

# COMMUNIQUE



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011

## Academy of Medicine Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend The Academy of Medicine Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at The Premier Banquet Complex, formerly Gladieux Meadows at 4480 Heatherdowns Boulevard. The reception will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and the program. At the Annual Meeting, Dr. William H. Treuhaft, 2011 Academy President, will install Dr. Steven M. Ariss as 2012 Academy President. Formal invitations will be mailed with the ballots in early December. Ballot information will also be in the Autumn issue of *Toledo Medicine*. All Academy members are encouraged to invite a non member to be your guest at the Annual Meeting.

## Academy Mentorship Program

In 2006, The Academy of Medicine, in conjunction with The University of Toledo Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), the national pre-med honor society, formed the Academy Mentorship Program (AMP) to offer support to local pre-med students. The Academy wanted to provide a link with these potential future members of the medical profession, to support their career choice and give them guidance and real life experience with what it is like to be a physician.

The AMP has two components. First, Academy members are asked to volunteer to speak to members of AED on various aspects of the medical career at their regular meetings. This may include specialty specific information, educational tracks and training programs, health care reform, reimbursement, liability or medical ethics. Physician lifestyles and balancing career and family interests outside of medicine may also be of interest to the pre-med students.

The second and most fun and challenging parts of the program is a one on one mentoring relationship with a pre-med student. The program is open to students who are nationally registered with AED. These students, who maintain a three semester history of pre-med curriculum and a GPA of 3.2 or greater, are those most likely to eventually matriculate in a medical school. The mentorship program is considered a perk of their membership in AED.

The mentoring is an informal self-selection pairing of a student with a volunteer mentor. There is no rigid stan-

dard for types and number of contacts between student and mentor. It evolves over time into whatever works best and meets the needs of both parties. It may be informal emails several times through the year. It may involve the student visiting the mentor's office or going on rounds. In some cases, there may be a "connect" between the two and the student may accompany the physician to medical meetings and even social events or Academy functions.

The Academy continues to recruit potential mentors for the program. If you have an interest in the program and would like a mentor sign-up form, please contact Lee Wealton at 419-473-3206 or at [lwealton@aol.com](mailto:lwealton@aol.com). We would like to collect information about mentor's specialty, practice style, hobbies and lifestyle as it is helpful to pre-med students who are seeking mentors. Also, if you have topic(s) that you enjoy speaking about that can be directed to a pre-med audience we would like to know that as well. This is helpful in establishing speakers for the AED meetings.

Pre-med students have lots of questions about medical school, postgraduate training, career options, physician lifestyles, the professional relationship and the state of the health care system. Even things that physicians may find mundane and boring will be exciting to many pre-meds. Because you have made it through the process, you can provide insight and encouragement to the pre-med students. This is the goal of The Academy. It is hoped that the AMP has established itself as a community benefit that will have lasting effects.

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## Keeping Up-to-Date: New Addresses

If you have recently moved, please inform The Academy of Medicine of your new address, telephone and fax numbers. Send to [lwealton@aol.com](mailto:lwealton@aol.com) or fax to 419-475-6744.

## Special Services for Academy Members

The Academy of Medicine provides a number of special services and discounts exclusively for Academy members. Please see the insert in this issue of the *Communique* for details.

## Recommended Bylaws Amendments

Several recommended Bylaws amendments were read at The Academy / Flower Hospital Joint Meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2011. The amendments will be voted on at The Academy of Medicine Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2012. The recommended amendments are:

Article III, Membership, Section 8, Transfer. Delete "When a member moves to another county in Ohio, pending his acceptance or rejection by the society into which he moves, such member shall be considered to be in good standing in this Academy and the Ohio State Medical Association to the end of the period for which his dues have been paid".

Article XII, Dues and Assessments, Section 1, Dues Determined by Council. Delete "Annual dues of Fellows, Associate Members and Privileged Members shall include the per capita membership dues to the Ohio State Medical Association".

Article XIII, Investigative and Disciplinary Procedures, Section 4, Cause of Action. Delete "against the Ohio State Medical Association" and "or such Association".

Article XIV, Appeals to the Ohio State Medical Association. Delete the entire Article.

Article XIX, Amendments. Add "and shall be submitted to the Ohio State Medical Association for approval".

