

# Historical Happenings

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## Society Celebrates Successful Year



Society Board members Combs, Grant, Nelson, and Blessing at AAPA House of Delegates Meeting in Las Vegas

By: Pam Scott

The Society for the Preservation of PA History has reasons to celebrate. Although not yet three years old, it has reached major milestones this year. Due to the hard work and tireless efforts of its volunteer leaders and staff, along with support from the AAPA, NCCPA, APAP, NCAPA, Duke University Medical Center, Dr. Stead, individual PA programs, and members,

the Society is prepared administratively and financially to assume the responsibility for the PA History Center and its operations which occurred on July 1 of this year.

According to executive director, Reginald Carter, "Truly this has been a year of growth and commitment to the Society's mission and goals. We now have over fifty-five sponsoring organ- (Continued on page 2)

## Ballweg, Combs, Stewart, Danielsen, and Fasser Elected

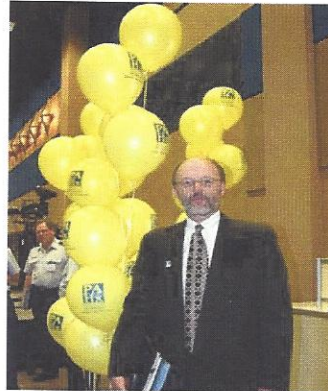
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Elections were conducted per bylaws by Nominating and Election Committee chairperson, Jeff Heinrich, during the Society's general membership meeting. It was held in Las Vegas, NV, on June 3, 2004, in conjunction with the AAPA Annual Conference.

Ruth Ballweg, from the University of Washington MEDEX Northwest, was elected as the society's next President-elect. Glen Combs, from the Grand Valley State University PA program, was selected as treasurer. Gloria Stewart, of the Marietta College PA program will serve as the Society's secretary.

Randy Danielsen, from the A.T. St Health Sciences, Arizona University of School of Health Sciences PA program, and Carl Fasser, from the PA program at Baylor University School of Medicine, will fill the two member-at-large seats.

Congratulations to all the winners!



President Ron Nelson, PA-C



Society Board members continue the celebration in Las Vegas.

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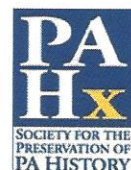
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### Upcoming events:

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Loews Vanderbilt Hotel  
Nashville, TN  
November 5, 2004 @3:30 PM

**APAP Educational Forum**  
Nashville, TN  
November 4-7, 2004

**AAPA Annual Conference**  
Orlando, FL  
May 28-June 2, 2005





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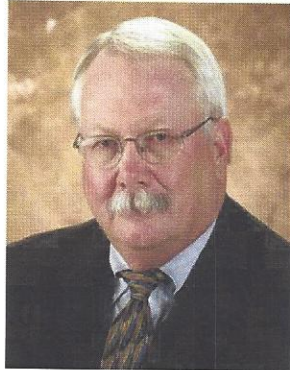
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**President's Perspective...**



J. Dennis Blessing, PHD, PA-C  
President

I teach an introduction to the PA profession course. I am always amazed at the misunderstandings, lack of background knowledge, and the myths that new students have about our profession's history and evolution. What amazes me even more is the number of physician assistants who have the same misconceptions and myths about their

profession. I can understand students' lack of information, but not our colleagues. I realize that our history may not be important in the day to day challenges of providing health care, but the concepts of who we are and what we can be have their roots in the history of the physician assistant profession. I think the most important thing we can do at this time is to ensure that an accurate record of the profession is developed and maintained. We are lucky that so many of our founding fathers (and mothers) are still with us to help us with our history. Our society is growing. We need to involve more people and more organizations; we need more income. As a member you have done a lot to help us start. We don't have much of a product to offer our members at this point; we

do have a lot of promise. I encourage you to keep up your enthusiasm for what we want and are trying to do. Encourage others to get involved and look at what you can contribute to PA history. Next time you are in the attic, cellar, garage, storeroom, under the bed or where ever you keep those things you don't want to discard, consider what historical value they may have. Many of us may have "junk" that may be a one of a kind surviving piece of PA history. We are looking for articles, pictures, etc. So, before you go on a cleaning binge, check and see if it is PA history. Continue your support and we will have a great society that can provide a clear, concise, and accurate history of physician assistants.

