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President's Message

Dear NYSCHP members,

Have you ever attended a networking event, collected a bunch of business cards, and when you go through them the next day, you can't remember who many of them are? Or try to think of people you met and had a conversation with, but you can't remember their names or their businesses to look them up? Well, you certainly don't want to be one of those that other people can't remember, do you? Networking is about forming and nurturing mutually beneficial relationships, which brings you new connections with large numbers of people. Networking functions provide the opportunity to expand our contact list, particularly when we create and nurture quality relationships. It is not enough to visit a networking group, talk to dozens of people and gather as many business cards as possible. Every networking function has tremendous potential for new leads and lasting professional relationships.

With all the demands on our time made by our employers, professional and personal lives, it is tempting to assign a lower priority to networking as an activity designed to meet new people. After all, we have so many commitments at work and at home -- to colleagues, family and friends -- that it is difficult to set aside extra time to bring even more people into our lives.

"Arrive early and stay late." This is one of the many messages Magic Johnson, keynote speaker at the 2018 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, relayed to everyone this past December 2nd-6th as over 25,000 pharmacy professionals united in Anaheim. Everyone that attended was able to experience some Midyear Magic and hear Kelly Smith, President of ASHP, spread her message of being "All In!" NYSCHP held its annual reception on Sunday, December 2nd, with the help of sponsorship from D'Youville, Albany, Touro, Wegmans-St. John Fisher, and Binghamton Schools of Pharmacy. This successful networking event created an opportunity for individuals to gather together before embarking into the main event.

Planning is underway for the 2019 Annual Assembly in Saratoga Springs. I look forward to a great meeting filled with high energy and participation with a successful House of Delegates. I encourage members to work with their Chapters to develop resolutions for this year to truly make an impact for health-system pharmacists!

All of us at NYSCHP wish everyone a happy and healthy Holiday season and look forward to 2019!

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." Vincent Lombardi

Lisa Voigt
President-Elect

Women in Pharmacy Leadership

ASHP recently published a new book titled “Letters from Women in Pharmacy- Stories on Integrating Life and Career.” Both **Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer, Pharm.D., BCPS, FASHP**, Vice President Network Pharmacy at Westchester Medical Center Health Network, and **Vickie Ferdinand Powell, Pharm.D., MS, FASHP**, Site Director of Operations at New York Presbyterian Hospital have letters providing information and advice on their leadership journey. Leigh and Vickie participated in the book signing at ASHP Midyear where there were long lines of individuals waiting for their autographs!



New Practitioners Committee

New Practitioners Networking Session at ASHP Midyear 2018

The ASHP New Practitioners Forum hosted a fantastic networking event at the 2018 Midyear Clinical Meeting for new practitioners. The networking session took place on Sunday, December 2nd and allowed for formal one-on-one conversations between new practitioners and facilitators. New practitioners and facilitators representing a variety of pharmacy areas of expertise (academia, clinical, management/leadership and professional organizations) engaged in insightful conversations with other new practitioners across the country.

Our New York City chapter member, Harshal Shukla, is currently on the ASHP New Practitioners Membership and Outreach Advisory Group. Along with a group of new practitioners nationwide, Dr. Shukla helped in the planning of this great networking program. In addition, many of our NYSCHP members participated as facilitators. The facilitators included Frank Sosnowski, Mark Sinnett, Jason Babby, Toshiba Morgan-Joseph, Maabo Kludze-Forson and Alanna Farrell-Foster. Thank you to all of our facilitators and new practitioners for participating in this meaningful event!



A Year in Review

As this year is coming to an end, it is time to look back on some of the memorable events that our chapters had in this past year:

Central New York Chapter:



The past year has been very busy for the central chapter. We have held numerous continuing education events, including our annual residency showcase in June as well as diabetes and toxicology updates this fall. All were very well attended. In October, we co-sponsored a senior medication safety fair and provided medication therapy management services to seniors who were in attendance. This year we

also held our first co-sponsored CE event with our local PSSNY chapter, which was a law review.

In other chapter news, we launched our website, cnyshp.org, which now allows us to accept online registration for all our events. In addition, we have posted chapter information as well as biographies for all board members. We hope to begin to accept credit cards for registration for next year.



Peter J. Aiello, PharmD
President, Central New York Chapter

Long Island Chapter:

The Long Island Society of Health-System Pharmacists (LISHP) had a wonderful 2018 with 8 CE programs, fun networking events, community outreach programs and the pleasure of hosting the QUAD meeting. The year kicked off with a well-attended CE program focusing on the appropriate use of PPIs. Members were also asked to bring in new winter coats and accessories for donation. The response was overwhelming as so many members brought in coats, scarves, hats, gloves and other items to help Long Islanders in need during the winter. February marked the QUAD meeting which was hosted by LISHP. We had an amazing turnout at Russo's on the Bay for a presentation on Advocacy, Leadership and the Future of Health-system Pharmacy by Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer. Members of the NYC, Long Island, Royals and Westchester chapters were able to network and enjoy an inspiring CE program.

