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ASCLS-TN President's Update

My aunt is a firm believer in New Year's resolutions. Her philosophy is that it is a good practice at least once a year to take a step back, look at one's priorities and goals, and then decide what area of one's life needs a fresh start. If you made a decision to look a little closer at your career this year, ASCLS is a wealth of resources and opportunities.

The big event for Tennessee clinical laboratory professionals is the upcoming ASCLS-TN annual meeting in Knoxville March 31-April 1. We call our meeting "TALC" which stands for the Tennessee Annual Laboratory Conference. This annual event is a great place for meeting several New Year's resolutions. Get your 12 hours of annual continuing education credit *before* December. Need a new job? A new analyzer? Management continuing education for your laboratory supervisor's license? New friends and business contacts? An excuse for a road trip? A little bit of fun? TALC is a great place to meet all these resolutions.

Be resolved to get to know the laboratory professionals in your area. Local chapters of ASCLS offer an important opportunity to get more involved in your professional organization and build

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Ideas for the newsletter ?
Let us know! Send an e-mail to:
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LOOK INSIDE: The Big Event TALC 2011

ASCLS-TN's Annual Meeting and Vendor Expo
(see pages 2-5)

Board Member Spotlight :



Tim Wallace graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor's degree in Clinical Laboratory Science from UT Health Science Center in Memphis. During his program he served as President of his class as well as a term as President of the College of Allied Health. After graduation, Tim worked in area hospital laboratories. In 1990, he left the traditional hospital setting and ventured into the area of physician offices. He opened a lab for a group of ophthalmologists who wanted to augment their

Tim Wallace

onsite outpatient surgery center. Three years later, Tim accepted the position of Laboratory Manager with Rheumatology & Osteoporosis Center of Memphis, P.C. (formerly known as Memphis Clinic of Internal Medicine and Rheumatology). The following year, he was promoted to the position of Clinic Administrator, a position he has held since 1994.

Tim has stated that it was the training, education and experience in the laboratory that has made him successful as an Administrator. Even though he is not in the lab on a daily basis, he still maintains his professional identity as a laboratorian. He has been an ASCLS member since 1986. Tim has served in several capacities though the years. He is a former ASCLS-TN President, State Treasurer, Meeting Co-Chair, Meeting



Finance Chair and soon former Board Member. Tim is the current ASCLS Region III Treasurer, a position he has held for the last ten years. Tim and his lovely wife of thirty years, Kathy, live in Covington, TN. They have two wonderful children, John (26) and Katie (24), who are both enrolled in the Nursing Program at UT Health Science Center in Memphis. Tim is very active with his church and has held a number of leadership positions. His current passion is working with the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Brighton, TN, a member agency of the Mid South Food Bank.



American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science - Tennessee
Voice, Value, Vision

PRESENTS TENNESSEE ANNUAL LABORATORY CONFERENCE 2011

“SCIENCE ON ROCKY TOP”

There are still breakout sessions that need presenters!!

If any ASCLS Member is interested, please contact Holly Brown at

hfosterbrown@hotmail.com

WE ARE VERY EXCITED AND PLEASED TO HAVE KNOXVILLE HOST THIS YEAR’S TALC-SCIENCE ON ROCKY TOP! THIS YEAR WE HAVE INCORPORATED MANY MANAGEMENT CEU’S INTO OUR PROGRAM AS WELL AS RELEVANT CURRENT SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE TIM DUMAS, “THE LAB GUY” OF WWW.TIMDUMAS.COM WITH US AS OUR KEYNOTE ADDRESS AS WELL AS SEVERAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS. ALSO JOINING US WILL BE GEORGE A. FRITSMAS OF “THE FRITSMAS FACTOR, YOUR INTERACTIVE HEMOSTASIS RESOURCE”, WWW.FRITSMASFACTOR.COM. HERE IS A PEEK OF WHAT IS IN STORE!! REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. VISIT WWW.ASCLS-TN.ORG FOR A PRINT-ABLE REGISTRATION FORM. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL ON ROCKY TOP!!

