

LEE HENDRY COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY NEWS LETTER

Vol. II, No. 2

P. O. Box 159, Cape Coral, Florida

January 10, 1970

JANUARY MEETING: Monday, January 19, 1970 - Sheraton Inn, 7:30 PM dinner; 6:30 cocktails. NOTE: Even though Chicken Kiev (which was the December entree) is considered a gourmet item, our menu will be steak or prime rib from now on.

PROGRAM: John L. Buckingham, M. D., area coordinator for the Florida Regional Medical Program and Ingals Simmons, M. D. who will be in charge of the Program in Fort Myers will be the speakers at this January meeting. They will elaborate on the activities, goals, etc. of the Florida Regional Medical Program.

The dues checks are coming in nicely, but keep them coming. Both the remittance to the FMA and to the Blue Cross-Blue Shield office has to be made by your secretary by January 31. It is most important to keep your insurance coverage current.

In the interest of establishing closer lines of communication between the Board of Governors and the membership, thus apprising all members, (even though they are not present at the regular monthly meetings,) of the organizational activities, the Board of Governors voted at the January meeting to publish a resume of the minutes of each Board meeting in the NEWS LETTER, beginning with this January issue, as follows:

The treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$ 96.73 and Passbook Savings account balance of \$ 706.82 as of December 31, 1969.

The application of Dr. Norman Angel, having been approved by the Board of Censors, was recommended for admission to probationary status and will be presented to the membership for vote at the January meeting.

Note was made of the unsatisfactory method of transferring doctors' calls to the banquet room during the dinner meetings. Steps are being taken to correct this problem.

The Board discussed the forthcoming opening of the Ft. Myers office of the Florida Regional Medical Program and voted to invite Dr. Buckingham and Dr. Simmons to speak at the January meeting.

The remainder of the Board meeting was concerned with the most feasible method of disseminating information regarding Society business to the membership, with the resultant review of the minutes as given here.

DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR DINNER RESERVATION CARD EARLY.

DUES AND INSURANCE PAYMENTS ARE NOW PAYABLE

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

LEE HENDRY COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY NEWS LETTER

Vol. II, No. 3

P. O. BOX 159, Cape Coral, Florida February 6, 1970

FEBRUARY MEETING - Monday, February 16, 1970 -- Sheraton Inn, 7:30 PM dinner; cocktails 6:30.

Dr. Howington and Dr. Garner will review the highlights of the recent conference and work-shop for Presidents and Secretaries of Medical Societies which they attended in Orlando last month.

At the February Board Meeting the treasurer reported a balance of \$ 1,749.33 in the operating account. Some \$ 22,000.00 has passed through the treasurer's hands and has been dispensed to the proper organizations: Blue Cross for insurance coverage for members, FMA and AMA dues and the Medical Auxiliary for dues collected for their membership. The passbook savings account shows a balance of \$ 724.85, which includes \$ 18.03 interest earned this year on that account.

FMA advises us that now with 78 active members as of December 31, 1969, we are entitled to four delegates and four alternates for the 1970 House of Delegates. Therefore one more delegate and alternate must be elected at the February meeting in order to have our full representation to which we are entitled.

Members of the Board voiced some concern over the prospect of cancelling the Medical Forum. It was recommended by the Board that the decision be left to the the Society President, and if he should find it feasible to continue the Forum as a one-night program with the two speakers already committed, they (The Board) would support him .

The Lakeland Graduate Medical Assembly is sponsoring FRONTIERS OF MEDICINE 1970 February 18 through 20 in Lakeland, Florida. This has been approved for 14 hours of elective credit by the AAGP. Further information may be obtained from Lakeland Graduate Medical Assembly, P. O. Box 2335., Lakeland.

If any of you have any resolution which you wish presented to the House of Delegates at the May Convention, please have them ready for drafting at the February meeting. These must be received by FMA by March 10 in order to appear in the Handbook.

