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Meet us in Maui

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Tropically tantalizing

The CAOG is excited to combine its long standing reputation for cutting-edge science with the island elegance of the Grand Wailea Resort, Hotel & Spa. Truly one of the world's great luxury venues, this Waldorf-Astoria property offers the best available in the Hawaiian Islands or almost anywhere else.

The magic of the Grand Wailea is a combination of tropical ambience, the Pacific Ocean and world class hospitality. For an unforgettable reunion with colleagues, old and new, reserve these dates now:

October 25 – 28, 2009

This will be just the 2nd time that Maui has hosted the CAOG Annual Meeting. The first was a decade ago but further north up the coast at Kapalua. Wailea has more predictable weather being on Maui's "gold coast." In the grand CAOG tradition this meeting will combine clinical and basic research, medical and surgical innovations and, even more needed these days, an opportunity to network with other members. The tourist attractions are unlimited and bargain priced due to the current economic slowdown. Don't be afraid to negotiate on the price a bit or try something you've never done.

We expect a sold out meeting since District VI ACOG is using this for their annual meeting as well. Reserve your rooms as soon as possible. Registrations are running well ahead of previous years.



HAWAII: Escape to Paradise

Be aware that airline reservations are limited from some mainland departure cities. Returns to the mainland are mostly overnight flights so you can squeeze in that last afternoon of R&R.

Any trip to Hawaii always seems worth the long flight. We know you may only be able to take one vacation or make one continuing medical education event this year. Take advantage of this terrific opportunity to combine both. Extra days with family can create lifetime memories.

Special points of interest:

- Maui, Hawaii meeting information
- New member ballot insert: active members
- Committee interest survey insert (active)
- Update your E-mail and address
- Unpaid dues kindly requested STAT

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Dr. Dennis Lutz and wife, Meryl, will host the CAOG in Hawaii

Message from the President . . .

The CAOG Annual Meeting is shaping up to be fantastic. We personally look forward to seeing as many members and guests as possible on Maui. While there are less expensive meeting venues, we've negotiated great room rates and the experience will be priceless. The Board of Directors and management truly believe that in order to ask members to take precious time and spend ever limited resources on continuing medical education, the CAOG needs to offer the most valuable and memorable meeting possible. Each year the CAOG devotes virtually all its energy and resources to membership needs and to the Annual Scientific Meeting.

In recent years professional associations have had to become less dependent on industry support than in the past. Between mergers, increased regulation and public outcry of widespread abuse, industry support will continue to decline significantly. The CAOG is striving to be self sustaining. While current economic doldrums seem to vary regionally, CAOG finances remain solid and our new financial advisory firm has initially performed well in 2009.

As this Newsletter goes to press, the future of health care in the United States is being hotly debated as never before. Everyone agrees that health care has become too expensive with no restraint in sight; however, government run anything always seems to generate cost overruns that far exceed early optimistic projections. How quickly a couple trillion dollars can multiply if initial assumptions prove incorrect. Yet after the fact, and often several years later, no one can be held accountable. Furthermore, doctors make easy targets in the health care debate even though pharmaceutical, hospital, durable medical and administrative expenditures dwarf physician reimbursement. Meaningful national tort reform, including government subsidized medical malpractice premiums and defense expenses, have not even been mentioned. Fortunately, the American people have always preferred having options to no choice. If national health care does manage to become a reality, it must provide both absolute and measurable improvements over the current system for everyone. Otherwise the price tag seems indefensible.

Dennis J. Lutz, M.D., President CAOG



Dr. Nancy E. Fay

Meet Your CAOG Trustees

Nancy E. Fay, M.D. is a West Virginia native who migrated to the Midwest to receive her undergraduate education at Lawrence University of Wisconsin in Appleton and her doctorate of medicine from the Loyola Strich School of Medicine in Maywood, Illinois. She completed internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Foster G. McGraw Hospital at the Loyola University Medical Center. Currently the Head of the Division of Reproductive Medicine at the Carle Clinic Association in Urbana, Dr. Fay is also a clinical assistant professor with the University of Illinois at Urbana / Champaign College of Medicine. A member of the CAOG since 1989, Nancy is quite active on clinic committees and with numerous state and national medical associations. Her service to the Board of Directors these last 3 years has been most appreciated.



Dr. James R. Dolan, Jr.

James R. Dolan, Jr., M.D. is an Illinois native who took his undergraduate work at St. Mary's College in Winona, MN before returning to the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago to complete his doctorate. His postgraduate work in obstetrics and gynecology was completed at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston followed by a fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at the Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois. Dr. Dolan then joined the Loyola faculty where he was perennially a "Teacher of the Year Award" recipient. Dr. Dolan is both specialty and subspecialty boarded and is currently the Director of Gynecologic Oncology at Lutheran General Hospital-Advocate Medical Group Center for Advanced Care in Parkridge, Illinois. Dr. Dolan has served in numerous leadership roles at Lutheran General, is past president of the Chicago Gynecological Society and is well published in the specialty, with a particular interest in breast cancer and robotic surgery. Jim was elected to CAOG membership in 1991 and is a member of almost twenty other state and national medical associations. His enthusiasm and contributions to the CAOG Board of Directors these last three years have been particularly valuable.

