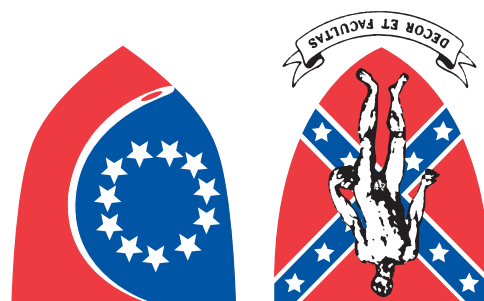


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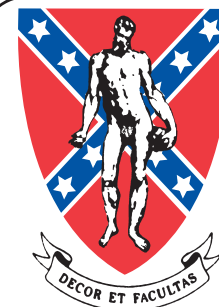
SESPRS MEMBERS ONLY MESSAGE BOARD COMING SOON!

Are you looking for a new associate? Do you have a nifty solution to a common problem? Would you like to share the joy of a new addition to your family? All these items and more are welcome on the new Members Only Message Board available on the SESPRS website.

Message categories will include Employment Opportunities, Problems and Pearls, and Personal. The site will be updated monthly. Access to the site is via your unique ID which was on your dues statement. If you cannot find your statement just contact the main office, or click on the "forgot your password" link on the website.

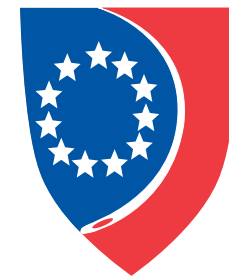
To post an item please email **Ann Reilley** at either reilley@plasticsurgerybr.com or AnnieRMH@att.net. Let's make this an informative and entertaining addition to our website. As always, your thoughts and comments on improvement and innovation are welcome!

Do you have some news? Members who are aware of newsworthy events or individual accomplishments that might be included in this Newsletter are encouraged to e-mail the Editor at kevin.hagan@vanderbilt.edu.



Newsletter

Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons



Kevin Hagan, Editor

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Message From the President

As I write this message to you all, Christmas is waiting around the corner. Where there is so much violence, disagreement, and confusion in so many places in the world, here we are pausing to reflect, to welcome peace, harmony and happiness. In a festive moment like this, Roslyn and I, wish all of you and your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Already 6 months have passed under my year of presidency, but let me assure you, your board has been working very hard to make the future of our society more secure and proactive. To name a few activities, we have mounted a new Membership Drive which is halfway through with some exciting results. We have already seen a 5% increase in membership and we are hoping to see an even greater increase in the months to come. We have also made a significant improvement in our website in terms of content and interactivity. Now you can pay dues through the web, you can submit your abstracts by the web, and we are about to establish a secure communication site among the members. We are also discussing about the possibility of placing selective videos for viewing by the membership.

We are also trying to spread the word about plastic surgery at the grass root

level in all high schools in the country. Our society has taken up a pilot project in the state of Mississippi offering 3 \$500 scholarships for the best essays related to "Plastic Surgery in America". Every public and private school in Mississippi received the information about this contest and we have received tremendous response. We are hoping to announce the winners of this contest at our Annual Meeting in Boca Raton.

We just returned from Boca Raton Resort and Club in Florida for a site visit in preparation for the upcoming Annual Meeting, June 7-11, 2008. We were accompanied by the AGRM Management Company, **Mr. Tom Fise** and **Mr. Bob Hamilton**. Those who attended the last Annual Meeting in Boca in 1999 will be surprised seeing the extensive renovations and additions to the resort. They are still renovating the beach club which will be completed before we arrive in June. Most of our group will stay in the Tower. We will give you more details about the accommodations nearer the time. The Welcome Reception on June the 7th will be at the Herb Garden at the resort, close to the Tower. Our Theme Night will be on June 8th, at the Garden Pool, as this year's theme will be "Western Attire". Hopefully you are already



gathering your boots and spurs as you practice doing the 2-step. Monday June 9th will be a free night and we will provide you with a list of area attractions and restaurants along with your registration materials. The Presidential Dinner Dance will

