



# STSA News

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## Highlights from Dr. Miller's Presidential Message:

- 50th Anniversary Meeting preparations are underway.
- A call has gone out for memorabilia.
- Recruitment efforts a rousing success
- New Poster and Video Sessions
- Presidential Invited Speaker—Senator William H. Frist

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The 49th Annual Business Meeting Minutes can be found at:

[www.stsa.org/doc/1966](http://www.stsa.org/doc/1966)

You will need your CTSNet User ID and Password to gain access.

## Presidential Message by Joseph I. Miller, Jr., MD, STSA President

Dear Colleagues:

After 27 years of enjoying the fellowship of the STSA, I am particularly honored to be at the helm for this year's 50th Anniversary Celebration. I am sure we are all in agreement that the 2002 Annual Meeting was a remarkable success and that kudos are in order for Dr. Constantine Mavroudis and everyone involved in the Program and Postgraduate Committees. As I face the task at hand, I am confident that together we can accept the challenge of meeting everyone's high expectations for this most auspicious year - a celebration of 50 years of fellowship, tradition, innovation and education.

Tops on the list of STSA achievements this past year was the rousing success of our Recruitment Campaign. Hats off to Dr. Geoffrey Graeber and the membership committee members, who surpassed their goal of 50 new members by recruiting 82 physicians! While the STSA has always maintained an impressive 97% retention rate, due in great part to its "once a member, always a member" credo, our average of 20 new members per year was stunningly surpassed with this year's figures. Hopefully, Dr. William A. Walker and the Membership Committee will be able to keep this wonderful momentum going.

In relocating our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs, Florida, the STSA staff has managed to transform a scheduling snafu into a relocation coup. I have personally explored the facilities and have found the amenities to be top notch. I think you will find the golf, tennis and swimming facilities to be first class and sure to enrich your meeting experience.



Joseph I. Miller, Jr., MD  
STSA President

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## The Annals of Thoracic Surgery Manuscript Submission Goes On-line!

On January 1, 2003, *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* manuscript submission program went electronic. All new submissions for publication must be submitted to the on-line office at [www.atseditorialoffice.org](http://www.atseditorialoffice.org).

To submit a manuscript or serve as a guest reviewer you must register with the on-line editorial office. The process is easy—your current e-mail address is your user name and you create the password. Visit the Web site to "create a new account" now and establish a connection with the new on-line editorial office.

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### Presidential Message by Joseph I. Miller, Jr., MD (continued from page one)

In an effort to always keep our program informative and innovative, this year's meeting will include a Poster Session, beginning on Friday and continuing through Saturday morning. The focus of this year's Video Session is "New Technology and New Techniques."

Dr. Hal Urschel is busy spearheading the gathering of memorabilia both large and small for our 50th Year Memory Book. Photos and assorted historical items have been steadily arriving at the STSA's Chicago offices—but, of course, more are always welcome.

Senator William H. Frist has been invited to speak at our meeting. I remain hopeful that his understandably busy schedule will allow for his participation.

I welcome the baton being passed to me at this most significant moment in the history of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association. The half century marks a natural time for reflection on the accomplishments that make us proud, the memories that bind us to each other, the traditions that keep us strong and the commitment to the STSA that makes our organization so vital. I encourage each of you to participate fully in the excellent opportunities for continuing education and the exciting social events that have been planned for this year's meeting. Again, I look forward to seeing you in November.



Hendrick Barner being  
"hoisted" - Presidential Dinner  
1998

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### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INSERTS TO YOUR SPRING NEWSLETTER!

- Your assistance in completing our 50th Annual Survey is greatly appreciated. Please FAX your response to the STSA Headquarters at 312/202-5801 by April 30, 2003.
- Mrs. Betsey Bradley Urschel is coordinating the collection of memorabilia from STSA spouses. Please see the green insert for mail and e-mail information.

### STSA 50th Anniversary Preparations Underway!

Nestled between the communities of Fort Myers and Naples, Bonita Springs, Florida provides visitors with a captivating confluence of surf, sand and sun. As Dr. Miller mentioned in his Presidential Message (see page one), the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs boasts first-rate golf and tennis facilities. As in past years, the social calendar of this year's meeting will include both Golf and Tennis Tournaments. Additionally, the rich fishing heritage of the area will be reflected in the inclusion of both Deep Sea and Fly Fishing Tournaments.

Mrs. Louise Miller has voiced her concern that spouses enjoy the same camaraderie experienced by members and is organizing the Spouse Social Events accordingly. Please encourage your spouse to plan on participating in the welcoming mix of activities that are being planned.

Be sure to check in regularly with our Web site at [www.stsa.org](http://www.stsa.org) for continuing updates on our 50th Anniversary Meeting.

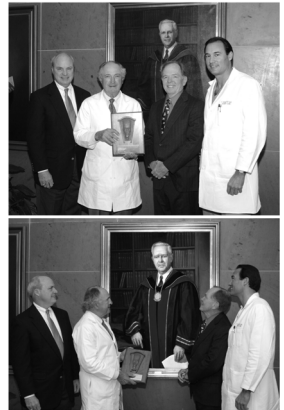


Delight in the stunning views the  
Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in  
Bonita Springs, FL affords  
guests.

