



## NOVEMBER MEETING

Election of 1993 Officers  
Program: "New Treatment & Manifestation of Hepatitis."

Speaker: Scott L. Wiesen, M.D., Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist.

Our meeting this month is sponsored by: Glaxo Drug Company - Patti Maslach, Representative. ■

## MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Royal Palm  
Yacht Club

Cocktails 6:30  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Monday  
November 16, 1992

TOPIC:  
"New Treatment and  
Manifestation of Hepatitis"

SPEAKER:  
Scott L. Wiesen, M.D.  
Gastroenterologist/  
Hepatologist

DINNER BY  
RESERVATIONS ONLY  
PLEASE

L.C.M.S. Members: All reservations must be made by Friday noon before the Meeting on Monday. Cancellations should be no later than noon on Monday. The Society must pay for all reservations made. ■

## HOLIDAY PARTY

December 14, 1992  
7 PM — 11 PM

Veranda Restaurant

MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS

## NATIONAL MEDICAL STAFF SERVICES WEEK

November 2 - 6, 1992

The Lee County Medical Society sends best wishes to our Medical Staff Coordinators and thanks them for their continued efforts and dedication to the medical profession. As you meet with the Coordinators in the Hospital this week, stop and say thank you to them for always being there to take care of your needs:

Cathy Hassen, Cape Coral Hospital; Portia Rupp, Charter Glade Hospital; Debbie Middleton, East Pointe Hospital; Linda Gattian, Gulf Coast Hospital; Sandra Wharton, Lee Memorial Hospital; Karen Harden, Southwest FL Regional Medical Center. ■

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



VALERIE C. MOORE, M.D.  
Political Future of Medicine

By the time this is printed we will know our political path for the next four years. At this time it looks like Clinton is our next President. Whether this is your choice or not, living with Clinton will not be enough. He has made it clear that he has plans for medicine that he will implement in the first hundred days. These plans include a national health insurance, national medical treatment guidelines and a national medical board to monitor health costs.

At a recent state FMA auxiliary function attended by physicians and spouses, a straw poll revealed that very few in the room supported Clinton. These programs that he proposes appear to be what the American public, our patients, want implemented. As much opposition as we may feel to Clinton's plan, we must participate in this process. We know that implementation of Clinton's plan, as he has proposed it, will not necessarily result in better health care for Americans. Through the AMA we must be at the planning table to protect our patients' interest. Our patients' interest and the health care of those who are not in the health care system has got to be top priority. The American public would like to think we are the bad guys and if they just hurt our incomes, then the health care system will improve. The public has been hoodwinked, but we cannot abandon them. We have to sit down to plan with people who have been interested in getting elected, not the health care system.

So what do we do now? The same things that we have in the past, write and call your Congressman and Senator. Volunteer your time on a local and state level. I know that sounds familiar and it is easy to give up at this point. It is even more important now that we participate in the process. We cannot afford to give up, for the sake of the American health care system.

Now wouldn't it be great if I was wrong about having to live with Clinton for 4 years. Is it possible a miracle will happen and Bush will be elected? Don't complain if you didn't vote! ■

## KNOW MORE MISS STEAKS

I have a spelling checker.  
It came with my PC.  
It plainly marks four my revue  
Mistake I cannot see.  
I've run this poem threw it,  
I'm sure your please to no.  
It's letter perfect in its weigh;  
My checker tolled me sew.

Source: Circulated at Coastal Corp., Houston, TX, cited in Milwaukee Commerce Hotline, 756 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, WI 53202. ■

## LETTER BY ONE OF OUR MINI-INTERNS September Program

October 1, 1992

Dept. of Professional Regulation  
Attn: Roger Auger, Asst. Ch., BICS  
1940 N. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0750

Dear Roger:

The Lee County Medical Society coordinated a Mini-Internship Program on September 21 and 22 with a follow-up breakfast/debriefing on the 23rd. I was invited to participate and at first I felt "a typical whitewash program" and probably staged... to a degree. Which is the usual skeptic and suspicious approach of an investigator... but I accepted. At our initial meeting, Sept. 17th at 6 p.m., my interest was further kindled when I received my assignment. Monday I was assigned to Dr. Felix Mestas and on Tuesday, to Dr. Philip Andrews. My instructions were clear; if the doctor was on call, I may be called; if the doctor went to surgery, I went. If he had lunch, I had lunch. I didn't tune in, at first on the "ifs". Later I discovered how big an "if" can be when trying to keep up with a physician.

