

**OUR 156th PRESIDENT**

## ***Dr. Eupierre takes CMS helm to "strengthen the house of medicine"***



**CMS President  
Peter Eupierre, MD**

QUOTING THOMAS Jefferson on the need for laws and institutions to go "hand in hand with the progress of the human mind," Peter E. Eupierre, MD, was inaugurated as the 156th president of the Chicago Medical Society, during the Society's Annual Dinner June 5 at the

Union League Club of Chicago.

In giving his incoming speech, "Change as a Matter of Progress," Dr. Eupierre looked at recent positive developments for the Society.

He pointed out that in the last two years, the Chicago Medical Society has changed its tax status, and has diversified into the Chicago Medical Society and the Chicago Medical Society Foundation, allowing the Society to respond swiftly to forces impeding the prac-

tice of medicine. "Under Past President Dr. Richard Geline, CMS organized its first rally, and under Immediate Past President Dr. Neil Winston, CMS held press conferences, grassroots advocacy breakfast meetings and a march to the Federal Building."

Adding that CMS is the third largest county medical society in the nation and the largest district in the Illinois State Medical Society, Dr. Eupierre said, "A stronger CMS will make the house of medicine stronger."

Dr. Eupierre also pledged to maintain CMS friendships and alliances so that "our actions and our work do not lead to conflict in the house of medicine, and that we work together with ISMS and the AMA to achieve the common goals of all physicians."

Dr. Eupierre laid out three priorities for his term: tort reform, access to care, and improving the financial position of CMS.

An internist practicing in Melrose Park, Dr. Eupierre attended medical school in Mexico at the Autonoma University de Guadalajara and completed his residency in internal medicine at West Suburban Hospital and Medical Center. He is now affiliated with West Suburban and Westlake Community Hospitals.

Outgoing President Dr. Winston borrowed the words of Frederick Douglass to reflect on the current house of medicine: "Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation are men who want crops without plowing up the ground."

Dr. Winston called upon all physicians to work diligently for tort reform. "Have you organized e-mail campaigns to federal and state lawmakers with your patients who, for good reason, place their reliance and trust in you? Have you contacted

## DR. EUPIERRE (continued)

the CMS office for petitions that patients and friends can use to collect signatures for our governor and U.S. senators? Are your associates and consultants dues-paying members of organized medicine? Have you written those IMPAC and AMPAC checks yet?"

Other highlights of Dr. Winston's presentation included special grassroots medicine awards to Deborah Ziskind, president and chairman of the board of the Global Conference Institute, Terry Martin, executive director of Illinois Channel, and Jack Lynch, director of com-

munity affairs of the Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donation Network. These three organizations and their representatives were selected as key examples of relationships CMS has forged on behalf of patients.

Orthopedic surgeon Edward A. Millar, MD, was the recipient of the Henrietta Herbolsheimer, MD, Public Service Award for his work with Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Complete coverage of the CMS Annual Dinner will appear in the summer issue of *Chicago Medicine*.

## TO BETTER SERVE YOU

### CMS plans underway to streamline society

*Member advocacy is paramount*

THE CHICAGO MEDICAL SOCIETY WILL BEGIN implementation of its landmark Long-Range plan this summer; the first phase will encompass consolidation of the committee structure, paring the number from 27 to 11, trimming bureaucracy and improving efficiency and effectiveness.

This fall, new bylaws revisions will be presented to the Council for review and approval, allowing the formation of eight new districts early next year, and the election of district members to the board next spring. The new districts will replace the current Branch structure, now numbering 13 branches. In addition, the proposed revisions call for expansion of the board from 13 to 22 members beginning next June, allowing more diverse member representation and influence.

Much work will take place over the summer to

determine the new district boundaries taking into consideration many factors including political districts, hospital service areas and existing branch boundaries.

The Committee on Committees will meet in July to form and direct the newly realigned committees to focus on advocacy and reduce duplication of effort by the members and staff. These undertakings are designed to conserve committee members' time, allowing them to better represent the needs of the membership and respond more quickly to legislation and other policies impacting physician's practices.

