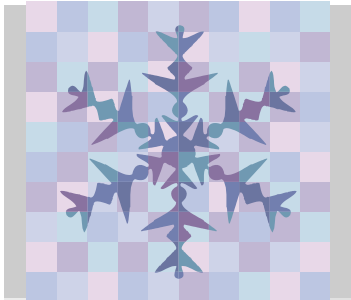


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BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Society Pages

WSMA LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT IS UPON US

The WSMA Legislative summit is scheduled for Monday January 26, 2009 in Olympia, WA. Several of the board members (myself included for the first time) are planning on attending this event.

Governor Christine Gregoire has been invited to speak about the budget deficit's impact on the budget and Pat Clark, a national consultant on communication) will also speak on "Interfacing with your Legislator."

Following lunch, you can participate in individual meetings with legislators and the executive branch, which will be set up by WSMA staff.

The more physicians that participate, the greater ability we have to be heard by our legislators.

There is no charge for WSMA members to attend this event. Please contact me if you would like more information.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

At our last board meeting, I suggested that we add a segment to the newsletter highlighting our current board members. I felt that this would be a good opportunity not only to inform our members who the current board members are, but hopefully will encourage communication between members of the society and the board of directors. Soon after this discussion, the board turned on me and suggested that I be the first to contribute to this segment. So, here you go, the first board member profile.

I (Nicole Austin) have been the Executive Director of the BFCMS since August of 2005. I am originally from Iowa (that state with all the corn) and moved to Washington as a teenager.

I graduated from Eastern WA Univ. with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Administration and Business. I worked for 6 years at Kennewick General Hospital both in the Education Department, coordinating staff education and in the Patient Financial Services department managing the Medicare accounts. During my 6 years at KGH I also started my Masters Degree in Public Health.

I am married to Steve, a firefighter/paramedic who works for Richland Fire. We have two children, Matthew (6) and Megan (4). Before children, when I used to have spare time, I enjoyed reading and scrapbooking. Someday, I would like to start skiing again, learn to golf, improve my sewing abilities and perhaps finish my Masters Degree. For now I will continue to work part-time at the medical society and chase my children about the Tri-Cities.

I am convinced I have the best job in the world— thanks to the wonderful physicians in our membership and the great board of directors that I get to call my bosses.

Next Month's Profile— JOHN DROESCH MD— CURRENT PRESIDENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETINGS

6:30-7:00 pm, Social Hour

7:00-8:30 Membership Business and
Presentation

January 20, 2009

Courtyard by Marriott, Richland

Dr. Cynthia Markus, President, WSMA

Tom Curry, CEO, WSMA

March 17, 2009

Location TBA

Chris Mertens, J.D.,

Miller, Mertens, Spanner & Comfort

“Medical Professional Liability Issues”

April 21, 2009

Location and Topic TBA

May 19, 2009

Tim Layton, JD,

Director of Legal Affairs, WSMA

“Physician Rights and Responsibilities”

25th Annual CME Seminar

February 13-14, 2009

Presentations

Prescription Drug Abuse

ADD/ADHD in Primary Care

Prevention of Obesity

Surgical Treatment of Obesity

Dermatology in Primary Care

Asthma Management in Primary Care

Palliative Care

Early Diagnosis of Ovarian Cancer

MS Update

Parkinson's Update

Latest Developments and Treatment Options for
Stroke and TIAs

Medicare Updates for Physicians

**If you know of vendors who would like to
exhibit, please have them call me at
582-2866!!**

Applications for Membership

First Notice:

If any member has information as to why any of the following applicants should not be a member of this Society, please furnish this information to the Board of Trustees.

Hannan Chaugle MD

Board Certified Cardiothoracic Surgery

Medical School: Grant Medical College (1986)

Internship: Oregon Health Science University, Portland, OR

Residency: Oregon Health Science University, Portland, OR

Recommended by: Neil Rawlins MD and
W. Hugh Maloney MD

Ross Ronish MD has reinstated his membership with the society— **Welcome Back Dr. Ronish !** Dr. Ronish is currently practicing at the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic at 518 W. 1st Ave. in Toppenish and can be reached at 509-865-6175.

Directory Updates- Please update your directories with the following information:

Effective Immediately: The correct phone number for **Dr. Margaret Merrifield** is 628-3060, fax is 628-3024

Dr. Sara Zirkle will be closing her practice effective January 15, 2009. Please contact her office for records requests.

Sam Datta MD will be relocating his practice effective the end of December to 925 Stevens Drive, Ste. 3D in Richland. Phone 943-6800, fax 943-6884.

Christopher Ravage MD will be re-locating his practice to 945 Stevens Drive in Richland effective 12-29-08. The phone number will remain the same.

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The objectives of the Benton Franklin County Medical Society are to promote the art, science and practice of medicine and the practitioners who pursue these goals; to promote the care and well being of the patients of Benton and Franklin Counties; to protect and improve the health of the public; to provide medical education and to provide leadership for the members of the Society.

Please contact Nicole Austin with any questions, comments or information you would like added to the Newsletter.