**Successful year**

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zations and four hundred and fifty individual members."

Executive Director Carter also discussed other activities of the society over the past year. According to Dr. Carter, "The continued financial and in-kind support of the AAPA, NCCPA and APAP for the next three years has provided the Society matching funds needed to hire a full-time archivist to help grow and organize

the Society's papers & special historic collection of materials to be housed in the Duke University Medical Center Archives. The North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants has offered the Society administrative and workspace in their new building, the Eugene Stead Center, which is being constructed in the Research Triangle Park".

Other accomplishments for the society this year include a new and

improved Physician Assistant History Center web site, new exhibits on-line, additional biographies, and more artifacts and memorabilia. PA history is coming to life for future generations of PAs (and others) to enjoy. The Board of Directors and staff would like to extend their gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the past, present and future success of the Society!



## Board passes approval of budget, additional staff, and bylaws change

By: Pam Scott

The Society's Board of Directors met on June 3, 2004, in conjunction with the AAPA Annual Conference, in Las Vegas, NV. In addition to approving the FY05 budget, the Board authorized the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Duke University Medical Center (DUMC) Archives to hire an assistant archivist to expand and process the Society's archival collection. Additionally, they approved the institution of memo-

randums of understanding with Carter Professional Services, Inc., to direct the PAHx Center because since July 1, 2004, the Society assumed full responsibility for its administration and resources acquisition. Additionally, Carter Professional Services will provide the Society's financial and administrative operational activities.

In other actions, the Board endorsed the slate of officers put forth by the Nominations and Elections Committee

and the Bylaw amendments recommended by the Bylaws and Policy Committee to add an AAPA seat to the Board of Directors. Please see related articles.

Then next Board of Directors meeting will be held in conjunction with the APAP meeting in Nashville, TN, on November 5, 2004, at 3:30 PM at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel. The meeting is open and members are welcome to attend.



Heinrich, Combs, Nicholas and Feldsott during Board of Directors meeting in Las Vegas

## Heinrich honored for service to society

By: Pam Scott

During the Board of Directors meeting in Las Vegas, then President, Ron Nelson, presented Jeff Heinrich, with a certificate of appreciation for all his hard work and dedicated efforts on behalf of the Society and the PA profession in general.

Heinrich served as the first President of the Society. Nelson's comments included, "Jeff's leadership and vision has been

integral to the creation and success of the PA History Office and Society".

Although no longer on the Board, he

continues to assist with furthering the vision and mission of the Society. Thanks and congratulations Jeff!



Nelson (L) thanks Heinrich

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Reginald Carter, PhD, PA-C  
Executive Director

## Executive Directions...

### Executive Director provides update on new website design

By: Reginald Carter

The new website is dynamic and inter-active. It is de-signed to encourage users to contribute ideas and suggestions for future on-line exhibits, additions to the timeline, and biographies of pioneers and leaders of the profession. Prospective donors of personal historic papers, documents and artifact can use an on-line form to ask the Society's archivist and historian whether the materials and artifacts in their possession would add value to the Society's

special collection. Please join others to help us grow the collection by identifying people, events, and places important to telling the story of our profession's history and legacy. There is still much work to do and as a Society member, this is YOUR website to enjoy, enhance and grow.

A special thanks to Ann Bushyhead, head of web design, Andy Smith, web designer, and David Leonard, Network Systems Analyst of the DUMC Education Media Services for their many

hours of work, guidance and talents. Also, we are thankful for the support of the Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation, Inc. Durham, NC. Their small grant helped us create a search engine to browse and display the digital archival collection of materials imaged last year. There are three ways to search for historic materials located on the website, in the image collection and in the DUMC archives.

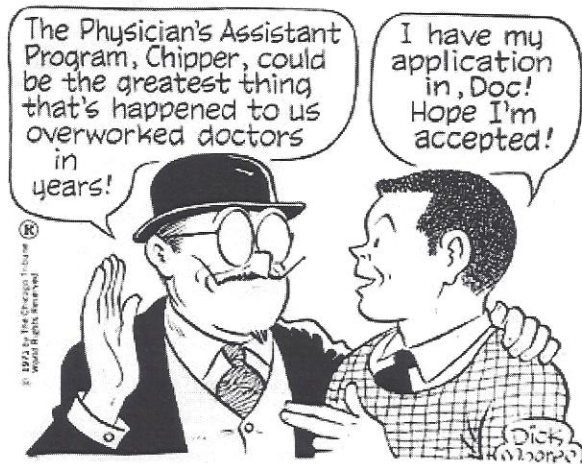
Please try out the new website and complete the on-line evaluation form and send us your suggestions and ideas. Visit us at:

