO, presented a case study on Necrolytic Migratory Erythema. He discussed Glucagonoma Syndrome and Pseudo-Glucagonoma Syndrome. He also discussed treatment and pathophysiology.

Meg McComb, DO, presented a case report of a patient with Aquagenic Induced Palmo/Plantar Keratoderma treated successfully with Botox. She discussed the history of Botox, the hypothesis of why it would work for Palmo/Plantar Keratoderma, and the technique they used for this particular patient.

Risa Gorin, DO, presented a case report of Porokeratosis of Mebili occurring after an allogenic bone marrow transplant. She discussed the clinical differential diagnosis and 5 clinical variants of Porokeratosis. She specifically reviewed the etiology, histopathology, association with immunsuppression and malignancy, and treatment options.

Dimitria Papadopoulos, DO, presented an interesting case of an adolescent with café au lait macules manifesting segmental Neurofibromatosis. She reviewed the differential diagnosis, the history and classifications of Neurofibromatosis, the genetic theory, epidemiology, clinical manifestations and the treatment of specifically segmental Neurofibromatosis.

Debbie Palmer, DO, presented an interesting case of a 54 year old male with chronic cutaneous hyperpigmentation secondary to vitamin B-12 deficiency. She reviewed the pathophysiology, cutaneous manifestations, work up, dermatopathology, and treatment of vitamin B-12.

Igor Chaplick, DO, presented a patient with hypopigmented mycosis fungoides. He reviewed a vast differential diagnosis of hypopigmented patches including post-inflammatory changes, traumatic changes, vitiligo, guttate hypomelanosis, sarcoid, and infectious and neoplastic causes.

Charmaine Jensen, DO, presented a case report and a comprehensive clinical review of scurvy. She reviewed the history, biochemistry pathogenesis, cutaneous manifestations, systemic findings, work up and treatment for vitamin C deficiency.

Peter Vitulli, DO, presented a case report of anti-convulsant hypersensitivity syndrome in a child with 4P/Syndrome. He reviewed laboratory results, dermatopathology, differential diagnosis, course and prognosis, and review of the literature regarding this topic and up to date treatment options.

Matt Muellenhoff, DO, reviewed the current treatment options for disseminated (Continued on page 5)
EBS, JEB and DEB and H/S DEB. He also provided an algorithmic differential diagnosis.

Mark Hinkson, DO, discussed the role of sentinel lymph node biopsies in melanoma. He discussed the epidemiology staging systems.

Kenneth Kircher, DO, presented the clinical and histologic features of idiopathic recurrent palmoplantar hidradenitis. He discussed a comprehensive differential diagnosis for the painful foot including traumatic plantar urticarial, erythema multiforme, erythema nodosum, Sweet's Syndrome, cellulitis, chilblains, neutrophilic eccrine hidradenitis. Also discussed the treatment for IRPH.

Dan Ladd, DO, discussed Tubular Apocrine Adenoma.

Laurie Schaeffer, DO, presented a case report and clinical review of Sweet's Syndrome. She discussed the diagnostic criteria, cutaneous manifestations, dermatopathology and treatment options.

Megan Goff, DO, presented an interesting case report of primary cutaneous coccidiodomycosis on a man's upper lip. She reviewed the epidemiology, cutaneous clues, work up, dermatopathology and treatment.

Steven Mallette, DO, discussed Well's Syndrome, also known as eosinophilic cellulitis. He presented a case report, discussed the history, clinical presentation, work up and treatment for Well's Syndrome.

Michael Sabat, DO, presented an interesting case report regarding dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa. He discussed the pathophysiology and also discussed actinic porokeratosis after reviewing clinical classifications and conventional treatment plans. He specifically discussed the use of Diclofenac sodium in the treatment of DSAP.

Thi Tran, DO, presented a review of the dermatologic surgical danger zones of the head and neck region. He gave a detailed anatomical review of the major peripheral nerves of the head and neck region and described the clinical consequences of injury to these nerves. MOHS micrographic surgery cases were presented with surgical photographs.

Guest Lectures:

Michael Krutchick, DO, presented a comprehensive dermatologic approach to urticaria. He reviewed how to elicit an appropriate clinical history and how to develop a differential diagnosis. Multiple kodachromes were presented of conditions commonly confused with urticarial. He also discussed the dermatopathologic diagnosis, antihistamine use, and supportive therapy.

