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### Special points of interest:

- Call for Discussants & Reviewers (insert)
- Recruit a new CAOG member today for Registration Rebate
- Unpaid dues kindly requested ASAP
- 2010 Member Directory Mailed recently
- Las Vegas Registration Form and Preliminary Program enclosed

The 2009 CAOG Annual Meeting in Maui was a huge success with record attendance. Most members brought their families. Who can forget so many small children racing to the pools or dancing to the music next to the Luau stage. Matching Maui will be a challenge but Las Vegas is certainly up to the task.

Our hotel, the Venetian Resort, specializes in conventions and all around entertainment, not just gambling. In fact there is no compelling reason to even leave the Venetian / Palazzo complex with over 30 restaurants and 4 theaters. The all suite Venetian has completely renovated every room since our 2006 visit including a spacious living room. The fantastic second floor shopping has been expanded at both hotels and includes such upscale stores as Barney's of New York, Jimmy Choo Shoes, Burberry and Bauman's rare books plus three incredibly popular nightclubs and the Canyon Ranch Spa with work-out facilities.

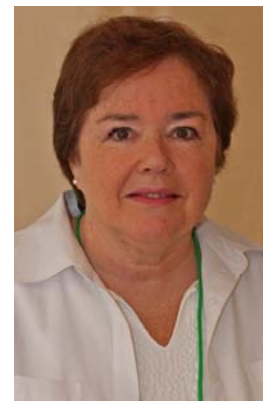
Since the CAOG's aim is to be family friendly, try the recreation in St. Mark's Square featuring outdoor cafes, an amazing indoor sky with clouds and a canal with real gondola rides and singing gondoliers. Add Madame Tussaud's wax museum, a five acre rooftop garden and three pools to the greatest selection of Broadway shows and headliners in America for the ultimate wow factor! See the nightly Treasure

Island pirate battle and Mirage volcano shows across the street or the Eiffel Tower ride and shark aquarium down the block for family fun.

The unique scientific format will again feature 20 original research oral presentations and at least 40 posters. Hot topics include "How Much Exercise is Enough" and "Preventive Cardiology" by Dr. Barry Franklin, a former president of the American Academy of Sports Physicians. The CAOG's own Dr. John Musich will address "The Future of Medical Education" and focus on current challenges in launching a new medical school in the United States.

The Central has always provided great opportunities to socialize and network. Las Vegas will be no exception. Remember that the welcome reception, luncheon and gala dinner dance are all included in the registration fee for everyone. See you **October 27-30, 2010.**

Christine Comstock, M.D. CAOG President



Dr. Christine Comstock

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## Interim Board Meeting Report – Las Vegas, NV



**Although Las Vegas is so much more than gaming, poker has even been proposed as a new Olympic sport. Time will tell !**

The Interim Meeting of the Officers and Trustees of the CAOG was held at the Venetian / Palazzo Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada April 17, 2010. The Venetian was the site of the very successful 2006 CAOG Annual Meeting and is a top prospect for an encore performance in the future. The 2010 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas is on track to be especially outstanding. The Board of Directors will invite 20 papers for oral presentation and over 40 abstracts have been offered poster presentations. Additional poster awards have been added bringing the total of all meeting awards to 11 for 2010.

The longstanding relationship of the CAOG with *The American Journal of Ob-*

*stetrics and Gynecology* (Elsevier) was again discussed at length. The CAOG has a great citation rate and we are working hard to improve our publication rate, both with *AJOG* and with other journals for rejected manuscripts. The solution still remains more abstracts and manuscripts of the highest quality.

The financial condition of the CAOG has improved substantially during the five years since COMPS was contracted to provide management. The investment portfolio enjoyed a 37% gain during the last year and the market continues to improve. Most importantly the CAOG maintains a three year financial reserve, with almost half in cash instruments.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### New Members Needed

The vitality and future growth of the CAOG requires new members. If you know someone who should be considered for CAOG membership, either active or adjunct, please encourage them to send in an application. Application forms were mailed with the February Newsletter and are also available online. **The deadline is July 2, 2010** for receipt of completed applications in the CAOG office.

