



Six Rivers Chapter

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Greetings Six Rivers Members!

This is my last “official” newsletter article as President of the Six Rivers Chapter, as I prepare to hand over the leadership of the SRC to Joyce Dicks, and her new board at our annual meeting at Deer Creek State Park on September 24th.

As you all know, time does truly fly by, and the past two years seem like a whirlwind of activity. In 2002, Six Rivers had just achieved the Chapter of the Year, then in 2003 we received the Innovation Gold Medal at the Council of Chapter Leaders meeting, and this year, SRC was once again recognized with Chapter Excellence Awards in Leadership and Administration and Membership. These accolades resulted from you! Each of the SRC members contributes daily to our profession, and our organization, by your interest in improving, educating, networking, and bettering our environment. And because of you, this 2-year term as President was truly enjoyable! I am looking forward to continuing on the board, as I move into the position of past-President, the position so ably filled currently by Dorothy Skidmore.

I thank all of the leadership team in directing our chapter to new accomplishments. Kudos to Pam Oliver and Cynthia Griffith, Sandy Frommeyer, and Joyce Dicks, Renee Cuevas-Downs and Audrey Kerby, Joanne Griffith and our newest board member, Connie Lang. And a special thanks to Dorothy Skidmore who gave moral support and guidance during my tenure.

As we transition at the local level, the national CLMA office is also undergoing updates to their structure and leadership team. We have seen a new focus in membership recruitment and representation of our profession at the national level. A new “look” and logo for CLMA was born, and you will see (and hopefully meet) some new staff members at the national office.

Please continue to support our efforts in student scholarships through donation and/or participation in our silent auction at the fall meeting. Send in your raffle ticket(s) for a chance to win a registration certificate at the National CLMA conference in Chicago in 2005, and an additional \$200 spending money if you are present at our fall conference when your name is called!

Mark Friday, October 22nd on your calendar and join us at the annual Strategic Planning Session in Dayton for our chapter. There are many opportunities to participate with your ideas, and as committee members or chairs as we plan forward to 2005. Contact any board member for further information.

Thanks for your support and participation! I look forward to seeing you at Deer Creek on September 24th!

Paul Labbe
President, Six Rivers Chapter

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New Board Member

Please welcome **Connie Lang**, MT(ASCP), MBA, who was recently appointed to serve a one-year open board term. Connie is the Lab Administrative Director at Southern Ohio Medical Center, Portsmouth, Ohio. She began her "lab" career in high school as a phlebotomist, glassware washer (yes, we really did wash glassware many moons ago!), and as Connie says, "you name it." Connie loved her first experiences, completed medical technology and microbiology studies at Ohio State University, and began her career in the the micro lab. Connie has worked the bench, taught medical micro lab to med students, worked in cancer and viral research, and substitute taught at her local vocational school.

Connie joined CLMA in 1990, and as so many new managers with no administrative training in college, found CLMA to be a fantastic resource in helping with the transition to management. She serves as the lab manager in a small rural hospital from 1990 until 2002 when she joined Southern Ohio Medical Center. In 2000 Connie and her husband went back to school for their MBA's, working and going to school full-time. Connie shares that "my kids thought we were nuts."

Having completed Green Belt training (Six Sigma), Connie is currently organizing a team to evaluate the front end specimen processing area for her certification project. She is also beginning the journey towards becoming an OAE (Ohio Award for Excellence) examiner. Connie is looking forward to becoming more involved in Six Rivers CLMA as an active board member.

**Don't Forget to renew your CLMA
membership –
We need Everyone!**

CHAPTER CHATTER- published quarterly, usually in February, May, August and November as an educational service to members. The deadline for material for publication is the 15th of the month preceding the month of issue. Articles are welcome!

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PAC Chapter Challenge

The Political Action Committee (PAC) Chapter Challenge started during the national conference in Atlanta. The winning chapters will be announced at the fall chapter leaders' meeting (exact date and location to be determined). Visit the CLMA web site to learn more about contributions and guidelines to the CLMA PAC at <http://www.clma.org/> The Chapter whose members make the largest total dollar contribution **and** the Chapter with the highest percentage of members that contribute will each win a complimentary meeting registration to the CLMA/ASCP 2005 Conference and Exhibition in Chicago, March 5-8. The number of chapter members will be based on the number of members as of March 31, 2004. Any requests regarding the PAC Chapter Challenge and chapter PAC booth materials should be directed to Kathy Ayres at the Executive Office kayres@clma.org or 610-995-9580 x232.

Paul Labbe
Chair, Health Care Policy

SRC ELECTIONS

Dear Six Rivers Chapter member,

Please take a few moments to vote for your new chapter leaders. They have volunteered to serve as members of the Board and President -Elect. We appreciate their dedication. We would appreciate it if you would read the accompanying information and make your selection for your new President-Elect along with 2 Board members (all who will serve for 2 years). Feel free to write-in any other candidate that you would like.

Leaving the Board will be Cynthia Griffith, Board (running for president-elect), Pam Oliver, and me. I would personally like to thank them for their participation and contributions. We anticipate their continued active involvement in the chapter. Please thank them for their time when you see them! It is their dedication and commitment that keeps us a vibrant and active chapter!

The election results will be announced during the Fall Conference at Deer Creek State Park on Sept 23-24. We hope to see you there!

You can find a ballot at www.sixriversclma.org/members/BALLOT04.pdf

Please remember that only current members may vote. In order to verify that, we ask that you include your name or member identification number with your ballot. Ballots can be emailed to me at skidmodb@healthall.com or FAXed to 513-872-6389. If you would prefer to mail your ballot, please address it to me at 3433 Rivendell Dr. Amelia, Ohio 45102.

