

MD Connection

Wake County Medical Society Alliance

December 2004

Chico's Party Meeting By Reservation Only!

Tuesday, January 18 (9:30 am)
Chico's, Triangle Town Center
5959 Triangle Town Blvd., Raleigh
792-2252

Our January meeting brings excitement to chase away the winter blues! **We're invited to a party!**

At 9:30 am, we will meet and mingle outside Chico's. At 10 am sharp, Chico's will open its doors for our party. The staff will assemble and comment on outfits to display the versatility of their wardrobe and accessories, and offer helpful dressing suggestions to flatter different body types. The signature "Travelers" collection will be featured for resort, cruise, and vacation wear. We will see that easy packing, easy care, and mix and match flexibility make "Travelers" perfect for almost any vacation occasion.

In addition, all attending will receive a special discount on purchases that day (Passport members, bring your catalog coupon for extra savings.). Also, a lucky person will receive a special gift: an "Oprah watch," perhaps, or a piece of jewelry.

Please note that **the location has changed** from the Poe Center to the **Chico's at Triangle Town Center**.

Attendance has been limited to a maximum of 40, and a RESERVATION is REQUIRED! If you want to attend, please notify SUZANNE ZEOK (919-878-7846) by December 25! Please provide your name, address, zip code, and phone number. Chico's needs the advance time to order catalogs and discount coupons for you.

Sign up now! Don't miss the party!

DIRECTIONS: From 440, take Capital Boulevard north. Cross Spring Forest Road. Continue about 3/4 mile and turn right onto Summer. Triangle Town Center will be to the left. Chico's is located on the second floor of the mall near Hecht's.

President's Letter

The holiday season is suddenly upon us, and I realize that **my year as your president is half over!** Time has certainly flown by the past six months. From my first tentative steps with our fundraising projects, this has been a whirlwind for me. And **I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it.**



I just want to wish each and every one of you and your families only the best for the holiday season and New Year. **Thank you for all of your input and participation in 2004.** If you haven't been able to make it to a meeting yet, don't fret, as Suzanne Zeok has lined up even more great activities for the next half of the year. **Make sure to keep this 2005 special events issue of our newsletter on hand to remind you of upcoming events.**

Our **11th annual Health Fair Extravaganza** is also on the horizon (March 5, to be exact), and we will definitely need some hands on help on that day. Those of you who have been present at past Health Fairs know what a great time it is! We'll be doing a **special fundraiser for AMA-Foundation** in support of the financial needs of medical students. Plus, the annual favorite, the **Applause Luncheon**, is scheduled for May 10.

Get the important dates on you calendars! And, as always, watch your mail for any additional surprise events!

Best to everyone in 2005! *Julie Newman*

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Replacements, LTD. Exclusive Showing!

Tuesday, April 19 (9:30 am)
Home of Bonnie Woodruff
3513 Chaucer Place, Raleigh, 782-9657

For the first time ever, Replacements, LTD. will present a program outside their headquarters in Greensboro. Their representative will attend our April 19 meeting to discuss the services, collections, and wares available at Replacements, LTD.

The program should be fascinating! Replacements, LTD. is a business with international clientele. They buy and sell current, discontinued, and antique patterns of silver, crystal, china, collectibles, and just about anything else. If you can't find it at Replacements, LTD., you probably can't find it! Replacements, LTD. can assist in the care and repair of your personal collection. They can identify patterns of crystal, china, etc., that have come into your possession. They are a unique business with worldwide appeal. Their customer service representatives speak almost every language on earth so that their international clients can communicate in their native languages.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTES

- **Best wishes** to Betty Madry for a speedy recovery!
- **Congratulations** to Ginny Pierson—again!—for the birth of another grandson, Bradley Jackson Clinton, on November 11, 2004. He was 7 lb., 10 oz. and 21 inches.
- **Condolences** to Nancy Dameron on the passing of her husband, Dr. Thomas Dameron.
- If you have paid your dues and not yet received a **Yearbook**, please contact Julie Newman or Karen Pleasants.
- The WCMISA would like to get as many **e-mail addresses** as possible to compile a quick and easy way to communicate. If it is not included in the Yearbook already, please send Julie Newman your e-mail address at docwife@aol.com.

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It is an honor for Replacements, LTD. to have selected the Alliance for its first program outside Greensboro. They have stipulated that we must guarantee attendance large enough (in excess of 30) to justify packing and transporting examples of their collections as well as sending a speaker to us.

Help the Alliance make a good showing by attending this meeting. Invite or bring another Alliance member. We especially need your help with attendance since the April 19 meeting did not appear in the Yearbook. Come learn about this world famous business in our own backyard!

DIRECTIONS: From 440, take Six Forks North. Left onto Lassiter Mill Road. Cross 440 and take a left onto Marlowe Road. Right onto Chaucer Place.

Learn what some of WCMISA's partners are doing...

