

AOOA BULLETIN

Advocates for the Ohio Osteopathic Association

Spring 2015

President's Report

by Barb Wills, President

Once again we gather at the Columbus Hilton at Easton Town Center for the 2015 Ohio Osteopathic Symposium. We hope you have weathered the brutal winter and are planning to join us.

As I mentioned in my letter before the holidays, we celebrated the opening of the Dublin campus of OU-HCOM and look forward to the opening of the third OU-HCOM campus later this year in conjunction with Cleveland Clinic.



Our format at the Symposium this year will be slightly different. Our Friday gathering will take place from 9:30 to 11:30. We hope you are able to join us. It will be in the Lilac Room.

We will have our raffle again this year for designer handbags and a gift certificate to the American Girl store. By purchasing raffle tickets you help us support the Yellow Ribbon Program, the AOOA Scholarship at OU-HCOM and other ways we support the osteopathic profession.

We are enclosing a set of tickets for you to use or share. They are \$5 for one or \$25 for six. And, of course, your board members will be at the Symposium to sell them in case you are unable to bring these with you. If you want to mail your tickets and money, please send them no later than April 17 so they arrive in time. The address is:

Becky Marx
5198 Sampson Drive
Youngstown, OH 44505-1254

We look forward to seeing you and sharing with you. •

And the Winners Are...

by Becky Marx, Treasurer

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2014-15 AOOA and District VI scholarships.

Brian Scharfenberg, OMS II, was awarded the AOOA Scholarship. Born in Kirksville, Missouri, he grew up in Rochester, NY, where he attended the University of Rochester and earned a degree in comparative religion. He is active in student life at OU-HCOM and has taken part in diabetes care research as well as serving as an officer in the OMM Club and as a teaching assistant for the Summer Scholars program, providing support to a number of students who hope to attend OU-HCOM. His wife, Melissa, serves as Student Associate Advocate (SAA) president. They live in Athens with their two young children. Brian has not yet chosen an area of specialty but hopes to practice in a rural area in Ohio.

Merissa Ferguson, OMS III, received this year's District VI scholarship. She grew up in Upper Arlington, Ohio, and earned her undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University. She plans to specialize in Emergency Medicine and practice in central Ohio. She enjoys volunteering at free clinics and plans to continue doing so throughout her career.

Both students said that one of the main reasons they wanted to attend OU-HCOM is that they were attracted to the school's community spirit. They feel the faculty, staff, and students are much friendlier and more engaged than those of the other medical schools they looked at.

To make a donation to either scholarship, please write your check to OU Foundation and designate a scholarship fund (AOOA or District VI). Mail your check to Office of Development, Grosvenor Hall, 1 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701-2979. •

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Nominations Wanted

by Jane Routh, Committee Chair

We have updated the Osteopathic Spirit Award Nomination form to help "jog" your memory of those special people you have encountered over the years. Please take the time to honor someone who has given their dedication and spirit to the osteopathic profession. The form and details are at:

<http://bit.ly/1BNTaQF>.

Osteopathic Spirit Award Winners

2004-2005	Chip Rogers
2005-2006	Mary Schreck
2006-2007	Sandra Foster, PhD
2007-2008	Jon Wills
2008-2009	Irene Bell, JD
2009-2010	Sharon B. Zimmerman
2010-2011	David C. Eland, DO
2011-2012	Ioanna Z. Giatis Kessler, DO
2012-2013	Rebecca Marx
2013-2014	Ashley B. Simpson, DO
2014-2015	Michael E. Dietz, DO •

The AOOA is Collecting iPods

by Barb Wills, President

Your Advocates would like to collect iPods to be distributed to nursing care facilities in conjunction with the showing of the documentary *Alive Inside* on Thursday night at the Ohio Osteopathic Symposium.

These iPods will be delivered for the therapy described in the documentary. The preference (if donating a new one) is the iPod Shuffle, which usually runs \$49 or less. Other working used iPods and different brands will also be accepted.

Used devices will be sent to the Music & Memory Project in New York to be cleaned, etc. and distributed around the country. The new Shuffle iPods will be given to the Ohio Department of Aging to be distributed to facilities in Ohio.

