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SEPTEMBER MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The September meeting of the Lee County Medical Society will have a slightly different format. Instead of the usual sit down meeting, we'll be gathering at the Health Education Center of Southwest Florida, Inc. for a delicious buffet and exquisite desserts. The Health Education Center, a not-for-profit teaching museum located at HealthPark, will also be offering tours for members, spouses, and guests. The dynamic facility uses innovative exhibits to educate people of all ages about health issues. It offers a tremendous resource to our area, especially to our children and seniors. Don't miss this opportunity to join with the Lee County physicians and their guests for a fun and informative meeting. ◆

The Lee County Medical Society
Invites you and your guest
To join us for our first fall meeting
Including buffet and exquisite desserts
Monday, September 18, 1995 at
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at the Health Education Center
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A special "thank-you" to Ms. Patty (James) Borden of the LCMS Alliance, and Northern Trust Bank for putting together this event!

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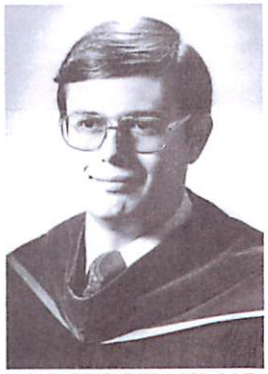

RONALD J. DELANS, M.D.
(Graduation Day)

IS THERE MORALITY IN THE MANAGED CARE MARKETPLACE?

Recently I was invited to speak at a forum on managed Medicare. The forum was sponsored by the State of Florida's Division of Elderly Affairs. Speakers at the forum included myself, representing physicians and organized medicine; several Medicare HMO's, including Humana and PCA, along with various representatives of the Division of Elderly Affairs. We were each asked to comment on the future of managed Medicare. The forum's purpose was to educate senior citizens on how Medicare would be changing over the next few years, and how it would affect them.

You can imagine what I had to say. Clearly, when I had finished, greater truth had never been spoken. But you should have heard the representatives, or should I say salespersons, from the Humana and PCA HMO's. For me, it was a real eye-opener. They were as charm-

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CME PROGRAMS

RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Five (5) CME Hours - Saturday, September 23, 1995, 7:30 a.m. Registration; Program 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center Auditorium. Cost: $80.00 member; $100.00 nonmember. *Presented by Florida Physicians Insurance Co.*

HIV/AIDS SEMINAR

Two (2) CME Hours - Saturday, September 23, 1995, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center Auditorium. Cost: $50.00 member; $75.00 nonmember. *Speaker: Michael C. Bach, M.D. Grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb.*

Both programs jointly sponsored by the Florida Medical Foundation Committee on CME for Category 1 credit hours of the Physicians Recognition Award of the AMA. ◆

AS I RECALL...

ROGER D. SCOTT, M.D.

DISASTER AND NEAR DISASTER

For the inhabitants of Lee County (approximately 50,000), September 10, 1960 is a long-remembered date as this was the day of Hurricane Donna's visit to Fort Myers. When the hurricane hit, winds from the East with torrential rains, literally blew all the water out of the Caloosahatchee River except for three-four feet of water in the channel, making this the only time I'm aware that one could walk from the shore to the channel without having to wade in water, only sticky mud. The eye of the hurricane was one of the longest recorded, approximately 1 1/2 hours - normally about a fifteen to thirty minute eye is expected. After the massive wind and rain from the first side of the hurricane, everything became still and dry for an hour and a half. We were able to go outside and walk around, but stayed very close to the house. The eye of the storm passed directly over Fort Myers. A deputy sheriff came to my home on Shadow Lane and stated that I was needed at the hospital immediately. During the actual hurricane one could not go anywhere and I gathered that during the calm, casualties had been taken to the hospital. There were only two full-time surgeons in town at that time. Phone lines and electric lines were down and

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MEMORIAL

INGALLS H. SIMMONS, M.D., M.P.H.

JUNE 6, 1916 - AUGUST 10, 1995

Dr. Simmons joined the LCMS in September 1970 as a retired Colonel of the U.S. Army Medical Corps for 27 years. He received his medical degree from Tuft's University School of Medicine, Boston, Mass. In 1949 he received his Master's in Public Health from Howard University. He was Board Certified by the American Board of Preventative Medicine and had numerous articles on public health published in national journals such as the JAMA.