During my Mini-Internship I became aware of problems encountered by physicians from: how to cover office cost, salary, personal insurance cost, and possible lack of adequate insurance coverage. Problems of how much will the patient's insurance pay, how should the procedure or consult be coded (in order to be paid), and Medicare limits were another major area of concern. My previous thinking was the physician should be thinking about "which patient(s) were trying to hit him up for drugs", or "trying to set him up for a medical lawsuit".

What I witnessed I was not totally prepared for. I was accepted in the exam rooms by the patients who I thought would be the most nervous and apprehensive, second only to the doctor. Much to my surprise I was the only one that was nervous and apprehensive. The physicians SHARED their time with the patient. I emphasize shared because the time frame allowed by Insurance Co.'s and MediCare for an office visit truly seems to be out of order. Most patients either could/would not be explicit with their complaints and when answering questions; more often than not, the answer seemed to be vague, or what they felt the doctor wanted to hear. (continued on page 2)

## LEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY NOMINATIONS OF 1993 OFFICERS

The following slate of nominations for the 1993 officers of the Lee County Medical Society is presented for your consideration. The membership will vote at the November 16, 1992 General Membership Meeting. If you wish to nominate someone else for an office, please be sure to have that person's approval before nominating from the floor.

### President-Elect (1994)

### Treasurer

### Secretary

### Members-At-Large

### Grievance Committee Chairman

### Board of Censors (3 Years)

### FMA DELEGATES:

Phillip E. Andrews, M.D.  
Robert E. Arnall, M.D.  
Ronald J. Delans, M.D.  
Larry P. Garrett, M.D.  
Mark S. Gorovoy, M.D.  
Francis L. Howington, M.D.  
Valerie C. Moore, M.D.  
David M. Shapiro, M.D.  
Rodger W. Shaver, M.D.  
Steven R. West, M.D.

Steven R. West, M.D.

Rodger W. Shaver, M.D.

Ronald J. Delans, M.D.

Alan D. Siegel, M.D. (1994)

Charles H. Curtis, M.D. (1994)

Dale E. Fell, M.D.

Daniel Dosoretz, M.D. (1993)

Rex Stubbs, M.D. (1994)

Stanley V. Schwartz, M.D. (1994)

Zenaida Javier, M.D. (1995)

Richard G. Kilfoyle, M.D. (1995)

### ALTERNATES:

Cecil C. Beehler, M.D.

John S. Bruno, M.D.

Donn O. Fuller, M.D.

William P. Evans

T. T. Knight, M.D.

Steven E. Levine, M.D.

Felix R. Mestas, M.D.

James H. Rubenstein, M.D.

John W. Snead, M.D.

Joseph P. Walker, M.D.

## ELECTED FOR 1993 —

### 1993 President

### Board of Governors

### Members-At-Large:

### Board of Censors:

Phillip E. Andrews, M.D.

Donn O. Fuller, M.D. (1993)

John W. Snead, M.D. (1993)

Thomas E. Teufel, M.D. (1993)

Heinz D. Vogtland, M.D. (1993)

Daniel R. Schwartz, M.D. (1995)



LEE COUNTY MEDICAL  
SOCIETY BULLETIN3805 Fowler Street  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901  
Phone (813)936-1645

The Lee County Medical Society Bulletin is published monthly with the June and August editions omitted.

## CO-EDITORS

Mary C. Blue, M.D.  
John D. Donaldson, M.D.  
John W. Snead, M.D.

## EDITORIAL BOARD PRESIDENT

Valerie C. Moore, M.D.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT

Phillip E. Andrews, M.D.