In Memoriam

Jack W. Pearson, M.D.
Tucson, AZ

Eugene W.J. Pearce, M.D.
Shawnee Mission, KS

Joseph L. Sheets, M.D.
East Lansing, MI

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Bloomington, MN

Please promptly notify the CAOG office of any member deaths so they can be shared with the membership.

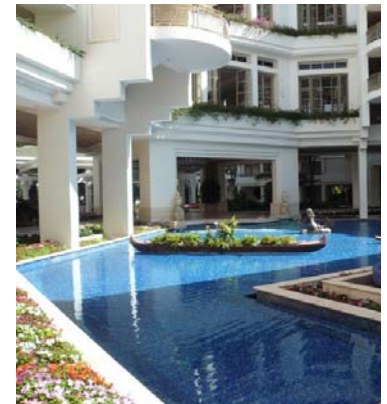
Member Attendance Honor Roll

Special recognition is extended to the following members who have attended five or more consecutive meetings. An asterisk (*) denotes perfect attendance since election to membership. [The 2001 Annual Meeting was cancelled following 9/11.]

Gilbert R. Wessel	29*	Armin M. Drachler	8*
Joel R. DeKoning	26*	Harriette L. Hampton	8*
Tom G. Sullivan	25*	Gayle L. Olson	8*
Dennis J. Lutz	24*	J. Coffy Pieternele	8*
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Jeffrey N. Maurus	21*	Gary H. Lipscomb	8
Howard T. Strassner, Jr.	18*	Susan M. Mou	8
Michael Halpern	17	David F. Lewis	7*
Stephen R. Locher	15*	William J. Todia	7*
Joseph M. Miller, Jr.	15	Brent W. Bost	7
Fran Popper	14*	Catherine S. Stika	7
Mark I. Evans	14	Barbara V. Parilla	6
Jerry J. St. Pierre	14	Robert L. Collins	5
Norman A. Ginsberg	13	James R. Dolan	5
John C. Morrison	12	Peter B. Greenspan	5
Bryan D. Cowan	11	Michael P. Hopkins	5
Robert J. Sokol	11	Elliot H. Philipson	5
Neil I. Arnold	9	Kirk D. Ramin	5
John Gianopoulos	9	Herbert F. Sandmire	5
James T. Swindle	9	Charles M. Stedman	5

Bylaws Require Minimum Attendance

Provisional active members must attend one of the first two Annual Meetings following election to become a full Active Member. Active Members are required to attend at least one Annual Meeting every three years. These are minimum attendance requirements. The CAOG encourages everyone to strive for annual participation. Make CAOG your priority.



Grand Wailea Courtyard

Back by popular demand is an appreciative salute to CAOG members who regularly attend Annual Meetings. Add to your consecutive attendance record in 2009. Do not forget to sign the official green registration cards !



“Maui Wowie”

With airlines cutting back on flights, book tickets immediately to avoid disappointment.

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Women's Health Care Leaders

New Member Recruitment Essential to CAOG

Even as active members review the enclosed ballot of new members for 2009, continue to think of someone who might be good for the CAOG and vice versa. Please help us to grow! Application forms for both active and adjunct members are available from the CAOG Office plus both forms are on the web site. Because signatures of both applicants and endorsers are required, a hard copy must be mailed. The deadline for consideration at the 2010 Annual Meeting is **July 2nd, 2010**. Don't miss the deadline by waiting until the last minute to apply. A special thanks to the following CAOG members who have served as an endorser for one or more of the 21 active and 6 adjunct new membership applications this year. We hope to see your name on this list next year.

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| Vanessa M. Barnabei, M.D. | David F. Lewis, M.D. |
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| James R. Dolan, M.D. | Francesca Popper, M.D. |
| Thomas M. Gellhaus, M.D. | Charles W. Schauburger, M.D. |
| Richard S. Hansell, M.D. | Robert J. Sokol, M.D. |
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| Jerry F. Joseph, M.D. | Amy E. Young, M.D. |

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CAOG Management Report



Rochelle Hickel
Executive Director

As the Annual Meeting is just two months away I would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who has been involved in the abstract/paper/poster process, including all the authors and discussants. There is more final detail work to do, so don't be surprised if you get a phone call from me requesting further information.

We are diligently trying to collect the last of the unpaid dues for 2009 and some still owing from 2008. If you are one of the few that are delinquent, please respond to the final dues notice you will receive about the same time as this newsletter. Credit card payments can be done over the phone if you prefer. The CAOG needs your membership support. Thank you in advance for your prompt payment.

If you have not already done so, I strongly urge you to reserve your room at the Grand Wailea as soon as possible. We expect a sold out meeting in Hawaii. We also recommend that you make any airline reservations immediately so you won't be disappointed. We have a terrific program scheduled for October and I look forward to seeing each of you in Maui. Remember to meet and greet each new member (yellow ribbon name tag) and let them know they are a most welcome addition to your Central Association !

Please contact me with any questions or comments you may have. I always enjoy meeting new people and visiting with those I already know or have talked with on the telephone.

Thanks again. Rochelle

PTO "Endowment" Fund Recognition

As noted in previous newsletters, the endowment fund still needs vigorous growth to augment current and future CAOG Awards. Contributions are continuously being solicited and donors will be recognized in both the quarterly Newsletter and the Annual Scientific Program booklet. Any amount is sincerely appreciated.

We'd love to see your name here !

Adjunct members are encouraged to apply for active membership as soon as possible following ABOG certification.