ACP Arizona Members:

The Arizona Chapter of ACP welcomes a new Governor, Dr. James V. Felicetta. Dr. Felicetta is an endocrinologist who has served as Chief of Medicine at the Phoenix VA Medical Center for the last 26 years. More about Governor Felicetta in the Governor’s Newsletter in May.

**Mentorship/IMG Event in Phoenix**

On Friday, April 5, a congenial group of IMGs and Mentoring Doctors gathered at ArMA headquarters in Phoenix to get to know each other better, to have questions answered and to salute some award winners!!
On the right is Dr. Felicetta with Dr. Muhammad Khan who nominated Dr. Irbaz Riaz, (in the middle) a co-recipient of the 2013 IMG Outstanding Rising Star Award, presented at the IMG/Mentoring Event on April 5, 2013.

Congratulations to our award recipients!!

2013 Rising Stars
Yousef Usta, MD
Irbaz Riaz, MD

2013 Academic IMG: H. R. Vikram, MD FACP
2013 IMG / Year: Priya Radhakrishnan, MD, FACP

Young Physicians Committee
This month’s Chat features the Arizona Chapter, ACP Young Physicians Committee which enjoys a robust group of active members and strong leadership with Drs. Shaghayegh Abdollahi and Shireen Jindani sharing chairmanship. They meet via conference calls on a quarterly basis. It is on these calls that the planning of their popular ¡Adelante! events take place.

2013 began strong for this group, enjoying a hike in the Scottsdale McDowell Mountains, with the committee and their families discovering the wealth of desert wildflowers in the wake of the unexpected rain this winter. More activities will follow!!

Beginning in May of this year, the Young Physicians Committee will be known as the Council of Early Career Physicians, a title that better reflects the make-up of the committee. Consider joining!! Let Dixie Swan know of your interest by emailing her: dswan@azmed.org.

Leadership Grants and Chapter Stipends
Congratulations to Dr. Mohan Ashok Kumar, an associate member from St. Joseph’s in Phoenix, and to Dr. Caroline Johnson, a Hospitalist for Rural Physicians Group, both of whom have been selected to receive national grants to attend the ACP Leadership Day 2013 in Washington, DC on May 21-22.

These Chapter members will be joined by Governor Felicetta, former Governor Lopez and five chapter stipend winners: Shaghayegh Abdollahi, MD FACP, Santhosh Gheevarghese-John, MD, and Associates Aeefa Chaudhury, MD, Mohamad Lazkani, MD, Saida Moinuddin, MD.

This annual two day event provides ACP members with advocacy training, an update on the College’s legislative priorities, briefings by members of Congress and an opportunity to meet with Arizona’s elected officials. Congratulations all!!

Opportunities for YOU
Mark Your Calendars Now
We have confirmed our plans for the 2013 Chapter meeting and delighted to announce that our Chapter Scientific meeting will be held in Tucson at the University of Arizona, November 15-17, 2013. Look for more information soon!

News for Arizona ACP Hospitalists
Stay current with news for hospitalists from the ACP at www.acphospitalist.org.

ACP Advocates for Internal Medicine Network, formerly Key Contacts
If you have not yet signed up to learn about advocacy opportunities, please register at http://capwiz.com/acponline/mlm/signup. If you don't speak for Internal Medicine, who will?

Would You Like to Have the ACP Pay Your Annual Dues? Recruit a Colleague - http://www.acponline.org/membership/recruit/
Recommend ACP membership to your colleagues and earn a significant discount on your membership dues or even free membership!

To thank you for your time and effort, we offer the following recruitment program. Between now and March 15, 2014, receive a:

• $100 credit toward your 2014-15 annual dues when you recruit one member
• $200 credit toward your 2014-15 annual dues when you recruit two new members
• $300 credit toward your 2014-15 annual dues when you recruit three new members
• Free membership in 2014-15 when you recruit four or more new members

Plus, for every member recruited within the promotional period, you will receive an entry into a grand-prize drawing for a trip to Internal Medicine 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts that includes registration, airfare (up to $500), and four days of hotel accommodations.

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