



Newsletter

Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons



John Sparrow, Editor

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Message From the President

First, I would like to thank Betsy and Frank Elliott for their successful year at the helm of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. Frank has also put a lot of hard work into the Breast Symposium which continues to be a great success. Congratulations on a great year, Frank.

I would also like to thank the membership for the honor to serve you as the president. Receiving the Southeastern medallion was one of the highlights of my life. It is not the size of the medallion that makes it so heavy, it is the names and history of the former 43 previous presidents that weighs you down. It is indeed a privilege and awesome responsibility that I will try to uphold.

A very talented board is already hard at work to make next year an outstanding year for you. Bill Wallace is putting together a program based on your suggestions that will more than meet your educational needs. The meeting will be held at the Westin Resort in Hilton Head, South Carolina, June 1-5, 2002. This is a beach resort made for the membership and their families.

There has been a tradition in

southern churches to periodically have a "coming home" weekend in which members who have moved out of the area or just drifted away are invited back to renew and rekindle the friendships of the community. I would like Hilton Head

to be such an event — where old friends come together for educational purposes, exchange of ideas, sporting competition, and relaxation. If you have not attended a Southeastern meeting in a while, please call some of your old friends and plan on getting together there.

Although the discussion be-

gan at the Breast Symposium last year, the Board has decided to do something to honor the name of John Bostwick. The exact nature of this will be decided at the January meeting in Atlanta. But we are now accepting contributions for funding of this project. Please send contribu-

tions to the Southeastern Society, Attention: John Bostwick Fund. There is hardly anyone that has not been touched by the work of John. The only way John's goodness can continue to live is in each of us and in the perpetual project in his name. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Join us in celebrating the ASPS Presidency of our very own Walt Erhardt at the SESPRS cocktail party during the Orlando meeting!

Watch your mail for further details.

Sportswatch

The battle was fierce and the Disney surroundings were superb. The sporting tradition continued involving all ages of Southeasterners, their families, and guests. A number of new gladiators emerged triumphant this year. Fun was noted by all as was amazement at some of our youngest competitors. The challenges have been set for next year's competition at Hilton Head.

Golf

Low Team: *Henry Vasconez, Tim Wilson, Hamid Massiha, William Thomas*

2nd Low Team: *David Drake, Bob Hersh, John Sparrow, Robert St. John*

Low Net Individual: *Dave Reid*

Low Gross: *William Thomas*

Longest Drive: *Tom Orcutt*

Closest to pin: *Frank Elliott*

Tennis

Women's Doubles Winners: *Elsie and Jane Hagan*

Men's Doubles Winners: *Bob Allen and Andrew Kirkland*

Fun Run (3.2 miles)

Women's 1st place: *Joy Johnson (21.24)*

Women's 2nd place: *Marguerite Haines and Mary McInerney*

Men's 1st place: *McKay Moore (19.24)*

Men's 2nd place: *Barry Bishop*

Pickrell Award Presented to Jane Bostwick for Dr. John Bostwick

This award is reserved for special occasions when one of our members has reached that special level of achievement that best expresses the dedication to education of plastic surgeons. The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Kenneth Pickrell. John Bostwick, III, was born on September 25, 1943 and died on January 11, 2001. He grew up in the small farming community of Bostwick, Georgia, attended graduate studies at Emory University in Atlanta, medical school at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, did his residencies back at Emory where he remained as a professor and took over the reigns as director of plastic surgery in 1992. John authored books and over 200 articles and book chapters. He is internationally known, admired, and respected. He was a true Southern gentleman, a gentle man, and a man of integrity.

I had not know John as long as some Southeasterners but truly admired his humble, hospitable, and gracious style.

I enjoyed our informal conversations and listened intently when he would offer Pearls or instructions on surgical techniques. He was a great teacher of the art of plastic surgery.

The Orlando meeting was dedi-

cated to the memory of John Bostwick, III. John is survived by his wife Jane, two children, John Bostwick, IV, and Mary Elizabeth Ryan, and one grandchild William Ryan. Dr. Barry Bishop so eloquently phrased, "The candle burned out long before the legend ever did." We all will miss you!

