



Newsletter

Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons



Kevin Hagan, Editor

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Message From the President

I hope that everyone is off to a happy and healthy start in the New Year. January was a busy month for your President. Wanda Kaye and I visited the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort to scout it out for our upcoming meeting this June. It truly is a beautiful facility which sits on 2,400 spectacular acres between the Gulf of Mexico and Choctawhatchee Bay. The property where our meeting will be held is actually on the Bay side. However, there are continuous shuttles running to the Sandestin private beach area throughout the day so that beach access should be quite simple.

The accommodations will be either in the Grand Sandestin and its surrounding units or in the properties nearer the village. The Grand Sandestin and its accompanying units have somewhat larger rooms and are a bit more expensive. There are two types of bedrooms available. One has two queen-size beds and other has one queen-size and a nice sitting area. All rooms come with a microwave oven and a small refrigerator. This is important to know, because there is no room service available in this hotel or anywhere on the property. It is a very short walk from the rooms to the village where there are numerous restaurants and other attractions. For

those of you who are planning on bringing children or grandchildren, I have asked the property to set aside a few one, two and three bedroom suites and hold them for our membership along with our other block of rooms. For those interested in suites, I would recommend that you make your accommodations as soon as possible because our allotment of suites will be taken up very quickly I imagine. All the suites have a full kitchen as well as a washer and dryer.

There are four beautiful golf courses on the property and our golf tournament on Monday will be played on the Raven Course which is where the Senior PGA holds an annual event. In fact, the Senior Tour Event is the week before our meeting; therefore, the course should be in great shape for our tournament.

The tennis facilities are world-class with grass, clay and hard surface courts. I have asked Bob Allen to work with the tennis facility pros at Sandestin to put together our tennis tournament this year. The Fun Run will be on



This year will mark the 50th Anniversary of SESPRS—don't miss this special meeting at beautiful Sandestin.

the property where they have a lovely course with all the professional accouterments.

For those who are close enough, I would recommend driving to Sandestin. The nearest airport is the Fort Walton Beach Airport and it is 17 miles from the property. For those who choose to fly in, I would recommend a rental car for your ground transportation.

There are wonderful children's activities including golf and tennis lessons throughout the week. We have arranged a special baby-sitting service for children under the age of 16 for the night of the Presidential Dinner Dance. The opening reception on Saturday evening and the Theme Dinner on Sunday evening will both be held on the beautiful lawn behind the Grand Sandestin. Therefore, ladies no high heeled shoes please. Since this is our 50th Anniversary, we plan to have a 1950s theme which will run throughout the week. Also, this year I am instituting a farewell brunch for all members and their guests who are

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Website Under Construction: Members' Help Needed!

Check out our redesign at www.SESPRS.org

We have undertaken a major redesign of our website, and your input is needed! Last year, the executive committee decided that the SESPRS website needed an upgrade. Under the direction of Dr. Harold Friedman, bids were taken, and a new design was commissioned. With many new features, the redesigned website is a comprehensive resource for all aspects of SESPRS. With the growing importance of the internet, Dr. Shack felt that a formal committee should be created, and he has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to help with the process, chaired by our Secretary, Ann Reilley and including the Assistant Secretary, Jim Grotting and new Trustee Mark Craig.

One new section, "Archives," includes programs of all the previous meetings, as well as photos from all the meetings and social events. Enormous effort was expended to digitize these items for the website. See sidebar for information on how to help us identify as many people in the photos as possible.

In addition to information on all upcoming meetings and events (details of the Destin meeting will be up soon), the site will now include online meeting

HELP US IDENTIFY YOUR FRIENDS!

Photos of all the meetings and social events are now available for viewing on the SESPRS website. Please help us identify the people in the photos. Use the following web address to browse through the photos, and type in the names of those you know.

<http://sesprs.org/kj34widn43io2p/>

registration, abstract submission, an online membership roster, and a section for patients to locate SESPRS members in their area. Be sure to fill out the membership questionnaire sent to you recently so that the information included in your profile is correct.

The site is a work in progress, and Dr. Reilly and the committee need your input. Drop a note to reilley@plasticsurgerybr.com to make suggestions on both design and content. With your help, we hope to make this a great and truly useful website.