Upon his retirement to Florida in 1970, he joined the Department of HRS in their medicaid program as a reviewer and was still active until his death. He served on the Edison Regional Blood Bank Board and constantly worked with many community organizations on Sanibel and Fort Myers.

Dr. Simmons was a dedicated family man with firm personal and professional integrity, and an abiding interest in the affairs of our community.

Cards and letters of sympathy may be sent to his lovely wife, Patricia, at 4733 Rue Royale, Sanibel, FL 33957. ◆

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The Editors welcome contributions from the members. Opinions expressed in the BULLETIN are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect policies of the Society.

PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Dr. David Shapiro and his lovely bride, Debbie, who tied the knot recently! They vacationed and honeymooned in Montana -- must'a been a great vacation! ◆

THE LEGAL DOCTOR NOW AVAILABLE!

The FMA Division of Legal Affairs has published *The Legal Doctor, Essays and Information on Medico-Legal Issues*. Some of the topics covered: closing/relocating a practice; ethics on capitation; medical records; and patient/physician relationships. It also contains medico-legal articles and forms to assist physician offices with issues that frequently arise in a medical practice. To obtain a copy, send a check ($5 for FMA members, $10 for non-members), payable to the *Florida Medical Association*, to Division of Legal Affairs, P.O. Box 2411, Jacksonville, FL 32203. ◆

LICENSING OF PHYSICIAN OFFICE LABORATORIES

As of September 1, 1992, all facilities performing clinical laboratory testing, including physician office labs, were required to register with the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement (CLIA '88) program. Additionally, on October 1, 1993 all facilities performing clinical laboratory testing were required to be licensed under Part 1, Chapter 483, Florida Statutes. Requirements for CLIA and state licensure are separate, and previously unregulated office labs are often left in the dark with little or no guidance.

A brochure by the Florida Medical Association and the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has been developed for physician office laboratories. Each section is designed to assist physicians in complying with licensure requirements. Contact the AHCA for a copy.

You are encouraged to call the AHCA laboratory unit staff with any questions regarding state or CLIA licensure at (904) 487-3060, or contact Judy Cooper at the FMA Capital Office, 1-800-762-0233. ◆

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

With the issue of domestic violence receiving headlines over the past several years, there has been renewed interest in the obligations of a physician to report suspected and known cases of domestic violence. Fortunately, Florida law is explicit with regard to the obligations of a physician to report suspected domestic violence, although the laws do differ with regard to child abuse, spousal abuse and elder abuse. The one common theme, however, is that virtually any known abuse must be reported to the appropriate authorities.

With regard to child and elder abuse, the laws are virtually identical. Chapter 415 of the Florida Statutes states that any physician "who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect," that a child or elderly person is abused must report this fact to the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (for purposes of defining an elderly person, the statute refers to those of age 60 or older). It should also be noted that the physician's name will not be given to the accused, but may only be used by HRS employees actually involved in the investigation and the State Attorney's Office.

With regard to spousal abuse, there is no statute which directly requires a physician to report suspected spousal abuse. Nevertheless, Chapter 790 of the Florida Statutes requires a physician who **knowingly** treats "a gunshot wound or other wound indicating violence" to report the wound to the local sheriff. Significance must be attached to the use of the word "knowingly" in this statute, as it requires a physician to have actual knowledge of the violence, as opposed to having a mere suspicion. In addition, the physician must be treating the wound resulting from the violence, and may not report a wound discovered during treatment for another ailment. Should the physician knowingly treat such a wound, the physician is obligated to report this fact to the sheriff's department.

The social problem of domestic violence is not one which can be addressed solely by physicians, yet the legislature has attempted to require physicians to receive instruction on domestic violence as a mandatory portion of the physician's continuing medical education. While the FMA will oppose any mandatory addition to the CME requirement, the organization recognizes that domestic violence and the physician's response to such violence are critical issues which must be addressed not only by the legislature, but by society in general.

