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Hello Everyone,

What a crazy ride we’ve all been on the past couple of months!

Once everyone left our meeting in West Palm Beach, I stayed behind to attend the AOA Midyear Board of Trustee meeting in Manalapan, FL. We left Kirksville for West Palm Beach on February 18 and I finally returned to Kirksville on February 28. We were all looking forward to a little “downtime” in the office after the West Palm meeting, but never dreamed it would end up like this!

Missouri has had a shelter in place status since March 24. Prior to that, strict social distancing was encouraged. On April 7, I applied for the paycheck protection loan through the SBA and our local bank for the AOCD. On April 8, we were approved. The state is preparing for the shelter in place to be lifted on May 3, and the AOCD office plans to open on May 4.

The staff has stayed in touch via texts, conference calls and today we held a ZOOM meeting. Check out the staff’s columns to see what everyone has been up to while working from home. Be sure also to check out our COVID-19 resource page.

As for me, my days have been filled with continuing to plan for the Chicago conference, updating policy manuals, and working on a new meeting app which we plan to use for the first time this fall. I’ve also had a taste of the homeschooling for the grandkids. Five year old Jason had assignments from his church preschool to complete. Besides practicing name writing, he had to cut pictures from a magazine showing his favorite foods that he was thankful for. One picture was of gum! His twelve year sister Lily, came over and I spent time teaching her how to sew. So far, she has made pillows for every member of the family, her great grandma up in Iowa and her two cats, Smokey and Gabby. I have created a sewing monster and I couldn’t be happier about that! I can also report that I did watch The Tiger King, but have not resorted to cutting my own hair, yet.

My “home” office is set up in the living room in front of the window. I’ve spent too much time in this room lately as I’ve noticed how bad the walls looked. So, last week, we repainted the living room! I had a gallon of paint left over and I thought, hmmm, bathroom could use sprucing up too. Then there is the kitchen. A new sink and faucet were installed today. While all of the improvement projects were taking place inside, outside for the last 4 weeks we’ve had the city public works department replacing water mains, tearing up driveways and sections of streets in our neighborhood. We’ve endured a 48 hour boil order, a driveway with cones prohibiting our exit and a skid loader and backhoe parked in the front yard all during our “shelter in place”. I. AM. READY. TO. GET. BACK. IN. THE. OFFICE!

What will our “normal” be going forward? This remains an unknown. Just like you, I worry for my family’s wellbeing, I miss having my grandkids popping in unannounced to see us, I miss being able to go to the store and not having to worry about other shoppers passing by, and I worry about my mom up in Iowa.

What will AOCD’s “normal” be? We may need to make some changes with our conferences, but we will make every effort to make sure conferences still take place. Let’s turn off the gloom and doom news channels and start trying to live the best life we can.

From our family, including the 4 legged child named Baby, we wish you well, and hope you stay safe and healthy. We look forward to a time when we can be together again, hopefully this fall in Chicago!
Hello everyone,

I hope you and your families are safe and faring as well as can be expected during these trying times. Like many, the past month has been the most unusual of my career, with new challenges arising each day—juggling additional responsibilities during the work day (homeschool teacher, short-order cook, occasional referee), trying to stay productive in less than ideal environments (I’m writing this from my kitchen), worrying about and missing loved ones.

In addition to the obstacles we’ve all faced in our daily lives due to COVID-19, I have been provided with an opportunity to learn and gain a deeper appreciation for things often taken for granted. For instance, in January, 22 million Americans had no doubt they would remain gainfully employed three months later; however, that was not so. Circumstances can change quickly and take terrible turns with little warning. With so many others out of work, with families to support, I have never felt more grateful or indebted to the AOCD membership, leadership and my colleagues than I do right now. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your years of support of this great organization.

Despite the unusual circumstances, life goes on. One of the major projects I’ve spent my time working on during quarantine is creating new content for the AOCD online learning system. The most exciting addition coming soon is the release of dermatology preparation self-assessment examinations. I’m in the process of building a categorized question bank consisting of more than 1000 questions repurposed from AOCD in-training exams and programming them for testing. Once that is complete, I will begin programming the tests for automated scoring and feedback. We feel this will be a valuable resource to residents and physicians brushing up for certification and re-certification examinations and to students who want to test their knowledge on a broad range of dermatology topics. There has been a learning curve in setting all of this up, but I hope to have this out and available before Spring is over. In addition to the new examination feature coming soon, I have been building new Category 1-A CME courses. Look for these to be released in Fall 2020. You can access our online learning system any time at: www.aocd.org/learn.

I’ve reviewed attendee feedback from the recent conference. We received a great deal positive input from our meeting in West Palm Beach, and we’re thrilled that you enjoyed your time with us there. I am finishing up a summary of that input, which you will be able to find soon at: www.aocd.org/page/meetingfeedback.

