



Past President Notes – Connie Broers

Wow, have I got news from you! As past president, I was fortunate to be able to help represent our chapter at the CCL meeting at ThinkLab and I am very pleased to report back that KCCLMA was recognized with the Distinction in Leadership and Administration award. As if that wasn't exciting enough, we also received the Chapter of the Year!!

Natasha Hundley, our current president, has always said "WE ROCK!" and now we have the awards to prove it. Seriously it was a great honor as there are so many awesome chapters out there, but I was thrilled for the recognition for all of you as our chapter does some outstanding work for our colleagues, our profession and our community. Congratulations to all of you!!

We were asked as chapter award winners to head a round table later in the day to discuss some of the things that we do that qualified us for this recognition. Even though it is a duty of the past president to write and submit with much help the Success Standards form upon which the awards are based on, the multiple page document was not in front of me. And of course I could not remember one word.

So I basically talked about the things we were proud of—our involvement in JayDoc and Heart to Heart, membership, ThinkLab scholarships, involvement in international committees, educational programs including the collaboration with other professional groups and our point of care focus, and last but not least the involvement in advocacy for our profession.

But what really makes our chapter so awesome is all of you—the members that give their time and passion to promote our profession and to serve others—in whatever way they are able. So thank you all so much and again – Congratulations!

Hope to see you at the annual meeting May 21st and don't forget if you are not currently a member there is still time to apply for a membership scholarship. We would love to have you join us. Check us out at www.kcclma.org. Regards, Connie

Scheduled Meetings – Save the Dates

Friday May 21, 2010 – KCCLMA Annual Meeting. Panel discussion regarding "Using your LIS to Impact Productivity and Quality." Time: 9-9:30am Networking/Breakfast, 9:30-10am Business Meeting / BOD Elections / Scholarships, 10-11am Presentation, 11am-Noon Q&A/Networking. Location: Cerner Corporation Vision Center, 2800 Rockcreek Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Please RSVP by email to Natasha Hundley, at natasha.hundley@cerner.com by May 14, 2010.

Thursday, June 10, 2010 – "Six Sigma: Using Data to Reach Solutions." Offered by CLMA Wheatlands Chapter. 9:00am – 3:00pm. North Rock Business Park Conf Room, 3450 North Rock Rd Wichita, KS. RSVP to: mjensen@petersonlab.com

Friday, November 21, 2010 – Heart of America Point-of-Care Network Meeting. 7:30am – 5pm. Location: Saint Luke's North Hospital Conference Room, 5830 Northwest Barry Road, KCMO.



In Memoriam

Wanda Sue Lammey Millice, a CLMA member since 1985, passed away on May 7, 2010 from declining health due to cancer of an unknown source. Sue was born February 4, 1940 in Channing, TX to Juanita and Eugene Lammey. Her family moved to Tucumcari, NM where she grew up and graduated high school. Sue received a degree in Medical Technology from the College of Emporia, Emporia, KS and later received a Master's degree in Micro-biology from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. A career in the medical technology field led Sue to Menorah Medical Center in 1961 where she held several positions of increased responsibility. In 1995 she became associated with Health Midwest Systems IT where she worked until recently. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Jeanne Gonzales and niece, Sonya Gonzales of Chicago, IL. She is survived by her husband of 30

years, George (Hawk) Millice, Kansas City, MO. A celebration of Sue's life is scheduled for 5:00 PM Wednesday, May 12 at John Knox Kirk Presbyterian Church, 11430 Wornall Rd, Kansas City, MO. Physical remains will be entrusted to the care of KU Medical Center. Her spirit is with the love of her friends, her beloved husband and her faithful companion, Mack, a miniature schnauzer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the KC Hospice, 12000 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64145 or Wayside Waifs, 3901 Martha Truman Road, Kansas City, MO 64137. The family wishes to express their gratitude and thanks to the dedicated and caring staff of the KC Hospice.
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Legislative Update

Global Health Act Focuses on Health Systems Infrastructure and Workforce

On March 24, Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA, 9th) introduced the Global Health Expansion, Access to Labor, Transparency, and Harmonization (HEALTH) Act of 2010 (H.R. 4933). The bill is designed to promote a framework for sustainable and effective U.S. global health programs. More commonly known as the Global Health Act, the bill would put into practice some of the principles of the President's Global Health Initiative (GHI), including country ownership, a woman- and girl-centered approach, and strategic coordination and integration.

