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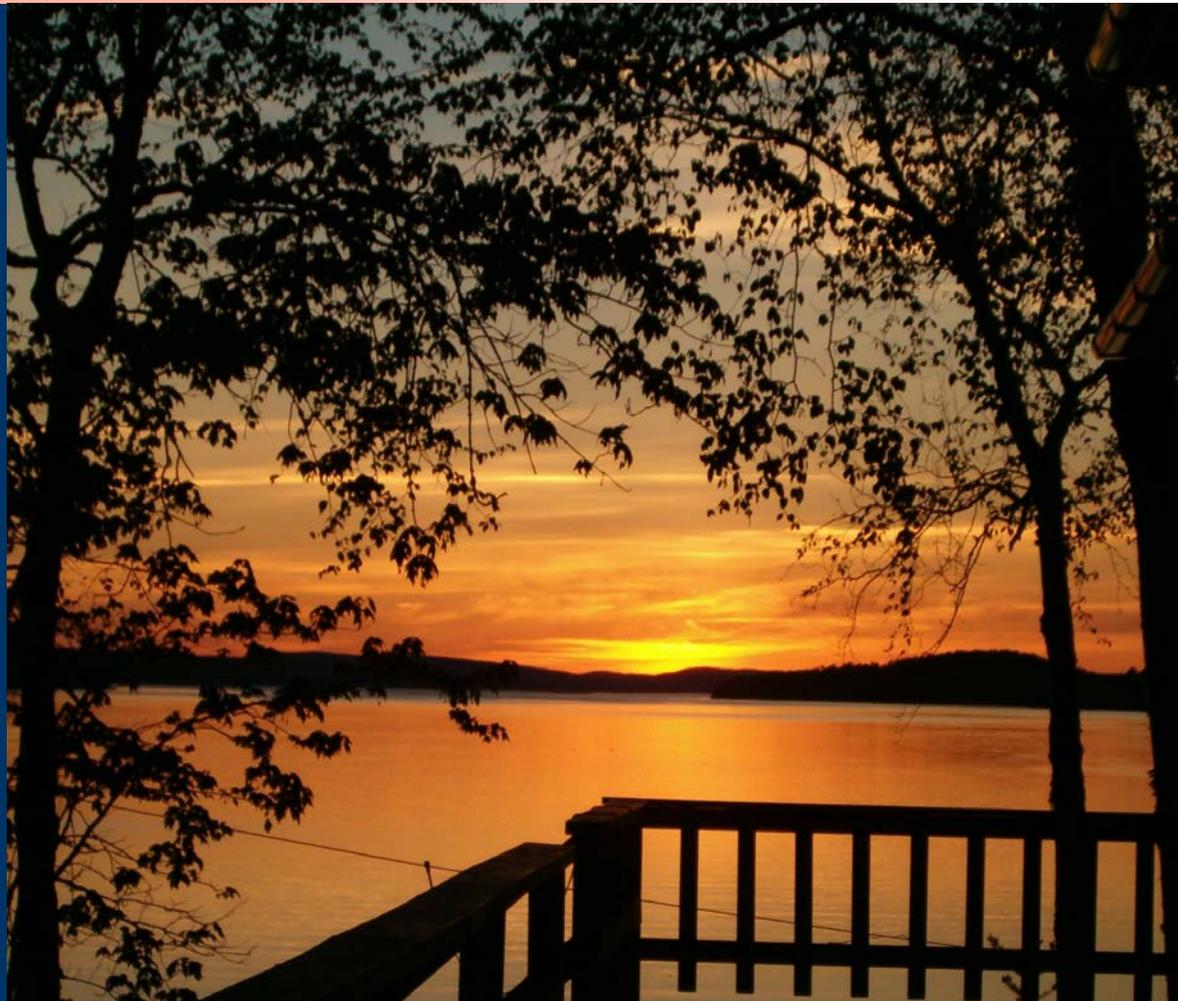
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Senior Symposium '06

Facts and Figures

Over 800 registrations, including Senior Symposium Kick Off Dinner, First Lite Symposium & Breakfast and Senior Symposium Closing.

