



Newsletter

Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons



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Message From the President



I hope that you and your family are having a good autumn.

I know that this is a busy time of the year with school activities and the holidays. Dale and I just returned from a planning trip to The Homestead.

As most of you know, there has been a hotel on this location since the late 1700's and the site is magnificent. The ownership changed about 8 years ago and the new owners have spent millions to upgrade the facilities and create a world class resort. There is literally something for everyone: golf, tennis, horseback riding, hiking, swimming, bowling, movie theater, etc. There is an excellent childrens' program which is like summer camp. The centerpiece of the resort is the spa. This was true in 1766 when the thermal springs were first discovered and it is true today. There is a full range of dining opportunities, including the formal dining room, the less formal grille and the adjacent golf clubhouse. For the avid golfer, Sam Snead's Tavern just down the hill from the hotel is a must

visit. Although managed by the hotel, this tavern was started by Sam and remains owned by his family. Much of his memorabilia is housed in the tavern. This will be our first annual meeting in the mountains in 10 years and I don't think that anyone will be disappointed.

The venues for our scientific sessions and our social functions are excellent. Tony Pizzo is assembling an outstanding program. All in all, I can't wait for us to get together in Virginia. I hope that all of you will mark your calendars for June 5-9, 2004. Remember also that this would be a great time to invite a non-SESPRS member from

your area to our meeting. I think that once they experience the wonderful combination of scientific and social activities which we have to offer, our guests will want to come again.

The next event on the Southeastern calendar is the 25th annual

Atlanta Breast Symposium January 16-18, 2004. This is a special year for the symposium and I hope that everyone will be able to join us in Atlanta for the festivities. If you cannot make it, consider ordering the DVD which contains the entire symposium.

So, until 2004, I hope that you and your loved ones have a wonderful holiday season.

Deadline for Abstracts Approaching

Please remember that the deadline for abstracts for papers for the June, 2004 meeting is January 20, 2004. Abstracts should be limited to 75-100 words and should be directed to Dr. Pizzo at the SESPRS office at 4900 B South 31st Street, Arlington, VA 22206-1656. The original and six copies should be

Thoughts for the Holidays

As 2003 comes to an end, we can reflect on some of the events that have transpired. We continue to deal with the effects of our country's invasion of Iraq, and many of us have been or have friends and children of friends directly affected by this conflict. More of our troops can be expected to spend more time there and suffer the consequences of being away from family and home. They also face significant risks every day in the hostile environment of an occupied country. Our thoughts go out to those troops and their families, as well as to the Iraqi people who continue to suffer the effects of having their country in chaos.

The environment for practicing medicine in the United States continues to flounder, with 49 senators refusing even to allow a minor tort reform bill to reach the senate floor. Medicare reform did pass, largely through the efforts of last year's SESPRS keynote speaker, Senator Bill Frist. We will await the effects of this legislation, although the repeal of the scheduled reimbursement drop should be of some immediate benefit to physicians and to our country's elderly who hopefully will continue to have adequate access to physician care. Hopefully all of us as Americans can work toward a better national approach toward health care delivery.

Plastic surgeons continue to be at the forefront of volunteer services around the world. We can be proud of our specialty and need to continue to lead in this

regard. Fortunately there are a number of organizations that facilitate these efforts for us and these warrant our support.

As the year winds to a close let us be mindful of those who truly suffer both here and around the world. Let us pray for peace on earth and dedicate ourselves toward that goal.



Dr. Leonard Furlow Gives J Society Address

One of the highlights of last year's SESPRS meeting in Palm Beach was Dr. Leonard Furlow delivering the address sponsored by the J Society. As demonstrated by his insightful and incisive comments and questions at the meetings as well as the contributions he has made to plastic surgery over the years, Dr. Furlow is one of the sharpest minds of the Southeastern Society. Dr. Furlow was with Dr. Jurkiewicz as the residency program at the University of Florida was established and he remained there after Dr. J. departed for Atlanta. The topic of the address was a history of the J Society and some of its accomplishments since its inception. In retrospect, some of the seemingly little things at the inception of the J Society were instrumental in the establishment and maintenance of the organization. Such attention to detail is perhaps a characteristic of a good surgeon, and the benefits were reaped by this group of

our peers. Dr. Furlow discussed how the collegiality and frequent gatherings of the J Society have resulted in the swapping of ideas which has helped further our specialty. Much as we see in the SESPRS, the intangibles of knowing each other better on a personal basis, including families, have proven to be indispensable in the professional growth of the members of the Society. Many of the giants of plastic surgery over the last thirty years have come from this group of surgeons, and many remain in the Southeastern, including our current president and president-elect.

