

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

Macular Degeneration

By

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Speaker and Dinner Sponsored by:
AASHP

Tuesday, January 12, 2010
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:
Chicken Marsala and Vegetable Lasagna with Alfredo Sauce

*Please RSVP by **January 8th** to Holly Toukonen at:*

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AASHP Member (no charge)

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Akron Area Society of Health-System Pharmacists

January 2010

A Message from the President

Dear AASHP members,

As we look to the future, I wish each of you a safe and Happy New Year. Let's make 2010 another great year for pharmacy, healthcare and most importantly patient care.

Yesterday - Today - Tomorrow

Yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow is only a vision; but today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day, for it is life! The Sanskrit



Thank you for making the November joint AASHP/SSHP meeting a huge success! There was a substantial turnout from both AASHP and SSHP membership. It was fantastic to see relationships developing between the pharmacy students and pharmacy professionals. I want to specifically thank the students, poster evaluators, Sam Calabrese, and Rick Kasmer for their contributions. In closing, your AASHP executive team will be meeting in January to discuss the

latter half of the academic year. Therefore, you can expect updates in the near future.

Happy New Year and God Bless,

Patrick

OSHP Dates:

February 16 – Division Day

April 22/23 – OSHP Annual Meeting

Highlights of the November Meeting

Patrick Gallegos (President) welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out for the annual Law CE. Members from the Akron area, Youngstown area, and Cleveland area were in attendance. Patrick also wanted to thank Dale and the NEOUCOP SSHP chapter for co-sponsoring the meeting. He emphasized that the students worked very hard to sponsor this meeting and were able to obtain a grant for the funds (\$750) used for this meeting. Patrick then thanked Dean David Allen and the college for allowing us to use the facilities. Dean David Allen said a few words and expressed his willingness to host and share this evening with us.

Next, Patrick introduced OSHP President, Sam Calabrese who wanted to share some information with our chapter. Sam thanked our local Akron area chapter for the continued hard work and strong involvement within OSHP. He mentioned that the Residency showcase held November 7th was a huge success. Our very own Maria Giannakos had a large role in this event. Over 180 residents were in attendance with 24 residency sites present. The annual residency bowl was a success and the University of Toledo claimed the title. Sam further reported that he is proud to announce that Ohio is one of fourteen states to participate in ASHP's service that will allow us to vote for delegates online via e-mail (please look for this e-mail). He also commented that OSHP board members were invited to Washington DC and given the opportunity to meet with legislators and

discuss key topics. Sam encouraged the organization to write your legislators and keep on top of the upcoming pharmacy issues that are being discussed. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...we need to make sure the legislators are educated and making the BEST decisions. Sam also acknowledged the technicians and made a point that he is working to find a way to fold the technicians into the organization and define their roles within the society.

Following Sam, Patrick stated that he is looking and soliciting for candidates for AASHP President-elect, LAC, and Secretary. Please see Patrick if you are willing to serve or know of someone who is. Patrick discussed the scholarship form that was distributed at the last meeting. He asked that if anyone has any suggestions for improvement to please contact him. Once finalized, we will be accepting applications from February 1st to April 15th. The scholarship recipient will be presented at the May meeting.

President-elect, Dale English mentioned that the NEEDS ASSESSMENT is complete. In the near future, you will receive a survey via "survey monkey." Your effort to complete this survey is greatly appreciated. The input of members is what DRIVES this organization so it is very important that you share your opinion. Dale also discussed philanthropy and how we need to prepare for our Christmas projects. He stated he was in contact with OPEN M and that the technician group was willing to donate to the project again this year (\$150). Michelle Cudnik asked if it would be possible to sponsor a family through OPEN M (covering Summit County) and a family in Stark County. She also asked if the total donation amount---for both families---could be \$700. Michelle Cudnik moved to donate \$550 towards the Christmas project and that we sponsor two families, one in each of the mentioned counties. Kathy Cubera seconded the motion. Patrick asked if anyone had any comments. Dave Boyer spoke on behalf of the technician group and mentioned that he did not foresee a problem using the \$150 to add to our donation for use in BOTH counties. Patrick then asked that we vote. The membership was in favor and the motion carried.

Also in regards to philanthropy, Pam Moore shared some information/ideas for the future about a project we could possibly become involved with: Hospice of Summa (HOS) will be partnering with a hospice from Sub-Saharan Africa via The Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa (FHSSA) which is affiliated with the US based National Hospice and Palliative Care Organizations (NHPCO). The objectives of this project include collaboration to provide quality, comprehensive and compassionate care, expansion of support (educational and financial) and to engage other local supporters in order to sustain and multiply the impact. HOS will not be able to provide details of the future projects until we receive the name of the program we

match with and begin our partnership, which we expect to happen after the first of the year. We are hoping to partner with various medical, religious/spiritual and community support groups in the area in order to achieve the goals noted above. If AASHP or any of our members belonging to other groups in the community may be interested in partnering with HOS as we move forward, please contact me.

Treasurer, Mary Hailer reported that the checking account has a balance of \$8217.27 and the savings account has a balance of \$11,373.18, total of \$19,590.45.

Secretary, Holly Toukonen, introduced two new faces: Maria Seta and Hugh Owen---both guests traveled quite a distance to attend the meeting.

LAC Representative, Lou Barone announced that a corporate recruiter position was approved and Amy Arnhold was named to this new position.

Sara Welch (NEOUCOP SSHP Representative) gave us an update on the college. Clinical Skills competition was held and the winners were: Tim Church and Vincent Peyko. However, the two boys are unable to travel to Las Vegas to compete, so Holly Taylor and Carly Danko will be representing the college at the Midyear competition. A group of students: Joe Dikun, Tim Church, Chris Shelby, and Sara Welch participated in the residency bowl competition at the showcase in Columbus. Sara also mentioned that SSHP will be donating a tree to the festival of trees at the John S. Knight center. She also stated that the group recently cleaned up a section of highway (route I-76) and made a \$750 donation to the Midlothian Free Clinic (money raised from previous year faculty auction). Lastly, Sara announced that SSHP will be sponsoring 9 students to travel to the Midyear meeting.

Lastly, speaker Richard Kasmer was introduced and delivered an excellent program and updated everyone on the current laws. In closing, Pam Moore introduced the winners of the poster session (please see below). Congratulations to the winners and a special thank you to EVERYONE who helped make this meeting a success!

The poster session winners were: (bold indicates the primary student attending to present the poster)

Tim Church, Chris Hart, Richard Kasmer, David Allen – Implementing a Chemical Dependency Course & its Role in the College of Pharmacy Curriculum

James Henning, Amingwa Khumbah, **Susan Kidd** – Strategies to Improve Patient Medication Compliance

Alejandro Adorro, Brittany Cashin, Craig Elrod, Pam Massullo, Jason Nguyen – Los Medicamentos...pueden ayudarte o pueden danarte

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Darlene Szilagy with Open M--need for RPH 1st
Wednesday of month (Diabetes Clinic)

**If you are able to help, please contact Dale English
or Patrick Gallegos.**

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