## SECRETARY

Ronald J. Delans, M.D.

## TREASURER

Rodger W. Shaver, M.D.

## MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Donn O. Fuller, M.D.  
Steven R. West, M.D.  
John W. Snead, M.D.

## PAST PRESIDENT

William P. Evans, M.D.

## MANAGING EDITOR

Ann Wilke 936-1645

The Editor welcomes contributions from the members. Opinions expressed in the Bulletin are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect policies of the Society.

## Mini-Interns Letter (cont. from pg. 1)

"I witnessed quick diagnosis, based on facts from tests and probing questions oriented toward the ability of the patient to understand and respond in their own ways." Not once did I detect suspicion or doubt from the physician as if they were the target for the unscrupulous. There was sincere concern, caring, and interest exhibited and expressed. For the most part I witnessed a relationship cultivation based on mutual trust and openness. A relationship that gives clues to better health for the patient.

The Mini-Internship, that I felt was going to be whitewash soon proved to be serious business, by serious professionals. I began asking a few serious questions of my own at the debriefing and for the past few days by telephone. Questions like . . . what seems to be the biggest concerns of physicians when confronted by the D.P.R. and the Board of Medicine, and related questions. Surprises again...for the most part physicians don't worry about meeting with our investigators. What they resent is happening during the Administrative Complaint and Hearing Stage. "They are not treated as professionals, rather, they are belittled, talked down to, and at times lied to."

Because of the Mini-Internship I can better appreciate the physician's efforts to practice his/her chosen vocation to the best ability they can muster, striving for perfection as if it were an attainable goal. I would recommend every Medical Investigator, Attorney, even laymen on the Board of Medicine, experience such a program if possible.

Sincerely,

James E. Potter

Editor's Note: Mr. Potter is the Local Manager of the DPR in Southwest FL. ■

SENIOR COMPANIONS  
NEED PHYSICAL EXAMS

Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Programs of Southwest Florida covering District VII with most of all services in Lee County needs your help with yearly physical examinations. Most of the volunteers' incomes are at the poverty level or just above and they cannot afford the fees incurred for examinations. If one of your regular patients present your office a form to be completed by their physician, please help them out by completing the form.

Foster Grandparents work one-on-one with children who have special or exceptional needs.

Senior Companions give day-to-day assistance and ease loneliness and illness with the clients they serve. They enable their peers to maintain the highest possible level of independent living. For more information contact Senior Companions: (813) 332-2226. ■

## LEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY AUXILIARY NEWS

Respectfully submitted by Elsie Kokal, Corresponding Secretary.

**Volunteering** — The October general meeting of the Auxiliary "Making a difference through Volunteerism", incorporated visits to the Abuse Counseling Treatment Center and the Community Cooperative Ministries Soup Kitchen. Both organizations have been past recipients of our Charity Ball proceeds. The tours proved to be enlightening and showed us the difference our efforts have made in these worthwhile organizations. The tours were followed by a lunch at Chez Seng with a brief presentation by Marilyn Smith, board member, about the IMAGINARIUM children's museum, this year's Charity Ball recipient.

**Medi-bags** — Over 15 auxiliaries met at the home of Mrs. Beverly Goethe on October 23rd to assemble 500 "Medi-bags". The "medi-bags" were filled with first aid and personal hygiene products donated from Publix, Winn-Dixie, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Comfort Suites, Holiday Inn, Tween Waters, and the local hospitals and auxiliaries. The bags were donated to the Salvation Army and the Visiting Nurses Association for distribution among the needy and homeless men, women and children in our community.

**Joint Meeting** — The October Medical Society meeting was well attended by members and their spouses. The evening was highlighted by a presentation of the Charity Ball proceeds to the IMPACT organization.

**Foster Parent Dinner** — The November 6th Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner entitled "Foster Parents Nurturing America's Future" is being organized by Mrs. Jackie Sharkey and Mrs. Kim Brown. The committee has been securing door prizes to distribute to every foster family attending the dinner. The generosity of area businesses and individuals will ensure that the Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner is a continued success. Contributions and questions can be directed to Jackie Sharkey, 489-1556 or Kim Brown 275-5361. Any donations should be made out to the Lee County Medical Society Auxiliary Foundation.

