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NEWSLETTER

Meet us in Napa Valley

Abundantly Inviting

The CAOG is proud to combine a long standing tradition of great science with the sensory delights of the Meritage Resort in Napa, California. The Napa Valley is always spectacular, but never so exciting as during the grape harvest and crush season. When it comes to scenic beauty, gourmet cuisine and exquisite wine pairings, no amenity is absent. The magic of California’s wine country is that it lives up to its hype. Visitors return time and time again. For a chance to enjoy the best of the CAOG, including old friends and new acquaintances, reserve these dates now:

October 6-9, 2021

This will be the second time since 2013 that the CAOG is holding its annual scientific meeting in Napa. The 2001 CAOG California meeting was scheduled for San Francisco but cancelled in the aftermath of the “9/11 terrorist attacks” on America. It has been 18 years since our 2003 California meeting in La Jolla outside San Diego. Enjoy Autumn in wine country.

The Meritage Resort keeps doubling its size, and is equally accessible from airports in both San Francisco and Sacramento. Most attendees will want a rental car not only for the 2 hour



“Grape Crusher” at Meritage Resort

drive to Napa but for touring the Napa and Sonoma Valleys in the afternoon. Consider sharing a car with a friend or another couple, especially considering the recent surge in rental car fees. Almost every Napa winery has a tasting room and the entire Valley is fun to explore, whether on your own or as part of an organized tour. Just don’t wait until the last minute to make plans: this is peak season in wine country. See you soon !

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Special points of interest:

- Napa meeting information
- Registration forms are lagging – Return now
- New member ballot & committee interest form e-mailed to all active members only
- Update your e-mail, phone & address
- Unpaid dues kindly requested STAT

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Message from the President . . .

Greetings!

In just a couple of short months we will, once again, assemble for our Annual Meeting. Despite the challenges of the past few months the committees of the Central Association have been hard at work putting together a first-class meeting. The difficult task of choosing the best abstracts for presentation, the best posters and the best speakers has been completed so this year promises to be another great one. The speakers' information is timely and of interest to all. The research is outstanding.

Dr. Coffy & Vivian Piernelle

For those who have not yet registered for the meeting, please do so as soon as possible. California is buzzing with activity and the Meritage is no exception. The management team has worked diligently with the Meritage to make the largest possible number of rooms available. Now our block of rooms is shrinking, and we are expecting attendance to be high this year so please reserve your room now. Surely there are other accommodations in the area, but all would require driving some distance back and forth to the meeting. It would also be wise to make reservations for any non-meeting related activities to avoid disappointment. After being cooped up for over a year people are flocking to all the beautiful destinations in the country and Napa is no exception. Also, please know some services may be lacking as a result of staff shortages.

Most (if not all) of us have been vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus so we should be safe from its most harmful effects. Nonetheless we will follow all mandates and guidelines in place at the time of the meeting to ensure the safety of our attendees. Please plan on cooperating with all the protocols in place not only for your personal safety, but for the safety of all our members, guests and hotel staff.

The anticipation is building. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. Looking forward to gaining knowledge that will translate to improvement in the care delivered to my patients. Looking forward to getting out again. Looking forward to being normal again. See y'all in Napa !!

One Love,

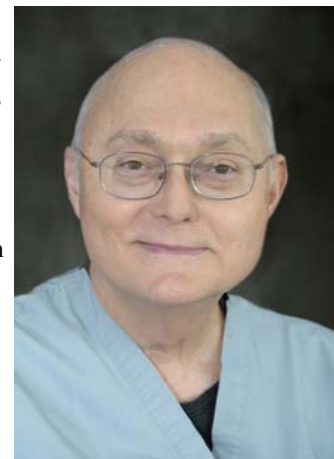
J.C. Piernelle, M.D., President CAOG

Note: With the resurgence of COVID-19 cases nationwide which are being attributed to the Delta variant, we are following the numbers in California very closely. So far the Napa meeting appears to be on track and our room block is filling up quickly. We encourage everyone who plans to come to not cancel at the last minute. We will let everyone know if the Governor of California makes any changes to his current State guidelines. Fortunately, the outcome of his recall election appears to hinge on him continuing with business as usual.

