



**Six Rivers Chapter**

**CLMA**

THE RESOURCE FOR LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS

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## CHAPTER CHATTER

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Spring Greetings From the Prez!

It's great to welcome the warmth, color, and new life of spring; hope you are taking some time from your busy lives to enjoy these days. I continue to witness a rejuvenating spirit with CLMA as well, beginning with the new logo and through the updated ThinkLab '05 conference in Chicago. CLMA's collaboration with ASCP has proven to be quite a success, and I encourage you to consider attending ThinkLab '06 in Charlotte, NC, March 18 – 21, 2006. What about submitting a proposal for an interactive, engaging and creative educational session for ThinkLab '06? Not so sure about presenting at the national level or just want to hone your skills; then consider a chapter presentation! We'd love to hear from you. Contact me at [jdicks@shrinenet.org](mailto:jdicks@shrinenet.org) or 513-872-6325.

The CLMA Board of Directors commissioned a task force to reevaluate CLMA's vision and mission in light of the organization's new strategic plan. The purpose was to clearly articulate "who" CLMA is and where we are going. The new CLMA vision and mission are as follows:

- **Vision:** CLMA is the premier resource for laboratory professionals, supporting them at every stage of their career to achieve excellence in leadership and health-care management.
- **Mission:** CLMA empowers laboratory professionals through forward-thinking educational, networking, and advocacy opportunities in leadership and health-care management.

In addition, the Board voted to create the Member and Chapter Relations Committee, a blend of previous groups including the CCL Advisory and Membership Development Committees. This new group will be exploring, identifying, and evaluating resources and programs to benefit and grow our membership. Lea Owens is the new Member Relations Specialist at the CLMA Executive Office. Lea will offer strategic support to chapters. She can be reached at [lowens@clma.org](mailto:lowens@clma.org) or 610-995-9580, x239.

Congratulations to Paul Labbe, chapter past president, on his appointment to CLMA's National Health Care Policy Committee! Paul will serve as liaison to the CLMA chapters.

We've been busy at the chapter level this spring, too. Look for pictures and feedback from another successful ORVRC conference held April 26-28 at the Drawbridge Inn. This has been an excellent collaboration with AACC and other regional CLMA chapters for many years. Hope you enjoyed it!

Upcoming chapter events include an exceptional all-day program June 23 at Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH. Bob Therrien, CLMA Board Member-At-Large, will be our guest speaker. Bob will present the award-winning "Give 'em a Pickle – Customer Service Principle" program, and will discuss Volunteerism and Developing Chapter Committees. We will also brainstorm ideas for successfully launching Small Group Meetings around our chapter's geographic area. So, do come and share your ideas. Bring your colleagues, as well.

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Visit our chapter web site for all the latest info!  
[www.sixriversclma.org](http://www.sixriversclma.org)

**New Members**

**New Members for March:**

Virginia Bennett  
Clinical Support Specialist  
Tosoh Bioscience

Ann Schmidt  
Regulatory Affairs Specialist  
Lab One of Ohio

**New Members for April:**

Karis Glassco  
Specialist II  
Columbus Children's Hospital

**New Members for May:**

Eric Humphrey  
Manager, Laboratory Services  
Hocking Valley Community Hospital

Don't Forget to renew your CLMA membership  
Get new members

**How the process work for local dues:**

Six Rivers Chapter receives a quarterly check from National for the local dues that are paid with the national membership. When a member joins or renews their national membership and indicates Six Rivers as the Chapter, that is the "trigger" for national to send it back to SRC.

We encourage your chapter involvement. So, please contact any board member with your interest. Happy Spring!

