

**Seminole County Medical Society**  
**September 16th, 2008**  
**Meeting minutes**

Dr. Bragg opened the meeting at 7 PM. Minutes for the last quarterly meeting were approved.

**Volunteers** Rebecca Nichols and Eric Dunlap were thanked for their help.

**Vendors Acknowledgement:** Table sponsors were recognized and thanked for their support of SCMS.

**Drawing Winner:** The winner of the drawing for \$100 off annual dues was Dr. Felski. Dr. Irrgang also won the drawing and received golf tickets.

**New members** were recognized -- Dr. Young, Dr. Hamid, Dr. Perrin and Dr. Sanchez – Velez.

**Program partner** was recognized -- Florida Hospital Altamonte. Speaker, Dr. Milunski, outlined the new transplant program and explained the need for a program in central Florida. The nearest existing transplant centers are 85 to 112 miles away. Dr. Milunski pointed out that there's no current heart transplant program in our region.

**Guest Speaker,** Dr. Gousse provided an update on the Help Haiti Project. He provided a background story of the organization and had a slideshow showing new buildings including a clinic and operating room.

**Guest Speaker,** Dr. Desamour provided cultural awareness regarding the country of Haiti. He discussed cultural differences that might present challenges in treating the Haitian patient. He discussed the increased risk of infectious disease exposures to those who have recently visited the country.

**Legislative update** was provided by Dr. Glen Davis. Current issues involve increasing Medicaid reimbursement as well as managed care and tort reform. UCF medical school issues were also discussed. Slate of candidates for the November election was reviewed with recommendations outlining those who support medicine.

**SCMS Alliance** President, Norma Ryan, discussed the Any Soldier Program.

**Guest Speaker,** Dr. Safraneck, from the UCF medical school gave details about the mentoring program for undergraduate students. He requested additional volunteers.

**SCMS Annual Picnic:** Dr. Bragg announced the annual SCMS picnic date has been set to October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and it is possible the picnic may need to be moved earlier in the day. Details will be forthcoming.

**Potential quarterly meeting venue change:** The possibility of a change in venue for future quarterly meetings to Florida Hospital Altamonte was discussed. A savings of approximately \$10,000 per year would be possible by doing so.

**Keynote Speaker:** The keynote speaker for the evening was Judge Fred Hitt. His talk entitled "bring them back to life" regarded the depiction of Native Americans in the state of Florida as presented in literature. He discussed the background of his books "Wekiva Winter" and "Beyond the River of the Sun."

**Next Meeting:** Dr. Bragg announced the next meeting is set at November 18, 2008.

**Total attendees:** 68

The motion was then made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas R. Kelley, MD  
SCMS Secretary, 2008

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