



Message from the Retiring Governor

This will be my final newsletter, as I turned over the Governorship to **Dr. Larry Feinberg** on April 25. It has been a great privilege for me to serve as your Governor for this last four years, and my life has been enriched immeasurably by all the new friends, activities, and ideas I have encountered. Thank you for the opportunity.

I am pleased to report some progress on the embezzlement which the Chapter suffered in 2006. The party has pled guilty and has been sentenced. Her sentence includes full restitution to the Chapter for our loss and she has already made a partial payment. I am grateful for the support and understanding from Chapter members over this difficult issue.

Dr. Feinberg and I attended the Spring Board of Governors meeting in Philadelphia April 21-25. The meeting focus was Health Care Reform, certainly a "hot topic" this year. We also considered a total of 28 new Resolutions, and then during Internal Medicine 2010, hosted a Chapter Reception, and marched in Convocation with our new fellows and Chapter awardees. As always, the meeting was stimulating and productive.

The Chapter continues to be vibrant and active. Our membership is growing and we have added programs and I hope value for our members. Thanks to all of you who have worked for the Chapter over the last four years.

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NEW FELLOWS

Fellows elected since the last newsletter

Barnes, Carl V., Englewood, CO

Burton, Heather L., Lakewood, CO

Fine, Andy M., Littleton, CO

Novelli, Marianne F., Boulder, CO

Berkbigler, Dale, Colorado Springs, CO

Cross Jr, Jacob T., Colorado Springs, CO

McAlpin, Andrew M., Cortez, CO

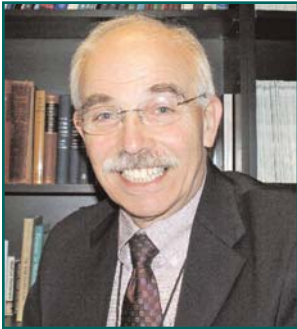
Wang, Cecilia C., Denver, CO

COLORADO CHAPTER SCIENTIFIC MEETING

140 members attended the Chapter Scientific Meeting Feb 5-7 in Colorado Springs, our largest attendance ever. Fifty came early for the two SEP courses given Thursday afternoon. The program was excellent, and received strong reviews from all in attendance. We tried several new formats, including concurrent workshops, multiple small feedings of the mind, and use of an audience response system. **Faith Fitzgerald, MD, MACP** from the Board of Regents was our special guest, and presented the Chapter with the Chapter Excellence Award from the College. Once again this year the meeting concluded with a spirited "Medical Jeopardy" competition. Kudos go to program Chair, **Heather Burton**, and her Committee. PowerPoint presentations from the meeting are posted on the Chapter Website

The Chapter presented Laureate Awards to **Dr. Mark Levine** and **Dr. Scott Phillips**

Mark A. Levine, MD, FACP - 2009 Laureate



Mark A. Levine, MD, FACP, is a well-known and widely respected internist in the State of Colorado, who has contributed significantly to health care delivery, the care of patients, medical education, and the advancement of both patient safety and medical ethics. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP), and embodies fully the characteristics of an ACP Laureate.

Dr. Levine received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers College and his medical degree at Temple University. Following his internship, he completed his internal medicine residency in at the Hospital the University of Pennsylvania. He then moved to Colorado to complete a fellowship in Clinical Immunology at the University of Colorado Health Science Center (UCHSC).

His clinical practice has occurred in a variety of settings, most recently at the UCHSC where he is an Associate Professor of Medicine in Geriatrics, and attends in the Seniors Clinic. He previously has delivered health care in solo, small group, and large group practice settings.

Dr. Levine is a teacher, both as part of his services in the Seniors Clinic, and also through service on sub-committees of the Curriculum Committee and as a member of the Continuing Medical Education Committee at UCHSC.

Dr. Levine has been intimately involved in the development of medical direction in managed health care and other settings in Colorado. He currently is an Associate Clinical Professor of Health Systems, Management, and Policy at the Colorado School of Public Health. He has served as a medical director for Health Care United, the Arapahoe IPA, Focus Health Services, Healthcare Colorado, Health Decisions International, and was an Associate Medical Director for CFMC.

Dr. Levine was the founding president of the Colorado Patient Safety Coalition, and continues as a board member of that organization. Dr. Levine has also been an active member of the Colorado Society of Internal Medicine, the American Society of Internal Medicine, the Colorado Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Physicians. His talents were recognized in the AMA, through his appointment to the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, of which he served as chairman. His talents were further recognized by the Colorado Medical Society through his appointment as the perennial parliamentarian.

