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DOCTOR CHARLES A. CRANS NAMED 2009 DISTINGUISHED PHYSICIAN



Doctor Charles A. Crans was named 2009 Distinguished Physician by the Mahoning County Medical Society and presented with a plaque commemorating the honor at the Annual Meeting of the Society on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at the Grand Lobby of Powers Auditorium. Presenting the award to Dr. Crans were Dr. Karl Wieneke and Dr. John Turner, longtime friends and colleagues of Dr. Crans. Dr. Crans was joined by his wife, Teresa, son Dr. David Crans, daughters Darlene Brown and Donna Esterly, son-in-law Ron Brown, and grandson Ronnie Brown.

Dr. Wieneke and Dr. Turner, with whom Dr. Crans practiced general surgery, told of Dr. Crans' many accomplishments and awards. Dr. Turner pronounced an Irish Blessing on the honoree. Dr. Crans' daughter, Donna Esterly, then told the "Top Ten Things You Probably Don't Know About My Father" to the delight of all.

Dr. Crans joined Drs. Nelson, Flynn and Turner upon completion of this military service in the United States Navy where he attained the rank of Lt. Commander. During his service he was stationed at San Diego Naval Hospital, aboard the hospital ship U.S.S. Sanctuary off the Republic of Vietnam, and at Jacksonville Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, FL.

Born in Braddock, PA, Dr. Crans graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He served an internship at McKeesport Hospital and later completed a residency in general surgery at Youngstown Hospital Association. In 1979, Dr. Crans was appointed Chief of Surgery of Youngstown Hospital Association Northside and Southside Hospitals.

Dr. Crans served as president of the Mahoning County Medical Society in 2007 and 2008. He and his wife Teresa have five grown children and 11 grandchildren. They reside in Canfield and are active in St. Christine Church.

Also honored at the dinner were the recipients of the Ohio State Medical Association Fifty Years in Medicine Award. Honored were Dr. B. Patrick Brucoli, Dr. John J. Buckley, Sr., Dr. D. James Dallis (posthumously), Dr. Nicholas DePizzo, Sr., Dr. Earl Ebie and Dr. Sadiq Husain.

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CALENDAR

<i>May 5, 2010</i>	<i>Walking with Dinosaurs, Covelli Centre</i>
<i>May 8, 2010</i>	<i>R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Mixer & Art Auction, Upstairs Lounge</i>
<i>May 13, 2010</i>	<i>Women's Heart Day, Covelli Centre</i>
<i>May 20, 2010</i>	<i>Practice Managers' Meeting, Shepherd of the Valley</i>
<i>June 24, 2010</i>	<i>Annual OSHA Update, Antone's Banquet Center</i>

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Hijacked Healthcare

Last month, our politicians in Washington passed a far reaching “Healthcare Reform Bill.” This huge piece of legislation was debated hotly in the media and in Washington, although I would think that most of the talking was done by people who hadn’t even read the bill. Of even greater concern is that most of the legislators voting on this bill, in an honest moment (wait, is that an oxymoron?), had not read this bill in its entirety either. The worst offense though, comes from US!

How many of US read this bill....even part of it.....before forming an opinion on our support of it? Better yet, how many of us have STILL not read the bill? We as physicians may be the most apathetic bunch of professionals out there. The most significant legislation to affect our livelihood in decades just became law, and yet we sit by and wait to “see what is going to happen.” We delegate our opinions to “organized medicine” groups in hopes that they will “be our voice.” Well, I got news for you...they are NOT our voice, and the sooner we recognize this the better!

According to the American Medical Association’s (AMA) own statistics, approximately 20% of all physicians are members. In reality, this is a misleading number. Of ALL AMA members, about 30% are either students or residents. Also, they don’t break down the remaining 70% enough to tell us how many of them are retired or no longer in practice. I’m not a whiz at statistical math, but what I know is that a VERY SMALL percentage of practicing physicians are members of the AMA. As a result, we are being “represented” in Washington by a group that does not even have a majority of physicians as members.

Some may take this as an argument to “join the AMA today!” I, however, feel the AMA had their chance and blew it. On the single most sweeping legislation in medicine since I have been in practice, they have failed. They failed to get any national tort reform. They failed to fix the SGR. They failed to affect any real cost control measures in the system. Instead, they bowed to the administration to “get a seat at the table” of discussion. I wonder what was even discussed? It seems that lately the AMA seems more focused on issues concerning the general population of citizens than representing the needs of practicing physicians.

It’s time for a NEW PHYSICIAN’S UNION! Name it whatever you like....but physicians need a new group that can truly represent OUR voice. No longer can we stand by hoping for “things to work themselves out.” There are already a few grassroots groups that have started, and I hope that one of these can emerge as the new voice of doctors in America. It can ONLY happen though, if we get off our caudal ends and DO something. Call a senator. Call a congressional representative. Donate to a PAC you feel is doing some good. JUST DO SOMETHING! If we continue our slumber in the back of the plane, we are going to wake up and find out that our entire lives have been hijacked and it’s too late to do anything about it!

