

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

Residents' Presentations

By

*AGMC-Melanie Dillon and Jon Leung
Summa Health System-Michelle George and Ray Yost*

*Speakers and Dinner Sponsored by:
AASHP's Mini-Expo*

*Tuesday, May 12, 2009
356th Fighter Group
4919 Mt, Pleasant Road, North Canton, Ohio 44720*

*Pharmaceutical Company Mini Expo
Begins at 6:00 PM*

*Wine and Cheese
Hot and Cold Hors D'Oeuvres*

*Please RSVP by **Friday, May 8th** to Holly Toukonen at:*

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Name _____ Employer _____

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Akron Area Society of Health-System Pharmacists

May 2009

A Message from the President

As my term as president comes to a close, I want to thank everyone who has participated throughout the past year. The Akron Chapter is one of the most active in the state and we would not hold that distinction if it were not for the many hours our members devote to the organization. I won't try to mention all the people who have made this year flow so smoothly, but I do want to especially thank Ron Smetana for his dedication and untiring work in providing us with eight continuing education sessions. As the funding policies of the pharmaceutical companies continue to change, it has been a challenge for him to coordinate speakers with the rules and funding constantly in flux. I also need to say a special thank you to Holly Toukonen for the many hours she has put in keeping us well fed and "in the know."

While the CE season has come to a close, please don't forget what we have accomplished this year and what we will remain dedicated to accomplishing in the years to come. Continue to teach, for in teaching we learn. Continue to learn lest you stagnate. Continue to promote the profession to the next generation, for it is they who will be taking our place in the years to come. Continue to support our organizations at all levels, it is our loud voice to the government. Continue to volunteer in the community, because it puts things into perspective.

I thank all of you for your support during this past year and hope you continue to be active members of the Akron Area Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Karen Eckley

Highlights of the April Meeting

President, Karen Eckley welcomed everyone. She announced that two of our very own AASHP members, Maria Giannakos-Whitacre and Michelle Cudnik will be serving as OSHP Board of Directors. Maria will be directing the Educational Division and Michelle will be continuing on as Director of Communication.

Congratulations! Also, Rob Mains (who was not able to be here tonight) will be President-Elect for OSHP. **Way to go AASHP!**

Karen then stated that Dale English apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. Many of the NEOUCOP folks had Dean's Council Meeting. Dale will be the next President-Elect for AASHP.

Karen had one final request. If anyone has pictures of our organization, events, etc. please send them to Karen Eckley or Michelle Cudnik.

Treasurer, Mary Hailer reported that the checking account has a balance of \$ 3900.53 and the savings account has a balance of \$11,356.55, total of \$15,257.08. She also mentioned that she has checks totaling \$1500 to deposit from Mini Expo registration fees.

Secretary, Holly Toukonen introduced our newest guests and potential new members: technicians, Christy Leone (guest from Alliance Hospital) and Marcy Grecni and pharmacist, Chris Paxos. A special thank you to Nicole Thorne for recruiting Dave Wagner (joined after attending the March meeting) and for bringing Christy Leone who may also join. Mary Hailer had a student, Brian Lee with her as well.

Ron Smetana introduced our speaker for the evening, Dr. John Paulowski who discussed Acute Coronary Syndrome. Thank you to Jamie McKinney for sponsorship of the meeting.

Residents' Topics:

Akron General Medical Center-

Melanie Dillon-Clinical impact of temporary therapy interruptions on anticoagulation control in patients taking warfarin

Jon Leung-Comparison of short-acting intramuscular anti-psychotic medications: impact on cost and length of stay

Summa Health System-

Michelle George-Review of memantine as a neuroprotective agent in ischemic stroke

Ray Yost-Outcomes, cost, and feasibility of extended infusion piperacillin/tazobactam in the intensive care unit

Congratulations to the following **AASHP** members who received the following awards at the annual OSHP meeting:

Michelle Cudnik won Pharmacist of the year

Ashley Mains won Student of the Year

**Board of Pharmacy to Hold Public Hearing
on Proposed Technician Rules** written by
Bob Parsons

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy will hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 7, at the Rhodes State Office Tower on East Broad Street in Columbus, regarding its proposed rules for pharmacy technicians pursuant to recently enacted legislation. The proposed rules delineate which examination programs qualify for "qualified pharmacy technician" and outline the procedures for the required criminal records checks for technicians who have been employed as such for less than five years.

Approved examination programs in the proposed rules include any national examination program accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, plus any employer-based examination program that meets the requirements detailed in the rules. An employer-based examination program would be considered as approved only when the technician is employed by that particular employer.

The Board of Pharmacy is expected to file the final version of the rules following input from the public hearing.

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