Dr. Levine currently serves as the Chief Medical Officer of the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services, which administers Medicare and provides oversight for the state Medicaid program. While performing all of the duties of that role, Dr. Levine has distinguished himself in his exceptional outreach to the practicing physician, both to sense the nature of practice in the current environment, and to educate physicians about Medicare health policy.

Dr. Levine lives in Aurora with his wife, **Hannah**.



Scott D. Phillips, MD, FACP, FACMT, FAACT - 2009 Laureate

The Laureate Award of the American College of Physicians is to honor Fellows and Masters who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in medical care, education and research, and provide service to their community and the College. **Scott D. Phillips, MD, FACP, FACMT, FAACT** easily fulfills all those requirements.

Scott is a nationally and internationally acclaimed expert in Toxicology. He is an attending physician and Toxicology consultant at all major Denver hospitals and at prominent industrial medical centers in Colorado. He has played a major role in the development of Poison Control Centers in Costa Rica and Vietnam.

In his field of Toxicology, Scott lectures nationally and internationally. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine in the Division of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Besides teaching at the Medical School, Scott teaches Toxicology fellows at the Rocky Mountain Poison & Drug Center and a course at the School of Public Health. He has won numerous teaching awards for his efforts.

As an author and an editorial writer, Scott has made major contributions to the literature of medicine, toxicology, emergency medicine and environmental health. He has published over 140 manuscripts and book chapters. He is the editor of several major textbooks including Critical Care Toxicology and Occupational, Industrial and Environmental Toxicology. He is a sought after reviewer for many medical journals. He has been Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Medical Toxicology and the Internet Journal of Medical Toxicology, and serves on the editorial boards of several other specialty journals.

Scott has been a productive researcher, not only in his specialty of Toxicology, but also in areas such as Bioterrorism, environmental medicine and occupational medicine. The large number of grants that he receives for his research attests to the quality of the work that he produces.

For the past eight years, Scott has been closely involved with the development and academic advancement of the Poison Control Center of the Bach Mai Hospital (the program for all of Vietnam). He volunteers his time and expertise in training young Vietnamese physicians in Vietnam and here in Colorado as part of the leadership of the Bach Mai Hospital Project. Throughout the year, he serves as a consultant and advisor for that Center. Most recently, he successfully organized the First International Toxicology Symposium in Hanoi.

For all his efforts, Scott has been awarded numerous awards and recognitions by his Medical School, his specialty organizations and the National Environmental Health Association.

We are honored to be able to recognize Scott Phillips with our Chapter's Laureate Award.

The Community Service and Volunteerism Award was presented to Rita S. Lee.



Rita S. Lee, MD - Community Service and Volunteerism

Dr. Rita S. Lee attended The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD where she received her undergraduate degree in biology and psychology. Her medical education included Medical School at University of California, Los Angeles and Residency/Chief Residency in Internal Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. In 2003, she joined the clinical faculty at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine (UCD SOM) and has been an Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine since 2004.

Dr. Lee and her co-course director, Dr. Rachel Swigris, brought The Healer's Art elective to UCD SOM. This elective combats the hidden curriculum by preserving humanity and service in medicine. Currently this program reaches 50 medical students per year. They are working to expand this into the Internal Medicine Residency curriculum.

In 2007, she was selected as Medical Director of the Internal Medicine Clinic at the Anschutz Medical Campus. Since taking on this role, Dr. Lee has participated in and led multiple clinic initiatives including a provider education program, improving implementation of guidelines, increasing access to care, and working on quality improvement projects.

Dr. Lee has been advocating on behalf of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community since her arrival to Colorado. She has been working with The GLBT Center of Colorado (The Center) on their Healthy Living Program, which seeks to decrease health disparities in this group. She has consulted as part of the Medical Advisory Board on their social marketing campaign to encourage GLBT community members to access the health care system. She has also worked with The Center to upgrade their website so that patients can access a directory of GLBT-friendly providers, and providers can access resources to improve their care of GLBT patients.

Part of her work with The Center has also been to offer Provider Training sessions, which provide tools to make practices more GLBT-friendly and increase awareness of their specific health care needs. To date, these sessions have been provided to over 70 providers in the Front Range community (and will be expanded across Colorado at a later date).

Dr. Lee also volunteers at Project CURE as a Sort Team Leader. In this role, she helps groups of volunteers sort through bags of donated medical supplies. These supplies are then boxed by category and shipped in cargo containers to medical clinics around the world.

