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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Julianna Burton Pharm. D.
President

*"We make a living by what we get,
we make a life by what we give."*

-Winston Churchill

With the dreaded daylight savings time week securely behind us, now is the time to go out and enjoy the sunshine. SVSHP will be offering several ways to enjoy and give back! We will be including walks, fairs and other volunteer events to spice up your summer. What better way to make the most of the summer. I would encourage all of you to participate in at least ONE event this year. Challenge yourself to a charity run, walk with work colleagues for the less fortunate, and spend the time to give back to your community. Make Sacramento, your SVSHP chapter and yourself proud by participating in at least one event this year. Remember...all we ask is ONE.

And, if you have any events that you want SVSHP to be part of...let us know. See you there!

UPDATE FROM REGIONAL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING

By Pierre Del Prato, Pharm.D. MS
President-Elect

On Saturday, March 19, 2005 your Membership Chair, **Teresa Liston-Crain** and I had the privilege of attending the year's first Regional Chapter Presidents Meeting conducted by CSHP in Oakland. Held on a day of torrential rain, the meeting had as its focus "Training to Promote Leadership in the Pharmacy Profession." But, if the weather was blustery outside, it was nothing compared to the cascade of important and useful leadership training information provided in the meeting. Presided over by Dr. Robert Ignoffo, CSHP President, the meeting included presentations by CSHP Membership **Coordinator Jennifer Browning** and the Society's new Executive Vice President and CEO, **Claudia Foutz**.

Also, the meeting provided the attendees the opportunity to share their experiences and activities; what seems to work and what doesn't, regarding membership recruitment and retention in their Chapters. The entire State was represented from the North Coast all the way down to the Mexican boarder and representatives from the Schools of Pharmacy were also in attendance. Local Chapters talked about involving students from the Pharmacy School(s) in their area in Chapter activities and the students detailed for us their activities ranging from health education to raising the awareness of other pharmacy students to the benefits of belonging to their professional associations.

Chapter representatives also shared their experiences with community outreach activities, participation in health fairs and career days and cooperative activities with their local Pharmacy Associations (CPhA counterparts to CSHP's Regional Chapters).

Various methods of communicating with chapter members were talked about and the pros and cons discussed. The effectiveness of print vs. electronic communications was compared as was the combination of the two viz-a-viz membership acceptance and utilization. Also mentioned by several chapter representatives was the fact that they operated on a "for profit" basis thus enabling them to sponsor scholarships and other activities.

All in all, for a day that started out dismally wet, it ended with bright sunshine weather wise and with a lot more light shown on the "membership issue" faced by SVSHP and our sister chapters as well as CSHP as a whole. Attendance at the meeting was definitely time well spent for this pharmacist and provided several nuggets of information that will certainly be of interest to your Board of Directors. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

By Kathy Marquardt Pharm. D.

The Sacramento Valley Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the Sacramento Division of the California Poison Control System presented a public service program on "Poison Prevention" to the third graders of 10 schools in the Sacramento Valley area. This program was sponsored by a grant from the California Society of Health-System Pharmacist. Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy students gave very interactive programs on poison safety to the children. This was followed by a poster contest with a First Place Poster chosen from each school. These winners received a gift certificate for \$25 to Toys-R-Us! There were also several Honorable Mention Awards given.

These posters reflect the information that was learned and the talent and creativity of the children!!! Most importantly – everyone learned a lot about Poison Prevention!!!! The winning posters are on display at Marjorie R. Smith Gallery in the Coloma Community Center located at 4623 T Street.

The local schools that participated in this event were Ethel Baker Elementary , Edna Batey Elementary, Alice Birney Elementary, John Cabrillo Elementary, Genevieve Didion Elementary, Gibson Elementary, Dyer Kelly Elementary, Florence Markofer Elementary, Phoenix School, and St. Mary’s Elementary

A special thanks goes out to the volunteers who gave presentations:

Zack Ariola, Megan Augusta, Garrett Bartosh, , Dana Biggs, Julianna Burton, Manraj Kaeley, Grant Lackey, Jennifer Lackey, Teresa Liston-Crain, Nilda Lum, Shalini Lynch, Hien Nguyen, Kimlien Nguyen, Stevenson Nguyen, Mark Oamek, Carol Schulz, Oby Stan-Ugbeme, Alan Szeto, Vang Thao, Mary Lo Thomas, Elizabeth Tran, and Katrina Williams

CONTINUING EDUCATION

*By Tammy Egger Pharm. D.
CE co-chair*

Thanks for everyone's efforts and dedication. We had a good turnout for the March 15, COPD CE program.

There are several CE programs in progress, and we are mainly looking for sponsors' support. If you are interested in volunteering for CE program preparation, please contact Tammy Egger (tammye@svshp.org) or Andrew Lee (andrew.lee@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu).

Free SVSHP CE’s for a year if you sign up 1 new member. The member rate is \$5 and non-member rate is \$20 for SVSHP CEs this year.

QUICK NOTE:

Braden Lynch, Public Relations Committee co-chair represented SVSHP at a Career Day at CSU Chico on 4/15. The event was attended by roughly 600 undergraduates. SVSHP provided information about careers in pharmacy and contact information for the admissions departments for all of the pharmacy schools in California. Roughly 30 students stopped by the SVSHP booth to discuss these opportunities and pick up information.

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
April 27, 2005	Board of Pharmacy meeting in Sacramento (6 hours of CE available)
June 1, 2005	Deadline for submitting nominations for Pharmacist of the Year and Distinguished Service Award
July 1, 2005	Deadline for submitting nominations for Technician Achievement Award