## Updates: Ohio Tobacco Quit Line, Dear Me, Ohio Tobacco Collaborative & Ohio Cessation Benefits Team

The Ohio Tobacco Quit Line continues to be here to help smokers who are ready to quit. For those who are uninsured, pregnant or on Medicaid, free services are available by calling 1-800-Quit NOW (1-800-784-8669). Callers will receive support and advice from an experienced Quit Specialist, a personalized Quit Plan with self-help materials and the latest information about medications that can aid them in quitting. Free nicotine patches will be sent to all qualified callers. Quit Line callers are Five Times more likely to succeed than those who try to quit on their own.

The Ohio Department of Health has created, and the Toledo~Lucas County Health Department is promoting, the "Dear Me: I need to quit" campaign. Their slogan is "Nobody can make me quit but me" and the idea is for a current smoker who would like to quit to write a letter to themselves about their tobacco addiction and then to access the Quit Line.

Business sized cards are available for your offices with the telephone numbers and web pages for both programs.

The Ohio Tobacco Collaborative is designed to help those employers and insurance plans understand and comply with the United States Preventive Services Task Force A and B recommendations as required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. By joining, their employees and members would regain free access to the Quit Line's benefits.

The Ohio Cessation Benefits Team will engage public and private health insurance carriers to provide cessation benefits and identify opportunities to increase sustainability for existing cessation services, including the Ohio Quit Line.

Please contact Stu Kerr, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, Toledo~Lucas County Health Department at 419-213-2655 or [kerrs@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:kerrs@co.lucas.oh.us) for further information.

## APPLICATIONS

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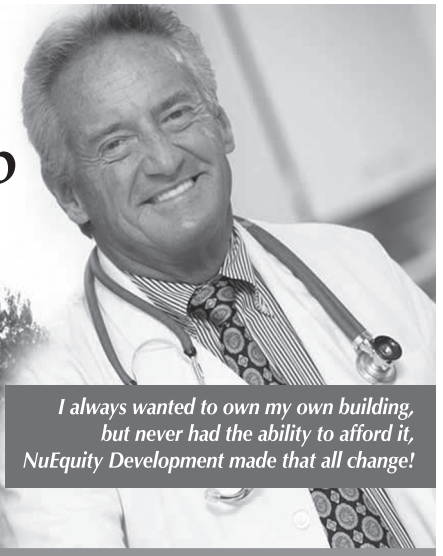
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**W**ant a convenient way to say happy holidays to your colleagues while helping The Academy of Medicine's Foundation Fund? All you have to do is fill out this form and send it to The Academy with your donation to the Foundation Fund. The Foundation Fund supports many worthwhile activities, including scholarships to medical students at The University of Toledo College of Medicine. Donations in lieu of holiday cards will be acknowledged in the December *Communiqué*. Thank you for supporting your Academy.

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## Get Involved with Your Academy

If you would like to become more involved with The Academy of Medicine, please ask to be appointed to a commission or committee.

Appointments were made at the January Council Meeting, but vacancies occur on the five commissions, including Community Relations & Communications, Judicial & Internal Affairs, Membership Services, Education & Professional Affairs and Community Health, as well as the Mediation Committee.

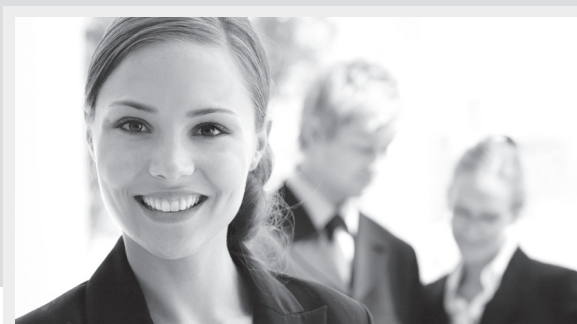
If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer to be on a commission or committee, please contact Lee Wealton at 419/473.3206 or by email at [lwealton@aol.com](mailto:lwealton@aol.com).

## Healthy Living News

The Community Relations & Communications Commission is recruiting contributors to The Academy Corner in *Healthy Living News*. Articles for the monthly publication are approximately 300 words and can be sent to Dr. Ron Shapiro at [rshapiro@edok.com](mailto:rshapiro@edok.com). Maintaining the presence of The Academy Corner in *Healthy Living News* favorably keeps The Academy of Medicine in the public eye, as well as its members.

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