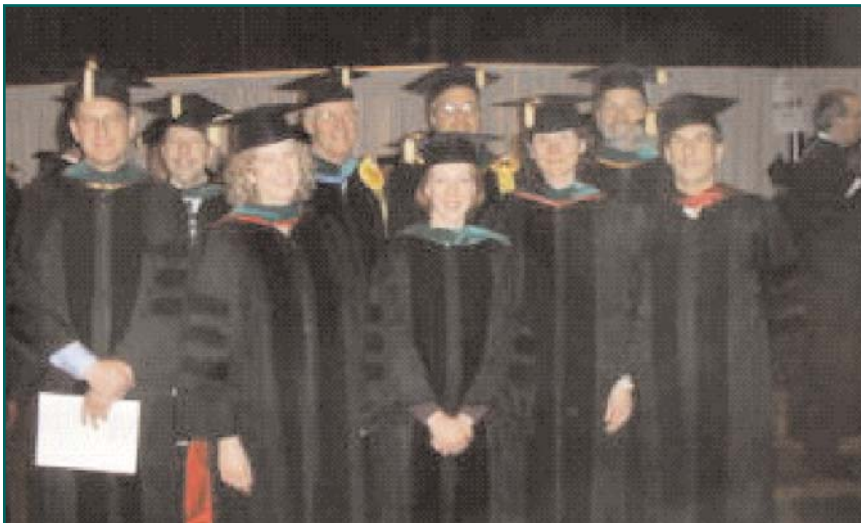
Dr. Lee's enthusiasm and dedication to teaching, humanism, advocacy, and community have distinguished her thus far in her career. She holds great promise to emerge as a leader in her field. She is a role model for excellence in patient care, teaching and community advocacy and involvement.

The Doctor's Dilemma competition, with quizmaster **Heather Burton**, Assistant **Lisa Cyran**, and Scorekeeper **Heather Shull** was spirited and entertaining. Judges were **Aaron Calderon**, **Suzanne Brandenburg** and **Faith Fitzgerald**. Representing CU were **Kathleen Heist, MD**, **Roda Amaria, MD**, and **Nilesh Ahuja, MD** and the Exempla St Joes team members were **Kathy Kozak, MD**, **Barbara Goldstein, MD**, and **Dipesh Amin, MD**. When the dust settled, Exempla St Joes were the winners and have gone on to the national competition at Internal Medicine 2010.

INTERNAL MEDICINE 2009

IM09 was in Philadelphia, and 45 members pre registered for the pre-courses and the actual program. The Keynote address this year was presented by **Hal Sox MD, MACP**.

At Convocation Thursday night Mastership was presented to two Colorado Physicians, **Carl Bartecchi** and **Patty Gabow**.



Frederick Walker, IV, MD, FACP; Larry Feinberg, MD, FACP; Elizabeth Benish, MD; Fred Feinsod, MD, FACP; Diana Medgesy, MD, FACP; Randall Reves, MD, FACP; Marsha Tallman, MD, FACP; Carl Barnes, MD, FACP

The Students and Associates Competition is always exciting. Colorado was represented this year by:

Medical Student: **Anne Hanson**

Associates:

Catherine A Hajek, MD

Tibor Krisko, MD

Michael Martucci, MD

NONINVASIVE ASSESSMENT OF CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE: CORRELATIONS OF CHOLATE SHUNT WITH HEPATIC FIBROSIS AND VARICES IN PATIENTS WITH HEPATITIS C

Clarice M Baumgartner, MD *TWO CASES OF PHENYTOIN HYPERSENSITIVITY, or...WHAT NOT TO FORGET ON YOUR DIFFERENTIAL*

Chapter Reception on Friday night we co hosted a reception with New Mexico and Nevada chapters at the Marriot hotel. This annual event gave members a chance to mingle with old friends and us a chance to recognize our new masters and fellows.

Leadership Day

Ten members of the Colorado ACP Chapter met with the Colorado Congressional delegation in Washington, DC on May 20, 2009. The group's message focused on the need for payment reform for internists, new models of health care delivery and the need for affordable health insurance coverage for all Americans. The Colorado group included:

Larry Feinberg, MD, FACP; Mark McCauley, MD, FACP; Mark Matthews, MD, FACP; Christy Reimer, MD, FACP; Laura Belviy, MD; Dipesh Amin, MD; Tracey Hansel, MD, Joel Levine, MD, MACP; Gaither Bynum, MD; Adam Tsai, MD

Young Physicians

The Colorado Council of Young Physicians met at the Broadmoor Hotel 2/7/2009 from 7-830 am.