**Legislation** — As a first step in developing a credible rapport with our legislators and showing our support and interest in the political and legislative process a legislative breakfast will be held at the home of Mrs. Patty Borden on November 16th. This general meeting of the Auxiliary will acquaint us with our newly elected legislators while allowing us to address them on a few key issues for the upcoming legislative session. We, as medical constituents, must develop our legislative skills to represent the views of the medical profession and ensure that good healthcare legislation is made into law and less desirable bills are modified or defeated. ■



Cinda Carron, (L) and Valerie Hoffman (R) LCMS Auxiliary Foundation presented a check of \$66,000 and a plaque to Daneen Clarke, Director of IMPACT at the October Medical Society Meeting. ■

The fundraising efforts of Cinda Carron and Valerie Hoffman as Co-Chairs for the Lee County Medical Society Auxiliary Foundation Charity Ball 1992 met with huge success for the benefit of IMPACT for developmental education. The patron program was expanded to include medically related companies, as well as state and local business. Publix donated \$5,000 bringing the amount raised to a grand total of \$66,000. IMPACT provides assistance for physically and mentally handicapped children in Lee County. ■

BY-LAWS CHANGE  
ELECTION AND TERM OF MEMBERS-AT-LARGE  
TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**OLD** — Chapter IV - Board of Governors: Section 2. *Election-Members-At-Large*: At first annual election, following the adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws, a ballot shall be cast by each active member present and voting, for not more than two members at-large of the Board of Governors. The names balloted upon shall not include the newly elected President-elect, the President of the Society, nor the newly elected Treasurer, these persons being automatically members of the Board of Governors. One candidate designated prior to election shall be elected for a one year term. The second candidate elect shall be for a two year term. Following this first annual election, one member at-large shall be elected to the Board of Governors for a two-year term in odd years, and two members at-large shall be elected to the Board of Governors for a two-year term in even years.

**NEW** — Chapter IV - Board of Governors. Section 2. *Election - Members-At-Large*: For determination of election of Members-At-Large to the Board of Governors, one (1) Member-At-Large shall represent every one hundred (100) active members of the Society.

One (1) Member-At-Large for every one hundred (100) active members of the Society shall be voted to the Board of Governors by vote cast by each active member present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

Members-At-Large elected to the Board of Governors at the Annual Meeting shall serve a term of two years. ■

## AIDS RE-LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Medicine increased the number of HIV/Aids educational credit hours for re-licensure from **ONE** to **TWO** ending with your licensure cycle December 3, 1993. A notarized statement attesting to the completion of the two hours and verifying its contents must be produced with your license renewal.

The contents of the programs must include:

1) Transmission of HIV/AIDS, a) Patient to Healthcare Worker, b) Healthcare Worker to Patient; 2) Infection control procedures (universal precautions); 3) Epidemiology of the Disease; 4) Clinical Management; 5) Prevention; 6) Current Florida Laws (Testing, Confidentiality, Treatment). ■

THE  
QUESTION  
MANOPINIONS - EDITORIALS  
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

John W. Snead, M.D.

"What trends do you see in the practice of medicine in the next five years?"



Robert G. Cushman, M.D.  
Internal Medicine

"I believe that we will continue to see a profession in which the accent will be on technology and numbers. This will cause continuing erosion in the value of cognitive functions that have traditionally been the foundation of medical practice. Unfortunately, those who are empowered to fund medical practice, will no doubt continue to be enamored by technology."



Edwin G. Gutery, M.D.  
Pediatrician

"There is going to be increased movement away from fee-for-service and increasing capitation, utilization review and "big brother" practice parameters."



Stephen J. Kaskie, M.D.  
Family Practice

"I think we are going more toward a national health insurance with limits on physicians fees and managed care. I think insurance carriers will not allow patients to go to a specialist on their own. Family physicians will be out of hospitals in five years because of concurrent care issues."