We’re diligently preparing for our next conference this Fall. We hope that we’ll have the opportunity see you in person in Chicago, but with all the uncertainty at present, we’re also working on a contingency plan if an in-person conference is not viable. Rest assured, we plan to provide attendees with a quality educational experience regardless of how it is delivered.

Finally, I’ve spent time preparing for the winding down of AOA/AOCD residency programs—archiving and preserving education documentation and materials. Perhaps there isn’t a more appropriate time to be doing this work. Like present times, it has been a strange and almost surreal experience. While working on this, it has brought back many memories. I’ve spent time reflecting on my years serving as resident coordinator and thinking of the residents (most of whom are now practicing dermatologists), program directors, program coordinators, and others I’ve met and had the pleasure of knowing along the way. I want to thank each of you for allowing me the privilege of serving you for the past nine years and play at least a small part in your medical education journey. It has been a bittersweet project, knowing that this chapter of the AOCD is coming to a close. As my role with the AOCD is changing, I am looking forward to the challenges and new opportunities to make a positive impact within the AOCD.

With that, I once again want to thank YOU for all you do. Be safe and take care.
Hello All!
I hope everyone is doing fine during these trying times. My girls and I have been walking every day since quarantine, just to get out of the house. My husband and my oldest daughter are essential workers so they are going to work. Rules have been set and followed for when they come home from work.

During this time, I have been working on several projects.
- Updating the CME manual, Entering CME hours for members into traCME and CE Tracker
- Emailing certificates to attendees, Entering Grand Rounds into traCME
- Reviewing speaker paperwork , Reviewing speaker policies
- Creating a list for the CME Committee members to abide by
- Working on webinar policies, Grading pre-test from WPB
- Sending honoraria payments from the WPB meeting
- Discussing a Resident Dermpath and Board Review with Dr. Cangelosi
- Researching scholarly activity and professional development
- Answering emails
- Updating speaking information on a contact list for Chicago
- Updating history speaker topic spreadsheet, Speaker bureau database
- Reviewing grand rounds paperwork and packets

Meanwhile at home, Tim and I are waiting to know if two of our kids will have graduation ceremonies. Justin is our High School senior hoping to be able to walk across the stage to get his diploma. Summer (holding Copper our fur baby) is our MACC graduate waiting to hear if she will have a graduation. Pieper, the youngest and the one who hates school, is ready to return and says she will never say she hates school again.
Hello Everyone,

The computer upgrades we have made in the office couldn’t have come at a better time. Upgrades have allowed us to work from home with access to all our files, and our work done remotely is being saved back on the server so that nothing is lost. We will continue to stay current with our IT system so that our information stays safe and available.

With the purchase of new software, we will be adding some new pages to the web site to better promote our meetings and events. These pages will be updated more often as we plan our events. Once we are back in the office we will be looking for more member input to our social media pages.

We continue to send out emails to maintain contact with and to find the current status of our sponsors and vendors, but receive a lot of out of office replies. I have been attempting to keep regular social media post active and have seen an increase in views on all pages.

We are working on a new meeting app, and I have completed all my input I have for the new meeting app for vendors and sponsors for the time being. I am waiting on further requested information once people get back to work. Should we have to go to a virtual meeting there are several options for vendors and sponsors to gain visibility with the meeting app.

I have been using some time to gather information on virtual meetings. I have checked with some groups that have had to use this option and have found a great deal of information. Since we have some time to plan, we should be able to avoid some problems that others have encountered with a short planning time. Also, everyone is coming out with better ways to do these meetings, but we will need to figure out the best method versus best cost.
Greetings from the Grogan Family!

Teacher, Ms. Angel Grogan reading to her students virtually.
Invited Speakers:

- CLIA Proficiency Exam
  Gregory Papadeas, DO, FAOCD

- Dermatology Update
  James Q. Del Rosso, DO, FAOCD

- Coding and Billing Update
  Faith McNicholas, RHIT, CPC, CPCD, PCS, CDC

- Purpura, Vasculitis
  Warren W. Piette, MD

- Social Media Pearls for Your Dermatology Practice
  Carin Bennett, JD

- Isotretinoin Update
  Morgan McCarty, DO

- Pediatric Dermatology Update
  Lisa Swanson, MD

- Pediatric Dermatology Update
  Peter Lio, MD

- Panel Discussion, Pediatric Dermatology
  Lisa Swanson MD & Peter Lio, MD

- Occlusion and Cutaneous Lymphomas
  Warren W. Piette, MD

- On the Shoulders of Giants’ Dermatology stories you were never told.”
  Derrick Adams, D.O., FAOCD

- Vaginal Dermatoses
  Ruth Dubyel, DO, MBA

- Lecture TBA
  Margaret Masters, JD

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We hope to see you at a future AOCD Conference!
Office Update
As the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic continues to run its course throughout the country, with shelter in place orders in effect in many states, we continue to work to serve you from our homes.

As of April 25, 2020, the State of Missouri is scheduled to have its Shelter in Place order lifted on May 3, 2020. The AOCD staff plans to be back in the office on May 4, 2020.

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