Each and every vote is important to us, so please do this immediately! **All identified voters will be placed in a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate!** Ballots must be in by Sept 15.

Thank you for your input!

Dorothy Skidmore
Chair, Nominations Committee
Six Rivers Chapter CLMA

Six Rivers CLMA Fall Conference

"Speaking of Life's Challenges and Rewards In and Outside the Lab"

**Six Rivers Fall Conference - September 23-24, 2004
Deer Creek Resort & Conference Center**

Plan to join friends and colleagues for Six Rivers Fall Conference and Annual Meeting. The fun starts Thursday evening with an informal cookout dinner and networking; however, if you enjoy "getting back to nature," come early for hiking, boating and other outdoor adventures.

Friday's program includes a mix of leadership, management and motivational themes. Cherie Peterson, ARUP Labs, will focus on Managing Customer Service Excellence, while Gary Milburn, PhD, Quest Diagnostics Director of Genomics and Esoteric Testing, presents The Future of Clinical Laboratory Medicine. We will also introduce Paul Jones, singer, songwriter and comedian, who will share his battle and survival with bi-polar disorder, believing that anything is possible.

Once again we invite you to participate in our Silent Auction, a benefit to raise funds for our student scholarship program. New this year is a Raffle Drawing for a free registration to the 2005 Annual CLMA/ASCP Conference. Tickets are \$10.00 each; the more tickets you purchase, the greater your chances to win! For advance raffle tickets, contact Paul Labbe @ paul.r.labbe@questdiagnostics.com or 937-297-8204. Tickets may be purchased onsite at the conference also; drawing will occur Friday, September 24th at 4 p.m.

For more conference registration and raffle ticket information, please visit www.sixriversclma.org

For more information about Deer Creek and all the wonderful outdoor and indoor facilities, log on to www.visitdeercreek.com



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Six Rivers Chapter Raffle!

The Six Rivers Chapter of CLMA is raffling a registration to the 2005 National CLMA Conference in Chicago, IL worth over \$550! (You must be a current CLMA Member)

The conference will be held March 2005 and is only a 5 hour drive from our region. The winner of the raffle will be drawn at the Six Rivers Fall Conference at Deer Creek State Park in September 2004. You do not need to be present at the fall conference to win.....however, if the winner of the drawing is present, they will receive an additional **\$200** for hotel/travel expenses to the 2005 national conference.

All of this for just \$10 per ticket – Complete form below, all monies raised will go the:
Six Rivers Chapter Educational Scholarship Fund.



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Raffle Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of raffle tickets: _____ @ \$10/ticket

Total amount: \$ _____ (SRC Educational Fund)

Please make out checks to: SRC Educational Fund and mail to:

SRC

c/o Sandy Frommeyer
CompuNet Clinical Labs
2308 Sandridge Drive
Dayton, Ohio 45439

Bayer Diagnostics Executive Management Program

October 24-28
University of Notre Dame
South Bend, Indiana
Application deadline: August 25, 2004

CLMA and Bayer Diagnostics will team up for the third time this October to offer 20 scholarships to the [Executive Management Program](#) at the University of Notre Dame.

Taught by some of the country's most highly regarded professors and instructors, the program is designed to provide diagnostic health-care professionals with a core base of leadership and business skills. The curriculum includes:

- strategic planning
- leadership
- managing organizational change
- finance
- marketing
- cost management
- managing performance.

From Joyce Dicks, who attended the program last year: "This was an extraordinary experience, including a full week of intensive management and leadership education! The resident and adjunct Notre Dame faculty were top-notch, leaders in their fields. One of the best rewards was the relationship building, both professional and personal, with fellow CLMA members from across the United States. We have formed a support group and often consult with one another on key issues."

Leading and Managing Change in Health Care
Wednesday, October 27 - Sinclair Ponitz Center, Dayton, OH
Registration 8:30-9 am; Program 9 am-4 PM

The 5th Annual HSM Conference will showcase two separate panels of three speakers presenting on "Topics of Change" and "Managing the Process of Change." Breakout sessions will allow participants to interact with the speakers of their choice. The format will be focused on interaction with primarily local and regional participant involvement. For more information contact WSU Health Systems Management at 937-258-5555 or view the Save the Date flyer at

<http://www.med.wright.edu/hsm/hsmconf5.pdf>
<http://www.med.wright.edu/hsm/education.html#conferences>

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Up to date chapter information at www.sixriversclma.org

Ohio River Valley/AACC Meeting information at
www.ohiorivervalley.org

Upcoming Meetings

2004 Conferences

2004 Compliance Officer Training Academy: 6-part tele-conference program from CLMA, 3 sessions remaining, First Tuesdays, September through November, 3:00-4:00 PM, Sponsored in the Dayton area by Kettering Hospital, Grandview Hospital, Tri-Health Labs, WebMD, Kilbourne Labs, and CompuNet Labs. RSVP's required : Contact John Sherer at 937.297.8241 or john.w.sherer@questdiagnostics.com

Six Rivers Fall Meeting, Deer Creek Conference Center, September 23-24. Speakers, luncheon, Silent Auction & exhibits, annual meeting. Check the website for further information. www.sixriversclma.org

ASCP Workshops for Laboratory Professionals, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 02-04, 2004, www.ascp.org/programs/workshops

2005 Conferences

2005 CLMA/ASCP Annual Conference, March 5 - 8, 2005, Chicago, IL

2005 Ohio River Valley CLMA/AACC Spring Meeting, April 26-28, 2005, Watch for more information at www.ohiorivervalley.org

2005 AACC/IACC Annual Conference, July 24 - 28, 2005, Orlando, FL