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

7:00 pm ASCLS-Tn Board Meeting @ Hilton hotel - ALL Welcome

Thursday, March 31, 2011

7:30-8am Registration and Exhibits Open

8:00-9am 00 - Keynote Address: Tim Dumas “The Lab Guy”

9-9:45am ASCLS Awards and Business

Session 1 10-11a	Session 2 12:15-1:15p	Session 3 1:30-2:30p	Session 4 2:45-3:45p	Session 5 4-5p
11- Dr.Mark Chamblin Streptococcus Species Mercy Health Partners	20- Concurrent General Session Paul Epner	31- Dr. Yorke Young “Classic” <i>Philadelphia Chromosome Negative Myeloproliferative Neoplasms: A review & recent Changes</i> UT Medical Center-Pathology	41 Eleanor Jator <i>Blood Bank practices: Then, now and future</i> Austin Peay State University	51- Robyn Atkinson- Enteric Pathogens ,non culture diagnostics TN State Regional Laboratory
12- George A. Fritsma <i>Monitoring the New Anti-thrombotics: Whatever Happened to the PT and PTT?</i> The Fritsma Factor	CDC Laboratory Medicine Best Practices Initiative	32- Dr. Pennell Painter “Why are all the Dr’s ordering Vitamin D testing?” UT Medical Center-LabCorp	42- George A. Fritsma <i>Managing Hemostasis in Trauma</i> The Fritsma Factor	52- Rebecca Rogers ASCLS Issues Update
13-Eileen Ricker Laboratory Management Vanderbilt University		33- Judy Davis ASCLS Legislative Update	43- Tim Dumas Finance / Budgeting “The Lab Guy”	53- Will Ploskonka <i>The Fish Philosophy, Having Fun at Work and Avoiding the Sharks</i> East TN Children’s Hospital-Education Coordinator

Friday, April 1, 2011

8:00-9am 60- Concurrent General Session: Randall Carr, Covenant Health Systems- Motivating Change

Session 7 9:15-10:15a	Session 8 11:30-12:30p	Session 9 12:45-1:45p	Session 10 2-3p	Student Day
71- Jane Selmer Bartonella henselae Infections Austin Peay State University	81- Perry Scanlan HSV Austin Peay State University	91- Dr. Karla Matteson <i>Pharmacogenetics Testing the Modern Laboratory</i> UT Genetics Center-Co-Director	100- Christi Fightmaster/ Barbara Deatherage Quality Control in a Regional Blood Bank Medic Regional Blood Bank	11:30-3p Activities TBA
72-Jon Sieter <i>Resumes and Interviewing Skills</i> ARUP Laboratories-Recruiter	82- Sharon Weirwille Educating Students in the Lab UTMC Medical Lab Science School Director	92-TBA	101- John Ritter MobiLab Basics East TN Children’s Hospital-Laboratory	
73-Shane Newby Leadership UT Medical Center-LabCorp	83- Tim Dumas Time Management “The Lab Guy”	93-CLMA Laboratory Management	102- Rebecca Rogers The ‘How To’s’ and ‘Do’s/Don’ts’ of Social Networking St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Laboratory	

SCIENCE ON ROCKY TOP - ACCOMMODATIONS AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Hilton Hotel, Downtown Knoxville TN

501 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-2591
Tel: 1-865-523-2300 Fax: 1-865-525-6532

Group Rate: \$100/ night Standard Room
\$109/ night King Room

Rates are good for 3 days prior and following our Conference
Group name: ASCLS Tn Chapter 2011
Rate Code: ASCLS

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/KNXKHHF-ASCLS-20110330/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Last day for Booking with group rate: March 7, 2011

Hotel Parking: Self park \$10/day
Valet park \$14/day

We are encouraging those staying in the Hilton to park at the Conference Center parking (Locust Street Garage, one block from hotel) and Participate in the Parking for Toys—see page 4.

Directions to our Hotel

NORTH ON I-75 OR EAST ON I-40

Take 40 East into the Downtown Area - Take exit #388 (U.S 441; Downtown/Henley) - You will exit off Interstate to right- Go through tunnel to Henley Street - Go to the second traffic light, turn left onto Church Ave, Hotel is one block up on the left.

