

Chapter Chatter

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- Lyle Roser Scholarship information
- Continuing education information

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Greetings from the Prez!

Greetings from the President –

As Renee Cuevas, the Six Rivers Chapter Secretary (and shiny new President-elect!) would probably be happy to tell you, I have been dragging my feet about writing my first “Letter from the President”. After the leadership shown by Dorothy Skidmore, Paul Labbe and Joyce Dicks over the last several years, I just did not know what I could possibly have to offer our members in a newsletter.

But then Paul Labbe and I attended the National CLMA Council of Chapter Leaders meeting in Houston this month as representatives of Six Rivers and it was inspiring! Not only did new and relevant ideas emerge from the meeting but so did new and improved relationships with CLMA members from all over the continent. From the opening remarks to the wrap up, the meeting was jam packed with useful tidbits and networking opportunities. I realized how lucky we are to have such an active chapter with caring and committed members.

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My personal favorite was a review of the tools available on the national website and the advantages of being a CLMA member who can use them. As a member:

- You have access to all of CLMA’s programs, publications, and advocacy resources.
- You can broaden your professional contacts through online and face-to-face networking opportunities offered by fellow members willing to host programs like SmartLab and audioLab at small group meetings, and by the highly successful larger annual meetings: ThinkLab, Ohio River Valley and Deer Creek.
- Don’t forget those corporate relations – where would we be without industry support and partnership?
- You can keep up with Legislative and Regulatory affairs and, if interested, become involved with the PAC or grassroots efforts.
- You can enjoy the publications offered: Vantage Point, Email alerts, CLMR

You can access MasterMind and join the message forums to ask and answer questions, or use the sample surveys, procedures, etc posted by other members to save yourself from re-inventing the wheel.

But most of all, the inspiration has to be the sheer number of people who care enough about the profession to get involved – serving on committees, contributing articles, working on the websites, presenting at meetings, answering a question on MasterMind, collecting for PAC, and on and on..... Please check out the websites for National and Six Rivers for yourself and feel free to contact your officers and board members with your ideas and interests.

You are CLMA and you should be proud of the choice you made to get involved with the premier resource for laboratory professionals in health care management. Don’t hold back now!

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Member Benefit



The deadline for applications
is January 19, 2007.

CLMA is proud to once again offer The Lyle Rosser, Jr. Continuing Education Scholarship to ThinkLab '07! Through the generous support of BD, 10 laboratory professionals who do not have the financial support needed to attend will be able to take advantage of all the opportunities ThinkLab '07 has to offer.

This need-based, full scholarship covers registration, airfare, lodging, and meals for the duration of the conference. However, even more valuable than covering these costs, the scholarship gives recipients the opportunity to gather the knowledge necessary to stay up to date with the latest trends, technology, and practices within the laboratory industry.

Apply now!

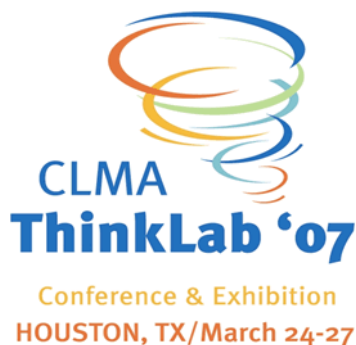
Go to www.clmathinklab.org/files/attendee/Lyle_Rosser_Form.pdf for requirements and to fill out an application. This is your chance to attend the industry's premier educational conference.

ThinkLab '07– Houston, Texas

Where is the Laboratory Industry Headed?

Clinical laboratory managers, professionals, and industry partners are heading to Houston from March 24-27, 2007, for CLMA's ThinkLab Conference & Exhibition. They are coming to talk about the evolution of their profession and ways they can take a leadership role in their workplaces. ThinkLab '07 is the industry conference that focuses on career development and professional growth. You'll hear about what our industry needs to do not just to survive but to thrive. Now is the time for the laboratory industry to come together to learn, network, and shape the future of the laboratory profession. Be there from March 24-27 in Houston as the laboratory profession sets its sights on new horizons.

Go to: www.clma.org



Program and Education Committee Update

Fall Conference Wrap-Up

On September 14th and 15th, at Deer Creek Resort and Conference Center we held our annual two day get-away and conference to learn some new “tricks” to improve our skills.



Thursday night was our networking dinner at the “haunted” Harding Cabin, with over 45 vendors and members in attendance. There was also a Texas Hold’Em tournament where the winner walked away with a great poker set donated by Dade Behring. Prior to the dinner the Six Rivers Board had a working lunch at the cabin to work on the next year’s strategic plan and hold our monthly meeting, in person!

