AZ Chapter members,

February brings some great events and opportunities—and sadly, a goodbye to a real friend of our chapter, lost too soon.

**William (Bil) Joseph Firth III, PhD, MD** passed away on January 11, 2014 while hiking on Thunderbird Mountain, a trail he loved and frequently trekked. Dr. Firth was a preceptor in the University of Arizona's Rural Health Professionals Program (RHPP), writing this in 2011: "I enjoy the challenge of Rural Medicine and try to impart this passion to my students as a member of the faculty at University of Arizona Medical School in Tucson. I was recently chosen Rural Preceptor of the Year for 2010 at the Medical School an award of which I am especially proud." In 2013, Dr. Firth received the **ACP AZ Chapter Volunteerism and Community Service Award**. In a nomination letter for this honor, Dr. Firth was recognized as "...an exemplary human being who has devoted his career to working for underserved populations and to educating medical students in a community based practice." His family, patients, colleagues and friends in the Arizona Chapter, will certainly miss the energy and dedication of Dr. Firth. If you wish to honor his memory, his family has suggested a donation to the "**William J. Firth III, M.D. Rural Medicine Scholarship Fund**". Contributions may be sent in the memorial scholarship fund's name to the Wickenburg Community Hospital Foundation, 520 Rose Lane, Wickenburg, Arizona, 85390.

**Advocacy:** our active and vibrant Advocacy Committee is chaired by Anita C. Murcko, MD, FACP.

If you have been checking your inbox, you know we just hosted the American College of Physicians Arizona Chapter “**Day at the State Legislature**” on **Wednesday, February 5, 2014.** Attendees had an opportunity to be a part of a briefing featuring policy and lobbying experts, to see the Legislature in action, and to visit with their legislators. This year's "hot topics" were Graduate Medical Education and Telemedicine Parity Legislation. Policy statements were left with legislators and are also available from Dixie Swan, ACP Executive Director, dswan@azmed.org.

**ACP Provides Up-to-Date Information** about the health care issues that affect your practice and your daily life. Check out [https://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/az/advocacy.htm](https://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/az/advocacy.htm) to find out where the College stands on key Health Policy issues, news and recent policy changes.
You will find thoughtful and fact-filled information about the Affordable Care Act (specific to Arizona) and other Advocacy matters of local and national scope.


**MORE Chapter NEWS**

**Internal Medicine 2014-Arizona/Colorado Reception:** Get ready for an exciting event in Orlando at Internal Medicine 2014, at a planned joint reception with the Colorado Chapter. Join ACP Arizona friends at the *Chapter Reception on Friday, April 11, 5-7pm, at the Hyatt Regency, Celebration 5.*

**NEW National NEWS!!**

**ACP Leadership Day in Washington, D.C. is May 21-22, 2014:** Leadership Day enables the College to increase its presence on Capitol Hill and bring issues of concern to U.S. lawmakers. This two-day event provides ACP members with advocacy and/or media training, an update on the College's priority legislative issues; briefings from Members of Congress, Administration officials, and key Capitol Hill staffers, and an opportunity to meet with your state's elected officials.

More at [https://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/az/advocacy.htm](https://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/az/advocacy.htm)

Members who are interested in attending should contact Dixie Swan, Executive Director: [dswan@azmed.org](mailto:dswan@azmed.org). A limited number of stipends are available to help members attend.

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Tune into a new episode each month!

ACP announces new Leadership Academy: The ACP Leadership Academy is ACP's new leadership development program designed to provide early-career internists with the skills and knowledge necessary to become leaders in medicine. The program's first offerings will be live and online courses offered in partnership with the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE), the nation's largest health care organization for physician leaders. These courses are eligible for CME credit through the ACPE and were selected to provide episodic leadership training for members wanting to brush up on a specific content area. Participants can put these courses toward earning a nationally recognized leadership certificate from the ACPE and can also roll course credits into advanced degree programs from accredited universities. ACP members will receive a 15% discount on approved courses. In addition to these courses, in coming months, the ACP Leadership Academy will begin offering additional, informal leadership development opportunities via other College-wide vehicles to enhance the formal coursework. The new ACP Leadership Academy replaces ACP's Leadership Enhancement and Development (LEAD) program. More information, including a list of courses and LEAD transition information, is online, www.acponline.org/leadershipdevelopment.

Benefits for Non-Physician Affiliate Members: Non-Physician Affiliate membership is available to licensed non-physician health care professionals working on a patient-care team led by an MD, DO or a physician holding an internationally equivalent degree, who maintains their professional credentials to practice. Find out MUCH more - and join by following this link: http://www.acponline.org/membership/join/affiliates/

ACP Job Board: If you are interested in checking for jobs in Arizona, follow this link http://www.acponline.org/career_connection/, then select “Arizona” from the drop-down menu.

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ACP Arizona Chapter Scientific Meeting
October 24-26, 2014
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