PASSAGE HOME

For a mother coming out of prison, nothing feels more urgent than reuniting with her children. Yet that goal shatters for many who face extremely limited job and housing opportunities and have few resources to support a family. Harriet's House offers a ray of hope. Recognizing that none of the existing programs for recently released women worked to reunite the family, the faith-based Passage Home organization opened Harriet's House in Raleigh in 1996.

Harriet's House has graduated about 65 women since it opened. Of these, 90% have succeeded as they secure full-time employment, permanent affordable rental or home ownership housing, and reunite with their children. As a successful program, Harriet's House has received national attention as a "best practice" among re-entry programs.

For more information, contact Passage Home at its website: www.passagehome.org or call our office at 834-0666 x230; Donations may be mailed to: PO Box 10347, Raleigh, NC, 27605.

PASSAGE HOME
IS A LOCAL
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
NON-PROFIT
SERVING
RALEIGH &
WAKE COUNTY.

SAFEchild

For 11 years, SAFEchild has worked to prevent child abuse and neglect in Wake County. We have turned tears into smiles as we touched the lives of more than 20,000 children!

Annually, more than 250 volunteers keep SAFEchild's programs operating. SAFEchild is especially in need of bilingual English/Spanish-speaking volunteers.

You are invited to visit us at 864 West Morgan Street on January 25th or February 24th for a light lunch as we share information and stories about SAFEchild. This is **not** a fundraising event. It **is** an opportunity to see how we put into action the belief that every child deserves a happy childhood.

The 5th biennial Valentine Gala will be held Saturday evening, February 5th at Gregory's in Cary.

If you are interested in volunteering, joining us for lunch, or attending our valentine gala, please call SAFEchild at 743-1640 or visit us on the web at: www.safchildnc.org.

Pearls, Valued as a Gem

Tuesday, February 15, 2005 (9:30 am)
Home of Mary Rollins, 2500 Wake Drive, Raleigh, 781-9048



Charles Frank, Goldsmith, will speak at our February General Meeting. His topic is "Pearls, Valued as a Gem." We will see shanks of pearls in many styles and will learn the significance of their size, shape, luster, and color. Mr. Frank will give care tips, too. **This is a hands on opportunity to see and feel unique pearls and to learn all you want to know about your heirloom pearls.** Charles Frank is the largest pearl dealer in the southeast.

The program is tied to a RAFFLE benefiting the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation Scholars Fund. **Mr. Frank donated an 18-inch rope strand of white twin baton pearls valued at \$200, which we are raffling at \$10 per ticket or three tickets for \$25.**

The AMA Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the AMA, and in partnering with the AMA Alliance, awards tuition assistance to medical students through the Foundation's Scholars Fund. **All proceeds will be awarded to students attending North Carolina medical schools.**

Enter the Scholars Fund Raffle by completing the Raffle Ticket Order Form to the right and mailing it so that it will be received by the **February 12, 2005** deadline.

DIRECTIONS: From 440, take the Glenwood Ave S (70 East) exit toward downtown. Proceed on Glenwood Ave. to the intersection of Glenwood and St. Mary's Street. At the light, turn right onto St. Mary's and then right again immediately onto Wake Drive. 2500 is the first house on the right.

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Don't forget that the deadline for the February newsletter is January 15, 2005. See you in the new year!

AMA Scholars Fund Raffle

Sponsored by the
Wake County Medical Society Alliance

All proceeds benefit
AMA Foundation Scholars Fund

**RAFFLE PRIZE:
Pearls Of Great Interest
Value \$200.00**

Pearls donated by
Charles Frank, Goldsmith

\$10 per ticket
or
Three tickets for \$25

Winning ticket drawn
on Feb. 15, 2005
Need not be present to win!

DEADLINE:
Order form must be received by
Feb. 12, 2005

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YES!

- I want to purchase _____ raffle tickets at \$10 each.
- I want to purchase _____ raffle tickets at the price of three for \$25.

Total # of tickets: _____
Total \$: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Enclosed is my check payable to *Physician Family Foundation, Memo AMAF*. Mail to:

Physician Family Foundation
7309 New Forest Lane
Wake Forest, NC 27587

North Carolina Medical Society Alliance
WCMSA MD Connection
2500 Blue Ridge Road, Suite 312
Raleigh, NC 27607

Early 2005 Alliance Calendar

Don't forget about these other fun and exciting Alliance events! As always, look for more details in invitations in the mail or the next newsletter.

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2004-2005

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January 6 12:30 – 2:00 pm	BOARD MEETING Poe Center for Health Education
January 18 9:30 am	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: <i>Chico's</i> Chico's, Triangle Town Center, 5959 Triangle Town Blvd., Raleigh, 792-2252
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May 19 12:30 – 2:00 pm	JOINT BOARD MEETING Home of Susan Hammer
May 10	APPLAUSE LUNCHEON

