

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mike Spencer, M.D.

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As the fall colors are nearing their peak and the 73rd Annual Principles in Colon and Rectal Surgery Course approaches, we are forced to expect that the snow will soon fall. We have enjoyed a wonderful summer in the upper Midwest all be it a bit wet at times. The practice remains busy and we are beginning to unravel the intricacies of Obama care and assimilate the new reporting requirements into our daily routines. What is less clear is the role of ACO's "Accountable Care Organizations" and the impact they will have patient access not to mention the quality of care.

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On the academic side, we bid farewell to Drs. Jen Irani, Muneera Kapadia, Vitaliy Poylin, Daniel Shibu, and Sarah Grahn; but we also welcome Dr. Grahn as a new physician here at CRSAL. We are getting acquainted with our new fellows who are learning to navigate the Twin Cities. Although a bit hectic, it was a wonderful opportunity to once again host the ASCRS meeting this past Spring. We want to thank all of you who returned for the meeting as well as the Minnesota Dinner and tribute to Dr. Goldberg. You will find enclosed in this issue of *Passages* a number of pictures from the Minnesota Dinner and the *Buls Lecture*.

As always, we appreciate your input and updates so keep them coming! I think that covers it all for this edition.

My best to you and your families for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Mike

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THE 2011 MINNESOTA ALUMNI DINNER

Vancouver, Canada

The Minnesota Alumni Dinner date has not been set. Keep checking the MCRF website for further details. www.mcrfmn.org We are sure this will be another memorable evening catching up with old friends.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

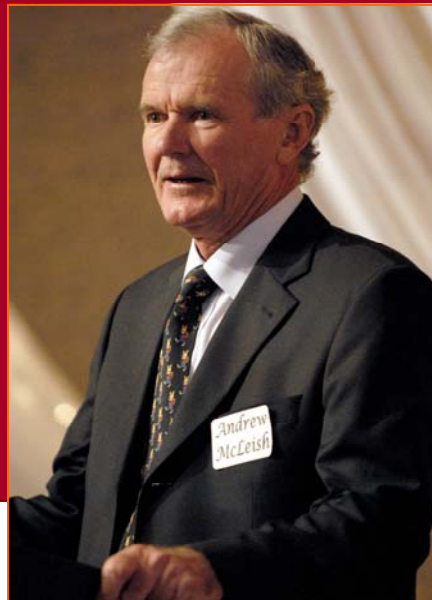
Future ASCRS Annual Meetings

Vancouver, BC, Canada
May 14-18, 2011
Vancouver Convention and
Exhibition Centre

San Antonio, Texas
June 2-6, 2012
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
& Grand Hyatt Hotel

Phoenix, Arizona
April 27-May 1, 2013
Phoenix Convention Center
& Sheraton Phoenix Hotel

Minnesota Alumni Dinner Minneapolis 2010





**Colon and Rectal Surgery:
Current Principles and Practice Course**

**73rd Annual
October 20-23, 2010
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Minneapolis, MN**

**74th Annual
October 12-15, 2011
The Depot
Minneapolis, MN**

**75th Annual
October 24-27, 2012
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Minneapolis, MN**

**Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. You may contact us via the
website at www.colonrectalcourse.org OR call Renee Kaufmann at
651-225-7870 for any further questions.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

University of Minnesota Colon and Rectal Surgery Residency

2010-2011 Clinical Residents

DAVID CHO

Oregon Health and Science University
Portland, OR

ANN HANLY

Beaumont Hospital
Dublin, Ireland

IAN PAQUETTE

Dartmouth Hitchcock
Medical Center
Lebanon, NH

BRIAN SWENSON

University of Virginia Health System
Charlottesville, VA

PATRICK TAWADROS

University of Toronto
Canada



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OF MINNESOTA

A fond farewell to
2009-2010 Clinical Residents

Jennifer Irani

After graduation, Jennifer has taken a position with the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Muneera Kapadia

Munee has decided to stay in the Midwest area. She is now working at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, IA.

Vitaliy Poylin

Vitaliy has moved to Boston working at Harvard.

Daniel Shibru

After graduation, Daniel has moved into a Clinical Instructor position with The Permanente Medical Group, University of California Davis, Kaiser South Sacramento Hospital.

Sarah Grahm

Sarah has also decided to stay in the Midwest, and has accepted a position here at Colon and Rectal Surgery Associates.