The Southeastern appreciates Dr. Furlow giving the address this year and appreciates the sponsorship of the J Society of this lecture. We look forward to the continued relationship.

20th Annual Breast Surgery Symposium Deadline Approaching

The 2004 Breast Symposium will be at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Buckhead in Atlanta January 16-18. Frank Elliott, James Nammoun, and Mark Codner once again have put together an impressive agenda. They can take great pride in the variation of the content, avoiding year to year redundancy. This

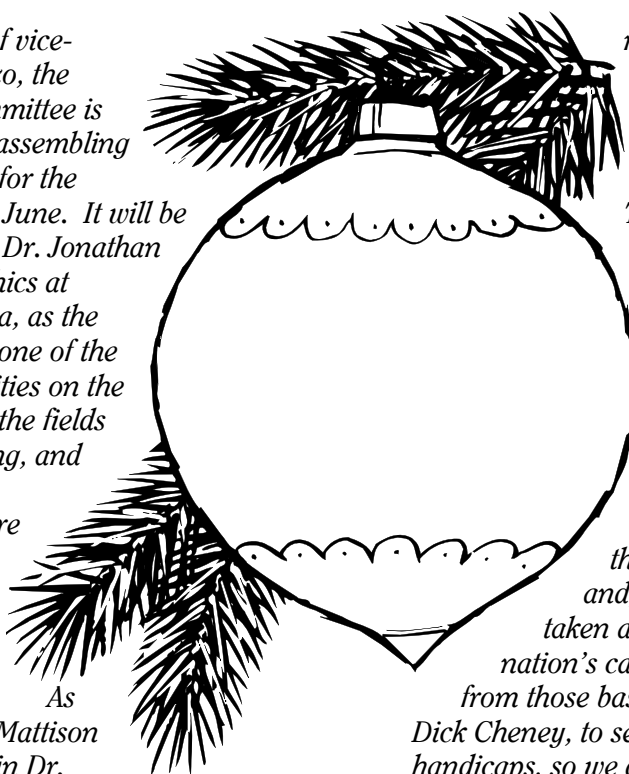
year the meeting will feature Dr. Daniel Marchac giving the Hartrampf lecture on short scar mastopexy, and live operations with Scott Spear, Pat Maxwell, John McCraw, and Neil Handel. In addition, there will be a session on oncologic concerns relating to breast reconstruction, a critically

important topic that cannot be overlooked by the reconstructive surgeon. There also will be a discussion of the current issues regarding gel implants. You may register on-line at www.sesprs.org or call the SESPRS office at 703-820-7400.

47th Annual Meeting Set for Hot Springs, Virginia

Under the direction of vice-president Tony Pizzo, the Scientific Program Committee is well into the process of assembling an interesting program for the upcoming meeting next June. It will be an honor for us to have Dr. Jonathan Moreno, professor of ethics at the University of Virginia, as the keynote speaker. He is one of the nation's leading authorities on the ethical issues related to the fields of cloning, genetic testing, and genetic profiling.

The Upchurch lecture will be delivered by Dr. Joel Mattison, who will discuss his time working in Africa with Albert Schweitzer. As a young physician, Dr. Mattison spent almost two years in Dr. Schweitzer's hospital and his experiences and pictures of that time in the twilight of Dr. Schweitzer's career are fascinating. Dr. Donald Lalonde will lead a panel on newer concepts in breast reduction. Drs. John McCraw, Rod Hester, and Jim Grotting will discuss vertical scars, no vertical scars, inverted T scars, and any other possible scar configuration anyone can conceive for this operation. Dr. Glen Jelks will discuss periorbital aesthetic surgery, and Dr. Steve Mathes will discuss



reconstruction of the abdominal wall after TRAM flap. Karen Zupko again will speak on coding and reimbursement issues. Dr. Ron Gruber, the Aesthetic Society Traveling Professor for 2004, will speak on rhinoplasty and septoplasty and also will meet with the residents present at the meeting.

The location should be quite conducive to recreational activities for families as well as individuals. The temperature should lead to better endurance on the tennis court, the running path, and, of course, the links. Dr. Pizzo has taken advantage of the proximity to our nation's capital to obtain verbal commitments from those bastions of integrity, Bill Clinton and Dick Cheney, to serve as referees regarding claimed handicaps, so we do not expect any funny stuff in that regard.

Future Meeting Dates and Sites

The Homestead

June 5-9, 2004, Hot Springs, VA

Atlantis Resort

June 5-9, 2005

Paradise Island, The Bahamas

The Cloister

June 4-8, 2006, Sea Island, GA

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