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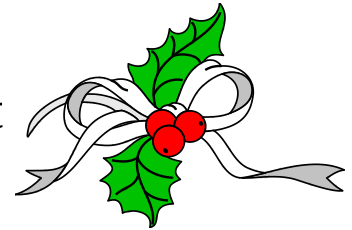
Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons



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Message From the President



I've recently returned from a site visit at Hilton Head, South Carolina. The facilities and personnel at the Westin are great, the golf courses are multiple and challenging, the tennis facilities are rated among the top 50 in the country, and then there is the beach. Bill Wallace is well into the development of a scientific program that will stimulate the membership. There will be programs for the wives, children, and the family with opportunities to visit historic Savannah and Beaufort. Good eating, shopping and art galleries abound. Also available are kayaking, hiking, fishing, sailing, wind surfing, and lying on the beach with a good book and a beer. You will be able to fly to Savannah and drive approximately one hour either by shuttle or private car or fly directly to Hilton Head and have a 15 minute

commute to the hotel.

The Breast Symposium will be held at the end of January and if you have not signed up, please do so soon. It was over subscribed last year.

The events of September 11th have changed our lives forever and made all of us reevaluate our priorities. As I look at my own life the things that mean the most to me are God, family, my patients and our country. In the past because of governmental regulations, decreasing reimbursements by HMO's, competition and patient expectations, much of our time and energy has been focused on the economics of medicine. I look at what gives

me the most pleasure in the practice of plastic surgery, and it is helping people with difficult problems and making a difference in a life. Being paid for our services allows us to continue to practice, but

the satisfaction is in caring for the patients.

If you are looking for something to contribute to, please consider the John Bostwick fund. We have begun to collect donations for the funding of this project. We will finalize those plans at our January meeting.

Finally, Happy Holidays from my family and the Southeastern Board to your family.

Register Now for the Breast Surgery Symposium

The 18th Annual Breast Surgery Symposium takes place in Atlanta on January 25-27, 2002. The Grand Hyatt Buckhead will host the event again. Year after year this continues to be a superb meeting with live surgery, excellent presentations, and panel discussions. Special guest Ivo Pitanguy, M.D. will share his experiences in practicing 30 years of aesthetic breast surgery. Foreign scholars have been chosen and this year hail from Peru, Chile and Venezuela. Register on-line today at www.sesprs.org. Please call 703-820-7400 if you need more information.

Karen Zupko Will Return to Hilton Head

Karen Zupko will be returning to Hilton Head to inspire, challenge, and consult with your practice and the group in general. This dynamic speaker will help you to look at where you have been and where you want to go within your practice. Watch for further details in the future mailing.

Reminder

January 18, 2002 is the abstract deadline for the June meeting. Send in your materials now!

Mark Your Calendars Now for Hilton Head!

We will return to Hilton Head Island next summer following previous visits there in 1993 and 1974. Hilton Head is a barrier island, located approximately 30 miles north of Savannah and 70 miles south of Charleston. The temperatures average beautifully in the mid-80s.

Hilton Head dates back to the early 1600s having been discovered by an English sea captain, William Hilton. Cotton and indigo plantations took over in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The resort community started in the 1950s and has continued to grow yet preserve this precious "Low Country."

The Westin Resort is a AAA four-diamond facility. There are 412 rooms and 30 suites with garden, pool, and ocean views. It contains two outdoor and one indoor pool, a racquet club is nearby and Port Royal itself has 3 golf courses. There is a well-equipped health club and plenty of jogging trails. Stables and horseback riding are also a great option.

The Westin Resort does have a Kids Club with structured activities daily around the beach, pool, and hotel. Sightseeing and excursions into the low country can easily be arranged. Shopping is excellent with a top class mall, multiple specialty shops, and high-end outlet centers.

Bring a hearty appetite! You will find everything from poolside casual dining to the four star flare at the hotel and throughout the island. Andy and Kitty Moore will be working with the Local Arrangements chair, Robert and Linda Laughlin, the Program Committee, and the hotel staff to prepare an unforgettable family gathering.

Update on the ASPS Meeting in Orlando

It was really great to see a number of fellow Southeasterners back in Orlando this past month. There have been significant changes in all of our lives since we last met as a group in June. The meeting proceeded in superb fashion. General Norman Schwarzkopf delivered an inspiring opening ceremony. Several Southeasterners received awards:

*Jonathan Jacobs – ASMS Special Award
Norman Cole – PSEF Distinguished Service Award
John Bostwick (posthumously) –
2001 ASPS Special Achievement Award*

A special thanks to Walt and Carolyn Erhardt for hosting the Southeastern reception in their suite. We all appreciate the tireless efforts within our Society and at the national level.

Note from the Editor

As we draw nearer to the holidays, another year comes to an end. The year 2001 has been one of dramatic changes in our lives. We probably have all experienced personal, family, and professional changes prior to and after September 11, 2001. There are a number of dates that will stand in our history books and this will be one of them. It has caused each of us to look internally at our lives and careers.

Our thoughts are with those who grieve because they have lost companions and loved ones; for our military men and women; persons who are providing a presence, comfort, healing, and hope; for public servants; our President; countless volunteers who have demonstrated a selfless generosity and willingness to do their jobs without hesitation; and innocent victims.

We all have been forced to stop and reflect and take stock of what is truly important in our lives. Americans have united and the world has come closer together as they assist us in eliminating forces of evil. I am proud to be an American and at this time of year, a season of hope, joy, and life, let us pray for Peace on Earth.

Happy Holidays to all!

In Memoriam

McCarthy DeMere
1918-2001

Founding Member and Past President McCarthy DeMere passed away on October 30, 2001, following a year of retirement and a brief nursing home stay. Mac received his medical training in Memphis and St. Louis, eventually returning to school in his native Memphis to obtain a law degree. He practiced plastic surgery for almost sixty years, and later used his legal training to practice both professions simultaneously.

Present at the founding of SESPRS, Mac wrote much of the original articles of incorporation and bylaws. Later he was our consultant during business sessions of the society. In 1965 he served as the seventh President of SESPRS. Mac chaired a memorable panel on medico-legal problems at the 1984 meeting in Williamsburg.

The SESPRS bestowed the Special Achievement Award on him in 1987, citing his work with the Boy

Scouts of America. Mac mentored numerous young men who were interested in medical careers through the Explorer Scouts program.

Harold Norman, Jr.

Dr. Norman was 63 when he passed away on June 10, 2001. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama and attended college and medical school at the University of Alabama. He went to Barnes Hospital at Washington University in St. Louis for general surgery and plastic surgery. He lived in Coral Gables, Florida and served on the staff teaching residents from his private practice. He worked with local and state medical societies, served on many plastic surgery committees, and taught courses at the annual meetings. He fought a long battle with colon cancer. He had been noted to say, "Spend quality time with your family – take time for your own health. We are not infallible."