Paul L. Yudelman, M.D.  
Gastroenterology

"Less physician autonomy, more managed care and unfortunately more bureaucracy!"

## NEXT MONTH'S QUESTION

"DO YOU THINK INTERNS AND RESIDENTS WORK HOURS SHOULD BE LIMITED?"

Send your comments to the Medical Society.

Bulletin deadline is the 15th of each month . . . we want to see you in the print media! ■

PHYSICIANS  
IN THE NEWS

Third Floridian serving on  
AMA/YP5 Governing Council

The seven-member Governing Council of the American Medical Association Young Physicians Section now includes three Floridians, an unprecedented number from any one state. In 1991, Navy physician Richard Sanborn, M.D., of Pensacola, and David M. Shapiro, M.D., of Fort Myers, were elected to two-year at-large terms on the national Governing Council. Last month, Benjamin W. Chaska, M.D., of Jacksonville, made it a Florida threesome when he was elected to the Governing Council as the Section's Delegate to the AMA House of Delegates for the next two years. Staff of the AMA/YP5 may have as many as three physicians from a single state serving simultaneously on the national Governing Council.

David M. Shapiro, M.D. is running for AMA Alternate Seat #1 at the Florida Medical Association Annual Meeting in May 1993. Speak with any FMA Delegate/Alternate you know through your specialty Societies and encourage them to get to know Dr. Shapiro and vote for him in May.

Robert E. Arnall, M.D. has been re-appointed to the FMA Council on Hospital Medical Staff for 1992-93. ■

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEE "WE CARE" AND HOMELESS CLINIC? DO IT TODAY, WE NEED YOU! ■

**ADOPTION OF RBRVS BY NON-MEDICARE PAYORS**

Evidence from recent AMA surveys and published sources suggests that the effects of RBRVS related changes on non-Medicare payments for physicians' services will vary across specialties and geographic areas. Payors intending to introduce RBRVS physician payment schedules generally indicate that changes will be implemented slowly, without large impacts on physician practice revenues. Those major private third party payors currently not planning to change their physician payment methods are taking a "wait-and-see" position on effects of the Medicare RBRVS before considering development of new payment schedules.

Cost concerns dominated the factors that respondents to the AMA's 1992 survey of major private third party payors considered critical to RBRVS adoption decisions. Payors planning to change their payment methods (about half of the respondents) generally expressed the wish to reduce their per-patient outlays for physician services. Other cost-related factors viewed by all respondents as critical to pushing RBRVS payment decisions included desire for increased control over physician payment schedules, protection against cost shifting, insistence on use of the RBRVS by client-employers as a means of containing health care expenditures, payments considered "too high" for many services, and competitors' adoption of the RBRVS schedule. ■

**AMA PHYSICIANS PAYMENT UPDATE**

**1993 payment schedule update:** Pursuant to statutory requirement and interpretation, HHS has recommended to Congress that separate updates be made to the conversion factor for surgical and non-surgical services for 1993. The department recommended a 2.6% increase in the conversion factor for surgical services and a 0.3% increase for non-surgical services. Separate FY 1993 Medicare Volume Performance Standards (MVPS) were also recommended: 6% for surgical services and 7.9% for nonsurgical services. The separate updates were recommended because Medicare payments for surgical services in 1991 increased by 2.9%, which was under the 3.3% MVPS for those services. However, spending for non-surgical services increased by 10.5%, above their 8.6% performance standard.

AMA policy opposes multiple conversion factor updates and multiple MVPSs because they undermine the original intent of the RBRVS, that relative payments should reflect relative resource costs across procedures. In addition, the current categories for surgical and nonsurgical services are too imprecise to accurately establish different updates. The nonsurgical MVPS is a mixture of many different types of services, including surgical procedures. Although the surgical MVPS comprises only surgery provided by surgeons, it cannot detect volume growth in nonsurgical services provided by surgeons. Further, current data limitations prevent the development of separate MVPSs that are sufficiently precise to support separate surgical and nonsurgical updates.