The majority of participants were pharmacists, including LTC specialists, hospital pharmacists, community pharmacists and representatives from academia, both active and retired. There were also pharmacy students, pharmacy technicians, RN's, LPN's, APRN's, and nurse practitioners as well as representatives from industry and governmental agencies. This years participants

came from CT, FL, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

Food/Beverage Costs ~ \$90,000.00

Including:

~700 dinners at Thursday night Opening Session and Friday night Closing Dinner

~400 breakfasts

~750 lunches

Coffee: 130 gallons

Tea: 30 gallons

AV expenses: ~ \$6,800.00

Housing expenses: ~ \$4,000.00



Connecticut ASCP Pharmacist of the Year Award

The CT-ASCP Pharmacist of the Year Award is presented annually to the pharmacist who has performed outstanding services to the practice and advancement of Long Term Care / Senior Care Pharmacy. Nomination forms are made available to all members of the Connecticut Chapter of ASCP and are submitted to the Program and Awards Committee for review. The president, president-elect and immediate past-president of CT-ASCP are not eligible to receive the award. The award will be presented at the annual fall CT-ASCP Installation Banquet.

Please see attached form on page 8 of the newsletter.

Nominations are due by: August 31, 2006

Criteria:

1. Senior Care Pharmacist
2. Professional Awards, Degrees, Organizations
3. Community Service Projects
4. Other :
 - Must not have been previous recipient
 - Will not be awarded posthumously
 - The recipient does not have to be a member of CT-ASCP
 - President, President-elect, and immediate past president of CT-ASCP are not eligible for the award

Please mail completed forms to: Mark G. Wrabel, 493 Ash Drive, Windsor Locks, CT 06096, or fax completed

form to M.G. Wrabel at 860-623-4524 or email to mwrabel@megahits.com

Quotes from SS '06

The CT-ASCP presented its Seventh Annual Senior Symposium at the Foxwoods Resort Casino on May 11-12, 2006. Here are some comments on this year's program:

Attending the Senior Symposium offered me the opportunity to totally immerse myself in the pharmacological aspects of disease management for 24 hours. As a minority member of the audience, and not being usually exposed to that level of intensity, I thoroughly enjoyed being a nurse among pharmacist professionals. This conference is so rich with expertise and phenomenally clear presentations, that I felt re-stimulated to examine medication regimens and to question more freely. I look forward to the subsequent symposia for a never ending supply of the "stuff" that recharges my batteries. Thank you for such a well organized and special event.

Elaine Diccio, RN, West Haven VA Medical Center



The whole program was both thoroughly enjoyable and highly educational. The various speakers were all very knowledgeable and made very valuable presentations that will certainly help me raise the level of care for my patients. Working in a Veterans Hospital, I deal almost exclusively with elderly patients. The Senior Symposium is great because it covers a variety of topics, all of which affect my patient population. *Sean Murphy, RPhT*

I really enjoyed the Senior Symposium. It was the first year I attended the Senior Symposium, and wondered why I hadn't attended in the past. I thought the first speaker, Tom Frank was a superb speaker. Everything you ever wanted to know about new drugs was imparted in this riveting hour and a half lecture. I was able to take

away a few pearls for my own practice. I guess that is why people who attended in the past said the SS board continues to invite him back. I attended a full day of lectures, all of which I could walk away with some good information. My next favorite speaker was Jennifer Lee. She presented the "Big E in Women's Health". What a timely topic, with all the controversy surrounding estrogen these days. I so enjoyed the history of estrogen through the times, it's easy to forget how long Premarin® has been on the market. The lecture really put into perspective the question of when to treat with estrogen. Again, I walked away with some great information that I can use in my own practice. My children enjoyed all of the stuff I brought home from the exhibits, and the lunchtime enabled me to catch-up with many colleagues. All in all a rewarding day. Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts. *Ann C. Ryan, R.Ph, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Mednovations*