Jamie Kratz, MD, presented an allergist's perspective to urticaria. He reviewed environmental and food trigger factors especially milk, peanuts, wheat, soy and shellfish and exacerbating medications like NSAID's. He also discussed the pathophysiology and dermatopathology. Dr. Kratz gave a detailed review of treatment options including antihistamines and tricyclics.

Nancy Anderson, MD, presented a thorough review and update of acne and rosacea. She reviewed the clinical classifications, diagnosis, and treatment. Treatment options for pregnant women were also reviewed like benzyl peroxide and metronidazole. She offered many valuable clinical pearls including the use of Elidel, ProTopic, and Azelex for adjunctive rosacea treatments. She also went in depth on a discussion of Accutane.

Brian Berman, MD, PhD, presented a discussion of the pathophysiology, clinical presentation and treatment of human papilloma virus. He educated his listeners on the biochemistry mechanism of action, and the role of amino modulators, specifically interferon and p-52 in HPV therapy. He compared them with other treatment modalities such as cryosurgery and ED&C. He reviewed the use of immunomodulators modulators in the treatment of colloids post-surgery and its role in the treatment of actinic keratosis.

Meryl Luallin gave an interactive discussion on improving patient satisfaction in our dermatology practices. She provided us with numerous suggestions and relevant examples on improving the quality of our office setting, improving interaction with staff, body language, team work, and empathy towards patient care.

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Sharon Andrews, RN, presented an overview and update of the objectives of HIPPA and the general principals of medical documentation and what needs to be implemented in our dermatologic practices. Compliance, dates, and penalties were also reviewed in detail. There was a long question and answer session regarding coding.

Jean L. Bologna, MD, presented an in-depth discussion regarding the genetics of melanoma. She discussed the biochemistry and the pathogenetics regarding the “melanoma gene” a.k.a. loss of the tumor suppressor gene. She also discussed the homozygous deletion of the CBK N to A gene and its’ role in melanoma, as she discussed the stages of the cell cycle and the increase of pancreatic cancer and a subset of melanoma family. She also reviewed the melano cortin receptors and their variants.

Alexander Kowalczyk, MD, presented a very interesting discussion on high altitude medicine. He discussed the effects of high altitude on the body including a discussion of the acclimatization to high altitude, medical problems of lowlanders on ascent to high altitude, treatment, and prevention of these problems. He discussed in detail the signs and symptoms of Acute Mountain Sickness, high altitude pulmonary edema and cerebral edema. Treatments included acetazolamide, supplemental O2, hyperbaric O2, and immediate descent for pulmonary edema and cerebral edema.

Greg Papadeas, DO, spoke about how to improve the quality of patient care in our dermatologic practices. He discussed multiple practical scenarios about how to maximize the “10 minute visit” and how to utilize our osteopathic principles on a daily basis.

James Del Rosso, DO, presented a comprehensive review of some of the newer dermatologic medications. He first discussed topical steroids in the foam vehicle. He reviewed in detail the topical inhibitors of calcineurin and the toll like receptors. He discussed the role in their treatment of actinic keratoses and basal cell carcinomas and also squamous cell in situ.

Joseph Eastern, MD, presented an interesting discussion on optimizing therapy for your patients by maximizing office efficiency. He discussed that 80% of your results flow from 20% of your efforts and to concentrate on those 20%. He gave pearls including organizing the drug sample closet, establishing appointment system for drug reps, instituting time cards for employees, marking the arrival times of each patient on the chart. He discussed selective overbooking. He advised us to start a sinking fund to help pay for infrequent or irregular expenses. Dr. Eastern also discussed incorporating digital photography and P.D.A.’s in our practices.

Jeffrey Callen, MD, presented a talk entitled “Therapeutic Advances in Dermatology: Focus on Systemic Therapies”. He provided a detailed review on the systemic therapies utilized in psoriasis, lupus erythematosus, dermatomyositis, pyoderma gangrenosum, atopic dermatitis, sarcoidosis and hidradenitis suppurativa. He reviewed mechanism of action, baseline labs, follow up labs for infliximab, alfacept, thalidomide and mycophenolate mafetil.

Jonathan S. Crane, DO, presented a discussion entitled “Botox Treatment for Multiple Conditions”. He began with an informative video from Dr. Caruthers. He proceeded to discuss patient education, and personal education of Botox. He also discussed the biochemistry, dosage, and administration. He specifically reviewed the anatomy of the muscles of the upper face and specifically discussed the use of Botox to decrease glabellar lines, crows feet, horizontal forehead lines and other uses such as hyperhidrosis of the face, migraine headaches and hyperhidrosis of the axilla.