be on Tuesday night, June 10 as it has always been. It will be held in the Great Hall South. There will be several scheduled sports activities like golf, tennis tournament and a 3 mile fun run. **Dr. Bruce Shack** will chair the golf tournament committee. This will be played on June 9th on one of the two championship golf courses at the resort. The tennis tournament will be chaired by **Dr. Bob Allen** and will run from June 8 to June 10. The resort is famous for the Chris Evert managed Tennis club which has 30 courts and runs a world known tennis training center. The 3 Mile Fun Run will be on June 8th and will be chaired by **Dr. Barry Bishop**. The Beach is just a shuttle ride away and will be running the entire course of the meeting. There is also a "Camp Boca" for the kids which offer 150 planned supervised family activities a month.

Dr. Mark Codner and **Dr. Jim Nannon** have organized yet another
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Breast Surgery Symposium, "New Solutions and New Problems" for January 18-20, 2008. This year for the first time, Dr. Codner organized the first Annual Atlanta Occuloplastic Symposium for January 16 and 17 preceding the Breast Meeting. He has gathered International experts for this meeting that will make it very informative and exciting. The Breast Meeting, the only one of its kind, is the 24th Annual Meeting. It will also gather International experts to bring new ideas and solutions to breast surgery.

The Scientific Program for our Annual Meeting in Boca Raton is progressing

very well under our program chairman, **Dr. Jim Moore**. He has been working very hard to form the best possible program and to make it as exciting as always. **Dr. Wayne Morrison**, a world renowned Microsurgeon and the only plastic surgeon to be the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Melbourne, will be the Upchurch Lecturer. He is well known as being Professor of Surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, Head of Department of Plastic and Reconstructive, Hand and Microsurgery and is the Director of the Bernard O'Brien Institute of Microsurgery. **Dr. Edward Larson** from the UGA School of Law will be our Keynote Speaker. He is the Talmadge Chair of

Law and Russell Professor of American History at the University of Georgia and recipient of the 1998 Pulitzer Prize in History. His areas of expertise are: health care law, science and technology law, bioethics, property law, and legal history.

As I am concluding this message on Christmas Eve, let us all remember to give thanks for a prosperous year as we continue to work together toward continuously improving our society in terms of knowledge, fellowship, growth and giving.

Suman Das
SESPRS President

Southeastern Set to Announce 2008 Research Grant Competition

Each Southeastern member will soon be receiving the announcement of the Southeastern's 2008 Research Grant Award competition. Over the years, this competition has grown to become a major opportunity for support of truly worthwhile research initiatives in the plastic surgery field, thanks to consistent support which over the years has increased from an annual award of \$5,000, to the current level of \$10,000 per year.

Applicants for this research scholarship award must be member of the Southeastern. To be considered, the research must be related to plastic surgery, have a clinical application, and must be completed within 12 months of receipt of the award. The re-

ipient will be accorded time for a presentation of the results of the research at the 2009 Southeastern Annual Scientific Meeting at the Westin Rio Mar Hotel in Puerto Rico.

The research scholarship has long been chaired and administered under the steadfast efforts and support of **Dr. Suman Das**, this year's Southeastern President. In light of Dr. Das's other responsibilities, these responsibilities have been passed on to two new co-Chairs, **Drs. Scott Levin**, and **Dr. William Lineaweaver**. Applicants are required to submit 5 copies, using the special application form, to be accompanied by a curriculum vitae of no more than two pages. The deadline for receipt of applications this year will be April 4, 2008.

gree from Vanderbilt University. In 1937, as a tackle on the Commodore football team, he scored the game winning touchdown against previously undefeated and unscorred upon LSU with his infamous "hidden ball" play. He went to Duke University for medical school and general surgery residency, and then to Tulane University for his plastic surgery fellowship. His service in WW II earned him both a Bronze-Star and Purple Heart. In 1953 he began a private practice of plastic surgery in Nashville, TN.

His interest in teaching led him back to Vanderbilt University where he became an assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery while maintaining a private practice of plastic surgery for almost 45 years. In this position he was instrumental in developing and organizing a training program in Plastic Surgery at Vanderbilt University. He donated much of his surgical time to the Crippled Children's Service and had a particular interest in cleft lip and palate surgery.

