



# Newsletter

Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons



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## Message From the President

*As I begin writing this message from Palm Beach, Florida, we have just completed the site visit to The Breakers, the location of our 46th Annual Meeting of the SESPRS. Thanks to Bob Hamilton and Priscilla Bozell from AGRM, I believe we have negotiated excellent local arrangements at a world-class facility. Many of you will remember our meeting here in 1996. Since that time the hotel has undergone a near-complete renovation, with more than \$120 million dollars spent. By the time we convene on May 31, 2003, every guest room should be completed. Although the lobby looks magnificent to us today, it is about to undergo refurbishing and will be even better by the time we arrive in May. The area on the south side of the property, which was open sand in 1996, is now an addition to the convention facility. We benefit tremendously from the fact that we are meeting in the "low season" in this part of the Southeast. Rooms that will be available to us for \$195 per night are going for nearly \$500 night at the time you read this newsletter.*

*You will remember Palm Beach as the playground of the*

*Kennedys, home of the "hanging chads" of the 2000 election, and a world that we most often see on television. Our larger societies are no longer able to meet in a venue smaller than a large city convention center, thereby making a "working vacation" in such a location an impossibility for most of us. Older members of SESPRS will remember a time when The American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons could hold its annual meeting in a single hotel, such as The Diplomat in nearby Fort Lauderdale (1978.) Such days are gone forever on the national scene, and the number of plastic surgeons is now so large that it is only possible for most of us to know a small fraction of*

*our colleagues. Therein lies the strength of regional societies such as ours. Smaller meetings in smaller venues brings about a closeness that fosters exchange of ideas, enables frank discussions of issues, and lets the bashful surgeon feel able to approach*

*a well-known expert without hesitation. There is nothing like an afternoon poolside conversation to flesh out the nagging, unasked morning question. To be able to do this while enjoying your family in a fantastic location is even better. For more information see their website, [www.TheBreakers.com](http://www.TheBreakers.com).*

*World-class golf and shopping are in walking distance of the*

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**Reminder:  
Abstract deadline for the 2003 Annual Meeting  
is January 22, 2003**

hotel. And there's always the beach! Five hotel restaurants and countless other eating establishments will ensure your need to use one of the exercise rooms (one complimentary and another for a small fee) if you intend to compete in the 5-K run without embarrassment.

Mike Beasley is hard at work on the program. Senator Bill Frist has committed to being our Keynote Speaker, and with events in medicine and the world in their present state, his thoughts are certain to be timely. Our own Past President (and past president of just about everything else, as well) Norm Cole has agreed to be the Upchurch Lecturer. We are also slated to have a Jurkiewicz Lecture this year, presented by Len Furlow.

Other program highlights will be a mini-symposium on Anti-Aging Medicine by Jim Carraway, and presentations by Ted Lockwood and Dennis Hammond. You can be a highlight yourself if you take that abstract form you recently received and send it in ASAP. Our society is rich in talent and imagination, and many ideas in use today in our specialty originated within the SESPRS membership. You may be doing something in your practice every day that the rest of the membership would benefit from. We'll never know about it unless you tell us! The friendlier venue of a meeting the size of ours is the perfect place to hone your ideas before going in front of a larger audience.

As a reminder, you should have received your dues notice for 2003 by now. Many of you have already paid, and we thank you for lightening our book-keeping load by not needing a second

notice. We happen to think that SESPRS is the best value of all the organizations to which you probably belong. Is there another where your dues cover the registration at the annual meeting?

Your Bylaws committee, chaired by Ann Ford Reilley, assisted by Bob Allen, Gary Talbert, and Tony Pizzo, is hard at work on this daunting task. The existing bylaws are moot on some points, because of our management company, and cumbersome on others. They are streamlining the structure and making it ready to serve us well as we near our second half-century of existence as a society.

We are currently working with Jim Wells, new President of ASPS, to hold another advocacy training session in conjunction with the Palm Beach meeting. This was a valuable session for those attending last year, learning about the political process and how to use it. Be assured that our competition in other specialties and our enemies in the legal profession are doing their homework and will eat our lunch (if not our posteriors)

for us if we let them pursue this important venue while we sit on the sidelines. Watch for more on this as meeting time approaches.

If you haven't yet registered for the Atlanta Breast Symposium, time is running out! January 17-19, 2003, at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead is your best worldwide opportunity for concentrated CME on the subject of breast surgery. Don't forget that a DVD of the symposium is included in the registration fee. If you are like me and hate to take notes for fear of missing what's on the screen, you now can always look again and again to see what you missed.