Emma Kumley, JD, presented a very informative discussion on medical legal issues in dermatology and how to protect ourselves. She answered ten main questions previously submitted by the audience. Some major points included remembering to take pre and post-op

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photos and to document everything; She also provided a hand out regarding relevant malpractice suits.

Susan Millar representing Mutual Insurance Company continued Mrs. Kumley’s topic, specifically focusing on risks management. She made recommendations and reviewed medical records, emphasizing key points on comprehensive record keeping. She also entertained numerous pertinent questions from the audience.

Julie Harper, MD, reviewed the pathogenesis, clinical findings, and traditional and non-traditional treatments of acne. She specifically discussed the role of sebum, microorganisms, and toll like receptors. She discussed combination therapy with topical agents and oral antibiotics, spironolactone and Accutane. She also participated in a question and answer session from the audience.

Alan B. Fleischer, Jr., MD, presented a comprehensive review on the treatment of atopic dermatitis. He concentrated on the efficacy of topical corticosteroids and topical immunomodulators. He impressed upon us that the use of soap is not necessary. Also the ProTopic 0.1% is more effective than 0.03% and is safe to use in your pediatric population. He discussed the synergy of corticosteroids and immunomodulators and reviewed their mechanisms of actions. He also talked about other uses of topical immunomodulatory therapy for conditions like alopecia areata, chronic hand eczema, psoriasis and seborrheic dermatitis.

David Dorton, DO, presented an interesting discussion on dermatologic surgery in the office. He first concentrated on pre-operative management, reviewing anti-platelet and thrombolytic therapies. He also discussed pre-op antibiotic prophylaxis according to the American Heart Association guidelines. He reviewed valuable surgical pearls and defect management providing detailed pre and post-op pictures.

David Kessler, DO, presented an interesting case of Laser Trelat Syndrome.

Dermatopathology Panel Discussion with Alexander Kowalczyk, MD, supported by DermPath Diagnostics, Evangelos Poulos MD, supported by Global Pathology, and Dong-Lin Xie, MD, supported by Dianon System. This was an interactive discussion between the dermatopathologists and the audience. Ten pre-submitted questions were discussed. They concentrated on issues such as the appropriate biopsy technique for pigmentary lesions and criteria for the work up of dysplastic nevi and congenital nevi. The following topics were addressed by the panel: distinguishing between mild, moderate and severe dysplastic nevi and their treatment recommendations, treatment recommenda-
MIDYEAR MEMORIES

2003 1st Annual AOCD Art Exhibit

L to R: Front row: Stan Skopit, DO; Becky Mansfield, Executive Director. Back row: Bob Schwarze, DO, President; Rick Miller, DO, Program Chairman enjoy the final banquet of the AOCD Midyear Meeting in Telluride, CO.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Del Rosso display the 2003 Midyear Meeting T-shirt.

Executive Committee in Action...
Left to right: Bob Signore, DO; Ron Miller, DO; Brian Portnoy, DO; Stanley Skopit, DO; Bob Schwarze, DO; Becky Mansfield, Executive Director; Bill Way, DO.

Dr. and Mrs. Roger Byrd at the AOCD Banquet in Telluride, Colorado.

Alexander Kowalczyk, MD, “shoots back” at the AOCD photographer before starting his lecture.

Clay Cockrell, MD, President-elect candidate of the American Academy of Dermatology and Bob Schwarze, DO, AOCD President.
JAOCD

A Call For Papers!!!

Things are moving right along for the Journal of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology-JAOC!! We have 16 papers ready for publication. We anticipate our first issue to go to press within the next 4-6 weeks. ‘Information for Authors’ is available on our website at www.aocd.org. You can contact the editors at jaocd@aol.com. It is now time to write and submit your article and it’s time to have your residents write and submit their articles. The key to having a successful journal to represent our college is in the hands of each and every member and resident member of our college. Let’s make it great!

Jay Gottlieb, D.O.
Stan Skopit, D.O.
Editors

Jim DelRosso
Associate Editor

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services has announced the redesigned physicians’ web page. The new page, title “Physicians Information Resource for Medicare” went live on Friday, March 21, 2003 and can be viewed at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/physicians/.