See insert in this newsletter on CME requirements and ways in which you may fulfill them. ◆

Christopher L. NuLand, Esq.
Associate General Counsel, FMA

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ing as Johnny Carson and as slick as Bill Clinton. Their presentations went a little bit like this:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, coming to Fort Myers in early 1996, is the best thing since sliced bread. Yes, you're right: Medicare HMO's! Finally, you will be able to escape the reckless and outrageously expensive health care you have been subjected to. Finally, sanity and fairness will be coming to our town. Soon you will be able to get comprehensive, top-quality, well-managed healthcare and you won't need co-insurance. There will be no costly out-of-pocket expenses -- just some simple, inexpensive co-pays."

It was the old "a lot more for a lot less" sales pitch. It sounded so good, I almost couldn't wait to turn 65 and sign up for a Medicare HMO, and I can afford indemnity insurance. Most of the people in the audience, however, cannot.

Clearly, this forum like many others represents the healthcare marketplace in action. Different salesmen selling their products, in this case healthcare. But should healthcare be subject to the values of the marketplace? This question has not been clearly answered, and far too many of our healthcare leaders have assumed it as a fait accompli and simply have decided that the only question left is how to work within the system.

Market-driven managed care will create conflicts that threaten our historic professionalism. Our patients demand the very best in healthcare. They want rapid and accurate diagnosis, clearly outlined treatment options, and the best possible outcomes medicine can provide. Our job is to be their advocate in the pursuit of these goals. However, our new bosses, the managed care companies, want us to limit use of those services, shorten hospital stays, use high-tech facilities sparingly, and call upon physician specialists rarely. Clearly, we as physicians will be forced to choose between the best interests of our patients and our own economic survival.

What the Medicare HMO's don't explain to their potential enrollees, is how compensation to physicians and hospitals is structured. If the patients had a thorough understanding, then patient confidence in their doctors would be threatened. Early in the course of restructured incentives, professional ethics probably have protected the patients' access to quality care. However, as managed care becomes more pervasive and capitation becomes more dominant, I suspect that incentives for physicians to maintain their contracts will grow. It is possible that increasing numbers of physicians in capitated systems may not provide all the services they should, and may not always be the patients' advocates. They may be reluctant to challenge the rules and edicts of an HMO or capitated plan, for fear of non-renewal without cause aspects of their contracts.

The healthcare marketplace is not only physicians and hospitals competing for contracts with managed care companies; it also is managed care plans competing among themselves for business. At the present time, most health plans look alike in regards to benefits and quality to employers. Therefore, cost and cost alone drives the business. If this is true, then to lower cost and look more appealing to employers, health plans will have to cut services. Clearly, services of uncertain or limited benefit will be cut first. Even quality plans will be forced to cut services to compete -- and guess who gets to do the dirty work? You've got it: the physician. In fact, some managed care contracts already forbid physicians to discuss or disclose the existence of services not covered by the plan. Once again, the Medicare HMO will advertise in the marketplace that they will provide "only the highest quality healthcare" while their operatives devise contracts that handcuff physicians and hospitals more and more. The managed care plans will slowly and quietly cut services to compete with their rivals, and only the physicians and a few others will know. Will we end up with an "evidence-based medicine" where only treatments that are known to be efficacious or cost-effective are paid for and all other care is rationed?

If we accept that healthcare is just another commodity and we are mere facilitators of the process, it won't be long before morality and professionalism in medicine are ancient concepts. ◆

THE QUESTION MAN

OPINIONS - EDITORIALS
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
John W. Snead, M.D.

"SHOULD DR.'s CME BE MANDATED BY LEGISLATORS TO CURE SOCIAL ILLS?"

Trevor Elmquist, D.O. (Ophthalmology)

"Absolutely not. Has any social ill been cured by licensure threat? Many social ills exist, but this manipulation of the medical profession for social change is not the answer. Doctors need to have continuing education as they always have, but who decides the content of the education?"

F.L. Howington, M.D. (Obstetrics/ Gynecology)

"CME requirements should be under the area of the Board of Medicine and Specialty Board. The legislative role is one providing funding and administrative results (i.e., Department of Public Health, Board of Medicine, etc.) for the protection of the citizens' health."