Meet Your Vice President

Robert J. Carpenter, Jr., M.D., J.D. is a Texas native who attended college in Abilene and the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, where he also did both his residency in obstetrics and gynecology and fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Currently he is an Associate Professor in both the Department of OB-Gyn and the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics in that same institution. Dr. Carpenter is on the attending staff at 6 Houston hospitals where he has served on virtually every committee. A member of ACOG, the Society of Maternal Medicine, the American Society of Human Genetics and the Fetoscopy Study Group, Dr. Carpenter still found time to earn his J.D. at the University of Houston Law Center. His C.V. includes over 100 peer reviewed publications, 9 book chapters, numerous abstracts and scores of scientific presentations and meetings attended. Bob was elected to membership in the CAOG in 1981 and has been a frequent contributor to annual scientific programs and both the bylaws and program committee. He has always been willing to serve whenever and wherever his experience and expertise are required.

On a more personal note Bob attributes his extremely full professional life to a 4 hour sleep requirement. To relax he listens to classical music, especially his beloved Mozart. For fun he reads mysteries, poetry and Shakespeare. Bob uses his law degree to analyze contracts and legal cases for either side of an issue. He encourages younger physicians to be more willing to assist in medical committee work and legal review when needed. After 40 years, he admits to sometimes learning to say No!



Dr. Robert J. Carpenter, Jr.

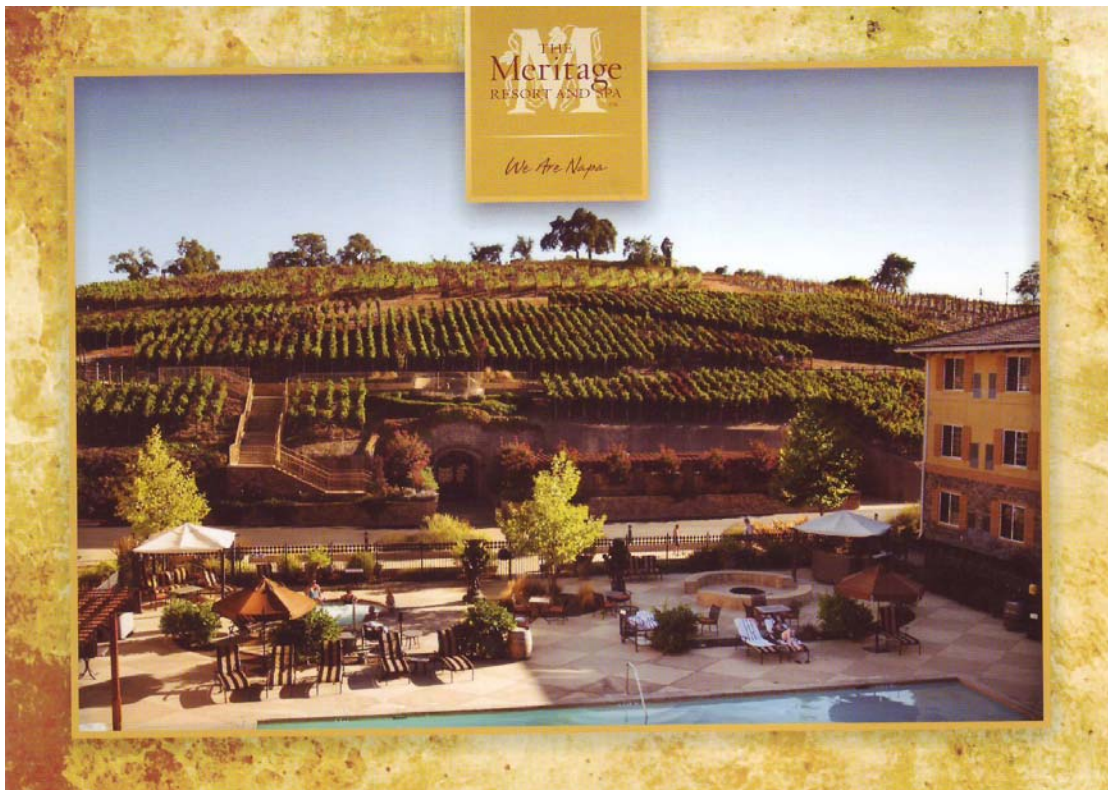
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88TH ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 6 – 9, 2021
(WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY)

THE MERITAGE RESORT
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CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION



MERITAGE RESORT: Welcome to Napa Valley Wine Country

WELCOME TO NAPA – BELOVED WINE COUNTRY

Final plans are rapidly evolving for the 88th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Central Association of OB-Gyn at the Meritage Resort and Spa. Napa Valley has earned its title as America's legendary wine region despite its surprisingly small size. Indeed Napa's vineyards produce only 4% of all California wine and its total vineyard acreage is just one-eighth the size of Bordeaux, France. But with its incredible variety of appellations (terrain) Napa Valley is capable of amazing wine results. With a Mediterranean / Tuscan charm that belies its modern vintage, the Meritage is beautifully appointed and sheltered below its own vineyards. Reserve your hotel rooms and these dates immediately **Oct. 6, 7, 8, 9, 2021**. On behalf of the Officers and Trustees please join us in celebrating our great tradition of science and fellowship that is your Central Association.