There are many new features including a Physician Listserv and the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Look-up.

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES

Alpesh Desai, DO, a first year resident at Western University of Health Sciences dermatology program under the direction of Dr. David Horowitz and Dr. Mark Horowitz, has won the second annual resident research award at Western University. He will be receiving a $2,500 grant to study a new acne device for the treatment of mild to moderate acne.

Dr. Desai is also involved in a phase three clinical study through Glaxo Smith Kline Pharmaceutical for treatment of moderate to severe psoriasis with a drug called Avandia, which is currently used in the treatment of type 2 diabetes. He has also concluded a study on topical stretch mark medication for Regnetrol Laboratories. Dr. Desai will begin a more advanced study on the developing stretch mark product in the near future.

“Good order is the foundation of all things.”
~Edmond Burke
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

It has been a busy winter in the AOCD national office. In December the 2003 membership renewal notices were sent to all members. Many members have taken advantage of the option of renewing their dues through our website. I encourage everyone to use this method as it is a secure site and allows you to update your practice and personal information quickly. A second mailing is being sent to all members in arrears.

Midyear Meeting The Midyear Meeting was outstanding. Dr. Richard Miller developed an excellent lecture program that kept the lecture hall full every day. We had 93 registered attendees plus many friends and family members as well as 28 exhibitors! Mark your calendars for the next meeting March 31—April 3, 2004 in Tucson, Arizona. The information will be on the website this Spring.

AOA Dr. Bob Schwarze, Dr. Stanley Skopit and I attended the AOA Leadership Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida the last week of February. At the completion of the Leadership Conference, Dr. Schwarze and I stayed for the Board of Trustees meeting. The revisions to the AOCD By-laws and Constitution were approved at that meeting and are now in effect.

Annual Meeting Planning for the Annual Meeting, October 12-16, in New Orleans is progressing rapidly. Dr. Skopit has developed an excellent didactic program. The opening reception on Sunday night will be held at the Wax Museum, very close to the convention center. Details on the meeting and registration will be available later this summer and all information will be posted on our website.

Newsletter The AOCD Newsletter will now be on the website. In the future members will be notified when a new edition has been posted to our website. Please provide us with your comments on this new service.

Postgraduate Training The Education Evaluating Committee has been working diligently on revisions to the Basic Standards for Residency Training in Dermatology and the Dermatology Inspection Workbook. The majority of these changes have occurred as a result of mandates from the AOA Council on Postdoctoral Training and national legislation. Dr. Schield Wikas, our COPT representative, and I will present these to the full COPT at their April meeting. Several future revisions will be required in compliance with the COPT guidelines for incorporation of specialty-specific criteria for the seven core competencies, along with measurement outcomes for integration within the basic standards.

Currently our fifteen residency training programs are training 53 residents. Our 16th training site will start its first resident this July. The total number of residents for the new academic year will increase as two of our programs have requested increases in training positions pending approval from the COPT. We administer four scholarship programs for our residents through the national office. These include the third year residents’ scholarship to attend the annual Scripps Superficial Anatomy & Cutaneous Surgery Course supported by Medicis, the third year residents’ scholarship to attend the Chicago Dermatology Review course supported by Global Pathology Laboratories, a scholarship for all residents to attend the American Academy of Dermatology conference supported by Ortho-Neutrogena, and the dermatopathology scholarship program for all residents through DermPath Diagnostics and Global Pathology.

E-Mail We are updating our email address file so we can distribute information to our membership in the fastest, most reliable way. To update or verify your email address, please send us an email message to aocd@swbell.net.

Your calls, emails, and correspondence are always welcome. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

Becky Mansfield
Executive Director

The AOA sponsored an Executive Directors Institute in Chicago in mid-March for all specialty college and state association executive directors. The conference was very informative; covering membership retention, publications, governing boards, 501 (c)3 compliance, investment practices for not-for-profits, public relations, and issues relevant to each of the different types of associations.

“Light is the task where any share the toil.”
~Homer
ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

AOCD 2003 Annual Meeting
New Orleans, Louisiana

Although October 12-16, 2003 is quite some time away, the AOCD Annual Meeting in New Orleans will be here before you know it! Our host hotel will be the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, which is in a prime downtown location with easy access to the excitement and variety of New Orleans. The hotel is connected to the Riverwalk Marketplace and adjacent to the Convention Center, Harrah’s Casino, IMAX Theatre and Aquarium of the Americas. There is streetcar access to numerous attractions such as the French Quarter, D-Day Museum, and Louisiana Children’s Museum.