*The Long-Range Planning Committee and the Bylaws Committee will hold a joint meeting this summer to discuss proposed changes to the bylaws. All interested members are encouraged to attend this meeting and discuss the proposed changes. Contact the CMS office to obtain meeting details. Please call (312) 670-2550, ext. 322.*

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## LOCAL ROUNDUP



Scott Warner, CMS

### ***CMS hosts OSHA workshop***

Sheila Hall, Chicago-area OSHA Compliance program manager, conducts an OSHA training workshop for health care workers in the CMS Building on June 16. For information on upcoming programs, contact CMS at (312) 670-2550, ext. 338.

### **Communicating the crisis**

AFTER JULY 1, OB-GYNs AND GENERAL surgeons are likely to become increasingly scarce, warned an open memo signed by physicians at Advocate Trinity Hospital in Chicago. The letter says the hospital expects to lose many if not all of its private practice ob-gyns as a result of skyrocketing insurance premiums. Compounding that physician drain is the fact that Trinity has been unable to recruit new general surgeons to the area. The hospital also has recently lost an excellent pain specialist, a position it has been unable to replace. The letter asks patients to call, e-mail, or write their state and national legislative leaders, and push for tort reform and malpractice caps.

### **Chicago City Council asks for CMS input**

ALDERMAN ED SMITH, CHAIRMAN OF THE Chicago City Council Health Committee, recently asked CMS to prepare a resolution to help the City Council lend a voice to the Springfield debate on loss of access to care.

CMS has prepared a draft resolution for the committee's deliberation, and is waiting to hear whether that version will be sent to the entire City Council for its consideration.

The resolution calls for measures restricting the filing of frivolous or non-meritorious lawsuits and capping non-economic damages in medical liability lawsuits. It further urges the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Blagojevich to enact meaningful reforms that provide relief to this crisis and maintain access to health care for the residents of the city of Chicago.

ISMS assisted in drafting the resolution.

# *Grassroots influence at national gathering*

CMS PHYSICIANS HELPED DELIVER ILLINOIS' message to organized medicine when the 2004 AMA Annual Meeting convened in Chicago June 12-16. Led by ISMS delegation chairman M. Leroy Sprang, MD, the group introduced over 20 resolutions on behalf of Illinois physicians, including several, listed below, that originated at CMS:

### **MEDICAL STAFF AUTONOMY**

Under this resolution, AMA will encourage national legislation that would strengthen the rights of the hospital medical staff to self-governance, prohibiting unilateral changes in hospital medical staff bylaws, rules and regulations or policy/procedures manuals, unless required by law.

### **ACCESS TO HOSPITAL RECORDS**

AMA will support legislation guaranteeing that physicians engaged in staff privileges disputes have free and full access to medical records related to those disputes so they can adequately defend themselves.

### **POSITIVE VERIFICATION OF CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTIONS**

AMA will support positive verification for contact lenses and recommend that the federal government monitor the effects of the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act on the accuracy of prescriptions.

Passage of these resolutions is proof that ideas expressed at the grassroots level can resonate at the top levels of organized medicine.

Other Illinois resolutions sent on to national debate included Malpractice Reform, Medicare Re-enrollment, Administrative Surcharges, Hospitalists and Personal Physicians, DEA Number, Health Savings Accounts for Medicare Participants, AMA Policy Regarding Tobacco Use in Prison and Jail Populations, Importation of Medical Drugs, Combating Obesity, Smoking Age, Payment of High Deductible Health Insurance Portion of Health Savings Account Plans with Pre-tax Dollars, and Dextromethorphan Abuse.

To check the status of these resolutions, please refer to the AMA website [www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org), click under Reports and Resolutions, or go to the ISMS website, [www.isms.org](http://www.isms.org)

### **OTHER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- AMA's incoming president, John C. Nelson, MD, MPH, in outlining the year ahead, described the AMA's comprehensive bipartisan-supported health care campaign, "Healing the System: A Plan to Rescue U.S. Medicine," an initiative to bring shaper focus to the six biggest elements of the AMA advocacy agenda: reforming the medical liability system, strengthening Medicare, expanding health care coverage and choice, financing medical care for low-income patients, improving managed care and enhancing patient safety.
- Outgoing AMA President Donald J. Palmisano, MD, JD, who promised one year ago to "fill each unforgiving minute with untiring effort," urged the HOD to continue the fight for medical liability reform with "the most powerful weapon in the world--the truth!"
- AMA EVP/CEO Michael D. Maves, MD, provided a snapshot of the AMA's success as a "story in numbers." While mobilizing thousands of physicians to lobby lawmakers to pass needed health care reforms, the AMA has amassed 100,000 patient-activists to strengthen its grassroots efforts. He noted that the AMA has more than 5,200 additional members now than it did a year ago, and now spends \$25.8 million less on administrative and general expenses than in 1999.