The Advocates will also accept money to purchase the devices and iTunes gift cards for the music to be downloaded.

These devices will be collected through the end of the Ohio Osteopathic Symposium. Anyone who attends can bring them or you can mail them to me:

Barb Wills
3792 Riverwatch Lane
Columbus, OH 43221.

If you do not know about the Music & Memory project, check out the Symposium website at www.ooanet.org/cme to see a short video. •

SYMPOSIUM PREVIEW Scaling New Heights

Imagine yourself on the highest mountain in the world. You have to deal with the physiological effects of extreme altitude along with frigid temperatures, battering winds, and a climbing team that's counting on all of its members to make smart decisions. There's simply no room for poor judgment. Drawing on her experience as team captain of the first American Women's Everest Expedition, adventurer, and mountaineer, Alison Levine will share her story when she presents *On the Edge: The Art of High-Impact Leadership* at the Ohio Osteopathic Symposium, Saturday, April 25, at 11:00 am.



Alison Levine

A leadership expert and history-making polar explorer, Levine has climbed the highest peak on every continent and skied to the North and South poles—a feat called the Adventure Grand Slam. It is an accomplishment that fewer than 40 people in the world can claim. In January 2008 she made history as the first American to complete a 600-mile traverse from west Antarctica to the South Pole. She completed the journey on skis while hauling 150 pounds of her gear in a sled harnessed to her waist.

This year's Symposium also looks at dementia with a panel of experts and a special screening of *Alive Inside*, a documentary film chronicling the experiences of patients who have been revitalized through music.

The film, directed by Michael Rossato-Bennett, follows social worker Dan Cohen, founder of the nonprofit organization Music & Memory, as he fights against a broken health care system to demonstrate music's ability to combat memory loss and restore a sense of self to those suffering from it. The movie also reveals the uniquely human connection found in music and how its healing power, according to the director, can triumph where prescription medication falls short.

The film and panel discussion is Thursday, April 23, at 7:00 pm. •



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AOA Hosts DO Day in DC

About 1,300 DOs and osteopathic medical students participated in DO Day on Capitol Hill, March 4-5, in Washington, DC, including about 100 from Ohio.

The Ohio Osteopathic Association provided bus transportation for about 35 Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine students from the Athens and Dublin campuses.

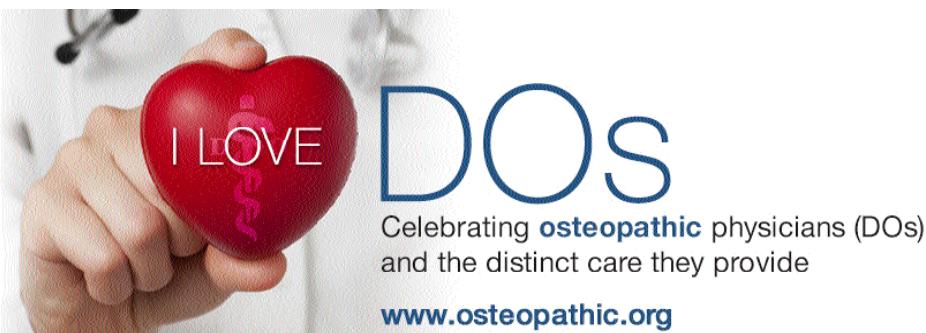
An Ohio reception the evening before gave participants an opportunity to talk with US Reps. Steve Stivers (R-Columbus) and Brad Wenstrup (R-Cincinnati). Unfortunately due to inclement weather, most of the visits with Members of Congress were

cancelled, although a group of Ohioans sloshed through snow to meet with the administrative staff of Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-Canton).

Each osteopathic college filmed an advocacy message from their students that was transmitted to members of the Congressional delegation of each college's home state. The Heritage College students also attended a meeting of the Bureau of Federal Health Programs.

Participation in the annual event is important for members of the osteopathic community. In addition to physicians and medical students, spouses and other advocates are invited to attend. The large showing of

support demonstrates the profession's dedication to protecting and preserving the cornerstones of osteopathic medicine. DO Day is a prime opportunity to educate members of Congress and their staff about osteopathic medicine and communicate positions on important health policy issues where legislation is crafted—Capitol Hill. •



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