Unlike any other North American city, from its architecture to its unique celebrations, New Orleans inspires, and intrigues. The birthplace of jazz, home to some of the greatest restaurants and service in the world, a gracious oasis of history, charm and sophistication on the Mississippi, New Orleans is all that and more.

We will kick off the AOCD convention with the welcome reception at the Musee Conti Historical Wax Museum featuring guided tours through the museum of New Orleans historical wax figures giving us a flavor of the past and present while be serenaded by a jazz trio. The reception will have an open bar and feature a sampling of the southern cuisine of New Orleans.

Once again we are planning a superb academic program, which will include some of the nations’ top-notch speakers in the field of Dermatology including Lawrence Schachner, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dermatology at the University of Miami. Other speakers that will be participating include David Cohen, M.D., Patty Farris, M.D., Mark Lebwohl, M.D., and Evangelos Poulos, M.D. Additionally; our own AOCD members that will be participating will be Eugene Conte, D.O., James Q. Del Rosso, D.O., Gregory Papadeas, D.O., Jay Gottlieb, D.O., Michael Krutchik, D.O. and Donald Tillman, Jr., D.O. There will be a record twenty-six resident lectures featuring outstanding topics.

I hope to see you all there!

Stanley E. Skopit, DO, FAOCD
2003 Annual Meeting, Program Chair
AOBD NOTICE

Charles Hughes, DO, FAOCD

Re-certification in Dermatology through the AOBD and AOA is still voluntary for all those certified to date. Beginning after 12/31/03, all certificates in Dermatology will be time-dated, requiring re-certification in ten years. This will not affect those certified prior to 12/31/03. Although re-certification is not mandatory, a few states may require it when applying for license. The Board is prepared to offer the first certification exam at the 2004 mid-year meeting in Tucson.

To apply for this exam, contact Dr. Hughes at 5426 N. Academy Blvd., #205, Colorado Springs, CO 80918-3687.

CORRECTION

In the December 2002 newsletter we inadvertently failed to identify all corporate sponsors of the JAOCd journal.

Pictured from left to right: Dr. Jay Gottlieb, Co-Editor; Ralph Bohrer, Medicis; Bill Humphries, Allergan; Holly Forsythe, Connetics; George Poulos, Global Pathology; Vince Ippolito, Novartis; Dr. Jim Del Rosso, Editorial Consultant; and Dr. Stan Skopit, Co-Editor.

AOCD NOTES OF INTEREST

Dr. David Corallo, of Beloit, Ohio was recognized in the September 2002 issue of Northern Ohio Live as one of the top ten dermatologists in the area. Live conducted a survey of physicians in the eight-county area to determine who they would select as the best physician for themselves or a family member with a medical problem.

The AOCD would like to extend their thoughts and prayers for those whose family members are serving in the war against Iraq.

Dr. Gene Conte was featured in the DO CARE Newsletter, September 2002 issue, for his mission work on behalf of DOCARE International with native Americans at five Arizona reservations. Clinics were located in the bottom of the Grand Canyon, Peach Springs, Parker, Keams Canyon and the Apache reservation at San Carlos.
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Beatrice Keller Clinic is offering two Dermatology openings in the Phoenix area. Beatrice Keller Clinic is a clinical, surgical and cosmetic dermatology practice established in 1990. Ten physicians (nine of whom are board certified), five men and five women, two DO’s, eight MD’s and one PA, practice at Beatrice Keller Clinic. The Clinic has three locations in the western part of greater Phoenix and a varied, predominantly retired, patient base. The positions offer an excellent compensation package and a relaxed atmosphere in which to practice. If interested please contact:

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Multi-specialty group looking for full-time BC/BE Dermatologist to join our practice. Skills in aesthetics as well as general dermatology procedures required. Offering competitive salary, benefits and vacation time. Location in central New Jersey, upscale suburban environment 35 miles from NYC and 75 miles from Philadelphia. Send CV and/or inquiries via email or fax to Ann Myer bmgamyer@webexdsl.com or fax (908) 722-2522, ext. 215.

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FOR SALE—General dermatology practice in Southwestern Colorado near Telluride. Very nice practice and very beautiful area. Minimal managed care. Only selling because of need to relocate. Call Bill Leyva at (970) 240-1321, or email: leyva@gwe.net

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