*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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the month of issue. Articles are welcome!*

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**ThinkLab '06 Call for Presentations**

**Deadline: Friday, June 24, 2005**

For more information and to download the submission form, visit the  
Conference/Education section of [www.clma.org](http://www.clma.org) or  
Contact Jennifer Miller at [jmiller@clma.org](mailto:jmiller@clma.org) or 610-995-9580, x247

**Healthcare Policy Committee**

The CLMA National office has selected two Six Rivers Chapter Members to be on the National CLMA Healthcare Policy Committee (HPC). Wendell O'Neill, Ph.D., and Paul Labbe began their active participation in the HPC with their first national conference call on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

The 2005 initiatives at the national level are:

- Develop member advocacy training, to assist CLMA in utilizing our nationwide membership to help influence healthcare decisions by our legislatures.
- Develop a new marketing approach to enhance the value of the CLMA Political Action Committee (PAC) and sponsorship thereof.
- Evaluate collaborative efforts on addressing the laboratory co-pay and competitive bidding issues that continues to surface with legislatures.

The initiatives are prioritized into two tiers.

Tier One: Oppose co-pay and competitive bidding initiatives

Tier Two: Promote alternative fee schedules, address workforce shortage in the laboratory arena, and increase specimen collection reimbursement.

The Health Care Policy Committee will teleconference on a monthly basis to influence, monitor and communicate legislative activity through member and chapter representation. Look for broadcast email message on the latest activity from the Capitol and the national CLMA office.

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**WATCH FOR OUR BROADCAST MONTHLY E-MAIL!**

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

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Up to date chapter information at [www.sixriversclma.org](http://www.sixriversclma.org)

Lisa Littleton has expertly updated pages and information, so we invite you to explore. Keep in touch  
with your chapter 'doins' this way

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**Program and Education Committee Update:**

**We are diligently planning two great conferences. The first is a smaller conference (and it's FREE!) that will be held in June, and our annual fall conference at Deer Creek Resort and Lodge, complete with vendors and silent auction.**

**JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>, Columbus, OH, All-day conference**



Coming up very quickly is the June meeting. The real purpose of this meeting is to begin to develop regional groups within our chapter. When we sent out the member survey earlier this year, the demographics for meeting locations were split almost evenly between "Columbus" and "Dayton/Cincinnati" and "Audioconference from a local site." Since we cover such a large area of our great state, it's hard for people to get away for the day for a conference or meeting. We are trying to get regional groups together to plan their own meetings or we can have audioconferences available at three call-in sites so it helps our budgets a little! Some other CLMA Chapters do this and it seems to work well. We have a speaker from the National CLMA board coming to speak to us and then in the afternoon we will have a short planning session. Please try to make it to this free meeting so that we can get a good idea of how we can get the most out of our CLMA membership and its educational opportunities.

**Please see the attached flyer for the complete details including registration information.**

**OCTOBER 6/7, Deer Creek Resort, Two day get-away and conference**

Later, in the fall, join us for a getaway to enjoy the beautiful Deer Creek State Park and Resort. On Thursday night we have the Harding Cabin (yes, the haunted one) reserved for a fun networking cookout. Since our theme for the conference is: "Don't Gamble with Safety—Protecting Patients, Protecting Ourselves," we are going to set up game tables (poker, bunko, etc) with the proceeds benefiting our student scholarship fund. On Friday we have two great speakers already lined up.



The tentative agenda for Friday is:

- 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.      **Registration & Hot Breakfast Buffet**  
**Vendor Exhibits**  
*Silent Auction – bid on items and help raise funds for student scholarships!*
- 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.    **Errors in the Clinical Laboratory**  
Teresa Darcy, MD, MMM  
Associate Professor, Medical Director of Clinical Laboratories  
University of Wisconsin
- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.    **Silent Auction/Exhibits**
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.    **Luncheon & Annual Meeting**  
***Installation of Officers***  
***Annual Report to the Membership***  
*Auction/Vendor Exhibits*
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.    **Looking for a speaker for this spot! If you would like to speak or know someone who has a topic related to our theme, please contact me!!!**
- 2:00 – 2:15 p.m.      Refreshment break/*Auction Wrap-up*
- 2:15 – 4:00 p.m.      **Ask the Safety Lady**  
Terry Jo Gile, "The Safety Lady"

If you would like more information regarding these conferences, please contact me at [wilsojad@chi.osu.edu](mailto:wilsojad@chi.osu.edu).  
I look forward to seeing you in June!

