

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

*An Update of Diabetes Treatment Guidelines*

By

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*Speaker and Dinner Sponsored by:*  
*AASHP*

*Tuesday, September 8, 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 6:30 PM*  
*Business Meeting begins at 6:45 PM*

*Dinner will be a buffet featuring:*  
***Vegetable Lasagna with Alfredo Sauce and Chicken Parmesan***

*Please RSVP by **Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** to Holly Toukonen at:*

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**RSVP For September 8, 2009**

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

*AASHP Member (no charge)*

*Non-member (\$25)*

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

**September 2009**

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

Dear AASHP Membership,

Are you ready for another fantastic year with friends and colleagues at Akron Area? I know it's hard to believe but the September meeting is almost here. Your executive team met in late July to finalize organizational plans and I could not be more pleased with everyone's contributions. A large "THANK YOU" goes out to each and every board member as well as committee members for all their efforts and willingness to serve.

As a season opener, I want to give a brief overview for the upcoming year. First, the social event at Sara's Vineyard was a hit. Karen Eckley provided delicious foods and desserts which seem to always develop a crowd. Second, the CE committee has lined up some wonderful CE presentations that are sure to contribute to everyone's growth and development. Please be sure to communicate any topics of interest to anyone serving the organization (i.e. Pam Moore). We can certainly look into options for your requests. Third, we will be developing a committee to provide a "needs assessment" of our organization. Basically, we need to get a pulse on the membership! We are interested in knowing your wants and needs for our organization. This committee will be chaired by our president elect, Dale English. I ask that you consider volunteering for this particular committee as it will certainly contribute to the future of our organization. Your executive team will keep you up to date on more details (e.g. philanthropy, OSHP, scholarships, the website, fundraisers, etc) as they become available.

In closing, I ask that you take the time to invite fellow pharmacy colleagues and students to our Akron Area meetings. Our organization has many things to offer anyone connected to the profession of pharmacy. Let's publicize how great we are! We represent a great profession and have a thriving organization. I am looking forward to a great year and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,  
Patrick

### **A Word from our President-Elect**

Hello, everyone and welcome back from our 3 month summer hiatus from AASHP meetings. I hope that this message finds you all well rested and reenergized. As we are all aware it has become an increasing challenge to fund our monthly meetings. That is why we owe many thanks to the CE committee and all their efforts over the past several months. They have been able to secure funding for a number of our monthly meetings but are still in need of funds for some upcoming months. With these funding challenges it may be necessary to have pharmaceutical representatives to set up tables at our monthly meetings for an exhibit fee. It is key that in order for us to be able to continue to bring in funds through these exhibitor fees that our members spend time in discussions with these exhibitors. Please take the time to thank these individuals for their continued support of our organization as well as taking the time to learn more about their products. It is only through active participation of our members with the pharmaceutical representatives that we may continue to secure monies to fund our monthly meetings. So when you attend this month's meeting grab yourself a refreshment and please make sure to mingle with our exhibitors. I look forward to working with all of you to continue doing great things for the Akron area. Thank you.

Dale

### **Highlights of the May Meeting**

President Karen Eckley welcomed everyone to the mini-expo and final meeting before summer break. Karen reported that the next OSHP Division Day will be September 10th. Treasurer Mary Hailer reported that we have \$11,358 in our savings account and \$3,900 in our checking account. The other officers had nothing to report.

Michelle Cudnik installed the following officers for the 2009-2010 term.

President - Patrick Gallegos  
President-Elect - Dale English  
Immediate Past President - Karen Eckley  
Treasurer - Mary Hailer  
Secretary - Holly Toukonen  
Local Area Chapter Representative - Lou Barone

After concluding the brief business portion of our meeting, the residents from Akron General Medical Center and Summa Health System gave presentations summarizing their residency projects.

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

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

**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.

Patrick thanked both the incoming and outgoing officers for their contributions to the organization. He then presented Karen with a plaque to thank her for service as President.

### **November Meeting Announcement**

Once again this year, AASHP will be holding our annual **jurisprudence CE at Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOUCOM)**. This meeting is a joint venture with the NEOUCOP SSHP chapter to be held on **Tuesday, November 10, 2009**. This year we will be adding a student poster session to the beginning of the meeting so please arrive by 6pm to have the opportunity to discuss poster presentations with the participating NEOUCOP students.

### **AASHP 2008-2009 Officers**

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