



Six Rivers CHAPTER CHATTER

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Greetings Six Rivers Chapter Member!

The first quarter of 2004 is full of many activities for our membership participation – please take advantage of these educational and networking opportunities:

February brings a half-day meeting in Dayton at the Nutter Center on “Championing our Profession”, along with our Chapter awarding educational scholarships to one or more Clinical Laboratory Scientist student. We’ll also learn what some of the successful techniques being employed to recruit and educate Medical Technologists – developing that pipeline for our future workforce.

March is the national CLMA conference and exhibition in Atlanta, Georgia, where our chapter will be vying for some of the Chapter Excellence Awards. Your board has been busy completing the application process in categories such as Leadership and Administration, Communication, Program and Education and other criteria that has replaced the former Chapter of the Year process. Six Rivers has been very successful this past year due to your active participation, and we are hopeful that this will be recognized on the national level.

April brings us closer to home again, with the SRC collaboration with other regional chapters and the AACC, with the Ohio River Valley conference and exhibition at the Dayton Convention Center. The line-up of speakers and topics for the general and break-out sessions number over 16 in a two day conference that will include over 40 vendor exhibits and a fun-filled networking dinner.

April also brings National Medical Laboratory Week, and once again the SRC is organizing our annual fundraiser around recognition of your employees. Take a look at the order sheet for lab week in this newsletter, and not only reward your staff, but support our chapter as well.

Our chapter was a winner in the National CLMA Membership Challenge Contest and two of our members received awards: Lisa Littleton from Children’s Hospital in Columbus received a \$50 gift certificate to the CLMA store, and Gregory Lyons, from the Dayton Oncology group won a free registration to the National CLMA conference in Atlanta. Congratulations!

All of these activities and awards are a result of planning and implementation from the SRC strategic meeting held in November 2003, and the hard work of many committees. Because of all of the activities and changes that occur, stay in touch through our monthly broadcast email messages or visit our website frequently at www.sixriversclma.org.

And I hope to see you at one of our meetings over the next couple of months! Thanks for your participation and support of the Six Rivers Chapter of CLMA!

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the latest info!

www.sixriversclma.org

Membership

**The entire Board and Membership would like
to welcome these new members.**

Amadeo Pesce
University of Cincinnati, Professor
Cincinnati, OH

Mark Snow
MidAmerica Business Systems, Sales
Manager
Columbus, OH

Reminder: Please renew your membership if the
expiration date is near. Every member is very
important to the success of our chapter.

Note: National Dues \$135
Local Chapter \$10

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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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Membership Committee News:

I look forward to chairing the Membership Committee again this year. Thank you to the following people for participating on the 2004 committee: Margaret Cloud, Cynthia Griffith, Cheryl Hamon, Liz Maxwell, Jenny Murray, and Jim Schultz. We will focus on four main goals this year:

1. Strengthen and fully implement the "Buddy System."
2. Assist other committees in hosting local meetings.
3. Recruit additional vendors into the chapter.
4. Promote incentives to increase membership.

Anyone wishing to join or to find out more about the Membership Committee, please contact me. We welcome your participation!

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Professional Outreach Committee News

The **Professional Outreach Committee** is reviewing the candidates for our student scholarship program. The responses are better than we imagined! We are going to have a hard choice to make! Members of the selection committee include Joyce Dicks, Dorothy Skidmore and Jim Reynolds. Anyone else who is interested in helping with the scholarship program, please let us know. This \$2000 scholarship will be awarded at the "Championing our Profession" meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2004 at Nutter Center, Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. We hope to see you there!

Members of the Professional Outreach Committee include Dorothy Skidmore, Joyce Dicks, Jim Reynolds, Joanne Griffith and Jodee Wagner.

Dorothy Skidmore, Chair skidmodb@healthall.com

WATCH FOR OUR BROADCAST MONTHLY E-MAIL!

OUR WAY OF LETTING YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR SIX RIVERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES ARE DOING.....

Communication Committee Report

The Communication committee had a teleconference on January 29th to discuss the Strategic Plan.

In order to increase interest in the Six Rivers Chapter website, a contest will be held. The question "What does CLMA mean to you?" will be posted on the members page from March 1 to March 19. Anyone responding to the question between those dates will be eligible for a drawing to receive \$25.00 towards the upcoming ORV or Annual Fall retreat.



Get up to date chapter information at www.sixriversclma.org

Below is one page of the Six Rivers website. (Members only)

Go to the [Bulletin Board](#) to answer the contest question!



The screenshot shows the 'members only' section of the Six Rivers CLMA website. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with the following items: About Us, What's New, Officers, Newsletter, Members Only, Contact Us, Home, and Chapter Member. The main content area features the title 'Six Rivers CLMA' and a logo in the top right corner. Below the title is a horizontal menu with links: [Member Directory](#), [Bulletin Board](#), [Mailing List](#), and [Event Calendar](#). A 'Document Archive' section is highlighted with a blue icon. Below this are several links: [Lab Voice - Training and Competency in the Clinical Lab](#), [Clinical Laboratory Professions Scholarship Award](#), [CLMA PAC Information](#), [A Message from the National CLMA President](#), [CLMA National Web Site Link](#), [Ohio River Valley CLMA/AACC conference link](#), [Health Careers Information](#), [Write your Representative](#), [Write your Senator](#), and [Legislation under debate](#). At the bottom left of the page, there is a blue box with the text: 'This Web site is made possible in total by the support of Abbott Diagnostics, Inc.' with the Abbott logo.

