



NEWSLETTER

and Society Minutes

TEXAS SURGICAL SOCIETY SPRING MEETING

APRIL 2016



The 198th meeting of the Texas Surgical Society was held April 1-3, 2016 in Waco, Texas at the Hilton Waco Hotel under the direction of Local Arrangements Chair **John Bawduniak** and his wife, **Lindsay Bawduniak**. Their efforts and the hospitality of the event chairs generated a wonderful experience for the 133 members and 22 guests who participated in the weekend activities. Dr. and Mrs. Bawduniak and their staff were truly exceptional in organization, hospitality and expertise.

On Friday morning **Bill Turney** directed the golf tournament at the *Ridgewood Country Club*. **Mac Sykes** of San Antonio was awarded the Brindley Cup Low Gross award. **Ross Reagan** of Waco was awarded the Arlington Cup for Low Net. The golfers persevered in spite of a downpour of rain and inclement conditions.

Peter Rutledge was ready to direct the tennis tournament, but the registered participants were a little more practical than the golfers and decided “against” playing in the downpour.

Jeff Young organized the sporting clay shooting event at *the Waco Skeet and Trap Club*. **Bob Lovett** of Fort Worth was the winner of the Fort Worth Shooting Trophy.

Early Saturday morning **Todd Moffat** escorted our joggers to the Suspension Bridge for a 3.1 mile loop through Cameron Park. **Bruce Applebaum** of El Paso was awarded the Raleigh R. White Trophy and **Larry Pickard** of Houston received the award for best form and style.

The first Scientific Session was called to order by **President Lee Bloemendal** at 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. He introduced the LAC, **John**

Bawdunaik who welcomed the membership to Waco and informed them of the many events planned for the weekend. Seven outstanding papers were presented on Friday afternoon.

Our new **Treasurer, Richard Frazee**, and **President Bloemendal** then recognized the 2016 Spring class of **Raleigh Ross Scholars**. Recipients were introduced by their Department Chair or Residency Program Director. The scholars are guests of the Society and receive a personalized plaque noting their accomplishments and also receive a monetary award. Recognized were:

Erin Woller

Texas Tech University HSC – Lubbock

Travis Holloway

UT Health Science Center – San Antonio

Nicole Sharp

Texas A&M Univ. HSC (Scott & White) –
Temple

Whitney Jenson

UT Medical Branch – Galveston

Henry Reinhart

Texas Tech University HSC – El Paso

Following presentation of the Raleigh Ross Scholars, **President Bloemendal** introduced the honored guest speaker. Renowned colorectal surgeon, **Dr. Robert W. Beart, Jr.**, gave an excellent talk entitled “**Surgical Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease**”.

The Executive Session began at 5:15 p.m. with **President Bloemendal** presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting in Austin were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by **Richard Frazee**. Financial compilations from the accountant for the six-month period ending 12/31/2015 were presented. The balance in operating account was \$207,8017.10 and in LAC account \$5,000.00. Total in the Centennial accounts was \$42,013.72. The Society has no liabilities. Net income for the period was \$370,123.00 which included Centennial gifts of \$67,009,39. The financial status of the Society remains strong with the dues increase which took effect in 2013 and the success of the Centennial Campaign. The Raleigh Ross Trust had assets on 12/31/2015 of \$2,883,739.9 and no liabilities. Grants to each of the eleven participating residency programs for 2016 are \$9,000. At year-end 2015, total grants to the programs since inception of the Ross Grant program will be \$636,325.

As per Council decision, an audit of the financial records for 2015 will be done and, in view of the size of the assets now, audits will be performed every 3 years. In addition, a monitoring committee will be appointed by the president that will have viewing, but not transactional access to the online Texas Surgical and Raleigh Ross accounts.

Memorial tributes were read for:

Edwin C. Bebb



1915-2015

Maurice R. Hood



1924-2014

Jackson E. Cagle



1927-2015

Isadore Cohn, Jr.



1921-2015

C. Dale Coln



1934-2016

James (Red) Duke, Jr.



1928-2015

Ernest J. Gregory, Jr.