If passed, the bill would provide \$2 billion over five years to create a comprehensive and integrated solution to global health aid with focus on developing health workforce and improving health systems. The legislation authorizes funding to develop and improve training, retention, and safety of health workers, including doctors, nurses, other health professionals, community health workers, midwives and more.

One area receiving attention is the laboratory. At a recent forum, the need for diagnostics and qualified laboratory staff to perform them was highlighted. Christopher J. Elias, President and CEO, PATH, commented: "... We've increased the visibility and the urgency of having better diagnostic tools, not just for HIV, for monitoring viral load or resistance, but also for TB and a variety of other diseases as well where, as we've sought to deliver at scale, we highlighted the limitations of the existing diagnostic services to guide the investments and to guide the use of those resources most appropriately."

Deborah Birx, MD, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Global Aids Program, echoed the need to identify and put into place fundamental technology platforms that would serve a variety of patient functions beyond disease diagnosis and monitoring. Birx proposed the development of a national laboratory plan to "tier out services in a thoughtful way from the national system to the health clinic, realizing [that] at the health clinic, there may not be laboratory [staff] available to implement those technologies."



We want to know!

Please take a moment to tell us how we are doing and what we could be doing better! This link will direct you to the survey:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F26WYHF>



Membership News

According to International CLMA's database, KC CLMA Chapter currently has 74 members, no new members.

If you know any former members, please remind him/her of the benefits of belonging to CLMA and ask them to rejoin! *Please email Pet with suggestions to recruit and/or retain at Pet.Maniquis@Providence-Health.org*



Sub-Committee Activities

RALS-MAS Eurotrol, Hemocue and Radiometer are sponsoring a Point-of-Care Webinar September 16, 2010 at 11am. Information and registration may be found at <http://www.pointofcare.net>

Date change: The Heart of America Point-of-Care Network will hold their next meeting on November 12, 2010 at Saint Luke's Northland Hospital.
<http://www.pointofcare.net/Heartland/index.htm>

Please contact a BOD member listed at the end of this newsletter if you would like to volunteer on a

Anti-Pod Campaign

ASCP's Stop Pod Labs Again campaign is urging federal policymakers to take action against abusive billing schemes involving pathology services provided in the office of the ordering and billing (non-pathologist) physician or group practice office. Pod labs and other self referral schemes are back again due to several flaws in the 2009 revision of the Medicare anti-markup rule.

Such in-office "pod lab" arrangements raise a number of concerns. These schemes are often operated without a CLIA certificate. There is no requirement with these arrangements that the technical component of the pathology service is supervised by a pathologist or performed by an individual who meets the CLIA high complexity testing personnel requirements. These arrangements exploit a flaw in the Medicare anti-markup rule that allows anatomic pathology services to be marked up if the service is performed in the ordering physician's office. According to the rule the technical component must be supervised by a physician (not necessarily a pathologist) who is part of the billing practice. The following link will allow you to use ASCP's e-Advocacy Center to urge your federal policymakers to take action on this issue. <http://www.capwiz.com/ascp/path/issues/alert/?alertid=14927531&type=ML>

CLMA PAC Chapter Challenge

CLMA PAC recently set a goal to raise \$20,000 in 2010 with a goal of \$8,000 coming from chapter PAC events. Each chapter that holds a PAC event in 2010 will be eligible for a prize drawing - one entry for each PAC event. Five chapters will be chosen to each receive one free registration to ThinkLab '11. We won a Free Registration last year; let's do it again this year!!!

CLMA members are encouraged to check out current legislative issues on the CLMA website at www.clma.org, we encourage all members to get involved!



Safety Shorts

Do you know what to look for when inspecting a chemical storage area?

All chemicals should be properly labeled with the chemical name and hazards. Chemicals should have their caps secured at all times. No chemicals should be stored on bench tops, fume hoods, on the floor, or extending into traffic aisles. Chemical shelves

should not be over crowded. Chemicals should not be stored above eye level.

Consider the compatibility of chemicals being stored. Examples of incompatible chemicals are located in the "**Incompatible Chemicals List**" located at the end of this Newsletter.

The chemical store room should have a cool, dry atmosphere, sufficient lighting in all areas, a ventilation system that exhausts to the outside, secure and sufficient shelving, and unobstructed aisles with no blind areas.

First aid supplies, emergency phone numbers, eyewash and shower facilities, fire extinguishers, spill cleanup supplies and personal protective equipment should be readily available.