Although Congress has statutory authority to determine the CF and MVPS updates, it must act prior to October 15. Otherwise, a default mechanism will establish the updates. Congress annually updates the CF based on consideration of the percentage increase in the Medicare Economic Index (MEI), a comparison of the MVPS with the actual increase in spending, and other factors. The formula for establishing the MVPS default mechanism limits the amount of reduction in Medicare expenditures to 2% below the forecasted increase in spending. The HHS recommendation for the CF update is the same as the default mechanism. ■

**ACTIVITIES OF SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE**

Robert E. Arnall, M.D., Co-Chairman

The Sports Medicine Committee of the Lee County Medical Society, continues to be active. The established role is to monitor the sports medicine services in Lee County. The following is a summary of this year's activities.

The Lee County School Board continues to have a contract with Lee Memorial Hospital and Cape Coral Hospital to provide supplies, training services, athletic contest coverage and education for student trainers for the entire school year.

During football season, a free Saturday morning clinic is held to evaluate athletes with potential problems from the Friday night games. Physician coverage is provided by the team physician and other orthopedists who donate their time.

Radiology services are given by the hospital radiologists.

Each Lee County public school selects a team physician every year. These physicians are then approved by the Sports Medicine Committee as required by the School Board policy. The following physicians currently serve for the 1992-93 school year:

Cape Coral High School — Richard Delorio, M.D.  
Cypress Lake High School — Ed Dupay, D.O.  
Estero High School — Larry Eisenfeld, M.D.  
Fort Myers High School — John Kagan, M.D.  
Mariner High School — Donn Fuller, M.D.  
North Fort Myers High School — Barry Sell, M.D.  
Riverdale High School — Ron Gardner, M.D.

Another function of the Sports Medicine Committee is to help organize the annual pre-participation screening. This was held June 3 and 4, 1992. Slightly over 300 student athletes were cleared for initial entry into the sports program.

The following physicians participated: Doctors R. Arnall, Beaulieu, Collier, Curtis, De-Pre, Drass, Dupay, Eisenfeld, Howington, A. Kagan, V. Kini, Kirley, Otis, Sell, M. Sherman, Tomeo and D. Troast.

The program has proven to be of significant value to the youth of Lee County and to the School Board.

For many years, the Medical Society has worked with the high school sports program. The current program was officially adopted by the Board in 1982. The Lee County Medical Society Sports Medicine Committee, continues to oversee all facets of the operation. ■

**IF HRS DID A BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE INSPECTION TODAY, WOULD YOU BE IN COMPLIANCE?**

Compliance with today's increasingly strict environmental regulations places the proper disposal of medical waste high on your list of priorities. As you know, more responsibility now rests with healthcare professionals for every aspect of medical waste disposal, from planning, training, record-keeping and containers to labeling, storage and transport.

So call BFI Medical Waste Systems today. It could be the most important call you'll make all year.  
**(813) 468-8800**



**Medical Waste Systems®**

Browning — Ferris Industries of Florida, Inc.  
17101 Pine Ridge Road, S.W.  
Ft. Myers, Florida 38913

**Have a Safe and Happy THANKSGIVING!****CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

Lee Memorial Hospital - November 1992 C.M.E. Programs 1 Credit Hour. Every Thursday 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Hospital Auditorium, Call 334-5959 to register: Nov. 5, *Neurological Consequences of Diving*, Benjamin K. Tipton, M.D.; Nov. 12, *Tourette's Syndrome*, Walter Knopp, M.D.; Nov. 19, *Update on CT & MRI*, Robert P. Walker, M.D.; Nov. 26, *No CME, Holiday*. ■

**SUGGESTIONS FOR GIFT GIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Physicians who are giving gifts to other physicians this year might want to make a donation to the physician's favorite charitable organization under his/her name. There are many who will need our help this year because of our economy. Donations can be made to the American Red Cross to help victims of Hurricane Andrew. ■

**LCMS PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

The Medical Society is completing the information on the Pictorial Directory. If you have any changes to make, please advise our office immediately. We are working for a distribution date for the Directory of January. ■

**COALITION FOR A DRUG-FREE LEE COUNTY**

The Coalition has published a "Community Substance Abuse Resource Directory." It contains basic information on drug addiction, intervention, guidelines for helping addicts, residential and outpatient programs, and hotline numbers.