Glad to hear that Dr. Salko is out of the hospital and out among us again.

LEE HENDRY COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY NEWS LETTER

Vol. No. 4

P. O. Box 159, Cape Coral, Florida March 7, 1970

**MEETING:** Monday, March 16, 7:30 PM, Sheraton Inn, cocktails at 6:30  
Dinner at 7:30

**SPEAKER:** Mr. John Gadd, who will present a resumé of his testimony before Senator Hart's Committee. Mr. Gadd indicated that he would be glad to answer questions following his talk.

The treasurer reported a current balance of \$ 1,682.39 in the checking account and \$ 724.85 in the passbook savings account, as presented at the March Board of Governors Meeting.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that service clubs in the area are desirous of contributing toward the institution of facilities for dialysis treatment in the area. It was concluded that it might be wise to investigate the possibility of having a speaker from one of the medical centers address a group here regarding the feasibility, pitfalls, expense, etc. of establishing such treatment facilities.

Cancellation of the 1970 Forum has triggered considerable comment indicating the community's interest in this project. Thus the President announced that there would be a 1971 Medical Forum. The help and support of all members is earnestly solicited; to be specific, Will you volunteer to work on the committee?

The resolutions on pollution have been noted by the City and County Governments, and have been given space and time by the press and broadcasting media. These resolutions have been properly drafted and forwarded to the SBA for presentation to the House of Delegates in May. Dr. Joseph Isley will speak to the Cape Coral Kiwanians later this month on this whole subject of pollution, a further indication that the community is being made aware of the Medical Society's efforts in this connection.

Capitol Bulletin #4 from Tallahassee issues a call for volunteers for DOCTOR OF THE DAY to man the Capitol Dispensary for one day during the session April 7 to June 5. Your executive secretary has information and forms for anyone who is interested.

The Medical Auxiliary is working on plans for dinner dance to be held jointly with the Dental Society. More details on this later.

The Board discussed at length how the medical society could best serve the community. One possibility offered was that of providing financial aid to area medical students, with a view to encouraging their return to Lee County to practice.

Enclosed with this NEWS LETTER is a list of officers and committee chairmen for your use and reference.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION CARDS -- It's STEAK this month.

LEE HENDRY COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY NEWS LETTER

Vol. II No. 5. P. O. Box 159, Cape Coral, Florida April 10, 1970

APRIL MEETING: A FUN MEETING - DATE: April 20, 1970 - Sheraton Inn, 6:30 cocktails; 7:30 dinner. This is a joint meeting with the Medical Auxiliary. PROGRAM: A discussion and demonstration of "THE BAGPIPE" by Jimmy Wishart of Cape Coral. Jimmy is a master of this instrument and his colorful costume contributes substantially to his program.

NOTE: BE SURE THAT YOUR SECRETARIES CHECK WITH YOU AND INCLUDE YOUR WIFE ON THE RESERVATION CARD. THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT AS THE AUXILIARY ARE DEPENDING ON YOUR RESERVATION CARD FOR THEIR RESERVATIONS.

The treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$ 1,602.39 and a Savings account balance of \$ 724.85 as of March 31, 1970.

Some members have inquired about a disability type of insurance endorsed by the FMA. Investigation has resulted in the receipt of a few folders from the FMA covering such a plan. Your executive secretary has these on hand and more can be obtained if interest warrants.

President Garner is eager to be contacted by members who are convinced that the Medical Forum has merits, and willing to work toward this event for 1971. All volunteers step to the front, please!!

The 1970 House of Delegates Handbook is in the hands of our delegates, and Resolution #70-2 "Air and Water Pollution Legislation" sponsored by the Lee-Hendry County Medical Society is printed therein. The delegates will have been to the convention by the time your next edition of the NEWS LETTER reaches you, and we will hear their report later.