In summary, I felt the conference was a great success. It was well organized and very professionally done. By far the presentation on Avian Flu was GREAT!!! The topic was timely and the speaker, "most entertaining". The overall quality of the program from New Drug Updates, Mecare modernization, Insulin Pump Technology was right on track. *Jim Segarra, R.Ph, Hartford Hospital*

The whole scene at Foxwoods was great. It was an opportunity to meet with colleagues, to learn a lot & expand on our knowledge of previous seminars. As usual everything was great. The meals were very good. The lectures were great. I really enjoyed the two on eye problems which was different than the usual drug or diabetes ones. Suggestion for next time: "How to get to Foxwoods without RAIN" :) Keep up the good work! *Sherman Gershman, R.Ph, Hebrew Home and Hospital*

Communications Committee:

- Amy Huie-Li, PharmD, CGP
- Anna Egle, RPh, FASCP
- Kevin Chamberlin, PharmD
- Brian Pelletier, PharmD

A New Chapter Begins!

Kim Gilligan, PharmD Candidate, CT-ASCP Student President,
UConn School of Pharmacy

While America's fastest growing population may be the elderly, students are the fastest growing members of the Connecticut chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. ASCP began offering free E-student memberships in October 2005. Since then, students at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy have taken advantage of the benefits of becoming an ASCP member. In November, eight students attended Senior Care Pharmacy '05 in Boston, Massachusetts. This was the first year that programming was offered to students. We were able to attend a networking social and presentations by ASCP President Robert Miller and ASCP CEO John Feather to further our knowledge of the numerous opportunities available within long term care.

During the month of December, our members were a part of the eighty students from the UConn School of Pharmacy who helped assign four thousand patients to a Medicare Part D Plan. With the success of our efforts, the state came to us with sixteen thousand more profiles. We were recognized for our work with Medicare patients in March when we were awarded second place and received a \$5000 grant from the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPA) for their Medicare Student Outreach Competition. We have continued helping Medicare patients and in April we were sent three thousand more patients, which we completed in two days.

In February 2006, I was elected as the first President of CT-ASCP's Student Chapter. Student members attended the monthly CT-ASCP Board of Directors meetings and planned fundraisers for the spring semester. T-shirts were designed to be sold at Senior Symposium with the Top 5 Reasons You Know You're Getting Old. Also Nord-



strom's sponsored a "What Not to Wear" night on April 28th. The night was a huge success with \$245 raised and over fifty students, faculty, and staff attending. Representatives from Nordstrom's gave tips on how to coordinate clothing for interviews, internships, and rotations. Faculty and Staff were encouraged to attend in their best "what not to wear" outfit, and the program concluded with students voting for the worst dressed faculty member in attendance.

On May 11th, Senior Symposium '06 kicked off with nine students present. The student chapter was eager to help out, whether it was stuffing seven hundred bags, monitoring rooms, introducing the speakers, or recruiting new members. We were able to raise \$1100 through donations and our t-shirt sales. Dr. Feather offered to have ASCP cover our student registrations for the Senior Care Pharmacy '06 meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Lori Daiello, PharmD, an ASCP member, donated one round-trip airfare toward a student attending the meeting as well. We were fortunate to meet such generous members who are willing to support our interest in geriatrics.

Our first year as a student chapter was exciting and we will carry our enthusiasm forward. Our goals include recruiting more students into ASCP and further educating future pharmacists about the importance of caring for our growing senior population. None of this would have been possible if it was not for the encouragement and assistance of our advisor, Dr. Sean Jeffery- thank you for everything (to infinity and beyond)! With everyone's support we will continue to develop our relationship with the university and the community towards a promising future in long term care.



2006 Legislative Summary

Dennis H. Cleary, CEO, Cleary and Associates LLC

We are pleased to provide you with the following summary of the legislation we followed and lobbied for you this session. The legislature adjourned as scheduled at midnight on Wednesday May 3rd.

ASCP's legislative committee met a number of times during the session to review pending legislation and to set priorities for both our support and opposition to drafted bills. There were many bills that we opposed in their original form but after our recommended language changes they became bills we supported.