Orlando Meeting Thanks To . . .

Frank Elliott for a great year as President and to Ron Johnson and the Program Committee for a successful meeting — Our local Orlando hosts Cal and Pam Peters — Disney for a truly magical experience!

President's Message

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President-Elect, Ron Johnson, has decided after many years to step down as Editor of the newsletter. We offer our many thanks for his hard work over the years. Dr. John Sparrow will assume these responsibilities. If you have any newsworthy information, please forward it to him. There were also many changes made at the Orlando meeting in the bylaws to allow membership in a special category of "Associate Membership". It is in the spirit of inclusiveness of the Southeastern which will now allow participation in the Society by those who have trained outside of the U.S. Finally, take a little time for yourself this summer with your family

and friends. Time to reflect where you have been and where you are going, time to decide what is truly important and what is not worth your effort. Try and touch someone to effect a change in their

life in a specialty that is made for such a deed.

Andrew M. Moore, II, MD
SESPRS President

SESPRS Research Grants Awarded

T*his year Dr. Hollis Caffee and Dr. Sean Wolfort have received the task and challenge of studying several topics so that they can return to us one year from now and present their results firsthand. Dr. Caffee will examine "The Role of CTGF in Breast Implant Capsular Contraction" while Dr. Wolfort is looking at "Tarsal Tunnel Syndrome in*

Diabetic Subjects Diagnosed with Peripheral Neuropathy."

One of the requirements of the grant is that first presentation of the resulting paper must be at our meeting. When published, we look forward to sending the reprints to medical directors of insurance companies for their edification!

Glancy Award Returns to Vanderbilt

T*his year's coveted silver bowl was awarded to Dr. Colin Riordan for his paper, "Vascularized Sural Nerve Graft - A Reliable Nerve Graft." The University of Virginia and Dr. Francis Johns took home second place with their paper, "An Outcome Study of Breast Reconstruction: Pre-*

surgical Risk Factors for Complications." Our hats are off to congratulate all the distinguished young presenters who keep us up to date on all the latest happenings from our Training Programs. Note: Start Planning for next year's program in Hilton Head. Work on those abstracts!

Business Meeting Notes

When the SESPRS Membership met on July 12 in Orlando, the following items were approved:

Bylaws changes passed.

New logo approved for stationary and website; original logo to remain on certain other documents.

Special Achievement Award Honor Goes to Dr. Erle Peacock

D*r. Leonard Furlow presented a special award to Dr. Erle Peacock for his many years of dedication to plastic surgery, the Southeastern Society, and medicine overall. Dr. Peacock has been active in our Society as well as nationally. He has contributed to the training of many a plastic*

surgeon, authored an extensive array of articles, lead research, and demonstrated innovative talents throughout his career. He currently practices law in North Carolina and assists plastic surgeons and other physicians in need. Congratulations, Dr. Peacock!

GERTRUDE L. WAITE

Founding Member

We were saddened by the news of the recent death of our only female Founding Member of the SESPRS. Trude had been retired for a number of years after living and practicing in Tampa since the 1950s. While her health had prevented her from attending meetings recently, she cannot be forgotten for the distinction of her achievements in plastic surgery when it was almost exclusively a male

JAMES T. GIRARDEAU

1952-2001

Our Society's active member Jim Girardeau passed away recently. The Atlanta native, who trained in Georgia and North Carolina before doing the St. Louis plastic surgery residency, nevertheless knew that his Southeastern roots meant he had to settle here. His adopted city of Macon, Georgia, and the entire Southeastern Society will miss Jim.

NICHOLAS GEORGIADÉ

1919-2001

Nicholas Georgiade, a long-time member of the Society, passed away in May. Georgiade was a native of Lowell, Massachusetts but had resided in North Carolina for fifty years. After retiring as the chief of the Division of Plastic, Maxillofacial, and Reconstructive Surgery at Duke University Medical Center, he chose to stay in the southeast. He was best known for his pioneering work in maxillofacial surgery and breast reconstruction surgery and will be missed.

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If you have any suggestions for next year's Annual Meeting Scientific Program, please send all comments to info@sesprs.org.