SOUTH ON I-75 (I-275 SOUTH)

Take I-40 East Exit - Merge to the far right, take Henley Street S. Exit - Go through tunnel to Henley Street - Go to the second traffic light, turn left onto Church Avenue - Hotel is one block up on the left

WEST ON I-40

Construction Detour
Exit 389 Hall of Fame. Follow Hall of Fame toward downtown. Turn Right on Summit Hill. Turn left on Locust Street. Turn left on Clinch (to go to garage) or left on Church Ave for entrance of hotel.

MCGHEE TYSON AIRPORT

Take 129 North to I-40 East. Follow 40 East into the Downtown area and get off on exit #388 (U.S 441; Smoky Mountain Exit). You will exit off the interstate to the right, stay left and go through the tunnel to Henley street. Go to the second traffic light, turn left onto Church Street and the Hotel is one block up on the left.

University of Tennessee Conference Center Information



UT Conferences

Conference Center Building

600 Henley Street
Knoxville, TN 37902
Phone: (865) 974-0250

<http://www.outreach.utk.edu/conferences/new/default.html>

NOT TO BE CONFUSED with the KNOXVILLE CONVENTION CENTER

To look up via Google Maps:

[600 Henley street Knoxville, Tn - Google Maps](#)

Parking for Toys

Locust Street Garage



Detailed Directions to the Conference Center & Locust Street Garage:

If you are traveling North on I-75 or East on I-40:

Take I-40 East into downtown Knoxville area.
Take Exit #388 (U.S. 441, Smoky Mountain Exit). (The exit will be to the right.)
Go through tunnel to Henley Street. Stay to your left as you exit the tunnel and move to the left lane on Henley Street because you will need to turn left at the second traffic light.
Turn left onto Church Street.
Take the second left, which is Walnut Street. Go through the stop sign at Clinch.
Locust Street Parking Garage is the first entrance on the left

If you are traveling South on I-75 / I-275:

Take I-40 East exit. Merge immediately to far right, taking the Henley Street exit ramp.
Go through tunnel onto Henley Street. Stay to your left as you exit the Tunnel and move to the left lane on Henley Street because you will need to turn left at the second traffic light.
Turn left onto Church Street.
Take the second left, which is Walnut Street. Go through the stop sign at Clinch.
Locust Street Parking Garage is the first entrance on the left.

If you are traveling West on I-40: (updated for SmartFix I-40 construction)

Take Exit #388A (James White Parkway). This exit occurs to your LEFT. (Summit Hill Drive will exit be closed February 21, 2006 for construction). Continue on James White Parkway to Cumberland Avenue exit. Continue on this exit, crossing Gay Street.
Turn right on Walnut Street.
Cross the next 2 stop signs, Church Ave. and Clinch Ave. Locust Street Parking Garage is on the left just before the Clinch Street Intersection.
UT Conference Center Building is a bright red building at the Locust Street and Clinch Street intersection.

If you are traveling East on I-40: (updated for SmartFix I-40 construction)

Take Exit 388B onto Henley Street/441 South; bear right immediately toward Route 62 (Western Avenue/Summit Hill)
Turn left on Western Ave. and proceed through the Red Light (Henley Street), past the City of Knoxville fire station and make a right on Locust Street.
Locust Street Parking Garage is on the left just before the Locust Street and Clinch Street Intersection.
UT Conference Center Building is a bright red building at the Locust Street and Clinch Street intersection.

From the Knoxville Airport (McGhee Tyson Airport):

Take I-29 North to I-40 East.
From I-40 East, take Exit #388 (U.S. 441, Smoky Mountain Exit). The exit will be to the right.
Go through tunnel to Henley Street.
Stay to your left as you exit the Tunnel and move to the left lane on Henley Street because you will need to turn left at the second traffic light.
Turn left onto Church Street.
Take the second left, which is Walnut Street.
Go through the stop sign at Clinch.
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PARKING FOR TOYS!!!