### Vegas Meeting Rebate

**For each new active member application you endorse, receive a \$100 rebate from your Las Vegas registration fee to a maximum of \$500 !!!  
(That equals 5 new members each)**

**Time is running out to process 2010 new member applications.**

### PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

**Reminder: All provisional active members must attend one of the two Annual Meetings following their election to complete the application process and receive their membership certificate.**

### IN MEMORIAM

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Ann Arbor, MI

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Bay City, MI

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

## CAOG and VIVA LAS VEGAS

Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to be a gambler to love Las Vegas. There is truly no avenue like "The Strip" anywhere in the world. The Venetian / Palazzo is now the largest five star hotel and resort complex in the world with almost 8100 rooms and a 120,000 square foot casino floor. Enjoy over 30 fine dining restaurants, 4 theater shows and every amenity you can imagine without ever leaving the premises. Each hotel's goal is to keep you amazed so you don't leave to explore everything else that Las Vegas has to offer. Gambling can also be great entertainment: just don't forget that the house eventually wins !!!

## PTO "Endowment" Fund Update

In 1994 the CAOG established the PTO Fund (Presidents-Trustees-Officers) and solicited voluntary contributions from all past presidents, past board members and past officers to supplement the operating funds. As noted in past Newsletters, this endowment fund needs to grow to augment current and future CAOG Award stipends.

Contributions continue to be solicited and donors will be recognized in both the quarterly Newsletter and the Annual Scientific Program (**every contribution is most appreciated**). Thanks to these 2010 early bird supporters:

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**Donations are welcome throughout the year so add your name to the list.**

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## Women's Health Care Leaders

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## Meet Your Vice President

Barbara V. Parilla, M.D. was elected as Vice President of the CAOG for 2009-2010. A New York native, Dr. Parilla completed undergraduate work and medical school at the State University of New York, Stony Brook. Following OB-Gyn residency at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, New York she completed her maternal fetal medicine fellowship at Northwestern University School of Medicine in Chicago after initially being a Gallaway Fellow in gyn oncology.



**Barbara Parilla, M.D.**

Dr. Parilla is currently Director of M.F.M. at Lutheran General Hospital in Chicago, where she and her perinatal group serve as consultants for Advocate Health Care, the largest provider in Illinois. As clinical professor of OB-Gyn with the University of Illinois (Chicago) she is active in both resident and medical student education. A member of the CAOG since 1996, Dr. Parilla served two terms (six years) on the Board of Directors. She is widely published in the obstetric literature, has received numerous awards and is particularly interested in ultrasound, prenatal diagnosis, fetal therapy and tocolytics. She belongs to numerous medical associations and hospital staff committees.

In addition to a full-time career in perinatology, Barb Parilla is the proud mother of three teenage sons and is very active with her St. Paul of the Cross Church. On a more personal note Dr. Parilla, herself a breast cancer survivor, works tirelessly as an advocate and frequently invited guest speaker for others with breast cancer. Her many enthusiastic contributions to the Central Association, women's health care and to the community have been an inspiration to all who know her.

## CAOG Management Report



**Rochelle Hickel**

The CAOG office is now in overdrive to make the 2010 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas one of the best ever. The Venetian Resort, Hotel & Casino offers a wide variety of amenities and the cuisine is fantastic! In Las Vegas you can choose from world class theater, floor shows and headliners galore. Don't forget that many activities along the strip are free, fun and family friendly.

Currently we are trying to collect the last of the 2010 dues and a few owing from 2009. The deadline for new member applications – both active and adjunct – is fast approaching (July 2<sup>nd</sup>) so please submit these to me promptly to qualify for your active new member registration rebate. The membership committee will be meeting later that month.

Please continue to send updates for e-mails, telephone numbers and addresses on a timely basis. Don't forget to check our website for the latest information as well. If you didn't recently receive the 2010 CAOG Membership Directory, let me know.

This issue of the CAOG Newsletter contains the Annual Meeting Information, Call for Discussants, Preliminary Program and Registration form. Las Vegas has something for everyone and the Venetian is truly world class. If you need any help with activity suggestions for October, please let me know.

The Program Committee received a near record 68 abstracts and selected the top 20 for oral presentation and over 40 for poster presentation. All the presenters have been notified. Poster presenters will again be offered the option to submit a manuscript to *AJOG* for consideration of publication as a part of the CAOG Transactions. We encourage all program participants to take advantage of this opportunity.

Our office continues to field a wide variety of questions and comments we receive on a daily basis. Although we don't always know the answer immediately, we can find most of them promptly. We appreciate your ongoing support and CAOG enthusiasm. Have a great summer.

Rochelle Hickel, Executive Director

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**The 2010 Edition of the  
CAOG Member Directory  
has been mailed.**