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present at the end of the scientific session. This should be a very nice closure to our meeting.

Jim Wade has put together an extremely strong scientific program to compliment our social events. There will also be several special lectures including a special historic presentation by our immediate past President Dr. Tony Pizzo. Ed Luce has agreed to be the Upchurch Lecturer this year and Rod Hester is going to present the "J" Lecture. Also, Jim has arranged for Larry Hollier who is the Chancellor of the Louisiana State University Medical Center to be our keynote speaker. Another special treat will be a presentation by Gus Colon giving us a historic perspective on the death of Huey Long. All in all, it is shaping up to be one of our most

outstanding meetings and I want all of you to attend, if possible.

I just came back from the 23rd Annual Breast Symposium in Atlanta. During this meeting, the Executive Committee had its Winter Session as well. I'm pleased to report that your society is making excellent progress towards increasing our membership and improving the value of membership. We are in the process of trying to redesign our website. Harold Friedman has spent the last year working with our webmaster to make improvements in our site. I have appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to assist Dr. Friedman and to oversee the development of the new website. It will be chaired by your secretary, Ann Reilley, and includes your assistant secretary, Jim Grotting, and trustee Mark Craig. Any suggestions for improvement of the website should be sent to Dr. Reilley.

This year's Breast Symposium again broke all attendance records with almost 200 physicians in attendance. At the Faculty Dinner on Saturday night, a special presentation was made to Dr. Carl Hartrampf in appreciation of his establishment of the Breast Symposium 23 years ago. Under the current leadership of Mark Codner, Jim Namnoum and Frank Elliott, this symposium is the single best symposium on breast surgery in the land. All of us should be very proud of this Southeastern accomplishment.

Well, that's enough for now. Any comments or suggestions regarding the society can be sent to me directly. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Sandestin this June.

R. Bruce Shack
SESPRS President

2007 Annual Meeting is Just Around the Corner, June 9-13



Join your Southeastern colleagues for the perfect mix of education and relaxation.

by Jim Wade
2007 Program Committee Chair

Sandestin Baytown Resort anxiously awaits each of you in hosting the 2007 SESPRS Annual Meeting, June 9-13. This is especially true since we haven't visited this fabulous facility before as a group. The format returns to the more popular Sunday through Wednesday agenda with ample time being allowed for fun and recreation. Our Scientific Program promises to be one of didactic presentations and informative dialogue with a little history and levity thrown in for good measure. This meeting represents the 50th anniversary of our beloved Southeastern

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and there are a number of special events and presentations planned to mark the event. Invited speakers and guests have been overwhelmingly enthusiastic about attending and we anticipate record attendance by the membership. So, please mark your calendars and register early when materials become available in the near future. See you in Sandestin!

Do You Have Problems or Pearls You'd Like to Share at This Year's Annual Meeting?

The always interesting and educational Problems & Pearls session will once again be a part of the Scientific Program and will encompass a full one hour this year. For those unfamiliar with the traditional format, members and guests are asked to submit specific problem cases, either for discussion of treatment options or to demonstrate an innovative solution to a problem. In addition to successes, we also welcome failures as

a means of educating the membership on how NOT to do something as well. Also, if you have a particular technique or pearl of wisdom, we'd love to hear about that, too. Lively discussion has always been a part of this event. John McGraw is presiding over the session and we ask that you submit all your potential cases/anecdotes/ideas to him no later than Sunday, May 20. Please contact John directly at jbmccraw@surgery.umsmmed.edu.

Send your problems or pearls by May 20 to John McGraw at jbmccraw@surgery.umsmmed.edu.

HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP GROW

As our Active Membership continues to grow we are in search of new Candidate Members to join SESPRS and take part in the many exciting things that we have to offer. If you know of anyone in your community whom you would like to propose for membership please share the enclosed Membership Application or have them contact Katie Otto at the Headquarters office at 301-320-1200.

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Annual Meeting

June 9-13, 2007

Sandestin Resort
Destin, Florida

DO YOU HAVE SOME NEWS?

Members who are aware of newsworthy events that might be included in this Newsletter are encouraged to email the Editor at kevin.hagan@vanderbilt.edu.