RESEARCH UPDATE

Clinical Studies At a Glance

Fecal Incontinence: SNS: Implant Device

Fecal Incontinence
Male/Female:

TORAX: Magnetic Anal sphincter
QMED: Injectable bulking agent

Fecal Incontinence
Female:

AMS: Transform Sling Study
AMS: Sling Study

Peristomal Hernia:

PRISM Ostomy Mesh Study

Constipation in
Females
(Protocol design
in progress):

TSUMARA Dai kenchuto Study

Identify Methylation
Patterns Specific
To Colon Cancer
Male/Female (submitted
For NIH grant):

Methylation Patterns in CA & Normal
Colonic Epithelial Tissue



8th Annual John G. Buls, MD Visiting Professorship Lecture

May 17, 2010
The Minneapolis Club

Guest speaker: Andrew R. McLeish, MD





**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE 2011
GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR DATES FOR THE
AREA IN WHICH YOU LIVE!**

Visit the website at:

www.getyourrearingear.com

If anyone has Facebook, and you are interested, you can invite GYRIG to be a friend and keep up with all the ins and outs. Kristin Tabor (Founder and CEO) keeps FB up to date.

Some news on myself, Geri, in regards to *GYRIG*. I am now the co-chair for the *GYRIG* event in Rochester, MN! 2010 marked my first experience. Lots to still learn and had an amazing turnout...over 220 participants!! VERY AWESOME! I look forward to making this event bigger and better for 2011....

The David A. Rothenberger Lecture 2009

Amy Klobuchar speaks on: *Health Care Priorities and Current Reform Efforts*

United States Senator Amy Klobuchar

In 2006, Amy Klobuchar became the first woman elected to represent the State of Minnesota in the U.S. Senate. As a respected leader—both as chief prosecutor in Minnesota's largest county and now as a U.S. Senator—Amy has always embraced the values she learned growing up in Minnesota. Her grandfather worked 1,500 feet underground in the iron ore mines of Northern Minnesota. Her father, Jim, was a newspaperman, and her mother, Rose, was an elementary school teacher who continued teaching until she was 70.

In the Senate, Amy quickly established herself as a leader determined to get results. On issues from consumer protection to renewable energy; from developing our rural economy to combating climate change to reforming our government, Amy has been a strong advocate for middle-class families and Minnesota values.

Amy took the lead to pass significant consumer product safety legislation. She acted quickly to obtain full funding for the I-35W bridge. She introduced legislation to secure health and education benefits for our nation's veterans. And she helped pass the most sweeping ethics reform since Watergate.



Senator Amy Klobuchar



Second Annual David A. Rothenberger Lecture and Emerging Physician Leaders Program

This lecture series honors the work of Dr. David A. Rothenberger as physician leader, surgeon, mentor and researcher. Dr. Rothenberger is indebted to his Department of Surgery colleagues who initiated the effort to establish this lectureship; to close friends, family members and other medical colleagues who have generously supported the lectureship; and to his wife, Kathy, his invaluable advisor and best friend. He also wishes to acknowledge the wise counsel of the lectureship advisory committee comprised of James R. Campbell, Luella Goldberg, Walter F. Mondale, Carl N. Platou, and Winston Wallin.

We are deeply honored that United States Senator Amy Klobuchar will present today's lecture. This is a crucial time for the future of health care in this country—a time for thoughtful, challenging and respectful debate about how we can positively impact the delivery of health care.

The Rothenberger lecture is integrated with curriculum from the Emerging Physician Leaders Program (EPLP), a three year course designed to develop a community of physician leaders who are the future of the Medical School. Together, both programs build on the school's traditions of health care, leadership and innovation.



October 2, 2008—EPLP Participants and Faculty with former U.S. Vice President Walter F. Mondale

Thank you all for participating in this educational experience.

ALUMNI NEWS *FALL/WINTER* 2010

John Bruun; Class of '06; John recently returned from Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan. He notes that when in Afghanistan, they took care of mostly local nationals. Only a few operations have been done—an appy and a clamshell thoracotomy on a stab wound to the heart. The first guy did great, the second guy didn't do well (as you would expect). **THANK YOU, JOHN FOR SERVING!**

Charlie Friel; Class of '01; Charlie and Cathie adopted a baby boy; born on May 7th. How cute!



George Kazanjian; Class of '09; George and Karin married on December 19, 2009 in beautiful California!