This should be a part of the information in your waiting rooms. Call the Coalition of office at 433-5146 to obtain your copy. ■

**NEWLY OPENED CHILDREN'S SCIENCE CENTER**

"Hands-on" fun and excitement is what you can expect at the newly opened Children's Science Center located at 2915 N.E. Pine Island Road, Cape Coral (about 1/4 mile west of U.S. 41). Our center provides an opportunity for children and adults to develop knowledge, enthusiasm, and appreciation for math, science, and technology. We are a non-profit institution and can use volunteer help from our community. Brochures are available for your waiting room. Please call 997-0012 for further information. ■

**Our Business Park Is All Business And A Lot Of Park**

55 custom designed office buildings situated on 21 acres, located north of College Parkway between Summerlin Road and US 41. An enriched environment that will soothe and inspire those who work hard. The World Plaza II park is available for office and medical facilities. Lease or Purchase. For information call 936-3336.

**WORLD PLAZA II**

College Parkway and New Brittany Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33907

**BATSON CARNAHAN DOYLE & CO., P.A.**

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

FINANCIAL AND ESTATE PLANNING  
INVESTMENT COUNSELING  
INCOME TAX PLANNING AND RETURN PREPARATION  
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGEMENT CONSULTING:  
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/COLLECTIONS  
OFFICE SYSTEMS REVIEW

COMPUTERIZED BILLING SYSTEMS REVIEW  
EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY - CASH CONTROLS - WORK FLOW

8211 College Parkway • Fort Myers, Florida • 482-5522

**United Health Care Services, Inc.**

Another Basic American Company

A JCAHO  
accredited health  
care provider

**ASSISTING YOU TO PROVIDE A TOTAL HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAM**

- COMPLETE HOME INFUSION PROGRAM
- COMPREHENSIVE AND HIGH TECH DME-RENTAL, SALES, AND SERVICE
- 24 HOUR NURSING AND PHARMACY SERVICE
- OXYGEN AND FULL LINE RESPIRATORY SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT
- DIRECT MEDICARE BILLING
- COMPLETE CASE MANAGEMENT, SERVICE FOR HOME CARE PATIENTS
- PHYSICIAN HOME CARE BILLING ASSISTANCE

STOCKED MOBILE VANS FOR BETTER RESPONSE TIME • 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

**SERVICING ALL OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

3805 Fowler Street, Suite #3  
Fort Myers, FL 33901  
1-800-282-6361 813-936-1800



**"DR. JOHN"****Society**

Twice in my life it was my pleasure and honor to enter Society. Not everyone gets a second chance. Each time, I made my exit on the same day. I do not expect opportunity to knock again.

Entry one was at the Cosmos Club in Washington. This place was in the news last year in a list of white-male-only private clubs where you dare belong only if you are so rich nothing bothers you, or if you hold an inherited family seat in Congress. Things being as they are, the number of these places is decreasing.

I was eighteen at the time, so these criteria didn't apply to me. A lady, who was having a birthday party for her boarding-school daughter, had called the student office at Georgetown and asked to have "a dozen nice boys" sent to the party. I don't even pretend to know if that kind of thing still goes on.

I was asked to go, and I did, with gray flannel suit and all the trimmings. It was great—live music of the correct sort, large silver punch bowls manned by people I assumed were slaves, and a nice, cold drink I believed was ginger ale. Silly me. After about ten of these I noticed my feet were no longer in communication with my brain, although my brain didn't seem to give a hoot. My partner had to steer me off the dance floor.

Later, as we took our leave of the hostess, I said, "IF YOU EVER HAVE ANOTHER PARTY, BE SURE TO INVITE ME." If she did, my invitation went astray. I went back to going to the movies with the guys on Friday night.