In addition, this year TALC will be participating in a very special community service event! In lieu of paying for parking at the UT Conference Center parking garage, the Locust Street Garage which is one block from hotel and Conference center. All members that bring a unwrapped \$10 toy to the meeting will receive a coupon for free parking! The toy donations will be sent to East TN Children's Hospital on behalf of ASCLS-TN Chapter!! So Bring a Toy to Park!!!

Toy guidelines and suggestions:

WHAT WE CAN ACCEPT

- New toys, books, and games
- Craft kits and materials that are nontoxic
- Hard plastic toys (Fisher Price, Playschool, and Little Tykes)
- Tray favors/Get Well cards

Legos, Barbie, Matchbox cars, Dora the explorer items, SpongeBob items, Bead Kits, Foam Craft kits, Coloring Books and Crayons, etc

WHAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT

- Because we serve children of various faiths and beliefs, we cannot accept materials with a religious theme.
- USED ITEMS SUCH AS FABRIC DOLLS, STUFFED ANIMALS, CARDBOARD GAMES AND PUZZLES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY OF CLEANING AND INFECTION CONTROL ISSUES. .
- Toys with detachable parts such as button eyes are not appropriate, because they can be removed and swallowed or inhaled.

For more detailed donation information visit: <http://www.etch.com/toys.cfm>

**2011 TALC "Science on Rocky Top"
REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: _____ ASCLS Member #: _____
 Address: _____ Other Lab Society Membership _____
 (Name and membership #)
 City, State, ZIP _____
 Email: _____ Nonmember: _____
 Phone: _____ Students; School: _____
 Work Phone: _____ Employer: _____

ASCLS/ Lab Society Member:	2 days	\$180	_____
	1 day	\$90	_____
Nonmember:	2 days	\$250	_____
	1 day	\$125	_____
Student Member:	2 days	\$25	_____
	1 day	\$15	_____
Nonmember:	2 days	\$50	_____
	1 day	\$25	_____
Student Functions ONLY (Friday)		no charge	_____
(Each student attendee should submit a registration form even if they do not need to pay)			
Institution Pass	2 days	\$325	_____
Guest Pass	2 days	\$35	_____
(Food functions only)	1 day	\$25	_____

Late Fee/On-Site Fee: \$25 Add to any registration fee if sent after March 15, 2011

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ASCLS-TN CONVENTION FUND. Payment must accompany registration form.
 PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION TO:**
 TALC 2011
 C/O LYNN INGRAM
 2610 LANRICK COVE
 MEMPHIS, TN 38119

Refund requests must be made in writing or by email by March 25, 2011.

Indicate below the sessions (by number) you are planning to attend:

Thursday: ___ 00 Keynote ___ 20 (General Session)
 ___ 11 ___ 12 ___ 13
 ___ 21 ___ 22 ___ 23
 ___ 31 ___ 32 ___ 33
 ___ 41 ___ 42 ___ 43
 ___ 51 ___ 52 ___ 53

Friday: ___ 60 General Session
 ___ 71 ___ 72 ___ 73
 ___ 81 ___ 82 ___ 83
 ___ 91 ___ 92 ___ 93
 ___ 101 ___ 102 ___ 103 ___ 200 Vendor CE

MODERATORS ARE NEEDED:
 Check here if you are willing to moderate a session: _____

HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference will take place on the 4th floor of the University of Tennessee Conference Center in Knoxville, TN. A group of rooms has been set aside for conference attendees at the nearby Hilton Hotel. Reservations can be made by contacting the hotel directly 865-523-2300 or by calling Hilton 1-800-HILTONS. Reservations may also be made on-line, go to WWW.ASCLS-TN.org for link. The group rate is \$100 / night standard, \$109/ night king with applicable taxes. Rates are available for 3 days in advance and 3 days after the meeting conclusion. Code for our room block is ASCLS. The conference rate will be honored for reservations made until March 7th, 2011. Please mention the meeting when making your hotel reservations to receive group rate. The hotel is located at 501 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, United States 37902-259. Parking is \$7 at the conference center parking lot (Locust Street, one block from Hotel) and \$14 at the hotel. Free Parking is available at the conference center lot with a Toy Donation at TALC.