J. Coffy Pieternelle, M.D. – President, CAOG

About The Meritage: Built on an eight-acre private vineyard, the Meritage Resort and Spa is located in the southern tip of Napa Valley, just off Interstate 80 and equidistant from airports in either San Francisco or Sacramento. Shuttle bus service is available but many attendees may opt for rental cars to take advantage of the natural beauty and bounty of this world famous wine region. The Meritage has expanded its room capacity and meeting space but during peak season – **harvest and crush** – everything will sell out. Devoted to “protecting the earth,” the Meritage strives to provide a cleaner and healthier environment for guests and employees alike. The Meritage, Napa Valley and the town of Napa itself cater to the adventurer in everyone, not just wine enthusiasts. Visitors frequently return again and again – because “there's no place quite like it in America.”

Room Reservations: The CAOG has reserved a block of rooms for the meeting starting at \$319.00 per night (plus tax and resort fee). To take advantage of this incredibly favorable rate, please be certain to **identify yourself with the Central Association when registering**. For room and other information please directly contact The Meritage reservation desk at **1-707-251-1900 and ask for the CAOG room block**.

The room block will sell out. Please support the CAOG by attending the Annual Meeting and using The Meritage. We have contracted for a room block; however the Meritage (and all other rooms in Napa) sells out every weekend during harvest & crush. Call the CAOG office at 1-701-838-8323 if you have questions or problems.

Fine Wines & Dining: While you can spend as much as you can afford on gourmet cuisine and sumptuous wine pairings, Napa really offers prices to suit anyone's budget. In fact, finding that undiscovered wine or bistro at a fraction of the cost of more internationally famous options down the road is one of Napa's great charms. Whether that romantic dinner for 2 costs \$100 or \$1000, the ambience will be memorable. Either go online to secure reservations in advance or savor the unpredictability of a lucky find at the last minute !

Entertainment: You will not have enough time to enjoy the spectacular scenery, vineyard wine tasting rooms, museums and shopping that Napa features every day. You are on your own after the CAOG Welcome Reception on Wednesday, October 6th and on the evenings of Thursday (7th) and Saturday (9th) - But Friday night (8th) is reserved at the Meritage for the CAOG Farewell Reception and Banquet. You won't want to miss it.

Spouse/Guest Program....

The traditional Spouse and Guest Reception is Thursday morning. Hosted by Dr. Pieternelle's wife, Vivian, you will enjoy a tour of the Meritage Estate Cave and Vineyards for an early bird preview of Napa Valley. Tours and activities can be arranged on your own or through the concierge. Past President Dr. Steve Fortunato and his wife, Charz, hosted the last Napa meeting. Both are extremely helpful, know the area well and have contacts everywhere. Come meet new friends, renew old acquaintances and enjoy everything Napa to the max.

Final Scientific Program....

Original scientific research will be the focus of both oral and poster presentations. Sunrise lectures, hot topics, and invited guest speakers will further highlight this outstanding CAOG program. The presidential theme centers around cutting edge OB-Gyn controversies in America including the challenge of evidence based data. Please review the enclosed preliminary program today. You won't want to miss a single talk.