As a last point, I wanted to note my appreciation for the time Dr. Boniface gave to this slot in the past years. He is both entertaining and thought provoking in his writings. I am not nearly the wordsmith that he is...but hopefully I will continue the tradition of making this column something people look forward to reading.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Engle', written in a cursive style.



From the President by Dean R. Ball, DO

I hope everyone is enjoying the recent weather. As it happens every year at this time we seem to undergo a great thaw. I don't know about all the Medical Society members but for me this time of year I start to see all my neighbors again. Not unlike our ancestors over the thousands of years - it seems we come out of our caves from the winter and actually show our faces. In my neighborhood people start walking again, running, biking and oh the joys of the inevitable yard work. We eventually reacquaint with each other from the frozen tundra of the last 6 months.

Last year I had the wonderful opportunity to meet a new neighbor that came over and introduced himself to my wife and me when we were attempting our spring clean up. Although we don't live in a huge neighborhood we are blessed with some great neighbors. This new individual came across the street and introduced himself as a new surgeon in town. He was very personable, had a million-dollar smile and a voice like honey. I knew at that time he was a very compassionate and caring person and this intuition proved true.

Michael has been a great neighbor and a welcome addition to not only Meadowood Circle but the Mahoning Valley. He has come through in the clutch for several of my friends with injuries that have needed surgery, and I know he has performed his artistry likewise for hundreds of others in our community. We are very lucky to have such a surgeon in our area. Unfortunately there are other individuals in not so affluent countries that also have needs for medical treatment with reconstructive surgery. Dr. Obeng grew up in humble beginnings in an underdeveloped country such as this - Ghana. In fact that is how he found his calling of surgery, witnessing illnesses and deformities that were often not well treated in that part of the world. Like the great neighbor he is, Dr. Obeng is now trying to give back to people in need, founding and heading up a philanthropic organization called RESTORE World Wide Inc. This is a new nonprofit organization that sends medical teams to underdeveloped countries to perform free medical care and reconstructive surgery for individuals with accidental and congenital deformities. He has gone on his own ticket several times and now he has decided to bring an organization together to bring even more services such as these to different parts of the world.

His first stop is his homeland of Ghana. He and some other dedicated volunteers are planning to leave on May 14 for two weeks. This RESTORE team will not only provide care to many patients with deformities, but will also educate other residents and physicians in reconstructive techniques. Other trips are being planned to such areas as Burma, Vietnam and Rwanda. One of my favorite adages is to think globally, act locally. This is just what Dr. Obeng is doing. As in any volunteer work such as this they need funds to make these trips possible. Anything that Mahoning County Medical Society members and friends can do would be extremely helpful to this wonderful volunteer effort.

Michael is having a fundraiser before his trip, on May 8th at the Upstairs Restaurant. This is a great opportunity to meet and discuss trips such as these with Michael and the RESTORE team. And, of course, to sample some great wine and appetizers at one of the great local restaurants. I would hope all MCMS members would make a concerted effort to be there at this wine taste fundraiser and do what they can to help with funds for medical and surgical supplies, transportation and lodging for this trip.

For tickets and information about this event please call Dr. Obeng directly 330-716-0479 or 888-399-0794. Hope to see you there.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dean R. Ball, DO". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bits 'n' Pieces

RESOLUTION DEFEATED

A resolution proposed at the OSMA Annual Meeting to allow county-only or state-only membership, as well as the current linked county and state membership, was defeated.

CANFIELD FAIR

The Fair will be here sooner than we think! If you are interested in working at the "Ask the Doctor" booth in the Medical Building, call the Society office and sign up. The fair runs from September 1st through September 6th and the booth has two shifts each day, 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. and 4 P.M. to 7 P.M., with two doctors working each shift. All volunteers receive admission tickets and a parking pass.

WOMEN'S HEART DAY

Women's Heart Day will be held again this year at the Covelli Centre on Thursday, May 13, 2010, from 6:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call Humility of Mary Health Partners.

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OHIP REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK

Cathy Sonnhalter, Regional Extension Center Implementation Manager for the Ohio Health Information Partnership, will be the speaker at the Practice Managers meeting on May 20th at Shepherd of the Valley in Poland. The meeting begins at noon and includes lunch. OHIP is the non-profit entity leading the implementation of health information technology in Ohio. OHIP will work with selected regional partners to help more than 6,000 primary care providers install electronic health record (EHR) systems and connect to a statewide, secure health information exchange. In our area, NEO Healthforce has been selected as the regional extension center (REC) partner. The RECs will conduct assessments of each doctor's office in the area, then help select and implement an EHR system for the practice. The RECs will also train office staff to get the greatest benefit from the EHR software. To register for the meeting, call Kate Davis at Shepherd of the Valley at 330-550-3790.



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