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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jonna Miller, M.D.

It has been my pleasure to serve on your HGOS board for the past 6 years and especially this past year as your president. Of course, it is our members that keep this society going and I have been pleased to greet so many of you at our quarterly meetings. This year, our meetings at Ruggle's, Smith and Wollensky and Grappino di Nino were well attended and educational with a wide range of topics. We have received good feedback from those in attendance and will continue to strive to keep the Houston Gynecological & Obstetrical Society dedicated to the needs of our members.

I hope to be celebrating this holiday season with each of you at our festive holiday meeting on November 30, 2011, at Brennan's.

Wednesday, November 30th, 2011

Brennan's

3300 Smith Street

Houston, Texas 77006

6:30 - Cocktails

7:00 - Dinner and Presentation

Last year at Tony's, we had 100 colleagues in attendance for the "Resident Research Night". We are expecting another successful completion to our year with this very exciting second annual program. When you arrive, be sure to stop by and greet the representatives of the companies generously sponsoring this last meeting. In addition to the support of our pharmaceutical representatives, several of our members have given in support of this event to honor Dr. Kaufman. The HGOS Executive Board would like to thank each of the contributors below for their generous support.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF HGOS

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

**Brennan's
3300 Smith Street, Houston, TX 77006
713-522-9711**

***"Raymond Kaufman Resident Research Night"*
with CME accreditation**

Presented by:

**Dr. Yanett Anaya - Baylor College of Medicine
Dr. Jenny Van Winkle - The Methodist Hospital
Dr. Shaunna Mason - UT Hermann
Dr. Sherene Uralil - UT LBJ
Dr. Antonio Saad - UTMB**

**6:30 Sign In and Reception
7:00 Presentation and Dinner**

**Reserve your seat by phone at 713-661-1839
or by email at lgasper@hgos.org**

**No charge for Dues Paying Members*, Prospective Members, Residents
and Fellows
\$50 fee for non-members and guests**

***Members who have not paid their 2011 dues may pay in advance or will
be required to pay at the door. Payment in the amount of \$225 may be
paid by cash, check or credit card. Contact Lisa Gasper at
lgasper@hgos.org or 713-661-1839 for payment.**



COMMUNITY NEWS

At The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center the mission is to eradicate cancer – everywhere. Despite this objective, the institution has yet to have a supported or defined outreach program to help in the global fight against cancer. Recently, however, MD Anderson gave the green light for a Cervical Cancer Outreach Program, which will focus on lessening the burden of cervical cancer in high incidence, low-resource settings. The first trips are planned for Guatemala.

Leading the effort is **Kathleen Schmeler, M.D.**, assistant professor in the Department of Gyn Onc & Reproductive Medicine. Schmeler has been interested in outreach work since medical school and for nearly two years, along with **Pedro Ramirez, M.D.**, also in Gyn Onc, has been taking trips to Central America to teach a residency training program sponsored by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

In September of this year, Schmeler, along with an advanced practice and research nurse in the department, Kathleen Doughtie and Julietta Palencia, contributed to an outreach program in rural Guatemala in which they both screened approximately 1000 women using VIA/Cryo and trained approximately 25 local health care providers to provide the service in their communities. The VIA/Cryo program was developed by Peter Thompson, M.D., a retired Houston-area Gyn Onc, and has been carried out for five years by Faith In Practice, a local medical missions group, through its Cervical Cancer Screening Program.

Based on this successful program, MD Anderson recently approved the development of a Cervical Cancer Outreach Program sponsored by Global Academic Programs. Initially the Outreach will replicate the screening and training employed by Faith In Practice but will work to incorporate research

in rapid HPV DNA testing and appropriate delivery of services as well as the administration of HPV vaccines. The first trip to Guatemala is being planned for June or July 2012 with a subsequent trip in the fall.

For more information on the program and recent developments in GAP, take a look at the webpage and GAP Connect, the department's weekly newsletter. For questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Thomas, the program's project manager, or Kathleen Schmeler.

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LOOKING FOR PHYSICIAN VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNITY CLINIC

Low cost outpatient care is available for patients at the India House Community Center. Patients from all ethnicities are welcome here. They are looking for volunteer physicians to help see Gyn patients on Saturdays every month from 9-1p.m. You may volunteer once every 3 months or once a year, whatever suits your schedule. Patients do sign a liability waiver. If you are interested in volunteering here, please contact **Dr. Devanshi Somaiya** at 713-302-2557(cell) or email her at devanshiemail@gmail.com

You may also refer patients here if they need subsidized care. At this time, they are able to provide primary care and gynecological services only and are not able to care for patients that need procedures/surgeries. Outpatient visits are \$20, labs are usually \$10-\$20, and pap smears are \$40.

The India House Community Center is located at 8888 West Belfort, Houston TX 77031. Patients may call 713-929-1905 for appointments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jonna Miller has been contacted by Dr. Maria Briceno from Venezuela who has passed USMLE Step 1 and 2 and is looking for an "observership" and/or research project in Ob/Gyn. If any of our members or others might be interested, please contact Jonna @ jmiller@hwca.net.

Congratulations to **Dr. Eugene Toy** on recently being awarded the March of Dimes-Texas Volunteer of the Year Award in Public Affairs for 2011.

Dr. Dayna Ellison with Houston Women's Care Associates at The Woman's Hospital of Texas just passed her oral board exams! If you see her, please extend your congratulations.

HGOS Life Member, **Dr. Gaynor Janes**, passed away on August 3, 2011. Dr. Janes was in private practice at Memorial Southwest Hospital for 39 years. He was 74 years old. Our condolences to Dr. Janes' family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HGOS -Raymond Kaufman Resident Research Night

November 30, 2011
Houston, TX - Brennan's
Contact: Lisa Gasper 713-661-1839

The 9th International Conference on Ovarian Cancer

December 2-3, 2011
Houston, TX
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SOCIETY NEWS

HCMS Council for Specialty Societies

Dr. Fran Smith attended The Council for Specialty Societies on October 4th. Dr. Melissa Bogle, President of the Houston dermatological Society was elected chair and will represent us on the HCMS Executive Board.

TMA's 2011 Legislative report card was reviewed and some of their accomplishments were to fight off severe cuts to Medicaid payments (although there were drastic cuts to women's health and family planning), protect the patient-physician relationship against corporate interference, won Texas Medical Board reforms, no scope-of-practice expansions, and improved immunization requirements.

- Discussed implementation of Electronic Medical Records and information was given regarding GHIE (Greater Houston Health Information Exchange).
- Factors limiting physician compensation as according to Becker's Hospital Review – reimbursement decreases topped the list with 30% followed by Other (12%), Personal Choice (work and make less) (11%) Payor mix (10%) and several others all less than 10%.
- TMA's Specialty Society and TEXPAC are having a retreat in Austin on December 3-4 as part of the TMA's 2011-2012 strategic planning process.

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