2021 FINAL	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021	CAOG PROGRAM
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	General Registration (also continues each morning of meeting days)	
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception /Exhibit Hall Opens (all attendees invited)	
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021		
6:15 – 6:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast – Scientific Posters/Exhibits	
6:30 – 7:30 a.m.	Sunrise Lecture	“Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome” Saul Snowise, M.D. – Minneapolis, MN
7:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks, Invocation and Original Research Paper Presentations	
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Hot Topic	“Surgical Management of Endometriosis” Katherine Smith, M.D. – Oklahoma City, OK
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Original Research Paper Presentations	
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Break – Scientific Posters/Exhibits	
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Hot Topic	“Ob-Gyn Patient Advocacy Opportunities” Susan Klugman, M.D. – Bronx, NY
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Original Research Paper Presentations	
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Hot Topic	“Meth & Opioids in Pregnancy” Charles Schauburger – LaCrosse, WI
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021		
6:15 – 6:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast – Scientific Posters/Exhibits	
6:30 – 7:30 a.m.	Sunrise Lecture	“Unmet Clinical Needs of Preeclampsia” David F. Lewis, M.D. – Shreveport, LA
7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Original Research Paper Presentations	
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.	Hot Topic	“Past Present & Future of Robotic Gyn Surgery” Javier Magrina, M.D. – Scottsdale, AZ
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	Break – Scientific Posters/Exhibits	
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Original Research Paper Presentations	
11:30 am – 12:15 p.m.	Keynote Address	“Resistance to Change” Mark I. Evans, M.D. – New York, NY
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Presidential Address	“We’re Almost There” J. Coffy Pieternele, M.D. – Beaumont, TX
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting CAOG	
6:30 – 11:00 p.m.	Farewell Reception/Dinner/Dance (all attendees invited)	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021		
6:15 – 6:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	
6:30 – 7:30 a.m.	Sunrise Lecture	“A New Option for Treating Yeast Vaginitis” Lee P. Shulman, M.D. – Chicago, IL
7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Original Research Paper Presentations	
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Break/Refreshments	
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Hot Topic	“Optimizing Reproductive Outcomes in Cancer Therapy” Leslie C. Appiah, M.D. – Denver, CO
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Original Research Paper Presentations	
12:00 noon	Adjourn	



Arrive via Interstate 80 from either San Francisco or Sacramento

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.

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 and the 2020 meeting had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.]

Tom G. Sullivan	36*	Emily A. DeFranco	9*
Paul G. Tomich	33*	David A. Billings	9
Howard T. Strassner, Jr.	29*	Mark I. Evans	9
Joseph M. Miller, Jr.	26	Mark G. Martens	9
Fran Popper	25*	Deborah C. Sherman	8
Robert J. Sokol	22	Lee P. Shulman	8
J. Coffy Pieternelle	19*	Robert J. Carpenter, Jr.	7
Karolina Adam	19	Craig V. Towers	7
David F. Lewis	18*	Andrew F. Wagner	7
Barbara V. Parilla	17	Thaddeus L. Anderson	6
Joanie Y. Hare	15*	Thomas F. Arnold	6
Robert J. Wester	15	Pamela R. Midboe-Penn	6
Michael G. Flax	14	James W. Van Hook	6
Elliot M. Levine	14	James F. Kirby	5
Suneet P. Chauhan	13*	Theresa L. Robinson	5



Napa wine in moderation can be healthy, too !



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 2021. Don't forget to sign the official green registration cards !

PRIORITY #1: More New Members in 2021

IN MEMORIAM

Norman A. Ginsberg, M.D.
Chicago, IL

Sherburne M. Macfarlan, M.D.
Boulder, CO

Please remember to promptly notify the CAOG office of any member deaths. All names will appear in the Annual Meeting program book and will be read at the Annual Business Meeting.



“Harvest and Crush” is Napa’s premier season. See how wine is made.

New Member Recruitment Essential to CAOG

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Even as active members review the e-mailed ballot of new members for 2021, 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. The deadline for consideration at the 2022 Annual Meeting is **July 1st, 2022**. 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 9 new active membership applications this year. Please plan to add your name to this list next year. We continuously need successful recruiting efforts.

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David F. Lewis, M.D.
Dennis J. Lutz, M.D.
James W. Van Hook, M.D. (2)

CAOG Management Report



Rochelle Hickel
Executive Director

The CAOG office is in full swing to prepare for the Napa Annual Meeting. The program looks great, the venue is spectacular and the Central has always been about members getting together. Rooms are almost gone and time is running out! Please send in your registration forms today so we can match the rooming list.

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 in Napa.

We are trying to collect the last of the unpaid dues for 2021 and a few still owing from 2020. If you are delinquent, please respond to the dues notice you should have received earlier this month. The CAOG needs your membership support. Thank you for prompt payment.

Finally, reserve your rooms for the Meritage Resort as soon as possible. During harvest and crush season Napa is sold out including restaurant reservations. Confirm all your travel plans now, especially flights and rental cars, to avoid disappointment. Call me if you have any questions or run into problems. Thanks again.

Rochelle

PTO "Endowment" Fund Appeal

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. Become a much valued P.T.O. Fund contributor today!

We now keep some of the P.T.O. restricted funds in a Schwab investment account instead of certificates of deposit to better maximize our yield.

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