Leadership Academy

your professional network. Memphis and Nashville chapters meet on a regular basis. Other local chapters can get started with just a couple willing volunteers. Knowing each other allows us to work together for important goals like keeping training programs open and gaining access to the local community to promote our profession and share our knowledge.

ASCLS has resolved to revisit our mission statement at the national meeting in July this year. As a member of ASCLS, resolve to personally reflect on what you want your professional society to stand for. Mission statements are meant to guide the priorities of an organization, and your input is needed.

I will admit that the standard 'lose 10 pounds' has made my resolution list this year, but so has more interesting professional goals. I will be attending the Legislative Symposium in Washington, DC for the first time and will also be heading down to the National ASCLS meeting in Atlanta, GA. I'll be looking for road-trip companions! I have enjoyed my year as state president, but I look forward to seeing others step into leadership and volunteering roles. Even though the January 1st deadline for resolutions has past, set your own resolution timeline and be sure to include goals for your professional life and ASCLS-TN. Enjoy your fresh start!

Katherine Hopper
ASCLS-TN President, 2010-2011

ASCLS is currently seeking candidates for the 2011-2012 class of the ASCLS Leadership Academy. Candidates must be current ASCLS PF1, PF2, or FYP members and individuals may self-nominate or be nominated by any current ASCLS member. Current Student Members are not eligible for the Leadership Academy.

Admission to the Leadership Academy is through a competitive application process. Candidates must agree to a commitment of personal time and effort over 12 months in addition to a financial commitment for travel expenses to attend Leadership Academy workshops and activities. Candidates selected will be required to certify their intention to commit to attendance at each of the previously listed meetings where Leadership Academy activities will be held as well as regular conference calls, in addition to the time necessary for successful completion of the program. Candidates are required to complete an application form, respond to 5 questions and submit two (2) recommendation forms and letters of recommendation.

All interested ASCLS members should go to the ASCLS website

<http://www.ascls.org/members/Academy/index.asp> for application forms and instructions.

Completed applications must be received by **March 31, 2011** to be considered for the 2011-2012 class.



Feel free to contact Lynn Ingram lingram@uthsc.edu if you have any questions about the ASCLS Leadership Academy.



WE'VE MOVED: The ASCLS National Office is now in Washington, DC

I am pleased to communicate some exciting news that will benefit ASCLS and all of our members. Over the past several months, ASCLS leadership has conducted a thorough review of the organization's strategic plan. Our goal is to continue to meet the current and future needs of ASCLS members and remain the leading national organization in laboratory science and healthcare.

ASCLS, in arrangements with SmithBucklin, an association management company, has decided to structure its future operations to take advantage of new resources in marketing, mem-

ber services, publications, etc., as well as opportunities to collaborate more closely with other organizations. With this firm, ASCLS will be able to have a presence in Chicago and Washington, DC and can tap into new networks and engage in new dialogues with other healthcare associations with similar interests. This will allow us to provide members with resources that will facilitate ASCLS' growth and expand its sphere of influence.

SmithBucklin Corporation is the world's largest association management and professional services company, providing flexible, tailored full-service management and project-based services to more than

320 trade associations, professional societies, technology user groups, government institutes/agencies and other non-profit organizations. Under the new structure, Elissa Pasiment will remain the ASCLS Executive Vice President. Joan Polancic, MEd, MLS, will continue in her position as Director of Education and Sherry Miner, MLS, will continue to serve as the ASCLS Membership and P.A.C.E.® Coordinator.

Everyone can expect business as usual during this transition. We anticipate the new office will be operational on January 4, 2011 and we will provide you with contact information as soon as possible. Moving forward, we are confident this structure will help us expand our reach and allow us to pro-

vide best-in-class services to ASCLS members.

We will continue to keep you up-to-date on our progress. In the meantime, see below or please click here www.ascls.org/about/transition/FAQ.pdf for more details. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Best regards,

Marcia Armstrong, MS, MLS,
ASCLS President, 2010-2011

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ASCLS-TN STUDENT CORNER

Are you bored by Microbiology?