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Michael W. Rosenberg, M.D. (General Surgery)

"I believe that the only function of continuing medical education is to improve the quality of care that we as physicians render to our patients. If the CME does not meet this requirement then physicians should not be compelled by the legislature to participate in such a program."

"SHOULD RESIDENCY SLOTS BE LIMITED?"

Piedade O. Silva, M.D. (Pediatrics)

"The number of residency slots available should reflect the actual need of physicians in the community at large and should reflect this need by ***specialty.*** *The availability of slots should be evaluated frequently (i.e., every 3-5 years)."*

Kevin M. Fleishman, M.D. (Obstetrics/ Gynecology)

"YES!"

Andree A. Dadrat, M.D. (Gastroenterology)

"My answer would be no. Unfortunately, in reality they are, since there is a finite number of training institutions with a limited number of places available to medical students. If any control needs to be exerted at all, it should be at entry level, i.e., medical school and not halfway through the education at residency level."

OCTOBER'S QUESTION

"WHAT CAN DOCTORS DO TO LIMIT THEIR LIABILITY FOR PROBLEMS CAUSED BY MANAGED CARE?"

Send your comments to the Medical Society. Bulletin deadline is the 15th of each month... we want to see you in the print media! ◆

SOCIETY HAS NOTARY PUBLIC LICENSE

Many forms today in the medical practice need to be notarized. The Society's Executive Director, Ann Wilke, will be available to perform this service. ◆

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

Application for Membership

Active members are requested to express to the Committee on Ethical & Judicial Affairs or P[illegible] of Governors any information or opinions they may have concerning the eligibility of [illegible]plicants.

DAVID R. AXLINE, M.D. - CARDIOLOGY/INTERNAL MEDICINE

Dr. Axline was born in Cambridge, Ohio. **Medical School:** University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1984-88). **Internship:** Hospital of The University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1988-89). **Residency:** Hospital of The University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1989-91). **Fellowship:** University of Massachusetts Medical Center; Worchester, Massachusetts (1991-94). **Board Certifications:** American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Axline is an associate with Southwest Florida Heart Group, located at 8540 College Parkway. ◆

THOMAS F. MATTRAS, M.D. - INTERNAL MEDICINE

Dr. Mattras was born in Washington, DC. **Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine; Baltimore, Maryland (1988-92). **Internship:** University of Maryland Medical Systems; Baltimore, Maryland (1992-93). **Residency:** University of Maryland Medical Systems; Baltimore, Maryland (1993-95). Dr. Mattras is an associate with Internal Medicine Associates located at 2675 Winkler Avenue, Fort Myers. ◆

CHARLES M. McCURDY, M.D. - PERINATOLOGY

Dr. McCurdy was born in Gainsville, Florida. **Medical School:** University of Florida School of Medicine (1982). **Internship:** Naval Hospital Portsmouth; Portsmouth, Virginia (1984-85). **Residency:** Naval Hospital Portsmouth; Portsmouth, Virginia (1985-88). **Fellowship:** University of Arizona, Maternal Fetal Medicine (1991-93). **Board Certification:** American Board in Obstetrics/Gynecology. Dr. McCurdy was a Lt. Commander in the United States Navy. He has a solo practice located at 9981 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers. ◆

DONALD R. McALPINE, M.D. - PULMONARY

Dr. McAlpine was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. **Medical School:** University of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico (1980-87). **Internship:** Presbyterian Medical Center; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1990-91). **Residency:** Presbyterian Medical Center; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1991-93). **Fellowship:** Presbyterian Medical Center; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1993-95). **Board Certification:** American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. McAlpine is an associate with Internal Medicine Associates located at 2675 Winkler Avenue, Fort Myers. ◆

DAVID M. GUTSTEIN, M.D. - GASTROENTEROLOGY

Dr. Gutstein was born in Huntington, New York. **Medical School:** New York School of Medicine; New York (1982-87). **Internship:** Beth Israel Hospital; Boston, Massachusetts (1988-89). **Residency:** Beth Israel Hospital; Boston, Massachusetts (1989-90). **Fellowship:** Beth Israel Hospital; Boston, Massachusetts (1990-92). **Board Certification:** American Board of Gastroenterology. Dr. Gutstein is an associate with Consultants in Digestive Health located at 12700 Creekside Lane, Fort Myers. ◆

