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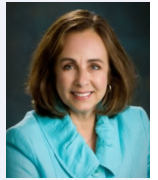
## President's Corner

In the upcoming months, we have two general membership meetings. The first of the meetings will be a presentation by Dr. Phillip Caillouet from ULL regarding the upcoming web based seminars on an electronic health care system. We are excited that we have Dr. Caillouet on board to teach all of us about this complicated topic. The web based seminars will be presentations that you can watch in the comfort of your own home with each carrying a different message. A second speaker will be Dr. Paul Zehnder who will discuss the "When, What, and Why" of hospice care. As many of you know, Dr. Zehnder has volunteered his services to hospice for the past ten years.

The second meeting in the fall will concern a topic that raises the hair on our backs. Medical Malpractice CAPs have been in the news-both in the legislature and at the state meetings. It has been many years since this cap limit has been changed. Mr. Doug Williams will be part of a panel, along with Mr. Nick Gachassin III and Ms. Jennifer Marusak. Mr. Williams is an attorney

with the law firm Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson in Baton Rouge. He is a health care attorney well versed in malpractice and the court decisions regarding our malpractice cap limits. Mr. Nick Gachassin, as you all know, is a health care attorney in Lafayette with the firm Gachassin Law Firm. Nick has been a very generous supporter of the Lafayette Health Care Clinic and also very attuned to malpractice cap limits. Ms. Jennifer Marusak has been working with the LSMS as our lobbyist in Baton Rouge during this last session. She will inform us of the recent legislation discussed and inform us all on when and how to contact our legislators. This panel of experts should be able to answer all of our questions and prepare us for what is to come in the future.

And on a last note, we are working with the Lafayette Bar Association who has challenged the Lafayette Parish Medical Society to a public chess duel. Yes, you heard it. So we need our chess players to come out and participate.



## Physician in the Spotlight: Dr Louis Mes

Dr Louis Mes was featured in the July 2011 issue of the Louisiana Medical News. The following is an excerpt from the article

*"South African native Louis Mes is a born adventurer. Born in Zimbabwe, the former Rhodesia, he left his home country to trek across the globe with his young family, winding up in Lafayette, Louisiana to practice medicine. Never forgetting his roots, he returned to South Africa to fulfill his "bucket list" by jumping from the highest commercial bungee jump in the world."*

*"Following his residency, Mes spent an additional year working as a plastic surgeon. While in Michigan, the couple had two daughters, Esther and Nicole. At the university, he met an alumna, Dr. Terry Cromwell, who had a bustling plastic surgery practice with Dr. Darrell Henderson in Lafayette, La. Cromwell and Henderson convinced Mes to come to Cajun Country in 1978. "I did 40 cases in my first month," he recalled."*

*"In his busy practice, Mes performs surgery three days a week and sees patients on the other two days. His enjoys doing breast and abdominal procedures. "I like things where I am going to pretty much have a guaranteed result,"*

*he said. "We are doing something where the patients know exactly what they want, and I can usually deliver and there's a happy ending. I'm not all that fond of facial plastic surgery, because there, usually, the problem is the patient doesn't want to be old. And, even if you do good cosmetic surgery, they are still old."*



Dr Mes Bungee jump in South Africa

To read the entire article go to [www.louisianamedicalnews.com/physician-spotlight-dr-louis-mes-cms-1875](http://www.louisianamedicalnews.com/physician-spotlight-dr-louis-mes-cms-1875)

## Doctor's Day Celebration

This year we had the honor of recognizing nine physicians for their years of service at Fezzo's Banquet hall on March 30th. There were 150 in attendance to enjoy the Crawfish Boil catered by Fezzo's.

We also honored Dr Lawrence Swan for 70 years of service. His grandson, Dr. Kevin Swan, had the honors of accepting his award.

We also introduced the "DOCTOR GIVING BACK" award to recognize physicians who have given back to the community. There are so many physicians who do so much more. We want to highlight these physicians.

We will accept nominations for this award up to November of every year. The executive committee will select the recipient of this award. It will be presented at Doctor's day Meeting every year.



**Doctors honored at 2011's Doctor's Day Meeting:** Seated (Left to right)- Drs. George Smith, Ethel Smith, Leonard Rolfes, and Ray Boyer. Standing (Left to right)- Drs. James Lafleur, Hugh Larriviere, Mike Mounir, Maximo Lamarche, and Juan Paredes.

