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A BIT OF OUR HISTORY

During a General Meeting In 1985, after the issue's having been discussed numerous times, before, **Dr. James Snyder** moved that social meetings (those not held in the hospital cafeteria and at which alcohol was served) offer a cash bar, only. The motion was seconded by **Dan Gottovi, MD**. After passionate pleas by two senior physicians to avoid the change from an open bar, the motion passed by a large majority. New Hanover-Pender was a leader in seeing the wisdom in this action of reducing liability and serving, responsibly, as stewards of their organization's treasury.

A LASTING GIFT



2017 marked the Society's sesquicentennial. President Ed Ricciardelli planned an elaborate celebration of the 150 years. By special request, physician and artist, **Clinton Meyer**, agreed to prepare an original painting to be unveiled during the evening. Dr. Meyer's beautiful painting hangs in the Local and State Society offices. Dr. Meyer allows use of his painting for posters and note cards.

THE SUMMER SOCIAL

In 1996, **President Wayne Varner**, approved what has come to be known as the Summer Social. Each subsequent year, physicians have enjoyed a get-together to re-connect and meet new physicians to the area at summer's end. 2020 will be the first year since 1996 that the event will not be held at all. The Spring Social, Family Day, Annual Meeting, the Holiday Party. There may be no responsible way to hold more in-person events this year! We wish that it could be different - but look forward to 2021! Do submit suggestions for Virtual Meetings, original writing for the E-Bulletin and articles for the StarNews.

IN THE "MAIL"

As I signed letters to some of the physicians who have asked that their Life and 50-Year awards be mailed, last week, a sensation of the sheer magnitude of what those recognitions represent was palpable. The giftedness and knowledge. Thousands upon thousands of hours caring for patients. Significant sacrifice. Benevolent acts about which no one else even suspects. Family celebrations missed or deferred. Names on the eleven packages represented a variety of specialties. Memories of interactions with those special folks over the years flooded back. Medical Society members all. True Treasures of the very best kind.



Bonnie Brown

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Mark your calendar: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill invites you to **the 26th National Health Equity Research Webcast that will take place on Friday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m.** on Zoom. This year's webcast will be a live 90-min. interactive webinar. Registration is FREE and opens today July 13. All participants are required to register for this event at: <https://sph.unc.edu/mhp/nat-health-equity-research-webcast/>.