MAY 16, 1970 -- MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR. It is the night of the dinner dance at the Cape Coral Country Club -- held jointly with the Dental Society. Invitations and announcement in more detail later, according to the last word from the Medical Auxiliary.

May 6-10 -- Annual FMA meeting, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood-By-The-Sea.

WELCOME NEW SOCIETY MEMBERS: Drs. Norman Angel, Mordecai Haber and Felicitas Ritrosky.

RETURN YOUR RESERVATION CARD AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE and BE SURE TO INDICATE THE NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS. DONT JUST SIGN AND RETURN.

The Southwest Florida Comprehensive Health Planning Council, Inc. met on 8 April, with a view to reactivating the council. More will be forthcoming on this meeting.

MAY MEETING: May 18, 1970 - Sheraton Inn -- cocktails 6:30; dinner, 7:30  
SPEAKER: Marc Rowe, M. D., Department of Pediatrics, University of Miami School of Medicine. Dr. Rowe is a graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine, a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, specializing in Pediatrics and General Surgery.

THIS IS THE LAST GENERAL MEETING BEFORE THE SUMMER RECESS. HOPEFULLY THE ATTENDANCE WILL BE BETTER THAN AVERAGE.

At the May Board of Governors meeting the treasurer reported a balance of \$1,488.21, with a balance of \$ 724.85 in the passbook savings account.

The Society office has received some material, film strips, etc. relating to the recent TV program on health care in the U. S. This material has been passed on to local television stations for distribution. Use the phone to make of it.

President Garner read a letter to the Board from the Florida State Board of Public Instruction, commending all those in the medical profession who participated in the TeenAge Alert Program.

Furthering the investigation of sponsoring aid to medical students from the area, Dr. Garner reported that John Robinson, Associate Deac of Student Affairs at the University of Miami School of Medicine advised that there is a definite need for such assistance. He added that a list of deserving students is available from the office of Student Affairs.

The 1971 Medical Forum is back on the agenda! Dr. Joseph O'Bryan will serve as chairman of the committee, assisted by Drs. Howington and Baker. This committee will welcome any help or suggestions from the membership.

Your executive secretary has just received from AMA three weighty volumes packed with information which may be useful to your offices from time to time. Vol. I Alphabetical Index of all the Physicians in the U. S. who possess an M.D. degree. Vol. I-II A Geographical Register of Physicians (including U. S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Public Health Service & V. A.) together with such vital statistics as birth date, type of practice, specialty boards, year of license, society affiliations, etc. This handy reference is as close as your telephone.

Some members have inquired about FMA sponsored insurance programs. A few brochures are available covering accident, disability coverage, etc. A copy will be sent you on request.

Is there a philatelist in the house? "Medicine and Stamps" edited by two staff members of the Mayo Clinic is a collection of biographical vignettes of distinguished physicians who have been honored by a stamp issue. A copy is available for anyone who has time to indulge his hobby.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR RESERVATION TO Mrs. Susan Kyle FOR THE DINNER DANCE May 16, at the Cape Coral Country Club?

WELCOME BACK -- and now we bring you up to date:

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Sept. 21, 1970. SHERATON INN -- cocktails at 6:30; dinner at 7:30. Now BRACE YOURSELVES: rising food costs have struck an ugly blow. Dinner -- of the same quality as we have been having, with prime rib and steak on alternate months -- will cost us 50¢ more, a total of \$ 6.50. Your Exec. Sec'y. has checked all the available, appropriate meeting places and the Sheraton still offers us the best deal.

THE PROGRAM: this will be an "old fashioned, discussion, air-your-problem" sort of meeting. Try to be on hand. The potpourri may prove to be more interesting "than you think".

The Board of Censors has had a busy summer: six new applications for membership have been processed, approved, and recommended by the Board for acceptance. These, along with three requests for change of status from probationary to active, will be voted upon at the September meeting.

Your Board of Governors has continued to meet during the summer. They currently report a bank balance of \$ 1,067.77 and a Savings account of \$ 743.04.