David Etzioni; Class of '07; David received a grant called: American Cancer Society Mentored Research Scholar Grant, “Colorectal Cancer Care in the Safety et: Analysis of Los Angeles County”

Sean Glasgow; Class of '09; Sean was deployed to Afghanistan in January of 2010. An update from Ghazni in September, he hopes to be heading home in a few weeks providing there are no further riots in Kryrgyzstan or volcano's in Iceland. June was busy with over 100 major traumas and 60 surgeries performed. July/August pace slowed down and stayed relatively calm in southeastern Afghanistan. **THANK YOU, SEAN FOR SERVING!**

Stanley Goldberg; Class of '62; was made a member of the Halsted Society

Phil Gordon; Class of '73; was honored at the Montreal Jewish Hospital, McGill University for Academic Achievement.

Ron Bleday; Class of '91; Started a colorectal fellowship at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Alumni include myself, Joel Goldberg and our newest member Jennifer Irani, M.D.

Kelly Bullard-Dunn; Class of '01; was appointed as the Chief of the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the University of Buffalo/SUNY.

Robert Khoo; Class of '87; is relocating to Geisinger Medical Center October 1, 2010.

Charles Heise; Class of '02; received a foundation grant in colorectal research for the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Alan Thorson; Class of '85; Here is some news from Omaha. We have been busy with colon cancer awareness activities including being a major sponsor of the "Stay in the Game Campaign" which is an effort to reach the public on the importance of colon cancer screening through Husker Sports. The campaign features Jerry Tagge who was the Huskers All-American quarterback on our National Championship teams in 1971 and 1972 whose message is that if you are old enough to remember him playing for Nebraska, you need to get screened for colon cancer. Messaging is rampant throughout all football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, women's softball and men's baseball games throughout the year. Now that we are a part of the Big Ten, you all might get to hear some of these messages next year if we are still doing the campaign!

We also help sponsor a number of awareness activities. We have a 5K run in Omaha called the Boxer 500 which is run in boxer shorts. It is a gimmick to get the conversation started. Last year was our first run and we had 140 runners. This year we had 450 runners with one family of 43 who had just lost a family member to colon cancer arriving a team t-shirt that stole the show.

We also began a bicycle ride this year. Colon, Nebraska, is a small town just west of Omaha about 30 miles. (Yes, there is a Colon, Nebraska . . .

and there are 4 other towns by the name of Colon in the United States). Our bike ride was named "Rollin' to Colon" and attracted about 250 riders for the first year. We were pretty happy about that. This is a 53 mile ride that takes participants through the Platte River Valley across some great hills to the Todd Valley (a valley resulting from prehistoric flow of the Platte River prior to the most recent ice age) with a good 20 miles of flat riding and then some good hills again before returning to the Platte River.

. . . a great combination and variety of terrain for an avid biker.

Together the two events raised nearly \$18,000 for colon cancer awareness activities/education for the coming year. For such new events we are very excited! The best part is that we have already set the dates for next year's events due to the enthusiasm of participants wanting to repeat and grow the events. (Rollin' to Colon will be June 19th and Boxer 500 August 14 in case anyone wants to come to Omaha for some great fun!)

In other news, I have retired from the Program Director position for the Creighton University Program. Jennifer Beatty is the new director. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa and trained in colon and rectal surgery with us. She is already doing a terrific job of cleaning out the cobwebs in the programs after 20 years of my directorship. It is great to have new ideas and enthusiasm.

