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*Meet us at the Atlantis . . .*

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**Deliciously Inviting**

The CAOG is again proud to combine its long standing reputation for great science with the Atlantis Resort, Hotel and Casino, truly one of the top meeting venues in the world today. Located across from Nassau on Paradise Island in the Bahamas, the breathtaking and magnificent Atlantis almost defies description.



The magic of Atlantis is making large seem intimate, making a water world seem natural and making the Bahamas become one of your favorite Caribbean islands. Enjoy this opportunity to combine science, sensual and spectacular. Reserve these dates now: **October 26-29, 2011.**

living large to an art form. There's no other place like Atlantis. You won't want to rush home !!

Although everything you may want to do or have time to do is on Paradise Island, also make an effort to explore Nassau and other parts of New Providence. When you arrive at the airport be sure to grab a free map of the area, island tourist brochures and the "What-To-Do" Magazine. Remember that the U.S. and Bahamian dollar circulate at par, the country is English speaking and safety is not an issue if you use common sense. World class restaurants, duty free shopping and every activity related to water and the ocean abound. Come share all this with the CAOG.

Rekindle friendships and intellectual curiosity at a world class resort built around the theme of mythical Atlantis, a city which Plato says disappeared "in a single day and night." Long thought to be near the coast of Greece in the Mediterranean Sea, the latest candidate for the lost city of Atlantis is Cadiz, Spain. Whatever part of the legend is true, the Atlantis Resort portrays the illusion that a "lost" civilization is believable. Enjoy this world of water at a venue that's raised

**Special points of interest:**

- **Bahamas meeting registration & info**
- **New member ballot insert: active members only**
- **Committee interest survey insert (active)**
- **Update your E-mail, telephone & address**
- **Unpaid dues kindly requested STAT**

<p><b>Officers</b>          Gayle L. Olson, MD, President          Norman A. Ginsberg, MD, Vice President          John W. Calkins, MD, President Elect I          Stephen J. Fortunato, MD, President Elect II          Kirk D. Ramin, MD, Secretary-Treasurer          David F. Lewis, MD, Assistant Sec.-Treas.          Christine H. Comstock, MD, Past President.</p>	<p><b>Trustees</b>          Diana S. Curran, MD (2008-2011)          Carl V. Smith, MD (2008-2011)          Harriette Hampton, MD (2009-2012)          Stephen R. Locher, MD (2009-2012)          Elliot H. Philipson, MD (2010-2013)          Roger P. Smith, MD (2010-2013)</p>	<p><b>Managing Director</b>          Dennis J. Lutz, M.D.  <b>Executive Director</b>          Rochelle Hickel          P.O. Box 3010          Minot, ND 58702          (O) 701-838-8323          (F) 701-852-8733  <a href="mailto:rhickel@caog.org">rhickel@caog.org</a></p>
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## Message from the Central . . .



**Dr. Gayle L. Olson**

Our Annual CAOG meeting at the Atlantis Resort, Hotel and Casino on Paradise Island, Bahamas is fast approaching. Those dates again are **October 26-29, 2011**. Be sure to attend. It is going to be an exceptional venue and scientific meeting. You won't want to miss it. If you have never been to the Bahamas, the Atlantis will astound you. Return visitors can't wait to come back for some much needed stress free Caribbean atmosphere.

The scientific program revolves around original research with both oral and poster presentations. The CAOG strives to give every member ample opportunity to present in a public, peer reviewed forum while exposing them to the professional satisfaction of networking and sharing scientific work. Invited guest talks will complement the original research. A "Stump the Professors" session also debuts this year.

Dr. Catherine Spong, Chief of the Pregnancy and Perinatology Branch at the National Institutes of Health will deliver the keynote address "Obstetrical Trials That Changed Clinical Practice." Two great debates will feature "Antiphospholipid Syndrome" and "Late Preterm Birth." Sunrise lectures will analyze "Postpartum Hemorrhage," "Office Sterilization and Endometrial Ablation" and "Benefits of HPV Genotyping." The final hot topic lecture discusses "the Role of Fibroids in Abnormal Uterine Bleeding." While the presidential theme revolves around current issues in maternal fetal medicine, the variety and depth of the program should appeal to everyone.

In addition to the exciting scientific program the CAOG has arranged a Thursday morning special "**Behind the Scenes Tour of Dolphin Cay**" for spouses and guests of all ages. Every afternoon has been left free so all attendees can enjoy the amenities of this world class destination resort amid the fabled "ruins" of the mythical Atlantean civilization.

## Meet Your CAOG Trustees



**Dr. Diana S. Curran**

**Diana S. Curran, M.D.** is a Washington, D.C. native who graduated from Sidwell Friends School, currently famous for the recent attendance of presidential children. After college at Haverford College, Pennsylvania and medical school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Dr. Curran completed her OB-Gyn residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. She began her academic career at Wayne State University in Detroit followed by private practice in Dayton, Ohio and then a return to academics at Wright State Univ. School of Medicine. Dr. Curran relocated to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha before returning to her alma mater at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where she is currently OB-Gyn residency program director. A member of numerous state and national medical associations, Dr. Curran was elected to membership in the CAOG in 1999. The recipient of outstanding teacher awards wherever she's been and the author of numerous articles, Dr. Curran is a frequently invited and popular guest speaker. Always a willing volunteer, Diana's service as a CAOG Trustee these last three years has been enthusiastic and appreciated.