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Southeastern's 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting at Boca Raton Hotel and Resort, June 7-11, 2008

Even though the chill is still in the air, Southeastern members need to begin to direct their thinking and planning to warm, accommodating places and a balmy venue. The 2008 Southeastern Annual Scientific Meeting will be held at the glamorous and prestigious Boca Raton Hotel and Resort, June 7-11, 2008, and you'll soon be receiving the initial program promotional mailing. Many of you have already submitted abstracts for possible inclusion on the official meeting program, including the annual Glancy Award competition for the best resident paper presentation.

Dr. James Moore, the current Vice President of the Southeastern, and this year's program Chair has assembled a top notch program that is bound to keep our members glued to their seats to learn more, and gain insights into improvements in techniques and outcomes. Headlining the scientific program will be the annual 2008 Upchurch Lecture to be presented by **Dr. Wayne Morrison**, Chief of Surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital

in Victoria, Australia, who is traveling all the way from "down under" to address our society. **Edward Lawson**, from the University of Georgia School of Law will present the keynote address to kick off the program on Sunday morning, June 8.

Panel discussions will include Forehead and Eyelid Rejuvenation, featuring **Drs. Codner, Carraway** and **Yarumchuk**; Body Contouring, including a follow up lecture by Dr. Yarumchuk on Facial Volume Restoration; Problems and Pearls (please submit your cases!); Reconstructive Surgery; and Patient Safety. The Wednesday program will conclude with a close look at practice management with the presentation, "Seven Marketing Mistakes Plastic Surgeons Make" by **Karen Zupko**.

Be on the alert for the first Boca registration package which will be arriving soon, and reserve your place at Boca Raton for this terrific educational program.

OBITUARIES continued

Outside of the medical field his love of the outdoors led him into active roles in numerous conservation organizations at both the state and national levels, including the Presidency of the National Wildlife Federation. He loved bird hunting and fishing well into his eighth decade.

Greer took an avid interest in all aspects of the SESPRS. He and his wife Sally faithfully attended all annual meetings and particularly loved the social functions, especially the dance floor! Greer instilled his love of the Southeastern in all his partners and made sure of their attendance. His philosophy of the "Southeastern" has lasted until this day.

Dr. B. Alfred Pihl

Dr. Pihl died on Sunday, June 24th, 2007, following a nasty bout with cancer. He was 76.

Dr. Pihl was born in Helsinki, Finland and grew up in southern Sweden. He earned

his MD and Ph.D. from Lund University, Sweden with an intervening MS from Tufts University in Boston. He was an academic general surgeon on the staff of Malmö University Hospital in Sweden until the socialist political climate led him to emigrate to America. He trained at Vanderbilt as the first full resident under **Dr. JB Lynch**. While in residency, he met and later married his co-chief resident, **Dianne Leeb**. He spent most of his career as a plastic surgeon in Atlanta, GA. He retired to the Vail Valley of Colorado in 2004 where he enjoyed skiing in the winter and playing golf in the summer. Dr. Pihl considered his greatest achievement to be raising his sons to be fine men. Dr. Pihl is survived by his wife **Dianne Leeb**, his two sons **Bo** and **Ian**, and his brother **Owe**.

Dr. Francisco A. Herrero

Frank Herrero, a long time member of the Southeastern, passed away on August 19, 2007. Frank and his twin

brother were born on July 11, 1934 in the Dominican Republic. His family immigrated to the United States, where he attended the University of Miami on a music scholarship (violin). He was a member of the first class admitted to the University of Florida Medical School, and trained in General Surgery at Emory and the University of North Carolina. He was one of the nine residents trained in Plastic Surgery under **Dr. M. Jurkewicz** at the University of Florida, where he later was an Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery. In 1970 he established the first plastic surgery practice in Daytona Beach, and in 1984 Frank assumed the full time position as Director of Medical Affairs at Halifax Medical Center, a post he held until 2006.

Dr. Herrero was well known and respected for his warm personality, sense of humor, and his commitment to quality care and professionalism. No one who met him ever forgot him.