

THE BULLETIN

NEW HANOVER-PENDER COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
Founded 1867

January - February 2000

Society Mission Statement:

To "make effective the opinion of the profession in all scientific, legislative, public health, and socio-economic matters "

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Year 2000 Calendar (Meetings @ 6 p.m.)

January 19
Cape Fear
Country Club (CFCC)

Feb. 16 Joint Alliance Mtg.
Holiday Inn SunSpree
Dr. James Leutze
Chancellor, UNC-W

March 15

April 12

May 17
Bar Association

June 21

August 16
Summer Social

September 20

October 21
Medical Retreat
SunSpree (AM/PM)

November 15

December 6
Holiday Party

November 9-12 NCMS Annual
Mtg. (Greensboro)

!!Next Meeting!!

Annual Joint Meeting of The Medical Society and Medical Society Alliance

February 16 6 p.m.

Holiday Inn SunSpree
Wrightsville Beach

Speaker:

James Leutze, Ph.D.
Chancellor, UNC-W

**Reservations due Wednesday,
February 9, by phone, FAX or
E-mail** (see footnote for numbers).
Indicate Chicken Francaise or
Peppercrust London Broil or
vegetarian plate. Cash Bar.
The fee for non-member
physicians, Alliance members,
spouses/guests is \$15, payable at
the door. "A reservation made is a
reservation paid." (Uneaten
reserved dinners are paid for by
the society.)

Our Feb. sponsor is **Roche
Laboratories, Inc.** represented by
Lynn Shearin (daughter of Ms.
Betty Shearin and the late
Thaddeus Shearin, MD), **Elizabeth
Wilfong** (daughter-in-law of Dr.
and Mrs. Robert Wilfong), and
Steve Meddings.

To send material for inclusion or for
corrections, see addresses at the
end of the newsletter. Thank you.

Year 2000 NH-PCMS Executive Committee

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| President | Jeffrey Wright |
| Past Pres. | Kenneth White |
| Pres.- Elect | David Lensch |
| 1 st V.P. | David Weatherford |
| 2 nd V.P. | John Sanders |
| Secretary | Greg Bebb |
| Treasurer | Charles Kays |
| Asst. Treas. | Kelly Sennholz |
| Members-at-large | |
| N. Hanover | Robert Perry |
| Pender | Naseem Nasrallah |

(Non-voting Members)

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| CME Retreat Chairman | Edward Whitesides |
| 1975 NCMS Pres. | Frank Reynolds |
| 1999 NCMS Pres. | C.K. Rust |
| Councilor | Michael Moulton |
| Retired Physician Section | Thomas Marshburn |
| Alliance Representative | Jean Credle |
| NH-PCMS Executive Director | Bonnie Brown |

Local Statistics for Year 2000

| | (approx. nos.) |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Physicians | 596 |
| Local Society Members | 376 |
| Practicing Physicians | 474 |
| N.C. Society Members | 294 |
| AMA Members | 128 |

New Members 1999-2000: Welcome!!!

January 20, 1999

Sarah P. Adams, MD – Ped
Kenneth Scott Garm, MD - EM

February 17, 1999

Marvin Lewis Hage, MD - OBG
Laura Lee Harris, MD - OPH
Gregory S. Henderson, MD - PTH
Robert D. J. Henihan, MD - GE

March 24, 1999

Anita Mandal, MD – ENT
Ewain Peter Wilson, MD - ENT
Timothy Kevin Duffin, MD - U
Darrin Eakins, MD - ORS
Cynthia Vail, PA
Christy Eakins, PA

April 21, 1999

John Charles Hisley, MD - OBG

May 26, 1999

Kathleen C. Leone, MD - OPH

October 20, 1999

Alan Tamadon, MD – PM&R
Terri Ann Loomis, MD – Derm
David Howey Snow, MD – Rheu
Robert T. Bennett, MD – U-Ped
Richard Scott Bahner, MD - ORS
Sandip J. Patel, MD – Rad
S. Eliz. von Biberstein, MD - ENT
Brian M. Brodwater, MD – Rad
Hemal Nayak, MD - CD
Robert M. Shakar, Jr., MD - AN
John Wells Logan, III, MD – Ped
Teresa Kenny, PA
Rodney Despaigne, PA