Celebrate National Laboratory Week April 18-24, 2004



Looking for an inexpensive way to recognize each and every staff member?

While supporting CLMA educational efforts

Six Rivers chapter of CLMA is sponsoring a National Laboratory Week
Candy, Popcorn & Other Fun Stuff Sale

Break time favorites with a personal message for just \$1.00 or \$2.00

New Items



Can Cooler with Lab Week Logo

“You Make a Difference”

Treat Bags

6 items showing you appreciate their hard work

Printed card with sayings for each item:

Lab Techs have the write stuff
(imprinted pencil)

You are a **Lifesaver** (lifesaver pop)

Your coMMitment is tops (M&Ms)

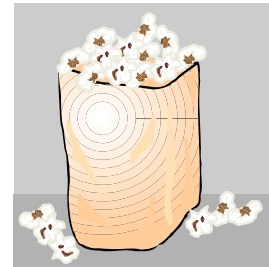
For sticking together when the times were tough (caramel apple pop)

For your **STAR** performance (Starburst)

For delivering quality **CARe** (Caramello bar)

You Make a Difference Every Day!

Thank You



For more information, contact
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Sample personalized label message



Celebrate National Lab Week
April 18-24, 2004

Have a Break on us!

Special Thanks from *Your Name*

See attached order form:
Order by 4/1/04 for delivery prior to lab week.



Candy Sale Order Form

Candy Type	Quantity Ordered	Cost/bar	Total Cost
2.25 oz M&M		\$1.00	
2.4 oz Snickers Bar		\$1.00	
3.0 oz Skittles		\$1.00	
2.2 oz Reeses' Cup		\$1.00	
2.2 oz KitKat		\$1.00	
Microwave Popcorn packet		\$1.00	
Collapsible Pocket Cooler with Lab Week Celebration Imprint		\$2.00	
"You Make a Difference" Appreciation Treat Bag		\$2.00	
Total			

Please PRINT personalized message below: _____

If you would like the message printed on the example with your name inserted, please just indicate your identification here: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Send Check and completed order form to: Kathy Good
 Make checks payable to *Six Rivers CLMA* 3142 Rockacres Ct.
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45239

Questions? Call Kathy Good @ (513) 872-6034 or E-mail kgood@shrinenet.org

Ohio River Valley Region Conference
April 27 – 29, 2004
Dayton Convention Center, Dayton, Ohio
Dayton Crowne Plaza Hotel

The Art of Healthcare – The Lab Mosaic

Sponsored by Six Rivers, Greater Indiana & Bluegrass
CLMA Chapters
Ohio Valley Section AACC

Featured general sessions include:

Motivation: The Fire Within – Dr. Carmen Mariano
Process Excellence – Sandy Hood
Genetics, Ethics and the Law – Dr. Kimberly Quaid
Building a High Performance Workplace - Jane Boucher

Plus:

12 excellent & thought-provoking breakouts
Pre-conference Workshop – *Managing the Small Lab*
Poster presentations – *a great opportunity to showcase research or an
innovative initiative!*
Networking Dinner at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery

Your brochures should be arriving in the mail
For updates, visit our website: www.ohiorivervalley.org
Or contact sandy.e.frommeyer@questdiagnostics.com

CLMA/ASCP 2004 Conference & Exhibition

March 27-30
Exhibit Dates: March 28-30
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, Georgia

Strengthening Our Foundation, Shaping Our Future

Make plans to attend the CLMA/ASCP 2004 Conference & Exhibition—the premier event for medical laboratory professionals who together are making a difference to strengthen and validate the quality of healthcare across the country and the world.

Visit www.clmaascpconference.org today!

- › Search educational sessions by date and topic
- › Find specific vendors and products
- › Learn more about Atlanta's entertainment options
- › Register online

Upcoming Meetings

- Six Rivers FEBRUARY MEETING & STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION, Thursday, February 19, 2004, 11:00 am. – 4:30 pm, Nutter Center, Wright State University Dayton, Ohio, For more information contact: Sandy Frommeyer, CompuNet Clinical Laboratories, 2308 Sandridge Drive, Dayton, OH 45439, PH: 937-297-8256 Email: sandy.e.frommeyer@questdiagnostics.com
- Clinical Laboratory Management Association National Conference and Exhibition, March 27-30, 2004, Atlanta, GA, for more information see www.clma.org
- Ohio River Valley Region Conference, April 27-29, 2004, Dayton Convention Center, Dayton, OH. For more information see www.ohiorivervalley.org
- AACC National Meeting, July 25-29, 2004, Los Angeles, CA. For more information see: www.AACC.org