Dr. Joel Levine gave a discussion on national trends and issues in the delivery and administration of health care with a focus on the importance of primary care. He concluded with 4 main points that should inform our approach to advocacy: 1) Access to care requires both health insurance coverage and primary care providers 2) The patient centered medical home model will be at the forefront of this access 3) Health information technology will be central and we should take the lead in analyzing and embracing it 4) comparative effectiveness in measuring quality of care in practical ways will be important. After Dr. Levine's discussion, **Doug Duffee** called the group to the following action steps:

1. Consider serving formally in one of the roles below (we need at least 6 people). As the group forms/matures these roles can be modified but we felt this would be a good starting point:
 - a. Chair-leads the CCYP
 - b. Secretary-supports the chair administratively
 - c. Advocacy representatives
 - i. Advocacy forum support person-develops ideas for supporting young physicians in the transition from training to practice start up, develops ideas for political advocacy and tries to stay in contact with national CYP people, develops ideas for community outreach. Any one (or combination) of these issues would be a good place to start.
 - ii. Practice support person-develops ideas for practice options and practice advice (people resources for practice styles, billing/coding/business/emr/systems issues)
 - iii. Education support person-prepares the speaker for any given meeting/topic of education and serves as a recert resource person
 - iv. Network support person-facilitates discussion of issues outside medicine affecting young physicians and facilitates relationship building/networking
2. Submit your intent to serve in one of the above areas so we can formally establish the group's structure. We hope to have these people in place by next meeting so each area can be discussed by the respective leader (s).
3. Pick a date and location for the next meeting. Due to the geographical location of some of those attending, some sort of "virtual meeting" may be in the groups best interest. This was a concern mentioned by multiple people.

The group continues to develop and mature. If interested in participating please let **Christine** know. The Associate's Meeting was held on June 9, 2009. The winners are:

Presentations:

1st place presentation: **Kendra Robison, MD** – "Intravenous Drug Abuse is a Pain in the Chest"

2nd place presentation: **Matthew Oman, MD** – "Scurvy: an Odd Case of Syncope and Anemia"

3rd place presentation: **Wesley Thacker, MD** – "It's in the Skin"

4th place presentation: **Stephanie Sommers, MD** – "Acute Myelogenous Leukemia Presenting with Polyuria and Polydipsia."

Posters:

1st place poster: **Barbara Goldstein, MD** – "Performance of the Connective Tissue Disease Screening Questionnaire (CSQ) and Autoantibody Testing for Identifying Patients with Undiagnosed Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) in an Urban Community Health Fair"

2nd place poster: **Anne Svoboda, MD** – ". Internal Medicine Residents Attitudes Regarding Patients Leaving the Hospital AMA"

3rd place poster: **Ashley Fitzgerald, MD** – "Adherence to Evidence-Based Pharmacotherapy Reduces the Risk of Death and Rehospitalization in Patients with Heart Failure"

4th place poster: **Pooneh Shahmohammadi, MD** – "A Careful History will Nail the Mystery"

Students For more info on our group, visit our website: <http://www.uchsc.edu/gim/msprograms.html>.

Save the Date:

2010 Colorado Chapter Meeting
February 4, 2010 thru February 6, 2010

The Broadmoor Hotel
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Help Recruit Medical Students and Residents for ACP Membership!

ACP is currently in the midst of two major recruitment programs, one for medical students and one for Associates. The Internal Medicine Interest Group Sponsorship Program (IMIG) and the Recruit-a-Resident Program reward medical schools and residency programs that recruit their students and residents to become ACP members.

Medical schools that participate in the IMIG Sponsorship Program will receive funding from ACP to use toward their club activities. Participating schools will receive \$300 in funding in September, and have the opportunity to earn additional funding based on their ACP membership numbers as of December 31. At the close of the program, schools with less than 30% ACP student member participation receive an additional \$1 per student member. Schools with 30% or greater participation will receive \$2 per student member. Total sponsorship for an individual IMIG cannot exceed \$1,000 (including the \$300 initial funding.) To participate in the program, eligible schools must complete the online application located at <http://www.acponline.org/imig>, by August 1, 2009.

The Recruit-a-Resident (RaR) Program rewards residency programs that recruit 90% or more of their categorical residents for Associate membership. All of the Associates must be members in good standing. Residency programs that reach the 90% goal by December 31, 2009 will receive free educational products from the College. This year's rewards include, 2009 MKSAP® Update for Residents, an interactive product featuring more than 100 multiple-choice questions from MKSAP 14 Self-Assessment Updates. The program will test your knowledge of recent changes and best practices in internal medicine. In addition, each resident will receive handouts from Internal Medicine 2009, which include content from the meeting sessions. For details about the Recruit-a-Resident program, please visit

http://www.acponline.org/residents_fellows/resources/recruit_a_resident/.

We would sincerely appreciate your help in encouraging the schools and programs in your chapter to participate in these programs.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact **Katie Buell**, Coordinator, Membership Programs and Services at kbuell@acponline.org or by calling 800-523-1546 ext. 2611.