### DOCTOR'S GIVING BACK AWARD

#### Who Can Submit Nominations?

Anyone can nominate a physician for the honor of this award. Please confirm the physician's willingness to be honored.

#### What are the criteria for nomination?

The nominee must:

- Be an "Active" member, in good standing, of the Lafayette Parish Medical Society;
- Be active in his/her field;
- Have made some outstanding contribution in his/her community in the social, religious or medical fields;
- Have high morals;
- Have worthy ideals and practice them;
- Be a leader in civic development.

#### Need Additional Information?

Contact Kristi Prevost at 337-232-2860



**DOCTOR'S GIVING BACK Award winner:** Doctors who volunteer at Lafayette Health Community Clinic. Seated (left to right)- Drs. Sangeeta Shah, Deborah Johnson, Ray Boyer, and Kim Hardy. Standing (left to right)- Drs. Terry Cromwell, Kevin Swan, Maximo Lamarche, and Jay Culotta.



## Dr Caillouet to Speak on “Meaningful Use” at General Membership

As a result of the brief EMR survey of our members earlier this year, we have identified that there is a need for more educational opportunities about electronic medical records. We have partner with UL’s Department of Health Information Management to provide our members an educational series on how to adopt an EMR.

Philip Caillouet, Ph.D., Professor of Health Information Management and Health care Administration, is director of the Louisiana Center for Health Informatics at UL. He has been involved in health-care information systems since 1975. Dr Caillouet has designed an educational series to help empower physicians’ offices with the knowledge necessary to adopt an EMR.

Dr Philip Caillouet will be our guest speaker at our Summer LPMS general membership meeting. He will address current hot-button topic of Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records, Health Information Exchanges (HIEs), and other applications of Health Information Technology (HIT). Dr Caillouet is also expected to discuss plans for our educational series.

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Dr. Lawrence Swan died February 12, 2011. He was honored for 70 years in medicine on March 30, 2011. His grandson Kevin Swan, MD accepted the award on his behalf.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Patrick Welch, MD	Robert Carroll, MD
Neva Seago, MD	Meredith Laborde, MD
Dana Ambler, MD	Chrissy Lalonde, MD
Karen Simpson, MD	Lisa Altmann, MD
Matthew McClanahan, MD	Devan Szczepaski, MD
Priyanka Sharma, MD	Gregory Verlander, MD
Michelle McCoy, MD	David Casey, MD
Eric Guilbeau, MD	Yamuna Jaladanki, MD
Sonya Wilson, MD	Gregory Morgan, MD
Matthew Whittingto, MD	Jesse Livingston, MD
Reagan Bonin, MD	Daisy Benigo, MD
Anupaha Tammareddi, MD	

## *Lafayette Parish Medical Society*

*Would like to invite you to the  
Summer General Membership meeting  
At Petroleum Club of Lafayette  
111 Heymann Blvd  
Lafayette, LA  
on Wednesday, September 14, 2011  
6:00-8:00 pm*

*“Hot topics on Meaningful Use, EHRs, HIEs and more”*

*L. Philip Caillouet, Ph.D.*

*Professor of Health Information Management and Health Care Administration,  
Director of the Louisiana Center for Health Informatics,  
Chair in Health Informatics at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.*

*Please **RSVP** by September 12th on our website ([www.LPMS.org](http://www.LPMS.org))*

*Or by phone 232-2860*

*Please indicate any special meal preference.*



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## Benefits of Membership

### PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY

The political events of the past year have highlighted the great need for physicians to be involved in the LSMS and to have their voices heard in the public arena.

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Department of Public Affairs provides media relations and communications on behalf of physicians and patients, presents a positive image of the profession with the media and the public, and works with statewide media to address healthcare issues from the physician's perspective. It also produces the publications listed below:

- The Journal of the LSMS
- Capsules newsletter
- LSMS eAlerts and legislative bulletins
- LSMS online member directory
- Listing in Independent's Acadiana Medical and Dental Directory annually.

Please consider joining us. Let us know how we can help you practice medicine.



## Upcoming Events

### Summer Membership Meeting "Hot topics on Meaningful Use"

Petroleum Club  
September 14th at 6:00 pm

### New Member Social

Home of Dr Maria Doucet  
October 14th at 6:00 pm

### Women In Medicine Luncheon

Petroleum Club  
October 28th at Noon

### Winter Membership Meeting "Malpractice Cap Panel Discussion"

Petroleum Club  
November 3rd at 6:00 pm