

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

Immunology and Rheumatology

By

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*Speaker and Dinner Sponsored by:
Genentech*

*Tuesday, February 10, 2009
356th 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 featuring:
Oven Roasted Turkey and Virginia Baked Ham*

*Please RSVP by **Friday, February 6th** to Holly Toukonen at:*

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The Sig.

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A Message from the President

With the record snowfalls of January, many of us are fighting the desire to become hermits until the daisies start to bloom next summer. Between the biting cold, the blinding snow, the lack of salt on the roads and the crazy drivers who think it's already June, who wants to come out of their cozy dens? Well, you can support your local chapter without coming out of that cozy den. Put on your bear paw slippers, get yourself a cup of hot cocoa, turn on the fireplace, cozy up in your recliner and . . . WRITE.

You think I'm kidding, don't you? How can writing support your local chapter? Well, we are currently in need of volunteers to write grant proposals for our upcoming programming. What more comfortable way to volunteer than to do it from the luxury of your own home? Collaborate online with your committee and the speakers. Complete the application online. Keep track of the progress of your application online. You don't need to be a grammar expert or an English major to write these documents. It's a lot of fill-in-the blank work.

So as you're looking out your window at the mountains of snow, consider becoming a part of continuing the tradition of outstanding programs presented by AASHP.

--Karen

Highlights of the January Meeting

President, Karen Eckley thanked everyone for coming. Unfortunately, the weather caused several members to miss tonight's meeting. Karen asked if anyone is willing to judge the Akron Science Fair. She passed around a sign up sheet for Saturday, February 7th at North High School (NE corner of Tallmadge Ave and expressway; 985 George Blvd.) beginning at 7:30 AM. Karen also asked if the membership is interested in sponsoring a scholarship. Mary Hailer motioned to donate \$150 and Patrick Gallegos seconded. The membership voted and the motion carried. It will be at the judges' discretion to give out (2) \$75 awards or (1) \$150 award.

Next, President-Elect Patrick Gallegos spoke on three major topics. First, he encouraged everyone to consider volunteering at Open M. Holly Toukonen shared some information about her experience. She described how the clinic had a limited supply of medications. The medical

residents write orders and set the chart in the pharmacy (the doctors sit in a room directly behind the pharmacy). The pharmacy personnel then begin to fill the orders and any changes that are needed are communicated back to the doctors. From there, the prescriptions are entered into the computer, labeled, and then bagged for counseling. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa Fazenbaker at clinic@openm.org. Volunteers are typically needed from 5PM until the last patient leaves (usually between 9 and 10). The address is: 941 Princeton St., Akron, OH. It really is a neat experience.

Second, Patrick mentioned how he arranged three volunteer dates for Haven of Rest. The dates are: February 28th, March 21st, and April 25th. This will be during supper hour providing the Saturday dinner for each of these dates. If anyone is interested and able to help out (spouses are welcome too), please contact Patrick.

Third, Patrick discussed the "Final Big Thing." He briefly discussed the new Pharma guidelines and reinforced that funding/sponsorship is really going to become a challenge. He announced that the Board recommended that a committee (chaired by the CE coordinator) be created to search for funding (grant applications, etc). At least five to six members will be needed to serve on the committee. If anyone is interested in helping serve, please let Patrick know.

Past-President Steve Chesser added on to what Patrick discussed remarking on how the previous year two speakers donated their time—this is another avenue that we may need to pursue to help off-set costs, etc. Steve then mentioned how we need officer nominations for this organization: President-Elect and CE coordinator. The state organization is seeking award nominations. Please go the website and make your nomination.

Treasurer, Mary Hailer reported that checking has a balance of \$4439.69 and savings \$11,344.

LAC representative, Lou Barone reminded everyone that Division Day is March 3rd and the annual OSHP meeting is earlier this year, April 23rd, 24th—both at Crowne Plaza in Columbus, Ohio. Michelle Cudnik (Communications Division Chair for OSHP) asked that everyone PLEASE register on the OSHP website. With the current economic situation, it is imperative that we make use of paperless communication. E-mail is key for receiving The Bulletin, renewal information, etc, so please make sure you are registered and on the list to receive the most current information. If any member has registered and forgot his/her password, please let Michelle know. Another exciting area on the website is the "Speakers Bureau." If you or someone you know is

willing to speak, we encourage you to register—it only takes a few seconds!

Dale English commented that the ballots for selection of future state officers should be in the mail soon. Within our own membership, we have Rob Mains running for President-Elect and Maria Giannakos-Whitacre running for Division Chair. Please make sure you cast your vote.

Karen Eckley wanted to “thank” Amanda Benedetti and her husband for offering to get our local (AASHP) website back up and running. Karen also asked the membership to look around and see who is missing. If you know of anyone, please ask them if they would like to join again. Perhaps, they did not receive a renewal? The membership is a great value (as discussed in the previous Sig).

Lastly, Ron Smetana introduced the speaker, Sara Beis and her many accomplishments. We sincerely thank Sara for her time and interesting presentation. It is greatly appreciated!

*****Important Dates*****

- Division Day, March 3rd (Columbus)
- AASHP Meeting, March 10th
- OSHP Annual Meeting, April 23rd and 24th (Columbus)

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