

MD Connection

Wake County Medical Society Alliance

May 2005

Applause Luncheon

Tuesday, May 10 (10:00 am)
Home of Carol Bilbro
3206 Sussex Road, Raleigh
782-3297

Join us to honor our newest 30-year members at our annual Applause Luncheon. The cost is \$25 per person, and if you were there last year, you know what delicious treats await you!

You should have received an invitation in the mail. If you need more information or want to reserve a seat, contact Virginia Anthony at 816-8271.

Please bring travel-sized shampoos, conditioners, and other toiletries to the Applause Luncheon. Carol Bilbro will be donating them to The Healing Place of Wake County, which is a non-profit rescue, recovery, and rehabilitation facility for homeless men with alcohol and drug addictions. The Healing Place will provide these toiletries to their clients each day for their daily showers. For more information about The Healing Place, visit their web site at <http://www.hpowc.org>.

DIRECTIONS: From 440, take Glenwood Avenue south exit. Take a right onto Glen Eden. Left onto Sussex.

Alliance Arrival

John and Jan Garside welcomed Anna Blake Garside on February 16, 2005. She joins her siblings Jack, Mary Ellis, and Philip.



President's Letter

Wow, the final newsletter is already here! I cannot believe almost a year has passed from when I first took office. So much has happened! I have been so very fortunate to be associated with such an energetic, dedicated, dynamic, and caring group as the members of the Wake County Medical Society Alliance. You all have made this job very easy.



I must attend to one last bit of business before taking my leave of you at the Applause Luncheon. In the early 1990's, the Alliance established the North Carolina Medical Society Alliance Health Education Foundation, Inc. – Wake County in order to have special tax consideration by the IRS. The Foundation, which came to be known as the Physician Family Foundation (PFF), was planned to operate as a sort of United Way, whereby physicians and their families could make a donation to a single place and have those funds distributed among worthy organizations in Wake County. The PFF would raise funds independent of the Alliance. At least one physician was required to be on the Board of Directors, and physicians would work in tandem with the Alliance to meet these goals.

As time went on, however, it became apparent that we, the members of the Alliance, were doing most of the fundraising work. Furthermore, it became nearly impossible to fill yet another board with 15 members, much less with a physician. Over the past few years, no physician has accepted the request to serve. Likewise, it became more and more difficult to separate the income and the expenses of the Alliance and the Foundation.

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Thanks!

I just want to thank all of the outstanding members from my Board of Directors. This year would have been a complete bust without you! Your hard work and dedication have been most appreciated! I so look forward to continuing to work with you in the future!

- Julie Newman

Wake County Physician



Please send information about family events—births, weddings, deaths, graduations, awards of any kind—to Jane Pinsky at jandr@deltaforce.net, 878-0077, or 878-4006 for inclusion in the Wake County Physician.

Doctor of the Day

Thanks to all of the Raleigh area physicians who served as "Doctor of the Day" at the North Carolina General Assembly in the past few weeks:

- ❖ Bertram W. Coffey, MD, Raleigh
- ❖ Gayle A. DiLalla, MD, Raleigh
- ❖ Marcus G. Plescia, MD, Raleigh
- ❖ Warner L. Hall, Jr., MD, Raleigh
- ❖ Elizabeth P. Kanof, MD, Raleigh
- ❖ Robert P. Majors, Jr., MD, Raleigh
- ❖ Richard F. Bruch, MD, Durham
- ❖ Charles H. Mann, MD, Cary

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Last May, the Board of Directors of the Physician Family Foundation voted to investigate combining in some manner with the Alliance to form one organization. Through the course of research, several issues came to light, such as the IRS status of the Alliance and the registration of the PFF. This appeared to be the appropriate time to address these items and form our new entity, the North Carolina Medical Society Alliance Health Education Foundation, Inc. – Wake County, doing business as the Wake County Medical Society Alliance. The name didn't get any shorter but the number of people needed to operate certainly decreased!

By now you should have received a packet containing proposed new bylaws for the Alliance. They have been thoroughly dissected, reassembled, and updated to meet our needs. You may not find much difference from our old bylaws, aside from some legalese the attorneys put in to conform to State and Federal laws governing charitable organizations. I urge you to review the new bylaws, because we will vote on them at the Applause Luncheon to go into effect June 1, 2005. I want to thank you, and all the women who worked so diligently on this project, for your cooperation. Contact me if you have any questions or further comments. I would love to have smooth sailing!

Well, that's about it for me. I want to express, once again, the pride I have in our extraordinary organization. It has been my pleasure to serve as your president. I won't go far, as I have promised to stick around and harass Suzanne, so I will see you at events next year!

Julie Newman

2005-2006 Dues Notice

Dues notices for the 2005-2006 year will be in mailboxes this spring. If you would like to pay early, please mail a check payable to "NCMSA" to the following address:

Lou Ann Shepard
P.O. Box 27167
Raleigh, NC 27611-7167

You can pay just county or include state and/or national, too.
National: \$40 State: \$40 County: \$30

Attention Current Board Members!

Please remember to bring all of your information to the joint board meeting on Thursday, May 19, 10:30 am, at Susan Hammer's house (please note new time!). This will be the opportunity to finish up anything hanging over from this year and to pass on your extensive knowledge to next year's board.

Newsletter News

A special thank you goes out to **Jane Patterson** for her fantastic work on the newsletter these past few years. We will miss her as she takes on her new role of Treasurer!

We also welcome **Claire Casey** to the team next year.



Legislative Update

We will be **meeting at the General Assembly** to visit our legislators on the first Tuesday of the month in Courtyard 1000 of the Legislative Building on Jones Street at about 9 am. That's **May 3**. Contact Jane Pinsky for information at jandr@deltaforce.net or 878-0077 or 878-4006.