LOUIS PASTEUR...AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE WARRIOR

Some students of microbiology are very visibly bored with the history of the science. This is a BIG mistake. Let's get into the life of the consummate microbiologist, Louis Pasteur. This scientist, single-handedly, saved the wine industry of France, and was celebrated as a hero, who was widely proclaimed for his inventiveness. He introduced the principle of pasteurization, which involved the heating of consumable beverages to a temperature that killed pathogens, but left harmless bacteria, etc., untouched. We benefit hugely from his experiments every single day. The milk, orange juice, etc. that we buy at the grocery store is not sterile, but the pathogens have been destroyed. Sterilizing wine would have evaporated the alcohol, thus destroying the "happy" part of wine. Grape juice is delightful, but that's not the point. It would ruin the brew of fermentation.

Then, he "upped" his reputation by conquering anthrax by vaccinating farm animals with a killed *Bacillus anthracis* vaccine. As we sadly know, victims of the 9/11 attack died of this infection, which can cause skin infection, oculoglandular, pulmonary and gastric infection. How he managed this without personally becoming infected, is beyond imagination. This man must have been charmed. Cutaneous anthrax is hideous. He accomplished this without a laminar flow hood or even latex gloves, and he is none less than heroic.

One of his very greatest victories was the conquering of rabies. Until Pasteur arose on the horizon, being bitten or exposed to a rabid animal equaled most certain death. Infected persons were chained away from all human contact, since the viral infection was 100% lethal. These pitiful victims most often turned rabid, and would attack persons trying to minister to them. They could not eat or drink, because their esophageal nerves were in a state of contraction and flux. Have you ever inhaled a liquid accidentally instead of swallowing it? I have coughed horribly with my eyes turning red and my nose running from strangulation. If they even looked at water, they would be sent into painful spasms and coughing, which gagged them. This was pathetic because they were dying of thirst. This is why rabies is commonly called hydrophobia, or the fear of water, due to its association with horrendous gagging. Since the frontal lobes of the brain, which control emotion and behavior, were severely affected, they became essentially demented. Approaching them was extremely dangerous. Often, they were left to die in a locked enclosure or chained to a tree.

People in France and all over the world were terrified of rabies, and rightfully so. It was a terror of gnashing teeth and a horrible death. Pasteur was, like everyone, was very worried about the infection. He bravely attacked the problem. Without latex gloves, and a laminar flow hood, he injected rabbits with desiccated rabies virus in order to produce a vaccine. Would any of us today dare to do this or knowingly attempt it?

Although I have personally done quite a bit of research with HIV in the laboratory, I am astonished at his courage and resourcefulness. I had all of the personal protective equipment and devices. He did not. What a courageous infectious disease warrior! It is amazing that he did not contract the diseases with which he worked every day.

Desperate parents of a rabid wolf-bitten child came to Pasteur with slim hope that he could help their son, Joseph Meissner. These days, Pasteur would not be able to help immediately due to the now ever-present Institutional Review Board, which oversees and approves research on human subjects. IRB's are a good thing. It just wasn't in play in the time of Pasteur. His vaccine saved the first human being infected by rabies virus! What a victory! The international newspapers went crazy with his exaltation, and rightfully so! Joseph Meissner had been saved from the rabid, slaving jaws of death. It was just another huge triumph of microbiology, thanks to the genius of Louis Pasteur. At the Pasteur Institute in Paris, there is an impressive statue of Joseph Meissner fighting off the attack of rabid wolves. We owe this magnificent microbiologist, Louis Pasteur, a hero's honor and eternal remembrance.