Jade Wilson, Program and Education Co-chair

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## 2005 Ohio River Valley Conference



The Pre-conference Wine & Cheese



Current Information and many prizes in the Vendor Hall



A great program of Speakers



Lots of fun at the Newport Aquarium

We hope you didn't miss this annual event sponsored by Bluegrass, Greater Indiana and Six Rivers CLMA Chapters and the Ohio River Valley Section of AACC. This was a great networking event that included a vendor hall with the most up to date information from the vendors (who make this event possible), and two days of speakers who provided motivational, management and technical topics. The trip to the Newport aquarium included dinner and a dive show plus time to wander around and look at all the great exhibits. There were lots of opportunities for door prizes at both the Vendor Hall and the networking event. It was a great opportunity to re-connect with old friends and make new ones while catching up on some continuing education. Watch for information about next years event coming soon!



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**PRESENTS A**

**FREE CONFERENCE FOR ALL CLMA MEMBERS:**  
(\$10 for non-members)

**At CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, COLUMBUS**  
**In the Education Center, Room ED131**  
**June 23, 2005 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

### AGENDA

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental breakfast
<b>9:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Give 'em a Pickle – Customer Service Principle</b> Robert R. Therrien, MSM, MT(ASCP)SH
10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Break
<b>11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Volunteerism and Developing Chapter Committees</b> Robert R. Therrien, MSM, MT(ASCP)SH
12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lunch
<b>12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Planning for Small Group (regional) Meetings</b> Facilitators: Joyce Dicks, Jade Wilson, Connie Lang This meeting's goal is to develop 3 smaller geographical groups within our chapter so that we can have local meetings to make it easier for travel and budgeting (or lack of). Please bring your thinking caps as we brainstorm ideas for developing these groups!

### SPEAKER



**Robert R. Therrien, MSM, MT(ASCP)SH**  
CLMA Board Member-At-Large  
Vice President, Operations  
Paragon MedManagement, L.L.C.

**Speaker Sponsored by:**



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**Meals Sponsored by:**



**RSVP to Jade Wilson at 614-722-5376 or [wilsojad@chi.osu.edu](mailto:wilsojad@chi.osu.edu)**  
**Please RSVP by June 14<sup>th</sup> so meals can be ordered.**

This conference is approved for CEU credits.

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## Directions to Children's Hospital:

# Children's Hospital Main Campus

700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205



## Directions to Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH

### North

I-71 South to Main St. (Exit 108A)  
Right on Main to Parsons Ave.  
Right on Parsons to Mooberry  
Left on Mooberry follow Mooberry to 18<sup>th</sup> street

Right on 18<sup>th</sup> and into the parking garage on the right.

### Taking 315 from the North

S.R. 315 South to 670 West to I-71 South.  
Once on I-71 South follow the instructions above

### South

I-71 North to I-70 East  
I-70 East to 18th St. (Exit 101B)  
Right on 18th and right into the parking garage on the right.

### East

I-70 West to Miller-Kelton Ave. (Exit 102)  
Left on Miller Ave. to Livingston Ave.  
Right on Livingston Ave., Right onto 18<sup>th</sup> street and then go down to parking garage on the Left by the Outpatient Care Center

### West

I-70 East to 18th St. (Exit 101B)  
Right on 18th and right into parking garage on the right



There is a new parking garage for visitors here. Parking tokens will be made available. You can also use lots surrounding.

You will enter the Education Center (to the left of the Outpatient Care Center doors). Once in the Lobby the room will be straight ahead. We will be in ED131. The room numbers are at the top of the door. Signs will be posted.

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### Upcoming Meetings

#### 2005 Conferences

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

**Six Rivers Fall Conference**, October 6 & 7, Deer Creek Resort