



# Newsletter

Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons



Kevin Hagan, Editor

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## Message From the President

It seems like only just last week that all of us were enjoying the collegiality and camaraderie which is the hallmark of the Southeastern in the beautiful surroundings of the Cloister at Sea Island, Georgia. It was, in fact, a beautiful venue for our Annual Meeting. The newly renovated facilities (with additional ongoing renovations of the ocean cottage and the tennis facilities) have once again made the Cloister an ideal coastal location. With its enlargement, it has also grown to accommodate the increasing size of the Southeastern. With that in mind, we're negotiating now with the Cloister to return in a few years to their facility. I know this is something to which all the membership will look forward with much anticipation.

The scientific program put together by Suman Das was absolutely superb. We had more member papers and more panels than we have in the past few years and I know we all enjoyed this very much.

Our keynote speaker Dr. John Stone from Atlanta, Georgia, a poet and physician, enthralled us all with his very human perspective of life and medicine. Dr. Luis Vasconez delivered a very timely, topical and inspirational presentation as our 2006 Samuel Upchurch Lecturer. On the whole, it was one of the best meetings we've had in some time and I am hopeful that we will be able

to replicate this performance next year. I know that Jim Wade, next year's Program Chairman, has already outlined an outstanding scientific program which should be extremely educational and informative to all of us. I hope that you will plan to attend that meeting at Sandestin next year.

Next on the horizon for the Southeastern is the January Breast Symposium in Atlanta. Drs. Mark Codner and Jim Namnoum are finalizing the program as you read this newsletter. Under the watchful supervision of Dr. Frank Elliott, I know it will be an outstanding program. Last year's Breast Symposium had the largest attendance ever and we hope to increase that again this year. Also, we have some very special surprises in mind for those who attend and I hope that all of you will plan to be there in Atlanta in January.

As many of you know, this is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. Those who have been active members recognize the value of our Society and appreciate its unique format of education and fun within a



very strong family environment. This year as we celebrate our Golden Anniversary, I hope to widen the knowledge of the Southeastern's traditions of excellence and education and unsurpassed collegiality and camaraderie. I plan to contact key members in each of the states within our region to

put together a plan for a grass roots effort to grow our membership and to have a record attendance at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting. Special recognition of all remaining Founding Members and all Past Presidents is on the agenda as well as a special presentation by Tony Pizzo looking back at our past 50 years.

Our society is the strongest regional society in the country and I hope to continue this strong position during my year as President. It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. If any of you have any suggestions for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, please don't hesitate to contact me personally. I am looking forward to a very exciting year.

*R. Bruce Shack*  
SESPRS President

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## Highlights from the 2006 Meeting

The meeting held this past June at the Cloister at Sea Island, Georgia was indeed memorable. The Cloister had been recently renovated, and the facilities and service were absolutely elegant. Very positive comments were made by the majority of attendees, and we look forward to another possible meeting at the Cloister in the future.

The Scientific program, arranged by **Dr. Suman Das**, was excellent, beginning with our keynote speaker,



*Dr. John Stone delivered this year's keynote address.*

**Dr. John Stone.** Dr. Stone, an Atlanta physician and poet, delivered an unusual and well-received address which was quite erudite and imaginative. Our Upchurch Lecturer this year was **Dr. Louis Vasconez**, well known to all of us in the Southeastern, who gave a stimulating lecture, as usual. Dr. Vasconez also delivered last year's Jurkiewicz Lecture. Invited lecturers included

**Dr. Mark Gorney**, who gave a timely presentation on risk management and the medico-legal aspects of plastic surgery. **Dr. Henry Kawamoto** spoke about his recent experience separating conjoined twins. **Dr. Ian Jackson** lectured on local flaps in the reconstruction of the nose and face. The panels and mini-symposia including those on augmentation mastopexy, lower extremity reconstruction, and carpal tunnel release, were well-received. Of course, the member papers were strong as usual with a wide variety of diverse topics covered. Many thanks to Dr. Das for an outstanding program.