MICHAEL B. MARCHILDON, M.D. - PEDIATRIC SURGERY

Dr. Marchildon was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. **Medical School:** Stanford University School of Medicine; Stanford, California (1963-68). **Internship:** Johns Hopkins Hospital; Maryland (1968-69). **Residency:** Johns Hopkins Hospital; Maryland (1969-70). **Fellowship:** New York University/Bellevue; New York (1970-73); Children's Hospital of Los Angeles; California (1973). **Board Certifications:** American Board of Surgery. Dr. Marchildon is an associate with Nemours Children's Clinic located at 9800 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers. ◆

WOMEN IN MEDICINE

Lee County Medical Society would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the women physicians of our organization who work on its behalf and who contribute to the well being of our community. September has been designated as Women in Medicine Month by the American Medical Association.

E. Joy Arpin, M.D.	Heather V. Auld, M.D.	Eleanor C. Blitzer, M.D.	Mary C. Blue, M.D.
Loretta A. Cantilli, M.D.	Mary Charlton, M.D.	Jane A. Daniel, M.D.	Christina M. Diaz, M.D.
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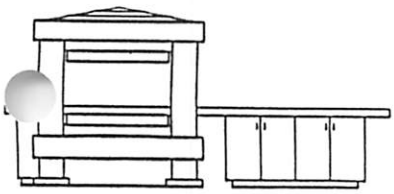

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there was no communication except through the emergency facilities of the Sheriff's Office, etc. I rapidly packed up my family (wife and three children), locked the house and headed for Lee Memorial. It was extremely difficult to get down the street due to fallen trees, limbs, debris and wires, but I finally made it as far as McGregor and Shadow Lane. As we headed towards the hospital on McGregor, the wind increased significantly and since the road was blocked we returned home. The trip took about 30 minutes to go a distance of 1 mile, sometimes driving across lawns and off the road, making the trip impossible. We were fortunate to get back home just before the back side of the storm struck in full force. As soon as the storm was over, I did get to the hospital and no one there knew of any emergency, nor had I been summoned. This was ironic because I had felt so badly about not being able to go to help others, but in essence had risked my family's lives in the attempt.

Fort Myers had not had a major hurricane for some years prior to Donna; building contractors had become very lax in some of their construction, resulting in considerable structural damage. One sub-division in East Fort Myers lost 90% of its roofs, and upon later inspection was found to have been of extremely faulty construction. Fortunately, I think only 5 people died - one being a truck driver crossing the old Edison Bridge (which was the only bridge). Heavy damage did occur at Fort Myers Beach and the islands, but we fared quite well with only minor damage to the majority of structures and certainly little damage to life. Donna was a significant storm and we have been fortunate to have had no severe storms since, but for all of you who are new in the community, heed the warnings when they come because the "big one" may hit again.

Near disaster occurred from July until October of 1962, about two years after Hurricane Donna. This was a trying time during the Cuban missile crisis, when Cuba was being heavily fortified with armed missiles and atomic warheads. Many Russian bombers had been moved into Cuba, making it a little island bristling with offensive weapons of war, although Castro denied this. Only about 86 miles from Key West and 120 miles from Fort Myers was this tremendous Soviet build-up which posed a very significant threat to Fort Myers, being half-way between Homestead Air Force Base and MacDill Air Force base, two key striking bases against Cuba should the need arise. The entire state of Florida and the Eastern seaboard fell within range of these missiles and bombers - I don't know if the entire nation took much heed of what was going on in Cuba, but we in Fort Myers and Florida were exceedingly aware of the possibility of a nuclear war. Home bomb shelters were being advertised in the paper, and a number of people did put these in. The only two doctors that I'm aware of who had home bomb shelters were Joe Isley (Radiologist) and Frank Bryan, but there were likely others who chose to keep their existence a secret.