## CMS RECRUITMENT

### ***New members give boost to unity, strength***

AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP DECLINE, the Chicago Medical Society is getting back on a healthy new track. As of June 22 this year, CMS was only two percent away from maintaining its membership totals for 2004. In recent months, past members have indicated an interest in returning to the Chicago Medical Society (the result of our visible activities bringing recognition to the medical liability crisis). Through the efforts of the CMS Membership Department, 258 physicians have recently joined. We need your support to continue this positive upward trend.

The Chicago Medical Society offers an array of member services, which range from advocacy to continuing medical education (CME). The Medical Society's leadership meets regularly with local, state and national legislators to discuss medical and patient issues. Recently, the Chicago Medical Society held a march to advocate for medical liability reform. Hundreds of your colleagues marched through Chicago's Loop to the Federal Building and the Thompson Center calling for medical liability reform. In addition to the "Medical Liability

March," our leadership met with Governor Blagojevich's chief of staff as well as representatives from Senator Richard Durbin's office regarding skyrocketing professional liability premiums and the exodus of physicians from Illinois.

Both the Chicago Medical Society and Illinois State Medical Society represent all physicians and continuously work with specialty societies to establish a unified front against the obstacles we encounter in our profession. Organized Medicine encompasses the only organizations to provide a platform for physicians to speak with a unified voice. Without strong membership and involvement, your voice and our effectiveness are weakened.

**Your membership is crucial to the unity and strength of our profession. Now is the time to talk about what CMS is doing and drive home the need for physicians to join together to make change happen.**

*Please contact Ted Kanellakes, director, membership services, and sign up today to be a CMS membership recruiter: (312) 670-2550.*

**SPECIAL EVENT**

*The Physician Art Committee of the Chicago Medical Society  
and the  
Hektoen Institute for Medical Research*

*Are proud to sponsor a lecture by*

***Sally Metzler, PhD***

*Director of the Martin D'Arcy Museum of Art*

**ALCHEMY: ITS IMPACT ON THE MEDICAL SCIENCES**

*Friday, July 30, 2004*

*Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres-5:30 P.M.*

*Lecture-6:30 P.M.*

*Hektoen Institute, 2100 W. Harrison St., Chicago  
(Free parking available)*

Cost is \$15 per person

For more information, contact Phyllis Wheeler, Hektoen Institute,  
2100 W. Harrison St., Suite 219, Chicago, IL 60612-9982  
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## CMS-SPONSORED PROGRAMS

**July 29**

**3 p.m.--Annual OSHA Training**

Saint Francis Hospital  
(312) 670-2550, ext. 338

Saint Mary's Hospital

(312) 670-2550, ext. 324

**Aug. 10**

**12 p.m.--Survey of Bioterrorist Threats: Preparedness  
Training for Health Care Professionals**

Saint Mary's Hospital  
(312) 670-2550, ext. 324

**Sept. 15**

**12 p.m.--Chicago Medical Society Golf Outing**  
(312) 670-2550, ext. 326.

**Aug. 12**

**10 a.m.--Annual OSHA Training**  
CMS Building  
(312) 670-2550, ext. 338

**Sept. 23**

**10 a.m.--Annual OSHA Training**  
Oak Lawn Hilton  
(312) 670-2550, ext. 338

**Aug. 24**

**12 p.m.--Emerging Infectious Diseases in the US:  
Focus on SARS**

**Sept. 29**

**3 p.m.--Annual OSHA Training**  
Saint Francis Hospital  
(312) 670-2550, ext. 338

### **CMS members:**

#### ***Do we have your e-mail address?***

We want to keep you updated on the latest news concerning legislation and bioterrorism. Please send us your address by e-mailing: [askcmsdocs.org](mailto:askcmsdocs.org) or by faxing: (312) 670-3646.