1924-2014

S. Scott Kacy



1952-2015

W.S. Bill Lorimer Jr.



1919-2016

F. Murphy Neslon



1922-2014

Roy E. Snyder



1917-2015

G. Douglas Tatum



1931-2016

George W. Tipton, Sr.



1913-2016

Edwin C. Bebb of Wichita Falls
(By Ronald M. Stewart)

Jackson E. Cagle of Fort Worth
(By John W. Freese)

Isadore Cohn of Metairie, LA
(By Robert J. Turner)

C. Dale Coln of Dallas
(By Ronald M. Stewart)

James (Red) Duke, Jr. of Houston
(By Ronald M. Stewart)

Maurice R. Hood of Lubbock
(By Ronald M. Stewart)

Ernest J. Gregory, Jr. of San Antonio
(By Dr. Ronald M. Stewart)

S. Scott Kacy of Beaumont
(By Ronald M. Stewart)

W.S. Bill Lorimer, Jr. of Fort Worth
(By Douglas D. Lorimer)

F. Murphy Nelson of Austin
(By Ronald M. Stewart)

Roy E. Snyder of Fort Worth
(By Ronald M. Stewart)

G. Douglas Tatum of Fort Worth
(By Ronald M. Stewart)

George W. Tipton, Sr. of Austin
(By Ronald M. Stewart)

The Secretary then gave the report of the Council. Dr. Stewart discussed the status of the Centennial Meetings. He gave an overview of updates to the TSS Website and the strategic direction provided by the Council. The Website is significantly improved and he asked the Fellows in attendance to review the function of the website including online management of directory information, paying of dues electronically and the ability to make donations. The TSS implemented integrated electronic abstract submission, electronic verification of attendance, and automatic CME certificate generation for Category 1 and Self-assessment CME. Additionally, the Secretary will move to all electronic communication by the end of Dr. Stewart's term, in one year. **This will be the last newsletter mailed as a paper copy, so if you do not have a correct email address and wish to continue to receive TSS correspondence, we need a correct email address.**

The **Report of the Archivist** was given by **Mac Sykes**. Dr. Sykes has done a tremendous amount of work on the centennial edition of the history of the Texas Surgical Society. He gave an update on the status of this work.

Current membership statistics were reviewed. There are **554 members**, of whom **142 are active**, **375 are senior**, **5 are honorary**, and **33 are non-resident members**. There were **13 deaths** recorded since the last meeting. The importance

of nominating quality surgeons was discussed. **Members are encouraged to propose candidates for membership who meet or exceed Society qualifications as outlined in the constitution and by-laws.**

The following members were **elevated to senior** status:

Stephen Erck of Stephenville
Charles D. Fraser of Houston
Ari Halldorsson of Lubbock
Michael Halpert of Odessa
Stephen D. Scoggin of Burnet
John B. Staub of Midland
Ronald M. Stewart of San Antonio
Stephen J. Talley of San Antonio
Robert K. Thompson of San Antonio

Fellowship applications were reviewed by the Council. **The following candidates will be included on the September ballot:**

Mark Davies of San Antonio
Mark Muir of San Antonio
Robert C. Robbins of Houston

Information or comments regarding these or other applicants should be sent to the secretary.

Candidates for fellowship were reviewed. The following candidates who were up for first consideration were recommended for movement to second consideration:

Bidhan Das of Houston
Teresa Kroeker of Austin
Damon Mimari of San Antonio
Ravi Radhakrishnan of Galveston
Donald Stewart of Waco
Samual "Rob" Todd of Houston

The following members who were reviewed for second consideration were recommended by the Council and **unanimously approved for active fellowship by the members:**

James Adams of Midland

Paul Carlton, Jr. of College Station
Geoffrey Funk of Southlake
Josh Goldstrich of Waco

Farshid Araghizadeh of Dallas
Samuel Campbell of Lubbock
Brian Davis of El Paso
Sharmila Dissanaik of Lubbock
Glen Garner of Houston
R. Brent New of Austin
Laura O'Halloran of Tyler
Charles West of Houston

The Friday evening dinner buffet, held at **McLane Stadium** in the Suite Lodge overlooking Downtown Waco, was attended by 168 members and guests. Private suites were open for a fantastic view of John Eddie Williams (Baylor) Field. Great food was enjoyed by all in a beautiful atmosphere.