President Garner has appointed a separate Peer Utilization Committee with Stewart Hagen as Chairman, assisted by Dr. John Agnew. Considerable work will be forthcoming for them during the next few months.

A group of young nurses with small children are endeavoring to make their services available on a part time basis, either in the home or doing relief work in a doctor's office. Mrs. James Yaufman is spearheading this project. The Board expressed their unofficial approval of their efforts.

BOUQUETS TO THE MEDICAL AUXILIARY -- for their efforts in perpetuating a scholarship fund for nursing students, and for their work in the Mental Health Clinic. These girls are a hard working bunch, and the Board recognizes and appreciates their labors.

OTHER BOARD OF GOVERNORS BUSINESS FOR THE SOCIETY'S CONSIDERATION:

The FMA Board of Governors requests each society to advise them of any problems encountered in its area re: inadequacy of fees, verification of eligibility of recipients, etc. in the handling of the Title XIX Program (Medicaid). Please think this over and be ready with your comments.

It has been suggested that a major project for the coming year might be relative to the sewer situation in Lee County. This would be a part of the Anti-Pollution Program already in existence. Our Resolution #70-2 "Air and Water Pollution Legislation" was passed by the 1970 FMA House of Delegates.

Florida Heart Assoc. announces 1970-71 Research Fellowships and Grants. Deadline for applications, October 1, 1970. Call your secretary for details.

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OCTOBER MEETING: Monday, October 19, 1970, dinner: 7:30 Cocktails: 6:30  
SPEAKER: Leonard T. Furlow, Jr., M. D., Ass't. Professor of Plastic and  
Reconstructive Surgery, University of Florida: Subject: Surgery of The  
Hand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES:

A comprehensive training course in coronary care for physicians is being offered by the Univ. of Miami School of Medicine at Jackson Memorial Hosp., The Florida Heart Assoc. and The Florida Regional Medical Program, with courses scheduled from September 1 through May 29, 1971, with six days of comprehensive lectures and training. Expenses up to \$25.00 per day will be picked up by the Regional Medical Program. For further details call your executive secretary or write Fla. Heart Assoc., P.O. Box 10100, St. Petersburg, Fla.

NOTE TO MEDICAL ASSISTANTS: Lee-Hendry Co. Medical Assistants Assoc. is holding its second educational seminar October 24, 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM, at the Sheraton Inn. A most informative program has been prepared with local speakers from the medical and legal profession, and Sheriff's Department. DOCTORS, urge your employees to attend. Information available from Mrs. Teve Williams, President.

NEW BOOK: Effective Medical Assisting, published by Wm. C. Brown Co., 135 South Locust St., Dubuque, Iowa, covering such topics as: Administration of the Business office, Clinical Knowledge, Elementary Medical Knowledge, People and Personnel: The Human Element, Medical Law.

WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERSHIP: Drs. Fancy, Gamse, Hoagland, Puglisi, Rowlette and Thompson. We look forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings.

PLEASE NOTE THE ENCLOSURE FROM W. L. DAWSON, M. D.

The nominating committee presents the following candidates for your consideration, election of officers to be held at the NOVEMBER meeting:

PRES ELECT: Drs. Stewart Hagen, Joseph Isley, Michael Kyle

SEC'Y: Drs. John Butler, Michael Lowrey

TREAS: Drs. W. L. Dawson, Seneca Ferry, Michael Morgan

BOARD OF

CENSORS: Drs. Howington and Hughes (elect two) to replace 2 men who go off the Board this year.