**Your Society is working for you.  
But we need your support to secure:**

- Patient Access to Care
- Tort Reform
- Local Physician/Hospital Rallies
- Access to Legislative Forums/Political Leaders
- CMS Insurance Agency

*It's up to you to make sure your membership is current,  
and that CMS advocacy efforts continue.  
Encourage your colleagues to join CMS.*

*For information on CMS membership, contact:*

*Silvia Salinas, (312) 670-2550, ext. 331; e-mail, [ssalinas@cmsdocs.org](mailto:ssalinas@cmsdocs.org)*

## Psychologist to guide you through “love affair with food and life” at Riva’s ChicaGourmets luncheon

CHICAGOURMETS, THE FINE-DINING ORGANIZATION endorsed by the Chicago Medical Society Service Bureau, Inc., announces upcoming dining events and programs.

All CMS members are considered members of ChicaGourmets, and will receive the ChicaGourmets discount for all events. (Luncheon and dinner prices include tax, tip and wines.)

● **Riva Restaurant -- “The Act of Mindful Eating” with Judi Hollis, PhD**

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2004 -- RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING, 1 P.M., LUNCHEON, 1:30; 700 E. GRAND AVE., AT NAVY PIER

Psychologist Judi Hollis will guide attendees through each mouthful of their meal to help them gain insight into their relationship with their body, their attitudes and orientation toward the act of eating, and their love affair with food and life. Dr. Hollis is the author of “Fat is a Family Affair,” “Fat and Furious,” and “Hot & Heavy.” She serves as clinical consultant to Palm Springs Serenity Retreat, a growth and treatment center for women recovering from all obsessions. Riva Chef Christian Martin’s menu includes crab cakes for the reception, with a “Medley of Seafood” for the luncheon entree, and “Chocolate Lover’s Obsession” for dessert. Member’s price: \$49.

● **Mario’s Gold Coast Ristorante -- “Experience the Gold Coast Neighborhood”** SUNDAY, JULY 25--

4 P.M., THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BEGINS A ONE-HOUR PRIVATE WALKING TOUR OF THE GOLD COAST’S HISTORIC MANSIONS (STARTING AT DEARBORN AND GOETHE. DINNER BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 5 P.M., 21 W. GOETHE ST.

Chef Mario’s buffet-style dinner includes: thin-crust pizza appetizers; caesar salad and garden salad, Italian chicken limone; Gimabotta sausage and peppers, bowtie pasta carbonara, broccoli shand shells aglio; penne marinara, and tiramisu for dessert. Several wines have been personally selected by Mario. Member’s price: \$15 for walking tour; dinner, \$65. (Join for one or both.)



Jim Price, ChicaGourmets

“Big Apple” speaker gets Chicago welcome

ChicaGourmets hosted Michael Batterberry, (center) publisher, *Food Arts* magazine, for a luncheon at the University Club of Chicago on May 22. Mr. Batterberry discussed his book, “On the Town in New York, A History of Eating, Drinking and Entertainment from 1776 to the Present.” Shown welcoming Mr. Batterberry were (left): Robert Scarola, assistant press secretary to Mayor Daley; Judith Dunbar Hines, director, Culinary Arts and Events, Chicago Cultural Center Foundation; and (right) Ulrich Danckers, MD, CMS past president and author of the book “Early Chicago,” which he presented to Mr. Batterberry on behalf of CMS.

● **TRAVEL:**

VALENTINE CRUISE ABOARD THE CUNARD QUEEN MARY 2, Feb. 12-19, 2005, (departs from Ft. Lauderdale). Itinerary includes San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, St. Marteen. Included on the cruise are gourmet meals created by celebrity chefs Daniel Boulud and Todd English. For more information, see the ad on the facing page.

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To reserve for ChicaGourmets events, please prepay by sending in your check, and identify yourself as a CMS member. (Memberships will be verified.)

Send checks to: ChicaGourmets, Mail Boxes, Etc. PMB 347, 47 W. Division St., Chicago, IL 60610-2220.

For more details, view the ChicaGourmets website: [www.chicagourgourmets.com/](http://www.chicagourgourmets.com/). Or, go to the Chicago Medical Society website: [www.cmsdocs.org/](http://www.cmsdocs.org/) and click on “links,” then go to the ChicaGourmets website.

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