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President's Message

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Educational Gold For STSA's Golden Annual Meeting

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (STSA) will host its 50th Annual Meeting November 13-15, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs, Florida. Over the last 50 years the STSA has contributed and often led the way in developing the exceptional educational opportunities for we as cardiothoracic surgeons have come to expect today. The 50th Annual Meeting educational program is outstanding and one you will not want to miss.

This year's Program Committee, in keeping with the tradition of ensuring something for everyone, has created a program that features cutting edge technology and techniques as well as current research findings in Adult Cardiac, Congenital, and General Thoracic Surgery. The program has also been expanded to include surgical posters and practice management sessions that will cover today's most pertinent management topics such as Patient Safety, Ethics, and Coding and Reimbursement. The Postgraduate program is exceptional and will provide an overview of the evolution of cardiothoracic surgical procedures.

Among its founding principles, the STSA is committed to the education of thoracic residents. This year's Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship, which honors STSA Past President Kent Trinkle and his commitment to resident education, will feature the thoracic residency training program led by Dr. Walter G. Wolfe at Duke University Medical Center. I'm happy to have Dr. Wolfe as this year's Kent Trinkle Lecturer.

I'm extremely pleased that this year's President's Invited Lecturers will be Dr. and Mrs. Harold C. Urschel, Jr. As we celebrate the 50 year history of the STSA, I could think of no two other individuals who better epitomize the STSA and its purpose. I look forward to Betsey and Hal's presentation, "The STSA & Mount Everest: The Half Century Ascent to the Summit of Cardiothoracic Surgery."

Friday morning will offer you a special retrospective on the STSA that only a 50th Annual Meeting can offer. Included in this session will be an historical review of the papers presented over the last fifty years as well as a presentation on the role that spouses and family have played in making the STSA the great organization it is.

It has indeed been an honor to serve as the STSA's 50th President. "Celebrating Fellowship & Education" is the theme for the STSA's 50th Anniversary, and the Annual Meeting embraces that theme completely. I look forward to seeing you in Bonita Springs for a golden educational event and celebrating with you this milestone in the STSA's history.

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STSA Membership Close To The 1000 Mark!

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is hoping to hit the 1000 member mark at this year's Annual Business Meeting. All membership applications must be received by **September 15, 2003**. Please encourage a colleague who is not a member to join the STSA (a membership application is enclosed with this newsletter). Those interested in becoming a member must be ABTS certified, live in the current region of the STSA or have completed a thoracic residency training program in the STSA region. The following states comprise the STSA region: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia and the US territories and commonwealths in the Caribbean. Two letters of sponsorship from current STSA members and the applicant's curriculum vitae must accompany the application.



Just In Case You Need A Reason To Attend STSA's 50th Annual Meeting

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association will host and celebrate its 50th Annual Meeting on November 13-15, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs, Florida. A complete program outline as well as registration information can be found on the STSA Web site at www.stsa.org. A meeting registration form has been enclosed with this newsletter. Although the reasons to attend are endless below are some compelling ones for you to consider!

- ◆ Earn up to 21.75 continuing medical education credit hours from a variety of educational formats. The 50th Annual Meeting will include a Postgraduate Program, Surgical Videos, Scientific Posters and 40 Scientific Paper presentations.
- ◆ A retrospective on the STSA and the evolution of cardiothoracic surgery over the past 50 years.
- ◆ Practice Management focused sessions on Patient Safety, Ethics, and Coding and Reimbursement.
- ◆ An exhibit hall with your supplier partners showcasing the latest products and services in cardiothoracic surgery.
- ◆ Social and sporting events that give you the opportunity to spend time with colleagues and friends outside of the session room. The President's Mixer on Friday evening is a favorite among attendees – two tickets are included with your registration fee. The 50th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon on Friday is also included in your registration fee.
- ◆ Open, frank and candid discussion is a staple of the STSA Annual Meeting experience. The STSA encourages discussion and offers it in an informal setting known only to the STSA. Your discussion skills may also garner you the coveted Osler Abbott Award!
- ◆ Education and Fellowship abound at the STSA Annual Meeting. The STSA prides itself in the ability to offer a meeting experience that balances the importance of education with the importance of interacting with friends and colleagues.

Special Thanks To The 50th Annual Meeting Corporate Supporters

The STSA has benefited from the support of industry from its beginning. When preparations for the 50th Annual Meeting Celebration began more than four years ago, industry was there to help. The STSA would like to thank the following corporate supporters for their generous contributions to the STSA and the 50th Annual Meeting.

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Thank You 50th Anniversary Committee

More than four years of planning and preparing have paid off. Special thanks are due to the 50th Anniversary Committee for their commitment and dedication to the STSA and for creating an event to be remembered!

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A New Look For STSA.ORG

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association's Web site, www.stsa.org has a brand new look! The new design was created by the staff at CTSNet.org under the supervision of the STSA's Web master, Dr. Donald Watson. Take a moment to visit the new site; it looks fantastic! Among the information you may obtain from the STSA Web site is Annual Meeting registration and housing information and STSA membership information. The Spring 2003 issue of the STSA News is also located on the new site, www.stsa.org.



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