Special thanks to the Committee Leaders, Chairs and Ranking Members on the Public Health, General Law, and Aging Committees for their time listening to our concerns and amending language on proposal before their respective committees.

The final version of many bills we supported is enclosed with this report along with our final bill tracking report. As you can see on our final bill tracking report we tracked and lobbied 25 bills this year. As always I am available to answer any questions on any legislative or regulatory matter. I look forward to getting on early start this summer developing a proactive agenda for the 07 legislative session.

Key bills passed:

[SB00505](#) - Filed 2006-02-28

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM AND WORK GROUP AND THE RELEASE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BY PHARMACISTS.

To detect the improper or illegal use of controlled substances obtained by prescription and to require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to establish a prescription drug monitoring working group.

[SB00317](#) - Filed 2006-02-21

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

To make revisions to Department of Public Health statutes.

[HB05639](#) - Filed 2006-02-28

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL TO ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE MEDICARE PART D PROGRAM.

To establish a council that shall advise the Commissioner of Social Services on matters relating to the implementation and operation of the Medicare Part D program.

Key bills killed:

[HB05452](#) - Filed 2006-02-21

AN ACT CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF RETAIL PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES.

To require certain pharmacies to disclose retail prescription drug prices to the Attorney General on a monthly basis and to require the Commissioner of Social Services to provide an annual list to the Attorney General of the one hundred most prescribed Medicaid and ConnPACE drugs, to assist underinsured and uninsured consumers who purchase prescription drugs.

[SB00281](#) - Filed 2006-02-17

AN ACT CONCERNING MULTISTATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BULK PURCHASING.

To increase the state's purchasing power by joining with other states to purchase prescription drugs.

[HB05246](#) - Filed 2006-02-15

AN ACT ENSURING THE SAFETY OF MEDICINE THROUGH THE USE OF AUTOMATED DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS.

To permit health care facilities and institutions licensed by the Department of Public Health to use automated drug delivery systems.

[SB00002](#) - Filed 2006-02-07

AN ACT CONCERNING MULTISTATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BULK PURCHASING.

To increase the state's purchasing power by joining with other states to purchase prescription drugs.

Key bill supported and died:

[SB00483](#) - Filed 2006-02-28

AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT PLANS.

To provide greater transparency and disclosure between pharmacy benefit managers and the entities which employ them to manage their prescription drug benefit plans.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or need additional information.

As always, you can view all the bills along with their histories online on our web site:

www.clearyassociates.com

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Thank You!!

On behalf of the Planning Committee for CT ASCP and Senior Symposium '06, we would like to thank the following Supporters. Without their continuous generous support on the local, state, and national levels we would not be able to provide the quality educational programs to which we have become accustomed. Please join us in thanking your local and regional representatives as you see them throughout the next few weeks and months!

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SYMPOSIUM

Notes 'n Votes - May 2006 Board Meeting

Michel Fortin, RPh, CGP

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 4-3-06 meeting

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

L. Sobel discussed bills which include having pseudoephedrine classified as an RX item to reduce methamphetamine abuse. Drug Control want to institute electronic monitoring of CII-CV RX's and this bill may be passed. A bill would require positive ID of customers picking up controlled drug RX's with LTCF's and ALF's being exempted. D. Cleary reported that an emergency preparedness bill would require pharmacies to report inventories to the state.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE - Senior Symposium 2006(SS06)

Website: www.seniorsymposium.com. Scheduled for May 11 & 12, 2006. G. Memoli reported that to date about 500 have registered and counting exhibitors and BOD members, the total is about 600 people. The Thursday night program has 250 registered and the Friday program has 306. According to Solomon & Assoc. our registration numbers are on target with last year at this time. To date income is down 17K compared to last year. D. Cooper reported we are at 87% of last years exhibit fee income to date and at 90% of satellite symposium income for a shortage of about 17K to 20K. Although exhibitors increased from 23 last year to 31 this year, most came in at the bronze level and a few companies withdrew which required us to refund the exhibit fees. Next year we will utilize language in ASCP's contracts to allow us to keep a portion of fees paid when a company withdraws at the last minute. Long term care pharmacies are exhibiting this year include Partners, Pharmacia and Omnicare of CT. The leadership of CPA and other state pharmacy groups are offered comp admission.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

