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**Register** for the STSA 59th Annual Meeting by October 8, 2012 to avoid on-site registration fees.

STSA 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
TO REGISTER VISIT [WWW.STSA.ORG](http://WWW.STSA.ORG)  
NOVEMBER 7-10, 2012  
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WALDORF ASTORIA NAPLES  
NAPLES, FLORIDA

## Letter From the President



Walter H. Merrill, MD

As summer ends and we become increasingly busy with our practices and other fall activities, I want to remind you that the STSA 59th Annual Meeting is just around the corner. I invite you to register for this great meeting to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Naples if you have not yet had the chance to do so. Be sure to arrange your travel for arrival in Naples, Florida, on Wednesday, November 7th when the meeting will kick-off with Surgical Motion Pictures at 7:45 p.m. To register for the meeting and secure hotel reservations, visit our website at [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org). Don't forget, the deadline for early registration is October 8, 2012, and the deadline to make a hotel room reservation at the discounted STSA rate is October 6, 2012.

The meeting this year promises to be another exceptional educational event. An Advance Program was mailed to you in July; I hope you have had a chance to review it and that you have made note of the many important sessions relevant to your patients and practice. Once you have experienced the collegiality, fun, and scientific value of an STSA meeting, you will understand why members return year after year. I hope to see you in Naples!

This is also the time of year when STSA concludes its annual membership recruitment campaign. At this time we have received 21 membership applications. I would like to extend my thanks to Vinay Badhwar, STSA Membership Chair, and the Membership Committee for their work in the recruitment of prospective members and their work still to be done in reviewing the applications. Thanks also to everyone who encouraged a colleague to apply and provided letters of support to these prospective members. If you are attending the Annual Meeting, plan to participate in the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, November 9, at 5:00 p.m. when we will vote on candidates presented for membership.

I would like to close by saying what an honor it has been to serve as your President this year. I look forward to an outstanding 59th Annual Meeting in Naples, Florida, and spending time with you and our colleagues as we enjoy the fellowship and educational offerings of the STSA.

Walter Merrill

Walter H. Merrill  
STSA President

# STSA 59th Annual Meeting

## November 7-10, 2012 – Waldorf Astoria Naples

### Guest Speakers



*Leonard L. Bailey, MD  
and Nancy Bailey*

**President's Invited Lecture**  
**Leonard L. Bailey, MD and Nancy Bailey** will deliver the President's Invited Lectureship at the STSA 59th Annual Meeting, presenting the talk "The Value of Life: Lessons Learned from Baby Fae and Xenotransplantation." Dr. Bailey is a practicing cardiothoracic surgeon at Loma Linda Medical Center who made history in October of 1984 when he performed a heart transplant on Baby Fae, a 12-day-old infant born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, using a baby baboon heart. Baby Fae's surgery initially appeared to be successful, but sadly she succumbed three weeks later due to a kidney infection. Dr. Bailey again made headlines in 1985 when he performed the first-ever successful neonatal heart transplant on Baby

Moses. Baby Moses not only survived the transplant surgery, he continued to thrive and is the longest surviving newborn recipient of a heart transplant. Today, Dr. Bailey continues to perform heart transplants, congenital heart surgeries, and congenital heart defect corrective surgeries at Loma Linda Medical Center. He is particularly interested in heart surgery for infants and children, heart transplantation/mechanical circulatory assist, and international outreach for pediatric cardiac surgery. Dr. Bailey and his wife, Nancy, will deliver the President's Invited Lecture on Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 at 10:50 a.m.



*Paul Uhlig, MD*

**Post-Graduate Keynote Speaker**  
**Paul Uhlig, MD**, a practicing cardiothoracic surgeon at Central Plains Cardiothoracic Surgery, LLC in Wichita, Kansas and Associate Professor at the Kansas University School of Medicine-Wichita, is this year's Post-Graduate Program Keynote Speaker. Dr. Uhlig is internationally recognized for his practice and study of reliable health care

teamwork and patient/family centered care. In 2002, while on faculty at Dartmouth Medical School, he led a cardiac care team that received the Eisenberg Patient Safety Award for System Innovation, the highest award in patient safety given by the Joint Commission and National Quality Forum. Dr. Uhlig's talk, titled "The Anatomy and Physiology of Exceptional Teamwork," is sure to be of interest to all meeting attendees and their guests and it will conclude the Post-Graduate Program on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 11:20 a.m.



