



# Newsletter

Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons



Kevin Hagan, Editor

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## Message From the President

The 50th anniversary year for the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons was celebrated at our annual meeting at Sandestin, Florida, under the presidency of Dr. **Bruce Shack**. This was a landmark event as seventeen of our past presidents attended this meeting. This was the first time our group was in Sandestin and my special thanks to Bruce and Wanda for their kind hospitality. This was truly a family oriented gathering that everyone enjoyed.

We must congratulate and compliment **Jim Wade** for organizing such a well planned and well rounded, exciting scientific meeting. This year's Keynote Address was given by **Larry Hollier, MD**, Chancellor, LSUMC-New Orleans, who really gave the insight and inside story of the difficult times of the residents, doctors, and the teaching hospitals of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. This was a first-hand experience which made us all aware and felt as if we had been a part of this disaster.

Our past president, **Tony Pizzo**, presented our last 50 year history of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons from its inception. This was followed by an excellent panel discussing "Minimally Invasive

Facial Rejuvenation." The panel participants for this were **Foad Nahai, Rod Hester, Rod Rohrich and Jim Grotting**.

The Resident Essay Competition was one of the highlights of our meeting with the highest quality of research work and presentation. This year's winner of the Glancy Bowl was awarded to Dr. **H. Levinson** from Duke University. Our yearly presentation of Problems and Pearls that was moderated by Dr. **John McCraw** was as popular as ever, and we are looking forward to the continuity of this next year.

Our Upchurch Lecturer was one of our past presidents, **Ed Luce** from Memphis. Dr. Luce took us back in time to "A Taste Of Heaven and Hell in Plastic



Upchurch Lecturer  
Ed Luce

Surgery." **Gus Colon** gave us the vivid description of what happened or could have happened with Huey Long's assassination. The panel throwing light on how to become successful in the modern Plastic Surgery marketplace as a reconstructive surgeon was highlighted



One of my objectives this year is to increase SESPRS membership.

by the panelists **Dr. Lineaweaver, Dr. Allen, Dr. Khouri and Dr. Merritt**. As usual, safety is of paramount importance in our specialty and this was highlighted by **Dr. Young, Dr. Rohrich, Dr. Blinder and Mr. Kelly** in their symposium. This year's Dr. Jurkiewicz Lecturer was Dr. **Rod Hester** from Atlanta who reminisced about the good ole days of Plastic Surgery with the background song "Those were the Days" by Mary Hopkins. The last presentation was aptly presented by Dr. **Ian Jackson**, "The Personal Experience of Treatment of Vascular Malformation," who was recognized again as the first Upchurch Lecturer.

Now, let me thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve you in the capacity of President. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to mention my objectives in the coming year. Firstly, we are having a membership drive for new members at an individual level in each state. There are about 1000 plastic surgeons residing in the southeast who are members of ASPS but are not members of SESPRS. We need to let these people know the secrets of our society. Secondly, I want to bring our website at the forefront which will be

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**Jurkiewicz  
Lecturer  
Rod Hester**

interactive and informative for members and patients. Thirdly, I would like to take the World of Plastic Surgery out to the level of seniors in high school by arranging an essay competition through the Department of Education. We have allotted three scholarships in the State of Mississippi, which is our pilot project. I would also like

the young members to get involved in our committees and would love to hear from anyone interested to get involved in the workings of our society.

The Breast Symposium is around the corner in Atlanta, January 17-20, 2008, under the leadership of **Mark Codner** and **Jim Namnoum** and under the supervision of **Frank Elliott**.

Dr. **Jim Moore**, our vice-president and program chairman is very busy planning the 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting at Boca Raton, and I have no doubt that it will be just as exciting as this year's.

# SESPRS

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## Annual Meeting

June 7-11, 2008

*Boca Raton Hotel  
and Resort*  
Boca Raton, Florida

We have an exciting year ahead of us. I feel together we can make a difference in the plastic surgery society. Remember the 51st year has more significance than the 50th Anniversary as it is that one year more. So start making plans now for Boca Raton.

**Suman Das**  
SESPRS President

## We Need Your Help!

The executive committee, under the leadership of Dr. Das, has initiated a new membership campaign, with the intention of making all members of ASPS in the Southeast aware of the benefits of membership in our Society. We all know that the SESPRS is the premier regional plastic surgical

society in the country, but there are approximately 1000 board certified plastic surgeons in our area who are not members, and who are presumably not aware of our unique blend of top-quality clinical presentations integrated into a family-oriented, resort-style meeting. While we all agree that we do not want our group to grow to the point that we lose the friendly down-home feel of our meetings, we recognize that enthusiastic new mem-

bers are the lifeblood of our existence. With that in mind, several changes have been suggested to make it easier for new members to join, and we ask your help in identifying plastic surgeons in your area who might enjoy and contribute to our organization. We will be contacting many potential members, and we encourage you to "talk it up" and consider sponsoring your friends for membership.