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## Dr. Jabaley Honored with Pickrell Award

This year, the prestigious Pickrell Award was presented to Dr. Michael E. Jabaley. This award is not presented yearly, but only as indicated to "individuals who follow in Dr. Pickrell's footsteps by making outstanding contributions in the teaching of plastic and reconstructive surgery."

Our honoree was born in Copperhill, Tennessee. He received his undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt University where he not only played Varsity football but was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Scholastic Society. He then went to Johns Hopkins School of Medicine where he also served his surgical internship. His general surgery training was carried out at Massachusetts General, and he returned to Hopkins for his residency

in plastic surgery.

Following a call to the military, during which he received the Vietnam Honor Medal First Class and the Bronze Star, he returned to his alma mater, Johns Hopkins, where he became Assistant Professor followed by Associate Professor. But the siren song of the south called its son back home and he returned as Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Mississippi, where he eventually served as Chairman of the Division of Plastic Surgery and Professor of Surgery. During his long tenure there, he was responsible for the training of many of our fin-



*The Pickrell Award was presented to Dr. Michael Jabaley by Dr. Tony Pizzo.*

est plastic surgeons including several of the previous presidents of SESPRS. His publications included 80 peer-reviewed articles and chapters in various texts addressing diverse areas of the specialty.

His contributions to organized medicine include President of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, President of the Sunderland Society, and Upchurch Lecturer for the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. Michael is currently Clinical Professor in Plastic Surgery at the University of Mississippi.

Congratulations to Dr. Jabaley on this well-deserved award!

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## Glancy Award Goes to Dr. DeRoberts

This year's winner of the Glancy Award for the best resident paper at the Annual Meeting goes to Dr. Dean DeRoberts of Wake Forest University for his excellent paper "Intense Pulsed Light Tattoo Removal in Conjunction with Imiquimod (Aldera): A Double-Blind, Randomized Controlled Study."

Dr. DeRoberts showed very clearly

that using Aldera to augment laser therapy significantly improved the pigment removal in tattoo therapy. The results shown were very impressive, and many surgeons at the meeting felt that this was THE clinical lesson to take home from the meeting. The Runner Up this year was Dr. Robert Ferguson, Jr., of the University of Kentucky, for

his paper "The Effects of Saliva and Oral Uptake on the Tensile Properties of Sutures: An Experimental Study," in which he showed that saliva had an effect on the tensile strength of both Vicryl and chromic sutures, but milk or soy milk had no significant effect. Congratulations to both these young investigators and their institutions.

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# 2007 Annual Meeting is Southeastern's 50th Anniversary

by Jim Wade  
2007 Program Committee Chair

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Southeastern will be a special one in many ways. Not only does it represent the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but it signifies our first ever venture to Destin, Florida, a phenomenal beach resort locale.

As such, we are hoping to make this meeting a truly memorable one. Though the 2006 program put on by Suman Das will be a difficult one to match, it's my intent as your

Program Chairman that the Scientific Program be one of education, useful information, and even some entertainment with a few surprises mixed in.

We're planning a grand reunion of sorts for all the past Presidents as well as their spouses. Additionally, our ever-popular Problems & Pearls session will be expanded to one hour and will change back to the format we have all enjoyed in years past. John McGraw has agreed to moderate the session and I encourage each of you to present your most difficult problems and/or

pearls to John for incorporation into the program.

We have already lined up some of the "best of the best" speakers and moderators for the program and plan to add even more. Nonetheless, we will not short-change our membership and will allow ample time for member paper submissions along with the resident paper competition.

More specifics will be forthcoming but I hope you'll put the meeting dates on your calendar and make every effort to attend.

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## It's Back to School for Dr. Corlew

Dr. Scott Corlew has decided to trade his scrub shoes for Birkenstocks! Spurred by his long-term interest in medical care delivery in developing countries, Scott has decided to pursue a Masters in International Public Health at Harvard University. He has taken a sabbatical from his practice in Murfreesboro, TN, and now resides in Cambridge, MA, from where he will regularly commute back to his

family in Tennessee. Scott hopes to be able to complete his studies within a year, and return to practice.

Dr. Corlew's commitment to international plastic surgical delivery and training is demonstrated in his many overseas trips with Interplast. He is currently on the Interplast Board of Directors, and has recently served a five year term as Director of Surgery for Interplast.