At 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning **Lee Bloemendal** presided over the **New Members' Breakfast**. Society officers and Council members welcomed the new members, presented them with copies of books recording the history of the Society and shared glimpses of Society tradition.

10 members attended the **Women in Surgery Breakfast** held at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The Saturday spouse activity was attended by 28 guests. They enjoyed a tour of downtown Waco, including a trip to "Magnolia Market", restored by Chip and Joanna Gaines from the HGTV series, "Fixer Upper". Lunch was enjoyed at Sironia, followed by more shopping and visits to some of the local's favorite locations.

The Saturday morning Scientific Session was opened by **President Bloemendal** at 8:00 a.m. Nine papers were presented in the morning session.

The member guest luncheon was held at 12:00 p.m. with approximately 92 members and guests in attendance. **Chuck Artymovich, VP and GM for LM Aeronautics Sustainment**, gave a very interesting talk entitled, "The Role of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and its Economic Impact on North Texas."

After lunch, new members were presented to the membership by Second Vice-President, **Jack L. Walzel**. Receiving certificates and welcomed into the Society were:

After the new member presentation, our guest speaker **Dr. Robert Beart, Jr.**, gave his second presentation entitled, "Evolution of Surgical Technology and Management of Colonic Disease".

Presentations from eight more members were given before the scientific session adjourned.

Saturday evening cocktails and dinner were held at the hotel, with 138 members and guests in attendance. **John Bawduniak**, local arrangements chair, presided over trophy presentations to the sporting event champions. The winners of these events are listed at the beginning of the newsletter.

While members and their guests enjoyed their dinner, 7 of their children participated in our Kids Movie Night, where they enjoyed pizza, popcorn, and an ice cream sundae bar.

President Bloemendal hosted a memorable evening highlighted by a fabulous and thought provoking presentation by former astronaut, **Mary Ellen Weber, Ph.D**, entitled, "To Boldly Go: Decision Making When the Stakes are High."

The James E. Thompson award for for Best Presentation by a New Member: Laura O'Halloran from Tyler: Breast Reconstruction and Radiation. The judges for the James E. Thompson award had a difficult time in choosing the best paper by a new member as all were excellent!

Members and guests joined **President and Mrs. Bloemendal** after dinner for coffee, cocktails and dessert.

The Ethics Breakfast was held at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. **Dr. Michael Attas**, a recently retired Waco cardiologist who teaches a medical ethics course at Baylor University gave an interesting talk entitled, "A Practical Approach to Medical Ethics in the 21st Century".

The **next meeting** of the Society will be held in **Dallas, September 30-October 2, 2016**, at the **Adolphus Hotel**. Local Arrangements Chair, **Michael Foreman**, and **President Bloemendal** are planning a great meeting for members and their families. Please mark your calendars!

Over the past year, we have been working on major upgrades to our web site, texassurgical.org.

The newest upgrade allows individual member updating and searching of information in the TSS member database. This information will directly feed the printed directory and the email list we use to contact you.

Please log in and try out this system! You can access it by clicking the new "Members Only" item in the top menu at the following link: <http://texassurgical.org/login.php> . From here, you can update your personal information and search our member directory online. You can add a second, alternate email, and **if you haven't updated your photo for the directory in a while, now would be a good time to upload a new one**. The online tool allows you to upload your photo and crop to a standard size for the directory.

Please give me feedback on how well this works and how easy it is for you to use.

Please strongly consider nominating great young surgeons in your local area for membership in the Texas Surgical Society.

Email texassurgicalsociety@gmail.com for any suggested corrections or edits to the newsletter/minutes.

Photos from the meeting taken by the Secretary are at the following link:

<https://rmstewartphotography.smugmug.com/Events/2016-04-01-Texas-Surgical/n-CjWj8B/>

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald M. Stewart, MD
Secretary