## MEMBER NEWS

Last year, as noted in this newsletter, Dr. **Scott Corlew** took a sabbatical from his practice to study toward a Masters in International Public Health at Harvard. We are pleased to announce that Scott has successfully obtained his degree, and had decided to follow his passion for medical care delivery to underserved areas of our planet. He has accepted the full time position as Chief Medical Officer of Interplast, and has retired from his active clinical practice in Tennessee. He is responsible for coordinating Interplast's international teaching and surgical missions. Members who would like to contribute their time and plastic surgical skills to help the less fortunate around the globe are encouraged to contact Scott at [scorlew@interplast.org](mailto:scorlew@interplast.org).

SESPRS member Dr. **Somprasong Songcharoen** recently received the Honorary Fellowship of the Thai Royal College of Surgeons and Thai Society of Plastic Surgeons. Accompanying him on his trip to Thailand and Cambodia as visiting professors were Dr. **Bill Lineaweaver** and SESPRS President Dr. **Suman Das**.

Sad Breaking News...We have just received word that the Southeastern's second President, Dr. **Greer Ricketson**, who served as President in the years 1959-1960, recently passed away. More details on Dr. Ricketson and his service to plastic surgery in a coming issue.

**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](mailto:kevin.hagan@vanderbilt.edu).**



**David Drake's Hole-in-One at Sandestin**

## Highlights from Recent Annual Meeting in Sandestin

### Dr. Drake Aces One

Among the various characters receiving awards at the banquet for dubious "athletic" achievements, **David Drake** stands alone. Playing on Sandestin's Raven course, he won the coveted "Closest to the Hole" award with an unbeatable hole-in-one, edging out the runner up by 43 yards. Apparently, there were witnesses. This is a Southeastern first! The executive committee was unable to determine if SESPRS protocol requires

Dr. Drake to buy a round of drinks for the entire membership (and their spouses and guests), or just those who will be attending next year's meeting. Since this may require a bylaws change, the discussion was tabled until the January Board Meeting. Dr. Drake will then be appropriately assessed at the time of his next dues statement. Congratulations David!

### Glancy Award goes to Duke

For the first time in recent memory, both the first and second place Glancy Awards for the best resident papers at the Annual Meeting were won by residents of the same institution, in this case Duke University. The first place award went to Dr. **Howie Levinson**, for his paper "Non-Muscle Myosin II Regulates Collagen Matrix Contraction and Wound Healing." His paper showed that selective inhibition of non-muscle Myosin II prevents fibroblast wound healing and collagen matrix contraction, suggesting that Myosin II may be a good target to prevent scar contracture. The runner up award went to Dr. **Brian Coan**, for his paper "A Novel Model for Evaluating the Anatomic and Physiologic Effects of Rhinoplasty." Using acoustic rhinometry and rhinomanometry on cadaveric heads, he was able to demonstrate a 40% increase in cross sectional area following a rhinoplasty using 2mm spreader grafts. Unfortunately, neither winner was able to be present at the awards ceremony, so no photo is available. Congratulations to both of these young men and to Duke University, where the Glancy bowl will reside for the next 12 months.

## Research Grants for Drs. Drake and Terzis

The First Place Research Grant Award this year was given to Dr. David Drake, Charlottesville Virginia, for his proposal "Effect of Botulinum Toxin on Vascular Smooth Muscle/Flap Viability in Rat." As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, this is not Dr. Drake's only first place award this year. The Second Place grant was awarded to Dr. Julia Terzis, Norfolk, Virginia for the proposal entitled "Nerve Regeneration Across Tubes vs. Grafts in Rats Receiving FK 506." Congratulations to these two investigators!

### DUES INCREASE APPROVED

**After some discussion, the membership voted to approve a dues increase to \$500, the first increase in 12 years. The increase will allow us to continue to include free meeting registration as a membership benefit, rather than charging an additional registration fee. This preserves the tradition of the Southeastern representing the best value for your membership dollar of any plastic surgical organization.**

## SESPRS Archives Photo CD Now Available

### Photos span Society's 50 year history

by Jim Wade

At the recent 50th Anniversary Meeting in Destin, FL, photos out of the archives spanning the full 50 years of the Southeastern were shown in the meeting room during the breaks and in the mornings preceding each Scientific Session. They were also shown at

two of the three evening social events. A number of individuals expressed interest in obtaining a copy of the album for their own personal viewing pleasure in a more relaxed setting and without the limitations of time. We have arranged for the photos to be converted to CD format that can be viewed on either a computer or on

a DVD player connected to a television. Additionally, they are of sufficient quality that reprints could be made if someone so chooses.

If you're interested in obtaining a copy of this CD, please contact Jim Wade at [jww2md@msn.com](mailto:jww2md@msn.com) or (225) 769-9966.

## SESPRS 2007-2008

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### Call for Nominations

Members who would like to recommend individuals for nomination to SESPRS leadership positions are encouraged to contact any member of the nominating committee: Tony Pizzo, Bruce Mast, Cole Goodman, Ron Johnson, Kevin Hagan.