He may be one of the older members of his class at Harvard, but Scott tells us that there is at least one other "geezer age" person in the group to study with.

In appreciation for his many contributions to the Southeastern, and in recognition of the significant financial sacrifice that he is making this year, the Board of Directors has unanimously voted to waive Dr. Corlew's dues for the coming year. Good luck Scott!

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## Society Continues to Grow

Seventeen new Active Members and 14 new Candidate Members were elected at the June meeting at the Cloister at Sea Island, Georgia. Congratulations to everyone!

### **New Active Members:**

Peter A. Aldea, MD; T. Randall Blanchard, MD; Gary W. Cox, MD; Lisa R. David, MD; Patricia L. Eby, MD; William J. Hedden, MD; C. Scott Hultman, MD; Edward J. Love, MD; David L. Mobley, MD; Gerald C. Mosiello, MD; Kitti K. Outlaw, MD; Brian Rinker, MD; Kevin R. Snodgrass, MD; J. Jason Wendel, MD; David Smith, Jr., MD; James E. Craigie, MD; Carol Ann Clark, MD

### **New Candidates for Membership:**

Lawrence Ennis, MD; James L. Fowler, MD; Albert Losken, MD; Christopher A. Marek, MD; Martin I. Newman, MD; Seung-Jun "Sonny" O, MD; Gregory A. Sexton, MD; Lee K. Thornton, MD; John Robertson, MD; Patrick O'Neill, MD; L. Dwight Baker, MD; Keith Hanna, MD; Jeffrey R. Markus, MD; Kristin Boehm, MD

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## New Officers Elected

New officers were elected for 06-07:

*President:* R. Bruce Shack (automatic)

*President-Elect:* Suman K. Das

*Vice President:* James W. Wade

*Secretary:* Ann Ford Reilley

*Historian:* Henry C. Vasconez

*2 Trustees (3-year terms):* Robert J. Allen, Mark H. Craig

*Past President and Trustee:* Anthony J. Pizzo

The following officers continue in their roles:

*Assistant Secretary:* James C. Grotting;

*Treasurer:* W. Byron Barber

*Trustees:* Mark A. Codner, Wyndell Merritt, Kevin F. Hagan and Braun H. Graham

# SESPRS 2006-2007 Standing Committee Members

## Long Range Planning

Bill Wallace, Chair  
Mike Beasley  
Tony Pizzo

## Awards/Special Recognition

Barry Bishop, Chair  
Ron Johnson  
Tom Orcutt  
Wyndell Merritt

## Judicial Council

Frank Elliott  
Andy Moore  
Ron Johnson  
Bill Wallace  
Mike Beasley

## Program Committee

James Wade, Chair  
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Harold Friedman  
Mark Codner  
Hamid Massiha  
Henry Vasconez  
Leonard Furlow

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John Sparrow, Chair  
Kevin Hagan  
Dwayne Lett

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Ron Johnson, Chair  
Frank Elliott  
Tom Zaydon, Jr.  
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Bill Lineaweaver  
Bruce Mast

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Scott Levin, Co-Chair  
Suman Das, Co-Chair  
Jorge de la Torre  
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## Resident Competition Committee

Harold Friedman, Chair  
Henry Vasconez  
Jim Wade  
Robert Allen  
Wyndell Merritt  
Kevin Kelly

## Newsletter/Editor

Kevin Hagan

## Future Meetings

Braun Graham  
Kevin Hagan

## Parliamentarian

Jim Moore

## ACCME Committee

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Jorge de la Torre  
Mark Codner  
Jim Moore  
President, Ex Officio

## Regional Society's Representative

Anthony Pizzo

## Special Education/Symposia

Mark Codner, Chair  
Jim Namnour  
Frank Elliott  
President, Ex Officio

## Ethics Committee

Anthony Pizzo, M.D.  
Members of the  
Executive Committee

## Nominating Committee

Michael Beasley, Chair  
Andy Bean  
Ron Johnson  
Bill Lineaweaver  
(Exec. Cte. Nominee)

## Local Arrangements

To be determined

## 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 listed above.

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