Contributed by Linda L. Williford Pifer, Ph.D. UTHSC

Memphis Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Update

The Memphis Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (MSCLS) provides opportunities to earn CE credits and network with Memphis area laboratory professionals. The first Thursday of every month will find attendees ranging from students to bench technologists, and educators to laboratory supervisors. We are pretty sure they are coming for the educational opportunities and the networking, but sometimes the food is almost as good! Twice a year we try to give back to the local Memphis community by participating in food drives for our Mid-South Food Bank. New to our meeting agendas this year is an

item we call "Getting to Know ASCLS". Our Parliamentarian, Jonathan Hardy, takes 5 minutes to highlight and explain any one of the many benefits of membership in ASCLS. He lets all of our non-members know just how much ASCLS does for the laboratory community as a whole. So far this year our President Elect Tiffany Landis has filled our meeting schedule with some amazing speakers - we would not be able to offer such an exciting program without her hard work. Our new office of Student Liaison is off to a wonderful start. We

are working with the educators of both local laboratory programs to coordinate a mingling night around exams for the students to relax and get to know each other a little better. If you are a member of MSCLS and ASCLS, you may qualify to be nominated for an office. We are creeping up on election time and this is a great opportunity to serve the society and to participate in professional development activities!

By MSCLS President,
Rebecca Rogers, MS, MLS

Time for Officer Elections:

The following offices will be up for election in April 2011, please let us know if you are interested by contacting MSCLS President
Rebecca Rogers at
BeccaBL2@aol.com

President-Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Parliamentarian
Student Liaison
Awards Chair
Nominations Chair

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Memphis Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
All meetings begin at 6:00 pm
February 3, 2011 @ Methodist University Hospital
March 3, 2011 @ Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis
April 7, 2011 @ St. Francis Hospital - Memphis

ASCLS - Middle Tennessee Society
All meetings begin at 5:00 pm
March 2011 @ date, time, location TBD

Clinical Laboratory Educator's Conference
February 17-21, 2011 in Fort Lauderdale, FL

TALC 2011: ASCLS-TN Annual Spring Meeting
March 31-April 1, 2011 in Knoxville, TN

2011 ASCLS Legislative Symposium
March 21-22, 2011 in Washington, DC

Region III Spring Council Meeting
March 26, 2011 in North Charlotte, SC

ASCLS Annual Meeting
July 26 - 30, 2011 in Atlanta, GA

Do you know a laboratory vendor for the TN region?

Are you interested in exhibiting at the Tennessee Annual Laboratory Conference (TALC) 2010 in Knoxville, TN at the Hilton hotel, Downtown Knoxville on March 31st and April 1st?

Please contact Jennifer Brackett Holley at jsbrackett21@yahoo.com for an application or check the ASCLS-TN website for more information.

Check us out online!
www.ascls-tn.org
 Join our Listserve at:
ascls-tn-members-request@ascls-lists.org

2011 ASCLS/CLMA/ASCP/AMT Legislative Symposium

This event is jointly sponsored by ASCLS, CLMA, ASCP and AMT. This is an opportunity for each of you to "provide the face" of our profession with our elected senators and representatives.

As in years past, there will many legislative issues impacting our profession, including the impacts of health care reform, reimbursement changes, and workforce funding, just to name a few. This is the opportunity to have your voice and those of your colleagues heard on Capitol Hill. We have made a difference before and we can make a difference again.

The registration form for the symposium along with the hotel information is available on the ASCLS website at the following link: <http://www.ascls.org/conferences/LegDay2011/flyer%20LEGDAY%202011.doc>

Let's make it a goal to have all of our states represented!

For more information contact Rick Panning, GAC chair at rick.panning@allina.com or 612-262-5012

Get Ready to Celebrate: National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week 2011

One objective of NMLPW is to educate healthcare professionals, the public, and others about the role laboratory professionals play in patient care. ASCLS has many items available that can be used for this effort including the national logo, a NMLPW planning and promotions guide, table tents, and more!

will be held April 24 - 30, 2011. It is not too early to make your plans to celebrate the week and educate others about the role you play on the healthcare team.

Be sure to follow ASCLS on Facebook and Twitter to hear the latest news and updates about all things ASCLS including NMLPW.

This year, **National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (NMLPW)**

www.facebook.com/ASCLS

www.twitter.com/ASCLS



ASCLS has added information to the NMLPW webpage for 2011. Please visit: www.ascls.org/conferences/2011NMLPW