November 17, 1999

John Frederick Lewison, MD - IM
Mark W. McSwain, MD – IM/Ped
Thomas A. Wertheimer, MD-IM

From the NH-PC Medical Alliance

The **8th Annual Leprechaun Run will be held on Sunday, March 19**, at the Blockade Runner Resort Hotel. It is **NOT** too late to be a sponsor or a volunteer. For further information, please contact **Barbara Russell**, 452.5282; or **Donna Starling**, 256.9951. Thanks to all who responded !

Congratulations to:
Rachel Pace is president-elect of the N.C. Medical Alliance!!!!

Alliance Board - Wednesday, February 9, at 10 a.m., at the home of **Amy Sutton**, 2316 Waverly Drive.

Joint Meeting with the Medical Society, Wednesday evening, February 16th.

Local Society News: A Permanent Home for the Society

The current office of the *Society* is a small house behind the parking lot of Cape Fear Hospital and has been leased to us by the hospital in the past at a marked discount. The hospital system has found it necessary to revise the lease amount to reflect current market rates. The consensus of the executive committee of the *Society*, at their Jan. meeting, is that we should continue to lease the current space for the foreseeable future and begin planning, with the general membership, for a permanent home, especially if purchasing would not greatly exceed leasing at current market rates. The issue was discussed at the General Meeting, Jan. 19, with President **Jeff Wright** presiding.

The concept was supported from the floor by three attendees -- **Drs. Neill Musselwhite, Wendell Musser, and Joe Kittinger** -- who suggested the initiation of a building fund. Dr. Wright suggested that for the time being, excess revenues be set aside for this purpose. A motion was passed, without dissent, as follows: "The Society will begin setting aside funds for the eventual acquisition of a permanent *Society* office." Dr. Wright emphasized that decisions involving financing and initiation of any purchase of office space would be made with the approval of the general membership. (The *Bulletin* will continue to print updates regarding this process.)

1999 Holiday Party

The midweek party at Milano's was considered to be a great success with 192 guests attending. Thanks to **Donna Shiro** for suggesting this format. Plans are for a similar arrangement December 6, 2000.

Jan. 2000 Mtg. Summary

A business meeting was held after dinner that included discussion regarding the *Society's* permanent office and the presentation of video tapes on 1). organ transplantation, presented by a surgeon who was the recipient of a liver transplant for hepatitis B, and 2). the recent important work of the N.C. Medical Society. We thank our sponsors: **AstraZeneca** (Helen Tucker), **United Healthcare of NC** (Liz Beckingham), and **The Britton Tinsley Group of J.C. Bradford & Co.** (Russ Britton and Kelly Tinsley).

N.C. Public Health News:

(Editorial comment: Having formerly done research in diagnostic screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections due to Chlamydia and HIV, I am enclosing the following excerpt from *The Lexington Dispatch* 12/24/99. It was sent to our Society by the NC Med. Society on 1/3/00 and describes a political trend that could have deleterious effects on public health efforts to control the spread of sexually transmitted infections in N.C. These diseases, such as Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, HIV and Human papilloma virus can silently impact life, health, and fertility, if access to screening and treatment are impeded. The highest incidence of these diseases is in adolescents and young adults).

Counties take aim at teen health services law

By GREG RETSINAS
The Lexington Dispatch
December 24, 1999

RALEIGH - A handful of counties around North Carolina are calling for the General Assembly to repeal a 28-year-old law that allows minors to receive contraceptives from local health departments without first obtaining their parents' consent.

The counties' actions have occurred over the past four months, with the votes often taking place quietly with little or no advance public notice. The resolutions calling for the law's repeal have alarmed state health advocates who worry

that the grassroots efforts could turn into a groundswell of support.