*Bartley Griffith, MD*

**Kent Trinkle Education Lecture**  
In honor of Dr. J. Kent Trinkle's remarkable dedication to student education, an STSA member is selected each year to discuss their training program during the Annual Meeting. **Bartley Griffith, MD** will deliver this year's Kent Trinkle Education Lecture. Dr. Griffith directs the Division of Cardiac Surgery and Cardiothoracic Transplantation at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) where he is also a professor of surgery, Director of Heart and Lung Transplantation, and Co-Director of the UM Comprehensive Heart Center. Founding director of the McGowan Center for Artificial Organ Development, Dr. Griffith has a special interest in advancing the use of artificial organs, and in 2002 he led a team at the UM Heart Center to implant a revolutionary new rotary heart pump to save the life of a patient with heart failure. Be sure to attend Dr. Griffith's Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship on Friday, Nov. 9 at 10:30 a.m.

### STSA 59th Annual Meeting

#### Join us in Naples

**November 7-10, 2012**

**Waldorf Astoria Naples**

Review a detailed program and register online at [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org). Be sure to register by October 8, 2012. Please note that there will be an additional \$50 charge for attendees registering on-site.

#### 2012 Annual Meeting Highlights

- ★ Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic, Congenital, and Transplant Breakout Sessions
- ★ Presidential Address by Walter H. Merrill, MD: *Who Do You Say You Are?*
- ★ President's Invited Lecture by Leonard L. Bailey, MD and Nancy Bailey: *The Value of Life: Lessons Learned from Baby Fae and Xenotransplantation*
- ★ Post-Graduate Pro/Con Debates with Audience Response System: *Subspecialization Certification Should Be Required for Individual Procedures and Destination VADs Should Be Done In a Transplant Center*
- ★ Ethics Debate: *Thoracic Surgery Societies Should Evaluate and Rate the Quality of International Cardiothoracic Surgery Centers to Help Patients Who Wish to Benefit From Low-Cost, High-Quality Surgery*
- ★ Golf and Fishing Tournaments
- ★ Everglades Eco Tour
- ★ STSA Annual Awards Dinner & Dance

## Activities and Entertainment – Bring Your Family to Naples This November!



*Don't miss the President's Mixer on Friday, which will take place pool-side at the stunning Waldorf Astoria Naples resort.*

The STSA 59th Annual Meeting will be an event for your whole family to enjoy. The **Waldorf Astoria Naples** is a perfect destination for the Southern Thoracic, its members, and their families.

The Waldorf Astoria Naples features three swimming pools and seven miles of beach front along the Gulf. Wind surfing, scuba and snorkeling, sailing, bike rentals, and more are available for guests to enjoy at the resort, plus the Waldorf Astoria Naples is located mere minutes away from designer shopping, the Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens, and the Florida Everglades. For those bringing children to the meeting, the **Waldorf Kids Club** is available Wednesday through Sunday and features both indoor and outdoor activities. Baby-sitting services are also available through Nanny Poppinz. For more information, call (877) 262-6694 or visit [www.nannypoppinz.com](http://www.nannypoppinz.com) (advanced registration is required).

In addition to the many resort offerings, STSA has a lineup of activities and entertainment scheduled just for Annual Meeting attendees and their guests. On Friday, Nov. 9, a **Naples Museum of Art** tour will depart the resort at 1:15 p.m. and deliver attendees to the three-story, 30,000-square-foot museum with 15 galleries. Museum-goers will return to the resort Friday afternoon with plenty of time to get ready for the evening's President's Mixer from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Two complimentary tickets to the President's Mixer are included with your meeting registration, and additional tickets can be purchased at the registration desk. You won't want to miss this evening full of networking and fun!

Saturday's events will get started after the adjournment

of educational programming, and there will be plenty of opportunities for meeting attendees and guests to kick back and relax, go exploring, or enjoy some friendly competition.

An Everglades Eco Tour will take attendees through Florida's most famous resource, the Florida Everglades. The excursion will feature an afternoon of fun and sun, including a guided walking tour and a 30-minute airboat ride. Attendees and guests can stretch their legs and enjoy the beautiful Florida weather during the always-popular Fishing and Golf Tournaments. This year promises to be a memorable fishing experience with a short trip to **Lovers Key State Park** where attendees will enjoy the Estero Bay backwater fishing. The golf tournament will take place at the **Naples Grande Golf Course** designed for players of all levels by renowned golf architect Rees Jones and voted one of the ten best new golf courses in Florida. Any one who has attended an STSA Annual Meeting in the past might remember that tournament winners don't just earn bragging rights, they will also receive a special prize at Saturday evening's Annual Awards Dinner & Dance.