In March, LISHP continued a longstanding tradition of hosting the annual Anthony Buatti Residency Research Symposium where 6 pharmacy residents presented 15 minute research pearls and allowed our members to earn 2 CE credits. Members appreciated the fast paced presentation format and abbreviated method of learning about research occurring across Long Island. In April, members were able to attend a CE program and have the opportunity to participate in a Paint Night networking event. It was a great way to spend some time outside of a formal CE program setting to get to know each other better. June marked our Installation Dinner where Chung Shien Lee was installed as Secretary, Samantha Liaw as President Elect, Allison Potar as Immediate Past President and Rubiya Kabir as President. Members also heard fellow LISHP member, Shan Wang, present on Sepsis Updates. In the fall of 2018, LISHP held two more CE programs in September and October and presented members with umbrellas as a token of appreciation during Pharmacy Week. In November, LISHP was able to host yet another Residency Networking Event which was attended by residents and preceptors of every Pharmacy Residency Program on Long Island. LISHP wishes to thank all of their members and e-board for their continued support and participation. We look forward to another productive year ahead in 2019!





Rubiya Kabir, PharmD, BCPS
President, Long Island Chapter

New York City Chapter

The NYC Chapter had many exciting activities in 2018. Our biggest accomplishment this year was our grassroots lobbying efforts. Our members visited state senators and assembly members throughout New York City to lobby on pharmacy issues such as: Intern Immunization Bill, The Pharmacy Technician Bill, and CDTM. We reached out to the community in the form of Brown Bag sessions at various churches in Manhattan and Brooklyn. We have accomplished much in providing our members this year with an unprecedented 15.5 hours of CE programming. Our chapter participated in Cycle for Survival where we raised over \$5000 in cancer research. The new practitioners committee held one of the largest happy hour networking events in NYCSHP history. We actively participated as medical volunteers at the NYC Marathon. The NYC chapter also initiated the Clinical/Directors Roundtable. This roundtable engages pharmacists and pharmacy leaders in hospitals throughout New York City to discuss various topics in pharmacy today. Our crème de la crème was our annual installation dinner. The installation dinner was held at a different venue this year with an unprecedented sold-out crowd. We look forward to the exciting events in store for 2019.





Charrai A. Byrd, PharmD, RPh
President, New York City Chapter



Royal Counties Chapter



Throughout 2018, Royal Counties Society of Health-System Pharmacists accomplished a tremendous amount. Our most notable events throughout the year include our Installation, our very first Preceptor Development Workshop, the New York City Regional Pharmacy Residency Conference we hosted, and our Holiday CE program.

During Installation, we provided a graduation ceremony for numerous pharmacy residency

programs, received a wonderful continuing education presentation on “Approaches to Minimize Errors in Contemporary Practice” from Dr. Joseph Etzel, and welcomed our newest executive board: President, Bejoy Maniara; President-Elect, Maria Sorbera; Immediate Past President, Deep Patel; Treasurer, Nicholas Niceforo; Secretary, Julia Kamuda; Directors-at-Large, Marian James and Salvatore Ventrice. It was a truly memorable night.

Our first Preceptor Development Workshop was held at St. John’s University. Dr. Ashley Richardson-Galla presented on “GENERating Future Leaders.” Dr. Catherine Millares-Sipin presented on “Setting Expectations and Individualizing Rotations.” Dr. Christopher Ho presented on “Continuing Professional Development and Improving the Odds of Success in Pharmacy Research.” This collaborative three-hour continuing education event was a wonderful experience for all.

New York’s boroughs are home to a plethora of resident pharmacists. Many came to our New York City Regional Pharmacy Residency Conference to present their research or clinical pearls. This allowed them to gain further experience and educate others. We additionally received novel continuing education from Dr. Susan Kokura when she presented on “Technology and the Future of Clinical Pharmacy Artificial Intelligence: More than Bots?” Our residents welcomed this novel topic and were actively engaged, as many were unaware of all the technologies available to us in the world of pharmacy, especially regarding artificial intelligence.

Our final continuing education event for 2018 was our Holiday CE program. This turned out to be a tremendous event, as we had a large turnout, raised over \$500 for our City Harvest fundraiser through 5 raffles, and donated over 50 toys to Toys for Tots. During this event, our members were educated by Dr. Rebecca Cope as she presented on “In a Bind: Reversal Agents for Direct Oral Anticoagulants.”





We would like to thank all of our faithful active members for their contributions to Royal Counties throughout the years, particularly throughout 2018. Our organization would not be as strong as it is now without you. We hope you will join our newly formed committees and help Royal Counties become an even larger success than it is today!