Happy Holidays to all! We'll see you first in Atlanta in January, and in Palm Beach on May 31!

Ronald J. Johnson, MD, FACS  
SESPRS President

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## 46th Annual Meeting Set for Palm Beach

Our meeting this year is set to begin on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and run through June 4<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is a little earlier than usual, but the beautiful weather of Palm Beach should provide us with an excellent backdrop for times with family and friends. We were last at the Breakers in 1996 and this meeting will help inaugurate their new convention and banquet facilities. This completely refurbished resort

has breathtaking architecture and interior design. The hotel also boasts a beautiful shoreline, bicycling, tennis, golf, sailing, fishing, snorkeling, excellent fitness facilities, swimming, and Worth Avenue shopping. There is something for every member of your family at this fabulous resort. Be on the look out for your first registration packet coming to you early in 2003!

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# 19th Annual Breast Surgery Symposium Rapidly Approaching

*Our Society will sponsor one of the best meetings dedicated to breast surgery on January 17-19, 2003 at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead in Atlanta, Georgia. Live surgical procedures, special guest lecturers, panels headed by experts, and colleagues eager to pass on many pearls are just a few of the benefits of this meeting. The live surgeries will include parachute mastopexy,*

*large vertical breast reduction, no vertical scar reduction, and tubular breast augmentation/mastopexy. An international guest lecture, entitled "38 Years Experience: Vertical Mastopexy/Reduction" will be given by Claude Lassus, MD of France and the Honorary Hartrampf Lecture is "What I Have (and Have Not) Learned About Breast Surgery in 40 Years", given by*

*Gilbert Gradinger, MD. Also, for the first time ever, the registration fee will include a DVD of the 2003 Symposium (DVDs will be mailed to all attendees upon its completion). Spots are filling up fast so register today! For more information, please visit our website at [www.sesprs.org](http://www.sesprs.org) or call the Society headquarters at 703-820-7400.*

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## In Memoriam: James Gilmore Stuckey, Jr., MD (1923-2002)

*James Gilmore Stuckey, Jr., MD, was born in Lepanto, Arkansas in 1923. Jim was a person who earned the admiration of his friends and peers through his personal integrity and devotion to family, friends, and his faith.*

*Dr. Stuckey graduated from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and received his Doctor of Medicine in 1946. He interned at St. Louis City Hospital from 1946-1947. He served his country as a flight surgeon with the 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force from 1947-1949. He completed his General Surgery residency from 1950-1953 at St. Louis City Hospital. Dr. Stuckey then completed his plastic surgery residency training at Barnes Hospital from 1953-1955 with Drs. Byars and Brown.*

*Although Dr. Stuckey's travels took him around the world, his love for Arkansas brought him home. Dr. Stuckey practiced plastic surgery in Little Rock from 1955-1990, when he retired. During that time, he served as Associate Professor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Arkansas Children's Hospital as well as serving the community in private practice. He was a Fellow of the ACS and served as their Governor for the State of Arkansas for many years. He was a member of the ASPS, a Fellow of the AAPS, a member of the ASAPS, and a member of the International Society of Plastic Surgery.*

*Jim Stuckey was one of 20 founding members of SESPRS, serving as our President in 1972. Dr. Stuckey remained very active in the Society,*

*presenting in 2001 and attending the meeting in Hilton Head in 2002.*

*Dr. Stuckey demonstrated his love for people and teaching through action. He remained an active clinical professor at the University of Arkansas until his death. He traveled to work with lepers in Vellore, India, lectured in Thailand and China, and assisted with Dr. Jim Davis' program in Mexico.*

*I came to know Jim and his wife, Betty, upon my return to Little Rock in 1992. They were always encouraging as both friends and mentors. They worked together to help cement a working foundation of the academic and private practice plastic surgery community. They often opened their home for open discussions over dinner. Their hospitality was always extraordinary.*

*Those of us who knew Jim Stuckey the man, are also aware of his love of hunting and the great outdoors. He taught us to balance our practice and private time, to set our priorities. My fondest memories are of those early mornings in the green timber of the Arkansas duck woods with Jim standing always to my right.*

*James Gilmore Stuckey, Jr., MD, was a consummate plastic surgeon. Plastic surgery, family, and friends will long miss him. The cold of duck season is upon us; however, I feel an encouraging warmth on my right.*

By Gary Talbert, MD

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## **Keep Us Posted**

*Please remember to notify the SESPRS Central Office of any address, phone number, e-mail or fax number changes, and update your directory photo if necessary. Be sure to check last year's directory for your listing to make sure your listing in the 2003 directory will be correct!*

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