

Chapter Chatter

Special points of interest:

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- Upcoming conferences

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Greetings from the President!

Letter from the President

There are many ways to communicate in today's world – land line and cell phones, e mail and snail mail, web sites, newsletters, and on and on. But sometimes, nothing serves as well as face to face communication.

So it was at the CLMA Council of Chapter Leaders meeting in Houston at the end of March. The energy level was high and it came from being in the room with some of the most dynamic people you could ever meet. This was because they were all focused on Laboratory management and leadership.

Judy Lien, CLMA President, talked about strengthening our community through the use of strategic planning, the Political Action Committee, and educational tools like Mastermind, CaseLab, SmartLab and audioLab.

Ruth Pollison, the CCL Chair and Carla Orner, the Chair-elect led us through a review of the Chapter Success Standards and a great networking session on activities that chapters use to recruit and retain their members.

The video "Leadership Pickles" led to a discussion of the three keys to outstanding leadership:

- Spread Enthusiasm
- Inspire Confidence
- Demonstrate Integrity

If you have a chance to attend meetings with your peers, whether it's a national ThinkLab or a local small group meeting, take advantage of it – it can be highly motivational (as well as educational) and it will definitely recharge your "Leadership Pickles"!

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Member Benefit

Chapter Leaders Meeting Pictures



Marshall Spalding and Paul Labbe.

John Snyder and Anne Pontius and



Program and Education Committee Update



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL CONFERENCE!
October 4th-5th, 2007
Deer Creek Resort and Conference Center

I am pleased to announce that the fall conference will be expanded to include vendor exhibits and sessions on both days! The previous format was a networking dinner on Thursday and then sessions and vendor exhibits on Friday. We are also looking for additional volunteers for the planning committee! Please contact Jade Wilson, Program and Education Chair if you are able help, wilsojad@chi.osu.edu or 614-722-5376.

A tentative agenda is as follows:

Thursday, October 4th (all activities are in ballroom except where noted)

- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **CLMA Six Rivers Chapter Strategic Planning Meeting/ Vendor set up**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch – Keynote Speaker- Quality talk**
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Vendor Exhibits**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Speaker –Team Building- Annual meeting/Report
-Installation of officers**
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Cookout & Networking
*Harding Cabin***

Friday, October 5th – *Ballroom*

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration & Breakfast Buffet
Vendor Exhibits**
Silent Auction – bid on items and help raise funds for student scholarships!
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Speaker -Compliance topic-**
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Silent Auction/Exhibits**
11:30 – 12:30 p.m. **Luncheon**
Auction/Vendor Exhibits
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Speaker-Generational Management**
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Silent Auction Wrap-Up**
Refreshment Break
- 2:30 –3:30p.m. **Speaker- Generational Management**



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Legislative Fly-In, Washington D.C. – Paul Labbe, SRC Health

On March 20th, I had the opportunity to participate in the Legislative Fly-In to Washington, D.C. with 140 members of the ASCLS and CLMA to promote clinical laboratory issues with the legislative aides and Congressman on Capitol Hill. Gideon Labiner, University of Cincinnati CLS professor, and chair of the Ohio Section of the AACC legislative affairs, and I visited the offices of Representatives Boehner, Chabot, and Schmidt to promote funding for S605 Allied Health Reinvestment Act, and to also discuss alternatives to the Competitive Bidding Demonstration Project that was to begin on April 1st (but has currently been delayed). Both of these issues have a significant impact to the clinical laboratory industry, and we all need to be a resource to our local representatives so they fully understand the impact on health care prior to any votes on these legislative issues. Please visit our professional organization websites to better understand these issues and let your congressional representatives know what you think about them:

ACCLS: <http://www.ascls.org>

CLMA: <http://clma.org>

Current contacts for us are:

- Margo Klosterman, Legislative Assistant to John Boehner – Eighth District (West Chester) – she expressed interest in promotion of Competitive Bidding and also explained that in order to fund S605, the money committed would have to be cut from another program.
- Ben LaRocco, Legislative Assistant to Jean Schmidt – Second District (Cincinnati area) – Congresswomen Schmidt did express support for both the allied health funding bill, and to consider an alternative to competitive bidding.
- Anna Rack, Legislative Assistant to Steve Chabot – First District (Cincinnati area) – she understood and took additional information on both of the education and competitive bidding issues.

If our voices are not heard in Washington, then funds for laboratory services and programs will be lost. As an example, the Title VII programs for Allied Health Education had been funded at 11.8 million in 2005, and were cut to current levels of 4 million in 2007. If the 2008 budget the President has proposed is adopted, Title VII programs would be eliminated completely. These are dollars that are needed to help educate and train the future laboratory professionals and other critical health staff so that we will have someone take care of us as we get older! Now is the time to speak up and call or write your local legislators and their aides!

Lab Week Celebrations (April 23-27,2007)

The Cincinnati Area had their local Lab Week Party at GameWorks, at the Newport on the Levee, April 24th:

They had 25 total attendees, 6 CLMA members.

Sponsorships were provided by:

Appetizers – Dade

Door prizes (gift cards totaling \$200) – Fisher

Several door prizes (computer gadgets) – ARUP

Everyone won a door prize; so there were many happy folks! We received positive feedback and encouragement to keep the tradition going in the Cincinnati area, as one person said, '...we'll talk it up and it will grow each year!'

The venue was great as they had our own party room (and private bartender) just off the main game area, so it was great for conversation as well as being close to all the game options.

The Columbus Area had their festivities at the The Arlington Café for all "fun laboratorians, on April 27th, where food and games were sponsored by ChildLab and \$5 donations from all attendees. There were 50 attendees from all the area hospitals, such as Children's, Riverside, Mt. Carmel and Ohio State University Hospitals. A very good time was had by all.

The Dayton Area had a Lab week party at Buffalo Wild Wings, Buckeye Room, in Kettering Ohio. They had complimentary appetizers, a cash bar and door prizes.



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Get-A-Member Contest

Do you know some co-workers or colleagues who are missing out on what CLMA has to offer?

Recruit 2 new CLMA members from January 1, 2007 to August 1, 2007 and be entered into a drawing for a "free" registration to the Six Rivers Fall Conference.

Six Rivers Fall Conference
Deer Creek Conference Center
Oct 4- 5th, 2007

What are the Benefits of becoming a CLMA Member?

By joining CLMA, not only will you have access to all of CLMA's programs, publications, and advocacy resources, but you will broaden your professional contacts through both online and in-person networking opportunities. As a member of CLMA you will have had the opportunity to meet laboratory professionals from all levels, and it is this interaction that has proven so valuable in building and honing my management skills to grow professionally.

To learn more about CLMA, visit the following web sites:

Six Rivers CLMA Chapter website: www.sixriversclma.org

National CLMA website: www.clma.org