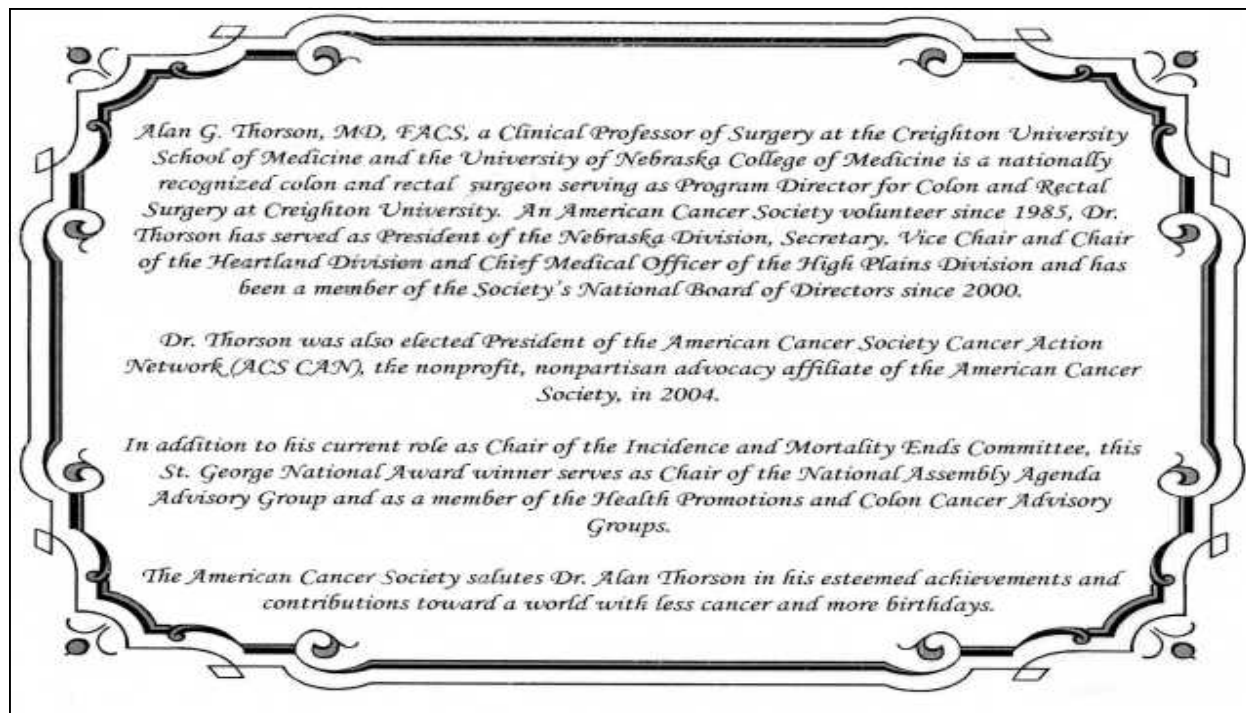
Dr. Ternent has taken on the role of director of research for our group. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the ASCRS Research Foundation this spring. He also a member of the Institutional Review Board for the Nebraska Methodist Health System.

I continue to serve as Chair of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program of Nebraska. We re-organized as a 501c3 not-for-profit this year and have taken on the name of Nebraska Cancer Coalition. My Presidency of the American Cancer Society will come to an end in November. As Immediate Past President I will have much less travel and responsibility next year which will be a relief for my partners.

Omaha opened two new hospitals this year. We are looking for help. If you know of anyone that has a yearning for a good Midwest lifestyle and is interested in a practice limited to colon and rectal surgery along with the benefits of both academic and community affiliations, please have them contact us!

I guess that is about exhausting news here. I look forward to seeing the next issue of Passages.

Also, Dr. Thorson was inducted as President of the American Cancer Society November 19, 2009.



CONGRATULATIONS IS IN ORDER...

**Eleven of our former fellows took the ABCRS written exam
and successfully passed.**

They are:

Josh Bleier, Class of '08
David Etzioni, Class of '07
Laura Goetz, Class of '04
Ed Kim, Class of '07
Alice Lee, Class of '08
Husein Moloo, Class of '08
David Willis, Class of '07
Mary Kwaan, Class of '09
Ben Tsai, Class of '09
Christian Corwin, Class of '09
Elizabeth Raskin, Class of '08



*~Do what makes you happy...
Be with those who make you smile...
Laugh as much as you breathe...
Love as long as you live...
~Unknown*

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Minnesota Colon and Rectal Foundation is to promote excellence in colorectal health care by supporting specialty training, education, and research of colorectal disorders.

Please Keep Us Updated!

Don't forget to drop me, Geri Barrett, a call or e-mail about what you have been up to professionally, personally or whatever you would like to share with the rest of the Alumni at any time. Also, please don't forget to let me know if your contact information changes so we and other alumni can find you! Below is the Alumni form to update your information, you can fax or email when changes take place. See email addresses and fax number at the bottom of the form to return to CRSAL.

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PHYSICIAN'S UPDATED DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

We would like to keep in touch; if you could please fill out this form and return using the information below. THANK YOU

YOUR NAME:
(PLEASE PRINT ON THE LINE BELOW)

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HOME/CELL #'S

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WORK PHONE/FAX #'S

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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