Urgent Request for Volunteers

KC CLMA continues to provide personnel at JayDoc FREE Clinic in Kansas City, KS in conjunction with Heart-to-Heart International (HHI). There are openings in June and July schedules. No phlebotomy experience required. Volunteers must demonstrate competency. Contact Pet Maniquis at pet.maniquis@Providence-Health.org if you are interested in volunteering.

HHI has multiple trips to Guatemala planned this year. Dates include: June 7-13, June 20-26 and September 25-October 2. Cost per person is \$975 plus airfare. Price includes: in country expenses, team meals, ground transportation, tips, taxes, medical evacuation insurance and program administration expenses. Please contact Heart-to-Heart International at 913-764-5200 or Jorge.coromac@hearttoheart.org if you have questions or interested in volunteering for any of these mission trips.



Board Activities

Please refer to Meeting Minutes on "Members Only" KC CLMA web page for additional information regarding board activities.



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INCOMPATIBLE CHEMICALS LIST

Chemical	Incompatibilities
Acetic acid	Chromic acid, nitric acid, hydroxyl compounds, ethylene glycol, perchloric acid, peroxides, permanganates
Acetone	Concentrated nitric and sulfuric acid mixtures
Acetylene	Chlorine, bromine, copper, fluorine, silver, mercury
Alkali and alkaline earth metals (such as powdered aluminum or magnesium, calcium, lithium, sodium, potassium)	Water, carbon tetrachloride or other chlorinated hydrocarbons, carbon dioxide, halogens
Ammonia (anhydrous)	Mercury (in manometers, for example), chlorine, calcium hypochlorite, iodine, bromine, hydrofluoric acid (anhydrous)
Ammonium nitrate	Acids, powdered metals, flammable liquids, chlorates, nitrites, sulfur, finely divided organic combustible materials
Bromine	See Chlorine
Calcium oxide	Water
Carbon (activated)	Calcium hypochlorite, all oxidizing agents
Chlorates	Ammonium salts, acids, powdered metals, sulfur, finely divided organic or combustible materials
Chlorine	Ammonia, acetylene, butadiene, butane, methane, propane (or other petroleum gases), hydrogen, sodium carbide, benzene, finely divided metals, turpentine
Chromic acid and chromium	Acetic acid, naphthalene, camphor, glycerol, alcohol, flammable liquids in general
Copper	Acetylene, hydrogen peroxide
Flammable liquids	Ammonium nitrate, chromic acid, hydrogen peroxide, nitric acid, sodium peroxide, halogens
Fluorine	All other chemicals
Hydrocarbons (such as butane, propane, benzene)	Fluorine, chlorine, bromine, chromic acid, sodium peroxide
Hydrofluoric acid (anhydrous)	Ammonia (aqueous or anhydrous)
Hydrogen peroxide	Copper, chromium, iron, most metals or their salts, alcohols, acetone, organic materials, aniline, nitromethane, combustible materials
Hydrogen sulfide	Fuming nitric acid, oxidizing gases

Chemical	Incompatibilities
Hypochlorites	Acids, activated carbon
Matter	Antimatter
Mercury	Acetylene, fulminic acid, ammonia
Nitrates	Sulfuric acid
Nitric acid (concentrated)	Acetic acid, aniline, chromic acid, hydrocyanic acid, hydrogen sulfide, flammable liquids, flammable gases, copper, brass, any heavy metals
Oxalic acid	Silver, mercury
Oxygen	Oils, grease, hydrogen; flammable liquids, solids or gases
Perchloric acid	Acetic anhydride, bismuth and its alloys, alcohol, paper, wood, grease, oils
Peroxides, organic	Acids (organic or mineral), avoid friction, store cold
Potassium chlorate	Sulfuric and other acids
Potassium perchlorate (see also chlorates)	Sulfuric and other acids
Potassium permanganate	Glycerol, ethylene glycol, benzaldehyde, sulfuric acid
Silver	Acetylene, oxalic acid, tartartic acid, ammonium compounds, fulminic acid
Sodium nitrite	Ammonium nitrate and other ammonium salts
Sodium peroxide	Ethyl or methyl alcohol, glacial acetic acid, acetic anhydride, benzaldehyde, carbon disulfide, glycerin, ethylene glycol, ethyl acetate, methyl acetate, furfural
Sulfides	Acids
Sulfuric acid	Potassium chlorate, potassium perchlorate, potassium permanganate (similar compounds of light metals, such as sodium, lithium)