M. Wrabel reported that T. Zavasky from J&J has once again agreed to sponsor our installation banquet/educational program. This program has been sponsored by J&J several years now. The Massachusetts Chapter of ASCP (MASCP) has requested that the Board consider holding a joint meeting on the MA/CT border to strengthen our relationship with their chapter. This relationship dates back to 1997-1998 when their president Roger Parent assisted us with starting our CT Chapter. The BOD agreed that this should occur and the plan is to have this joint meeting on June 5th. Plans will be finalized by Sandy W.

NEWS FROM UCONN

Graduation is May 6th. The Schwarting Symposium will be held on May 16th & 17th. S. Jeffery reported that the Student Chapter has raised \$245.00 at their "What Not to Wear" fashion night at UConn. Further fundraising will occur at SS06 with tee shirt sales.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

A. Huie-Li reported the next newsletter will be distributed after Senior Symposium '06 and will be an expose on the symposium. G. Memoli volunteered to author this article. K. Gilligan will author an article about the Student Chapter and D. Cleary will be submitting a summary of the legislative year.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

G. Memoli summarized his experience at the recent disaster drill where over 300 RPh's were involved. The next one will be held in June and will involve Small Pox immunizations with training from local health departments. See CPA's website for more information.

SPONSOR RECOGNITION

Sponsors were thanked by the BOD for their sponsorship of this meeting and for providing the educational portion of the meeting.

Sponsorship: Glen Thurlow and Pfizer.
 Guests: Dennis Cleary, Cleary & Associates, LLC, Marcia Cohen, UConn Students: Kim Gilligan, Carol Fox, Katie Myers, Becky Neville

MEMBER NAME & TITLE	Mar	Apr	May
Sandy Wojciechowski, President	X	X	X
Sean Jeffery, President-Elect / Education Chair	X	X	X
Jim Conklin, Immed. Past-President / PAC Chair		X	
Michel Fortin, Secretary / Treasurer	X	X	X
Mark Wrabel, Board 2005 / Programs Chair	X	X	X
Amy Huie-Li, Board 2005 / Communic. Co-Chair	X	X	X
Dennis Chapron, Board 2003	X	X	
John Cannarella, Board 2003		X	X
Kevin Chamberlin, Board 2004 / Commu-nic.Comm	X	X	X
Anna Egle, Board 2004 / Communic. Co-Chair	X		X
Larry Sobel, President Emeritus / Legislative Chair			X
Gene Memoli, Past President / Chair Senior Symp. Legislative Committee	X	X	X
David Cooper, Past President / Sales Senior Symp	X	X	X
Jack Ziskin, Past President / Membership Chair Legislative Committee			
Sheldon Sones, Past President			
Kathy White, Senior Symposium Committee	X	X	X
Lisa Marusic, Senior Symposium Committee			
Bryan Lentini, Senior Symposium Committee			
Paul Belcher, PAC Committee	X	X	X
George D'Agostino, PAC Committee			X
Brian Pelletier, Communications Committee	X		X

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Meeting—May 1, 2006 at 5:30

Location: First & Last Tavern, Middletown

Next Meeting: Monday, June 5, 2006 at 5:30pm

Location: The Publick House, Rte 131, Sturbridge, MA
 (508) 347-3313

Respectfully submitted,

Michel Fortin, Secretary

2006 Connecticut ASCP Pharmacist of the Year Award

[Please complete as much information as possible]

Nominee Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Place of Employment: _____
Position / Title: _____
Years as Senior Care Pharmacist: _____

Professional Awards, Degrees, Accomplishments: _____

Community Service Awards, Accomplishments: _____

Open Comments, Personal Recommendations, etc.: _____

Nomination Submitted by: _____

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