Years passed, and I knew there had to be something better out there, and indeed there was. I (we, by now) was invited for a day's cruise on a yacht, the occasion being an expression of appreciation to all who had cared for the owner's son. My part was to make rounds for Frank Bryan one day, but that was enough to qualify.

This was a real yacht, not just a clean fishing boat. It had teak flooring, polished brass, a captain, a cook-butler and a very gracious host and hostess. The upholstery pattern on the deck chairs was repeated on the drinking glasses. Tea was on tap in crockery cask. We went down river to the Gulf, pushing buttons on the Loran and eating asparagus soup for lunch. I didn't know you could make soup of asparagus. I ate it, after making sure the others did.

I was the soul of gentility, not wanting to blow it again. I didn't slurp my soup. I carefully avoided telling the joke about the pervert and the chicken. You would have mistaken me for Noel Coward. I could see Alice settling into the lifestyle.

We returned to the dock, and I discovered a new problem with my Aspen station wagon, other than being ugly and uncomfortable. A lock was stuck, and for some vaguely remembered reason I had to crawl through the tailgate window and kick the door open from the inside. I had learned the technique when I watched a man try to get out of the rear seat of a police cruiser. I couldn't remember the words he shouted, but it had something to do with the officer's mother.

We finally drove off, five of the six cylinders firing regularly, leaving all of the other guests on the sidewalk, staring open-mouthed.

Some you win, some you lose, and some are rained out.

I rejoined my friends down at the bus station waiting room, where I belong. The only invitations I get now entail a contribution to a Congressman, or are addressed to "John Agnu or present occupant." Being of a philosophic bent, I can deal with this, but I can't --OW, cut that out, Alice--say the same for Alice.

John R. Agnew, M.D.

## Gora McGahey Associates in Architecture

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S MOST  
EXPERIENCED MEDICAL OFFICE  
DESIGN TEAM**

Southwest Florida's medical community is growing to meet the regions' changing health care needs. Since 1981, Gora/McGahey has set the standard in medical and dental facilities designed for today... with an eye toward tomorrow.

43 Barkley Circle, Suite 202 Fort Myers, Florida 33907 813/275-0225

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Classified Ads are only for Physician Members of the Society's use.

**FOR RENT** — 3424 Square Feet Medical Office. Space Available November 1st. 1515 Colonial Blvd. Call 275-8777 or 482 8049.

# LAND SALE!

## 50% OFF

**MEDICAL OFFICE SITES ON COLONIAL BLVD.**

**1/3 to 2 Acre Lots — Fully Developed  
15 Year Bank Financing Available!  
Established Professional/Medical Park**

**GULF STATE REALTY, INC. 278-5551 • 275-1999 Even.**

Since 1983

**OPTIONCARE**  
Of Southwest Florida

**Rx: Home Infusion Therapies**  
**Sig: Call Option Care for**

- ☐ IV Antibiotics ☐ TPN ☐ Other Parenteral Therapies
- ☐ Pain Management ☐ PIC Lines ☐ Tube Feeding

Accept No Substitutes, OPTION Care is JCAHO Accredited

261-6353  
Naples

275-7997  
Ft. Myers

743-0522  
Port Charlotte



## As your pace slows, so should your worries

You could be eligible for free tail coverage upon retirement at age 55 or older. For more information, call your independent agent or an FPIC underwriter at 800-741-FPIC.



1000 Riverside Avenue • P.O. Box 44033  
Jacksonville, Florida 32231-4033

Sponsored by Florida Medical Association

**LEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY**  
**P.O. BOX 06041**  
**Fort Myers, Florida 33906-6041**

Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Ft. Myers, FL  
Permit No. 534

**MEDICAL SOCIETY  
MEETING**  
Royal Palm  
Yacht Club  
Cocktails 6:30  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.  
Monday  
November 16, 1992  
**TOPIC:**  
"New Treatment and  
Manifestation of Hepatitis"  
**SPEAKER:**  
Scott L. Wiesen, M.D.  
Gastroenterologist/  
Hepatologist  
**DINNER BY  
RESERVATIONS ONLY**