To date, at least Davidson, **Brunswick**, Martin, Rowan and Watauga counties have passed the resolutions, and several other counties have considered the matter and referred it to their local county health boards.

Rutherford County Commissioner David Odom said he first became aware of the state law a year ago while watching a cable TV news program. Unaware that local health departments had the authority to give out condoms and other birth-control devices without seeking parental approval, Odom said he decided to urge his fellow commissioners to confront the issue by suggesting the state law be repealed.

Odom could not sway his colleagues, but he was sufficiently motivated to send letters to the commissioners in the state's 99 other counties, urging their support. He also included a sample resolution, stating that the statute be repealed and that the General Assembly "adopt policies of parental involvement rather than parental absence."

Other counties forwarded the sample resolution, and the offensive snowballed.

"We preach that parents need to be involved. I just don't think this law is right. It's not good public policy," said Odom.

State health advocates said the law is working as it should, and ensures that minors have access to much-needed prenatal care and contraceptives. They cite

studies showing that minors who must get their parents' consent are less likely to seek needed medical care and could face more health problems.

"(Without the law) young people would stop presenting themselves for services, and we'd see an increase in sexually transmitted diseases and infections," said Patricia Yancey with the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of North Carolina, a Chapel Hill-based advocacy group.

During recent debates regarding the role of school-based health centers, health advocates were worried that the law would be weakened, and the actions by the counties, and the quiet manner in which the resolutions have been passed, have caused the bill's supporters to start defending the law.

"There is clearly an organized effort to get county commissions to ask for this radical change. It's very unfortunate because North Carolina law as it stands now is critical to the good health of teens," said Dan Besse, associate executive officer of Planned Parenthood of North Carolina-West, which serves the western half of the state.

"A lot of people are not even aware this statute exists. We're trying to keep out of the (legislative) arena," said Yancey.

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Announcements:**Medical Explorer
Post Update**

Excerpts from a 12/10/99 letter written by **Dick Jones, VP**, New Hanover Health Network:

"We are still making great progress with the Explorer Post ...we will be shifting into high gear at the beginning of the year.

Following the last meeting of the committee and advisors, Patrick Boykin [a local professional scout official] helped us get ready for our registration meeting. This was held in early November and was a tremendous success. The auditorium in the Cameron Education Center was filled to standing room only. As a result we now have over 150 registered Explorer Scouts! As part of the registration process we asked each student to identify where he or she would like to spend most or all of their time. Consequently we have the following areas of interest from the students.

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|---------------------|----|
| Medicine - | 42 |
| Radiology - | 08 |
| Nursing - | 23 |
| Psychological Svcs. | 07 |
| Physical Therapy- | 21 |
| Dentistry - | 07 |
| Lab Services - | 11 |
| Hospital Admin - | 09 |
| EMS - | 08 |
| General Interest - | 15 |

We will be attempting to integrate the general interest into areas that the students would like to explore. ...Patrick and I believe we should use the above groups as the posts. By letting each group meet and operate independently I think we will achieve greater success.

[Meetings were held in Dec. and Jan. with the help of Sherry Davis, Director of Volunteers]

Thank you all for your support of this program. We have a great opportunity to mentor these young people, some of whom will hopefully return to this medical community some day."

(Persons interested in volunteering as mentors may contact **Dick Jones**.)

NEW HANOVER-PENDER COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY AND ALLIANCE

Wednesday, February 16, 2000
6 PM, Holiday Inn, SunSpree Resort
Wrightsville Beach

Guest Speaker: Dr. James Leutze, Chancellor
University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Please make reservations by Tuesday, February 09.
Spouses or Guests Invited.
Subsidized spouse or guest meal is \$15,
payable by check, at the door.

We are searching for information about accomplishments or activities of local society members, professional or personal, that would be of interest to the general readership of the society for inclusion in the newsletter.

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