## The STSA Welcomes 82 New Members

**Congratulations and welcome to the following 82 physicians approved for membership in the STSA during the Annual Business meeting held November 8, 2002.**

Mark Anstadt	Mercedes Dullum	Richard Mainwaring	Scot Schultz
Douglas Appleby, Jr.	Mark Dylewski	Tomas Martin	Jeffrey Sell
William Arnold	Luis Echeverri	William McGee	James Shoptaw, Jr.
Vinay Badhwar	Harold Erath, Jr.	Robert Messier, Jr.	Scott Silvestry
Richard Battafarano	Anthony Estrera	Cary Meyers	Eric Skipper
Thomas Beaver	Paul Evans, Jr.	Carmelo Milano	James St. Louis
Darien Bradford	Mark Felger	Charles Mulligan, Jr.	Kenneth Stahl
Lawrence Breitzkreutz	Joseph Forbess	Clarence Owen	John Sutton
Scott Buchanan	J. William Gaynor	Anthony Palazzo	Michael Szwerc
Bradley Bufkin	Joseph Greenlee	Benjamin Peeler	James Takara
Tung Cai	Bartley Griffith	Christopher Peters	Neil Thomas
Michael Cannon	Stephen Hazelrigg	David Peterseim	Timothy Trotter
Gerald Chapman	J. Robert Headrick, Jr.	Kathleen Petro	Marcus Williams
John Cho	Kuo Fon Huang	Marvin Peyton	Stephen Yang
William Cooper	Andrew Hume	Taylor Pickett	Thomas Yeh, Jr.
John Crouch	John Ikonmidis	Ganga Prabhakar	David Zolfaghari
Harry D'Agostino	William Jones, II	Miguel Puig	
Emmanuel Daon	Paul Kirshbom	John Roberts	
Abelardo DeAnda, Jr.	Andy Kiser	Forrest Rubenstein	
Frank Detterbeck	Omar Lattouf	Sean Russell	
J. Michael DiMaio	Jennifer Lawton	Michael Ryan	
Gregory Di Russo	R. Eric Lally	Frank Schmidt	



**TIKI AWARD WINNERS STRIKE A POSE FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORY BOOK. Can you identify these colleagues?**

## RECRUIT A MEMBER TO THE STSA!

As the efforts of Dr. Graeber and the Membership Committee make abundantly clear, when the STSA sets its sights on a goal, the objective will be met. And now the task remains to not lose the wonderful momentum established this past year. New members are an important part of maintaining the STSA as a vital organization. With that in mind, please remember to look to your fellow thoracic surgeons for potential members to the STSA. This continuous recruitment of your colleagues, combined with the "Once A Member, Always A Member" credo that Dr. Miller refers to in his Presidential Message, is a winning combination for The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association. Keep up the good work!

***"Hats off to Dr. Geoffrey Graeber, and the membership committee members who surpassed their goal of 50 new members..."***

## Celebrating 50 Years of Fellowship and Education

### Congratulations to the 2002 STSA Annual Meeting Award Recipients

#### President's Award

The President's Award is given annually to the author of the paper judged to be superior to all others delivered at the Annual Meeting. The 2002 President's Award was awarded to Joseph S. Coselli, MD of Houston, Texas, for his paper entitled "Left Heart Bypass During Descending Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Repair Does Not Prevent Paraplegia."

#### Hawley H. Seiler, MD Resident's Award

The Hawley H. Seiler, MD Resident's Award is presented to an outstanding cardiothoracic resident who excels in manuscript and oral presentation of their abstract submission. This award is supported by St. Jude Medical, Inc. The 2002 Hawley H. Seiler, MD Resident's Award was given to Dr. Thomas S. Maxey of Charlottesville, Virginia, for his manuscript and presentation on "A Tailored Supraclavicular Approach to Thoracic Outlet Depression is Safe and Efficacious in Managing All Forms of Thoracic Outlet Syndrome."

#### Tiki Award

The Tiki Award is given to the person who presents a slide judged by a committee appointed by the President to be the most memorable and noteworthy at the Annual Meeting. Dr. W. Steves Ring of Dallas, Texas, was named the 2002 Tiki Award recipient.

#### Osler Abbott Award

The Osler Abbott Award is given to the member who excels in the art of discussionmanship. The 2002 Osler Abbott Award was awarded to Dr. John C. Calhoon of San Antonio, Texas.



### Meet Your 2003 Council and Committee Members

Included with this issue of *STSA News* is a listing of the 2003 STSA leadership. Newly elected members of the Council include: Dr. D. Glenn Pennington, President-Elect; Dr. Walter H. Merrill, Vice President; Dr. G. Alexander Patterson, Councilor. President Miller has also appointed Drs. Daniel Miller and David Harpole, Jr. to the Program Committee; Dr. Kevin Accola to the Membership Committee; and Drs. Robert Cerfolio and David Jones to the Postgraduate Committee. Dr. Miller has made the following special appointments to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spouses' Committee: Mrs. Betsey Urschel, Mrs. Louise Miller, Mrs. Martha Mavroudis and Mrs. Betsy Baumgartner. Finally, an Annual Meeting Site Selection Committee was formed to explore future meeting sites for the STSA Annual Meeting. Members appointed were Dr. Lynn Harrison, Dr. Joseph Miller and Dr. John Calhoon.

### SOS to All Members! 1964 Program Needed!!

In an effort to gather together all historical documents, we are still trying to locate a copy of the 1964 Program Book. If you are in possession of this valuable document, please contact Mary Duggan at the STSA Headquarters (800)685-7872 or [mduggan@sts.org](mailto:mduggan@sts.org). Mary will make a copy of the Program and return it to you ASAP. So please, check your private stash of memorabilia. HELP THE STSA COMPLETE ITS LIBRARY!

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