The Annual Awards Dinner & Dance will take place Saturday, Nov. 10 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. To reflect the relaxation and fun of the Naples beach location, dress will be resort casual. Gentlemen are invited to wear khakis or slacks with a shirt and jacket and ladies may choose a summer dress or a blouse with a skirt or slacks (no jeans or shorts, please). Plan to attend for an evening of dining, dancing, and socializing with fellow Southern Thoracic colleagues.

To register for these events or for more information, review the STSA 59th Annual Meeting **Advance Program** and **Registration Form**. See you in Naples!



*Plan to join the Golf Tournament on Saturday and play the beautiful Naples Grande Golf Course.*



## 59th ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM OUTLINE

# Schedule of Events

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The STSA designates this activity for a maximum of 20.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### Wednesday, November 7, 2012

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Registration**  
7:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **Surgical Motion Pictures**

### Thursday, November 8, 2012

6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration**  
6:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Post-Graduate General Session**  
General Thoracic, Congenital, and Adult Cardiac Case Presentations With Audience Response System  
8:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Post-Graduate Breakout Sessions**  
Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic, and Congenital Breakouts  
10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. **Post-Graduate Pro/Con Debates**  
*Subspecialization Certification Should Be Required for Individual Procedures*  
*Destination VADS Should Only Be Done In a Transplant Center*  
11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Post-Graduate Special Session**  
Paul Uhlig  
*The Anatomy and Physiology of Exceptional Teamwork*  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Ethics Debate**  
*Thoracic Surgery Societies Should Evaluate and Rate the Quality of International Cardiothoracic Surgery Centers to Help Patients who Wish to Benefit From Low-Cost, High-Quality Surgery*  
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **First Scientific Session**

### Friday, November 9, 2012

6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Registration**  
6:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. **Basic Science Forum**  
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Second Scientific Session**  
10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship**  
Bartley P. Griffith  
10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. **President's Invited Lecturer**  
Leonard L. Bailey and Nancy Bailey  
*The Value of Life: Lessons Learned from Baby Fae and Xenotransplantation*  
11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Presidential Address**  
Walter H. Merrill  
*Who Do You Say You Are?*

12:00 p.m. **All Attendee Lunch**  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Third Scientific Session A**  
Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, Congenital, and General Thoracic Breakouts  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Third Scientific Session B**  
Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, Congenital, and General Thoracic Breakouts  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **STSA Business Meeting**  
*STSA Members Only*  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **President's Mixer\***

### Saturday, November 10, 2012

6:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Registration**  
6:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Coding Update**  
*Update on CPT and Physician Payment Issues for 2013*  
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Fourth Scientific Session A**  
Simultaneous Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic, Congenital, and Transplant Breakouts  
9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. **History Presentation**  
James Kirklin  
*Remembering Dr. John Kirklin*  
9:50 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. **Fourth Scientific Session B**  
12:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Golf and Fishing Tournaments and Everglades Eco Tour\***  
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. **Annual Awards Dinner & Dance\***

\*Ticketed Events



## **New Location and Date for the STSA 60th Annual Meeting**

Please update your calendars and travel logs:  
**The STSA 60th Annual Meeting will take place October 30 – November 2, 2013 in Scottsdale, Arizona at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch.**

The 60th Annual Meeting was originally contracted to occur November 7-10, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Bonaventure in Weston, Florida, but the resort has since changed ownership and the STSA Council voted to consider alternative options. The selected resort, **The Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch**, will provide STSA Annual Meeting attendees with a beautiful backdrop to what is sure to be another excellent educational experience that features the same camaraderie and fun that the Southern Thoracic is known so well for.

For questions, please contact Beth Winer, Senior Manager, Affiliate Organizations, at [bwiner@sts.org](mailto:bwiner@sts.org).

## **STSA FUTURE MEETINGS**

**October 30-November 2, 2013  
Hyatt Regency  
Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch  
Scottsdale, AZ**

**November 5-8, 2014  
JW Marriott Starr Pass  
Resort and Spa  
Tucson, Arizona**

**November 4-7, 2015  
Disney's Yacht &  
Beach Club  
Orlando, Florida**

**Visit [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org) for  
additional information**

## **2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

If you have not yet paid your 2012 membership dues, be sure to **log in and pay your dues online** today!

For membership assistance contact STSA staff at (800) 685-7872.

## **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TODAY!**

Visit [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org) to log in and update your contact information or call (800) 685-7872 and STSA staff will be happy to help you.

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