**Dr. Carl V. Smith**

**Carl V. Smith, M.D.** is a Colorado native who completed college and medical school at the University of Nebraska. His OB-Gyn training was at Naval Regional Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia followed by a maternal-fetal medicine fellowship at the University of California School of Medicine in Los Angeles. Dr. Smith began his academic career at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences but soon returned to join the OB-Gyn faculty at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha. There he served in almost every capacity including division director in MFM and department vice chair before becoming Professor and Chair of the Dept. of OB-Gyn at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. Currently the Professor and Chair of the Dept. of OB-Gyn at the Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center, Dr. Smith is the author of over 100 articles and book chapters. Dr. Smith is an equally prolific speaker, committee member and community leader. His list of professional accomplishments is particularly impressive and currently includes three major positions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center: Department Chair, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and President of the UNMC Physicians Group. Elected to membership in 1997, the CAOG has been honored to have Carl devote his time and valuable leadership experience as a Trustee these past three years.



## Bylaws Encourage 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 encouraged 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.



**ATLANTIS BECKONS**  
The CAOG "Family"  
really is special !

## Member Attendance Honor Roll

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

Joel R. DeKonig	28*	David F. Lewis	9*
Tom G. Sullivan	27*	William J. Todia	9*
Dennis J. Lutz	26*	Barbara V. Parilla	8
Paul G. Tomich	24*	Robert L. Collins	7
Jeffrey N. Maurus	23*	Michael P. Hopkins	7
Howard T. Strassner, Jr.	20*	Kirk D. Ramin	7
Stephen R. Locher	17*	Diana S. Curran	6
Joseph M. Miller, Jr.	17	Joanie Y. Hare	6
Fran Popper	16*	Robert J. Wester	6
Norman A. Ginsberg	15	Nancy E. Fay	5
Robert J. Sokol	13	Michael G. Flax	5
A. Michael Drachler	10*	Stephen J. Fortunato	5
Gayle L. Olson	10*	Thomas M. Gellhaus	5
J. Coffy Pieternelle	10*	Elliot M. Levine	5
Karolina Adam	10		



This Honor Roll is a most appreciative salute to CAOG members who regularly attend annual meetings. Add to your current streak of consecutive attendance record in 2011. Don't forget to sign the official green registration cards !

## In Memoriam

### David L. Barclay, M.D.

Emeritus  
Amarillo, Texas

### Albert P. Lorincz, M.D.

Emeritus  
San Jose, California

### Robert M. Kretschmar, M.D.

Emeritus  
Coralville, Iowa

### Colin B. Schack, M.D.

Emeritus  
Omaha, Nebraska

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



Thanks to members of all ages for your continued support of the CENTRAL.

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## New Member Recruitment Essential to CAOG

Even as active members review the enclosed ballot of new members for 2011, 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 and both are also 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 2012 Annual Meeting is **July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**. 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 2 adjunct new membership applications this year. Plan to add your name to this list next year: we continuously need recruiting help.

**Erol Amon, M.D.**  
**Thaddeus L. Anderson, M.D.**  
**John W. Calkins, M.D.**  
**Christine H. Comstock, M.D.**  
**James R. Dolan, M.D.**  
**Eric P. Griffin, M.D.**  
**Richard S. Hansell, M.D.**  
**Joanie Y. Hare, M.D.**  
**David F. Lewis, M.D.**  
**Curtis L. Lowery, M.D.**  
**Dennis J. Lutz, M.D.**

**Robert L. Mittendorf, M.D.**  
**Gayle L. Olson, M.D.**  
**Barbara V. Parilla, M.D.**  
**J. Coffy Pieternele, M.D.**  
**Fran Popper, M.D.**  
**Alfred G. Robichaux, III, M.D.**  
**Richard K. Silver, M.D.**  
**Robert M. Silver, M.D.**  
**Robert J. Sokol, M.D.**  
**Paul G. Tomich, M.D.**

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## CAOG Management Report



**Rochelle Hickel**  
**Executive Director**

Thanks to everyone who has inquired about the recent devastating Minot flood situation. With 12,000 people evacuated and 4,300 homes lost, the future is uncertain for many. Working from alternative locations, the CAOG headquarters remained fully functional. We'd prefer not to go through it again, however.

A special thanks to everyone who has been involved in the abstract/paper/poster process, including all the authors and discussants. There is much more final detail work to be done since the Annual Meeting is just two months away. Please introduce yourself to each new member (yellow ribbon name tag) you see at Atlantis.

We are trying to collect the last of the unpaid dues for 2011 and a few still owing from 2010. If you are delinquent, please respond to the final dues notice you will receive about the same time as this newsletter. The CAOG needs your membership support. Thank you for prompt payment.

Finally, reserve your rooms for the Atlantis Resort as soon as possible. We expect a sold out meeting. The Atlantis is always busy and the room rates are exceptional. Confirm all travel plans now and check your passport to avoid disappointment. Call me if you have any questions or run into problems. 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. Recent contributors include:

**Fredrik F. Broekhuizen, M.D.**     **Jeffrey N. Maurus, M.D.**

**Robert P. Reik, M.D.**

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