Bejoy Maniara, PharmD, BCPS
President, Royal Counties Chapter

Southern Tier Chapter

Our chapter has been keeping very busy over the past year! Below are some of the highlights of our chapter:



Continuing Education Programs

We hold monthly continuing education programs that have covered a variety of areas in pharmacy practice including, but not limited to: opioids and pain management, preceptor development, *Clostridioides difficile* infection, COPD management, 340B programs, and geriatric pharmacy pearls. Our chapter largely supports our local residency programs and gives them an opportunity to present a continuing education program in areas that interest

them. These programs serve as an excellent opportunity to network with other pharmacists, pharmacy residents, and pharmacy students in the Southern Tier.

Collaboration with Binghamton University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Binghamton University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (BUSOPPS) is our local affiliated pharmacy school. The school has established a Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy (SSHP) chapter and several students have been active within the Southern Tier chapter and the community. We currently have one BUSOPPS student on our executive board who provides valuable contributions from the students' perspective. The BUSOPPS SSHP chapter was the recipient of the 2018 ASHP-SSHP Development Grant Program and is an ASHP-SSHP recognized organization.

Social Night Out for Members

In the Spring, we plan to organize a social night out for our members by attending a Binghamton Rumble Ponies (Minor League Baseball) game for our members to network and learn more about each other in a more informal and fun setting.

Lyndsay Carlson, PharmD, BCACP
President
Wesley Kufel, PharmD, BCIDP, BCPS, AAHIVP
President-Elect
Southern Tier Chapter

Westchester Chapter

As I look back on the past six months as president of the Westchester Chapter, I can honestly say that it has certainly been a journey, both personally and professionally.

There were 3 goals that I had in mind prior to June of 2018 that I would have liked to accomplish as president. The first goal was to increase the amount of community outreach that we do as a group. I personally feel very blessed with the life I have made as a pharmacist and would like to give back to the community. Leveraging the great people in our chapter to participate with charitable organizations such as Hillside Food Outreach and God's Love We Deliver has been a very rewarding experience thus far. I am very excited to say that we had several community outreach engagements in the first six months and way more volunteers than I could ever hope for. If there was one goal that I would look back on and say "we nailed that," it would be this one. I cannot thank our members enough for their engagement and enthusiasm in coming together as a group to help the less fortunate.



My second goal was to increase membership, not only in size, but in diversity of members as well. As the practice of pharmacy evolves, there are a number of disciplines working together for the common good on a daily basis. We are a group of not only pharmacists, but many industry partners as well. The past president, one of the board members, and I come from industry. Our technician and student memberships are also increasing. It is very important for us to have representation from various groups. I am happy to report that we have added several members over the past couple of months that consist of industry representatives and technicians. The next target for us will be to increase our base of interns as they are the future of pharmacy and will be key stakeholders in our organization.

My third goal was for our chapter to become actively involved in legislative activities. Our chapter has created resolutions and sent delegates to the assembly every year. However, I have always wanted to be more involved in this area. The answer presented itself when the NYC Chapter started the "Grassroots Advocacy Committee" where the focus is to engage local politicians and to educate them on legislation that not only impacts the practice of pharmacy, but healthcare workers in their district and ultimately the health care of their constituents. My president-elect Grace Shyh and I will be meeting with Assemblyman David Buchwald this month. It is my hope that this is the first of many engagements that we will have with our political partners going forward.

I am very proud to be a pharmacist and elected to serve as president of this great organization. The engagements that we have had in our outreach programs have been outstanding, our CE programs have been very engaging and I am personally very enthusiastic about the direction we are heading in as a society. Our president-elect and board members have many great ideas to build upon our success in the future and I am still very humbled by the opportunity to serve as president.



Eric Guido, R.Ph.,
President, Westchester Chapter



Western Chapter



Over the last year, the Western Chapter has made significant efforts to improve value to its members by providing opportunities for social outings and family events. One such event was held at the Buffalo RiverWorks facility in January 2018 on the Buffalo River featuring a large dining and entertainment venue. More than 30 members attended along with their families to enjoy free food, drinks and ice skating. Although it was a chilly evening, the covered outdoor ice rink became a gathering place to chat and show off (or try not to be too embarrassed about) our skating skills.

Member events have also included community outreach. WNYSHP was pleased to participate in the annual Senator Ranzhofer Family Health Fair in early August, 2018. Members reviewed and answered questions about medicines with attendees, while emphasizing the importance of maintaining accurate medication histories. WNYSHP will also be donating toys to the Toys for Tots Campaign through a happy hour and toy drive this December as well as volunteering for Friends of Night People, a local organization that helps provide basic needs to our local community for those experiencing hunger, poverty and homelessness.



On August 22, 2018, WNYSHP sponsored a round table discussion and networking session at Coca Cola Field. Topics included, but were not limited to, tips for residency preparation, how to approach research and IRB, work-life balance and academia. Following the discussion, members watched as the Buffalo Bisons defeated the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders 7 to 3.



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