BOARD OF

GOVERNORS: The candidate who has the 2nd highest vote for Pres. Elect (as noted above)

CHAIRMAN OF GRIEVANCE COMM: Dr. Jack Warnock

FMA DELEGATES: Drs. Salke, Payne, Garrett, Howington

ALTERNATES: Drs. Garner, S. Hagen, Rawl, Kyle

BE SURE TO RETURN YOUR RESERVATION CARD PROMPTLY

NOW HEAR THIS: CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE FOR NOVEMBER MEETING, only Monday November 16, 1970. TIME: 7:30. DINNER ONLY, no cocktail hour; PLACE: Lee Memorial Hospital dining room. A steak dinner will be served in the private dining room, duplicating our regular menu -- appetizer through dessert -- cost: \$ 5.00. Due to circumstances beyond your secretary's control involving a prior commitment of the Sheraton for a large crowd made last summer they are unable to take us for this one night.

NOW AGAIN HEAR THIS: SPEAKER: Carl Goldsmith, M. D., Chief of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, University of Miami School of Medicine, who will speak on a topic of general interest.

AND AGAIN: Election of officers. The list of candidates has appeared in the previous NEWS LETTER. Ballots will be distributed to the voting members as they come in to dinner. Nominations may be made from the floor, and we will attempt to expedite the voting as smoothly as possible, with no sacrifice of our speaker's time.

Some interest has been shown in the courses in Coronary Care being given at the University of Miami. Brochures are available from your secretary.

News item: Did you know about the Paramedical Club at Cypress Lake High School under the sponsorship of Marvin Etheridge, a teacher at Cypress Lake? He reports that there are about 20 students in the group, ranging in ages from nine to twelve, mostly girls, but a few boys. Their interest is in a medical oriented career, apparently in the hospital field -- not public health. Mr. Etheridge demonstrates considerable interest and enthusiasm in his club and is planning a series of interesting programs for the year.

PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATION CARDS IN EARLY. WE MUST GUARANTEE THE HOSPITAL 36 DINNERS. ALSO THEY NEED TO RUN ON A TIME SCHEDULE, SO WE NEED TO OBSERVE THE 7:30 starting hour.

VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE ON ELECTION NIGHT



VOL III, No. 1

P. O. Box 159, Cape Coral, Florida December 7, 1970

DECEMBER MEETING: Sheraton Inn, DECEMBER 21, 1970: Cocktails, 6:30 and dinner at 7:30 PM.

SPEAKER: W.J. Taylor, M. D., Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Florida. SUBJECT: THE SURGICAL APPROACH TO CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE. A communication will be in the mail later this week giving more details on the program.

PLEASE NOTE: Enclosed herewith is a copy of the PROPOSED 1971 BUDGET. This will be presented to the Society for vote, but the Board felt that you all would like an opportunity to study it in advance.

The treasurer reported a balance forward as of Dec 1, 1970 of \$742.69 in the checking account and \$752.46 in the passbook savings account. The Board recommended that the \$500.00 in the passbook savings account be converted to a Certificate of Deposit, thereby earning a little more interest. The executive secretary was directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Lee County Bank.

President Rawl is in the process of making committee chairmen appointments and the list of officers and committees will be distributed to each of you in the very near future.

The possibility of securing funds from the office of Dr. Ingalls Simmons for defraying speakers' expenses was discussed and he will be contacted about this.

Dr. Stewart Hagen has some information on a beeper-communications system which was of interest to the Board and Dr. Hagen will present this in detail to the Society. This is a voice-beeper type of system and full information will be made available to you.

There are still a number of brochures available on the Coronary Care Course.

The 13th Annual Conference of Presidents and Secretaries will be held in Orlando, January 30-31, 1971.

IMPORTANT: If any probationary members have now served their full year as such and have not requested change of status, please send your request in at once, so that the change can be made on the NOTICE OF DUES which will go in the mail January 1st, 1971. The request should be directed to the Chairman, Board of Censors, P. O. Box 159, Cape Coral.

Your Executive Secretary takes this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy and Rewarding New Year,

It is hoped that even though the calendar threw us a curve in placing the third Monday in such a busy week, a goodly number will be on hand for the December 21st program.

PLEASE SEND IN RESERVATION CARDS PROMPTLY & CANCEL IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT.