

*Akron Area*  
**Society of Health-System Pharmacists**  
*Business Meeting and Continuing Education*

*Acute Coronary Syndrome*

By

*Dr. John Paulowski*

*Speaker and Dinner Sponsored by:  
Jamie McKinney, Schering Plough Corp.*

*Tuesday, April 14, 2009  
356<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group  
4919 Mt. Pleasant Road, North Canton, Ohio 44720*

*Social Time and Registration begins at 6:00 PM  
Buffet begins at 6:20 PM  
Business Meeting begins at 6:30 PM*

*Dinner will be a buffet*

*Please RSVP by **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** to Holly Toukonen at:*

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*RSVP For April 14, 2009*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

*AASHP Member (no charge)*

*Non-member (\$25)*

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## **Akron Area Society of Health-System Pharmacists**

**April 2009**

### **A Message from the President**

As we begin to wind down the year, please continue to take advantage of the opportunities for continuing education, networking, and volunteering that remain available.

Our speaker this month will be Dr. John Paulowski from Aultman Hospital. He will be speaking on Acute Coronary Syndrome but from a completely different perspective than our last ACS speaker.

Early registration for the OSHP Annual Meeting ends April 10<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get your reservation in for the meeting as well as the hotel and save a little dough. The meeting will provide 8.5 ACPE approved hours of continuing education as well as that all important 1 hour of Ohio Law CE.

For those of you attending the OSHP meeting, please consider serving as a delegate. We will need 4 delegates from our chapter. This takes only a short amount of time and you'll still make it home in good time Friday evening (probably before the sun sets).

Opportunities are still available to volunteer with Open M in the pharmacy as well as at Haven of Rest. Please contact Patrick if you are interested in helping out with that. Everyone who has volunteered at these sites has enjoyed it immensely.

Our Mini-Expo will be the last scheduled meeting of the 2008-2009 year. That evening will include the installation of officers as well as short presentations by some of the area's pharmacy residents. Hors d'oeuvres and wine & beer will be on the menu as well as a number of pharmaceutical representatives with their products and the opportunity to network and catch up with your colleagues.

Keep an eye on your e-mail as we will send out information about our annual Summer Social Event. Hopefully we'll have an even bigger turn-out than last year.

--Karen

### **Highlights of the March Meeting**

President, Karen Eckley welcomed everyone to the March meeting and thanked The Medicines Company for sponsorship of the meeting. She then reminded everyone to keep their eyes open for the 2009-2010 officer ballot. Dale English has stepped up to the plate and is seeking nomination for President-Elect. Thank You!

Next, Karen asked Rich Vorraber and Maria Giannakos-Whitacre to introduce the science fair winners (Sarah Hinline, Jenni Gray, and Lauren Purkhiser) and present their awards. The students then gave a brief explanation of their projects.

President-Elect, Patrick Gallegos again reminded members that there is a sign-up sheet to volunteer at Open M and Haven of Rest---next date for Haven of Rest is Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Patrick then announced that Pam Moore volunteered to be the CE coordinator for next year. Pam shared some information regarding her experience volunteering at Haven of Rest---she wanted members to know it is a wonderful opportunity, no worries regarding safety---the area is not of concern, she felt safe. Please consider volunteering. Pam then asked for suggestions of topics for next year: What are the Hot Topics?

**Please forward any topic suggestions for future meetings to Pam Moore:  
mooreps@summa-health.org**

Treasurer, Mary Hailer then reported that the savings account had a balance of \$11,353.53 and the checking account had a balance of \$4050.53.

Secretary, Holly Toukonen then introduced several guests. Our two newest members, Dave Wagner and Bhavin Mistry; technicians in attendance included: Kim Ayers, Jennie Brett, Portia Haller, Peg Moore, Rachelle Raybuck, Marybeth Snyder, and Tamera Walls; student guest: Sara Wohlgamuth.

Holly also mentioned that the organization received a thank you note from Open M in regards to our Christmas donation and sponsorship of a local family.

LAC representative, Lou Barone reminded everyone that the OSHP Annual Meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio. Lou also discussed that President-Elect Sam Calabrese is hoping to formalize the technicians' role in OSHP. There may be plans to formalize a division. He encouraged the technicians to stay involved and to seek further involvement at the state level as well.

CE coordinator, Ron Smetana introduced Jon Bon who discussed Angiomax. A special thank you to Brian Gallagher of The Medicines Company for sponsoring the meeting.

### **News from Bob Parsons (OSHP)**

- 1) ASHP has announced its roster of appointees to councils, commissions, committees, etc, for 2009-2010, and a significant number of OSHP members have gained appointments. Congrats to all for their recognition:

Peg Huwer -- Commission on Affiliate

Relations

Teresa Cavanaugh -- Alternate, Commission on  
Affiliate Relations

Meghan Davlin -- Alternate, Commission on  
Credentialing and Alternate, New Practitioners  
Forum Executive Committee

Jane Pruemer -- FASHP Recognition  
Committee

Katie Clark -- Council on Education and  
Workforce Development

Jim Besier -- Alternate, Council on Pharmacy  
Management

Michelle Wiest -- Council on Therapeutics

John Hertig -- New Practitioners Forum  
Executive Committee

Rachel Brewer -- Student Forum Executive  
Committee

2) And the good news keeps coming! ASHP  
has also announced the recipients of its twelve  
national Student Leadership Awards for this  
year, and again, as has been the case almost  
every year, our Ohio students have garnered two  
of the twelve. They are Sara Jordan, The Ohio  
State University, and Rachel Brewer, University  
of Cincinnati.

Thanks to all for making us proud...  
Bob

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