My home had a long, wide central hallway that could be closed off from the remainder of the house and the exterior. In the tall attic we placed solid cement blocks over the entire attic floor covering the hallway and beyond, and then had tape for sealing the doors to this hallway. There was a three foot underground passageway from the hall side of the house opening into the utility room area which would allow fresh air to come in. In addition, I purchased a blacksmith's bellows, a hand-crank type of fan that had a connecting pipe that could be connected into this system. We had food, water, some medicines, blankets, slop jars (if you're not from the country you may not know what a slop jar is, but I'll be happy to explain it if you care to ask), and other necessities. During this period of the missile crisis, I had a recurring nightmare of shooting over my cement wall around the pool as Cuban gunboats came up the Caloosahatchee River to land near my house. I haven't had any nightmares, or very few since then, and fortunately they did not come true.

We have been blessed in this country to have had no foreign invasions of the continental U.S. since the war of 1812; the only occurrence during World War II were a few Japanese balloons carrying explosives landing in the Pacific Northwest, causing no damage. Let's hope for a peaceful future. ◆

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LEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE/ FOUNDATION NEWS

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Barrow, Corresponding Secretary

WELCOME BRUNCH

.ember 6th marked the date for this year's welcome brunch held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Barrow. Tables overflowed with fresh flowers and delicious food. "Welcome packets" with information on the Alliance and the Lee Community were distributed to all new guests. All who attended enjoyed a fun filled morning, making new friends, and sharing great food. ◆

FALL FASHION SHOW

To kick off our Golden Anniversary Year as an Alliance, the Annual Fall Fashion Show and General Meeting will be held on September 18th at 11:00 a.m. at Smitty's on McGregor Blvd. (formerly McGregors). As always, guests are welcomed. For more information or to RSVP, contact Harriet Lipschutz at 481-1493. ◆

FMAA AWARDS

In June Lee County won three awards at the FMAA Annual Meeting held in Miami.

*FMAA Membership Award *AMAA Membership Award

*Best Fund Raiser for our Charity Ball

Congratulations to Past President Kerry Pry and her board for an outstanding job! ◆

SUPPER CLUB PLANS

The Lee County Medical Society Alliance will kick off its fall schedule with dinner at Iguana Mia on September 23 at 6:00 p.m. **R.S.V.P.'s are required** so please call Nancy Barrow at 768-3394. If you would like to be a part of the planning process for the supper club or want general information, please contact Victoria Sweet at 481-5797. Everyone is welcome! ◆

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR A FUN TIME!

The Supper Club will be meeting at Anthony's on the Gulf on November 18 at 7:00 p.m. R.S.V.P.'s are required so please call Frankie Margolin at 561-2947. Everyone needs a chance to relax with supportive friends and this should be the chance to do it! If you would like to be a part of the planning process for the supper club or want general information, please contact Victoria Sweet at 481-5797. Everyone is welcome! ◆

FIRST ANNUAL LEGAL-MEDICAL CHALLENGE CUP

"THE BATTLE OF THE PROFESSIONS"

Sat., Nov. 4, 1995–1:00 p.m. Shotgun–Gateway Golf & Country Club–$125/team
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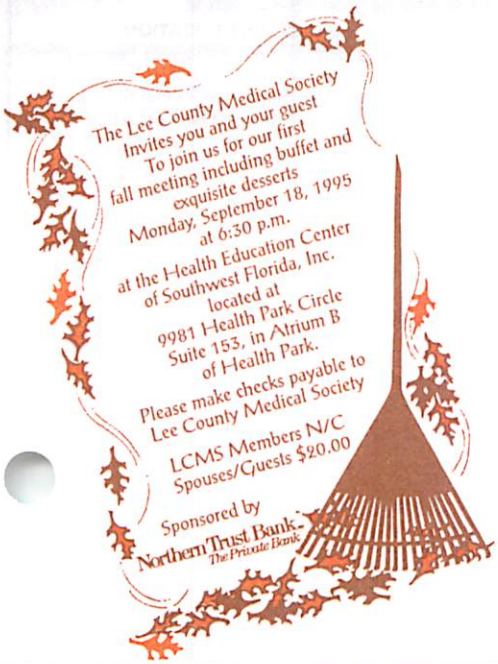

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