On Friday we were down to business with vendor exhibits and the meeting. The morning agenda included a fast paced, highly interactive program from **Ron Pickett**, a Management and Organization Development Consultant, who entertained and informed us about the **politics that exist in organizations; that politics can be understood and managed, and that denial won’t make politics go away!**

The afternoon focused on two of the hottest process improvement techniques in healthcare today, **Lean** and **Six Sigma Methodologies**. These sessions included hands-on activities and simulations that were both educational and fun. In addition, **Diana Howard**, from **Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center** presented results from their recent Lean campaign to reduce specimen turn around time and discuss the next steps in their Lean journey. The Lean and Six Sigma facilitators were from **TechSolve, Inc.**, a non-profit organization composed of a team of business experts, engineers and scientists chartered to help a broad spectrum of organizations implement and sustain process improvements, located right in Cincinnati, Ohio!

There were a total of 22 vendor and sponsor registrations sent in. We are so appreciative their support! If you see any of the vendors below, please thank them for supporting our chapter!

B&B Microscopes	Dade Behring	Medical Electronic Systems	Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics	Quest Diagnostics	Breakfast Sponsor: Biosite
Biosite	HemoCue Inc.	Millipore	Roche Diagnostics	TechSolve, Inc.	Break Sponsor: Specialty Laboratories
Becton Dickinson	Herman Miller for Healthcare	Misys	Sarstedt, Inc.	Telcor	Speaker Sponsor: Fisher Healthcare
ChildLab	Inverness Medical	Orchard Software	Specialty Laboratories		

A special thanks goes to Wanda Smith-Broerman who organized the silent auction for CLT/CLS student scholarships! Because of Wanda’s work and everyone who donated, we were able to raise \$894 towards the scholarship funds, another record breaking year!

It was a wonderful meeting and everyone enjoyed catching up. Thanks to all who helped and participated in making the conference a great success! Check out the Six Rivers website for pictures of the event!

Save the Date for next year! We have decided to make two major changes to the meeting! We will now hold the conference on two full days AND reserve the meeting for the first week of October each year. So mark your calendars for 2007! Our fall conference will be held on October 4th and 5th, 2007.



Small Group Meetings



The next two meetings will be centered on a CLMA Audio-Lab HotTopic: You're Laboratory and Patient Safety.

It has been six years since the publication of the Institute of Medicine's report on medical errors in the health-care environment. With respect to the clinical laboratory, it is time to look at what laboratorians have done and what they still need to do to ensure their laboratory's quality of care.

Tuesday, November 21 | 3-4:30 p.m. ET
Module 1: Old Questions

Tuesday, December 12 | 3-4:30 p.m. ET
Module 2: New Answers

In these two 90-minute audioconferences, participants will receive an overview of patient safety issues from the clinical laboratory perspective, review various approaches used by laboratories in patient safety programs, and learn about the process approach to patient safety. The premise is to improve patient safety by using systematic quality management to reduce work process failures.



Presenter Lucia Berte is a consultant for quality system implementation in the health system arena, preparing and presenting training programs on quality system models in laboratory medicine, blood banking, and clinical systems. She has many years of experience as a laboratory quality assurance director and transfusion service manager, and has extensive experience as a workshop presenter, teleconference speaker, and author. Lucia is certified as a medical technologist, a specialist in blood banking, and diplomat in laboratory management by the Board of Registry of the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP). She is also certified as a quality auditor and quality manager by the American Society for Quality (ASQ).

Locations of these meetings on the adjacent table
(Please contact the organizer in your area to RSVP)

If you would like more information regarding small group conferences, please contact me at wilsonjad@chi.osu.edu.

Jade Wilson, Program and Education Co-chair

Audiolab Hot topic meeting locations and RSVP's

Region	Contact:	Location	Phone	E-mail
Cincinnati	Joyce Dicks		513-872-6325	jdicks@shrinenet.org
November 21 st		Shriners Hospitals For Children 3229 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229 Meeting Room: Private Dining Room, 5 th Floor Parking available in hospital garage.		
December 12 th		Cincinnati Childrens Hospital Medical Center-- Department of Pathology Meeting Room: Pathology Conference Room Directions to follow when		
Columbus (both dates)	Jade Wilson	Columbus Children's Hospital/ChildLab 700 Children's Drive Columbus, OH 43205 Meeting Room: Education Building, Room 131 Directions to follow when you RSVP.	614-722-5376	wilsojad@chi.osu.edu
Dayton (both dates)	Kathy Mannier	CompuNet Clinical Labs 2308 Sandridge Drive Meeting Room: Conference Rooms 1 & 2 Directions: http://www.compunetlab.com	297-8272	kathy.m.mannier@questdiagnostics.com
Southeastern Ohio (both dates)	Connie Lang	Southern Ohio Medical Center Directions to follow when you RSVP.	740-356-8228	langc@somc.org

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safe and Happy
Holiday
Season!!!

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