

Seminole County Medical Society
May 19th, 2009
Meeting minutes

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Dr. Panara. The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were approved.

Volunteers Rebecca Nichols, Eric Dunlap, and Randy Pope were thanked for their help to the society.

Vendors Acknowledged: Dr. Panara recognized and thanked the meeting sponsors: Cyrus Diagnostic, Eidson Insurance, Florida Radiology Imaging, Cognoscenti Laboratories, FPIC, Danna Gracey, and SunTrust Bank. Andria Mushahwar, MD won the drawing for \$100 off of his 2010 member dues.

New members were recognized: Dr. Sharif (Internal Medicine), Dr. Al-Malt (Maternal-Fetal/OB-GYN), Dr. Dunson (Anesthesiology/Pain Management), and Dr. Yatham (Anesthesiology/Pain Management/Addiction Therapy).

SCMS Volunteer Committee Updates: Dr. Kelley gave an update on the Haiti Help fundraiser in which Dr. Gousse is trying to raise \$10,000 to put a new roof on the clinic in Haiti. Dr. Kelley mentioned that \$900 has been raised so far and encouraged members to collect donations within their offices. Dr. Kelley also updated the members on the partnership between the volunteer committee and Shepherd's Hope to bring specialty care to uninsured patients in Seminole County. So far 12 members have signed up to volunteer and should be receiving letters from Shepherd's Hope in the near future so they can be signed up for the sovereign immunity program.

SCMS Legislative Update: Dr. Davis gave a brief Legislative update for the members. Dr. Davis pointed out that, thanks to SCMS lobbying efforts, the UCF Medical School received full funding for 2009.

Scholarship Recognition: Dr. Panara and Dr. Bragg presented The Dr. Willie Newman scholarship award to Yesenia Costa and The Dr. Luis Perez scholarship award to Kara Mia Villanueva.

Program Partner: Bonnie Hill & William Legg with SunTrust Bank provided a short presentation about "what keeps me up at night." Mr. Legg discussed some of the most important issues people face regarding their money.

Cultural Awareness Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Waldbaum gave an informative presentation on the nation of Zimbabwe including its history, government, economy, and people. Dr. Panara and Dr. Waldbaum reviewed the results for the Zimbabwe quiz after Dr. Waldbaum's presentation.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Kalyani Gaddipati spoke to the members about a unique case she had involving a young patient by the name of Kaley Pendley who was diagnosed with colon cancer. Kaley also spoke to the members about her experience including her health history, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and how she's progressing now that the cancer's gone.

Keynote speaker: Cecil Wilson, MD, President-Elect of the American Medical Association (AMA) was introduced by Dr. Panara. Dr. Wilson spoke on healthcare reform in the United States. Some of the topics Dr. Wilson touched on include the transformation of the healthcare system in the near future, Representatives who will be or are currently involved in this process, AMA's goals for the reform, and comparisons of the U.S. system to those of other nations. Dr. Wilson also answered questions about the reform and spoke on the AMA's goals and presence in the capitol.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th, 2009 at Florida Hospital Altamonte.

Total attendees: 61

The motion was then made to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted
Carrie Pope
SCMS Executive Director