<http://pahx.org>

Physician Assistant History Center's New Web Site Design



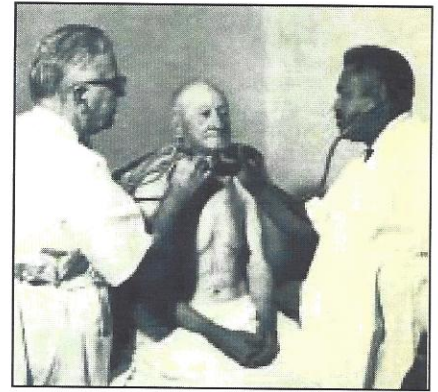
## Website features four new exhibits



Doc talks to Chipper about PA School



American Registry of Physicians' Associates Patented Insignia



Johnson and Treadwell examine patient together

By: Pam Scott

Over the past year, executive director, Reginald Carter, Ph D, PA-C, has completed and posted four new exhibits to the web site. They are: **Development of PA Program at Duke University Medical Center; American Registry of Physician's Associates, A Prototypical MD/PA Practice, and Marketing the Profession.**

The exhibit regarding the development of the PA program at Duke, describes how Dr. Stead attempted to utilize nurses in PA type roles as "doctor's clinical nursing assistants" even before the publication of Dr. Hudson's article in JAMA. And, how, the lack of support from nursing in general lead to the development of the PA profession.

The American Registry exhibit discusses

the formation of that group and how it eventually became APAP.

The prototypical MD/PA practice exhibit provides an up close and personal look at an informally trained PA, "Buddy" Treadwell and his supervising doctor, Amos Johnson, that were working in NC before the creation of the DUMC PA program. Dr. Stead observed this team during the development of the PA curriculum at DUMC. It is said that this relationship crystallized Dr.

Stead's concept of how the physician-physician team should interact.

The final new exhibit on marketing the PA profession discusses the story behind how a PA became portrayed in the comic strip, *Gasoline Alley*, and the television program, *The Bold Ones*.

Please visit the web site at <http://pahx.org/society> to view the entire display.



Production crew and unknown AMA member work on *The Bold One* episode regarding PAs. (Photo courtesy of: Delmar Watson Photography.)



Medical School Dean, William Anlyan, MD, signs certificates of first three Duke PA Graduates Germino, Scheele and Ferrell

*"These exhibits are amazing...Dr. Carter tells the story in a manner that makes you think you were there..."P. Scott*





Pam Moyers Scott, MPAS, PA-C

*"I know they are going to accomplish amazing things and I am looking forward to being a part of it."...P. Scott*

## Scott appointed as AAPA Member-at-Large

By: Pam Scott

Another action approved by the membership during the General Membership meeting was the recommendation brought forth by the Bylaws and Policy Committee and endorsed by the Board of Directors was to add an additional director-at-large seat to the Board of Directors for a representative of the AAPA. The creation of

this position will enhance communication between the two organizations; minimize redundancies of services and activities, and permit maximum resource allocation by both groups.

AAPA President, Julie Theriault, submitted the name of AAPA Immediate Past-President, Pam Scott, to fill this position. The Society's Board confirmed this approval by

an e-mail vote.

"I am very excited to be serving in this capacity," said Scott. She further added, "The society's activities will serve future generations of PAs well. They have an outstanding management company and a wonderful Board. I know they are going to accomplish amazing things and I am looking forward to being a part of it."

## Dr. Kirklin's biography now available

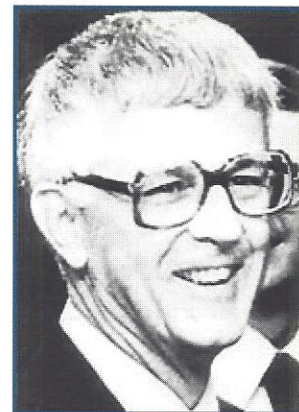
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Dr. John Webster Kirklin is the next innovator in the development of the PA profession to have his biographical data published on the Society's web page.

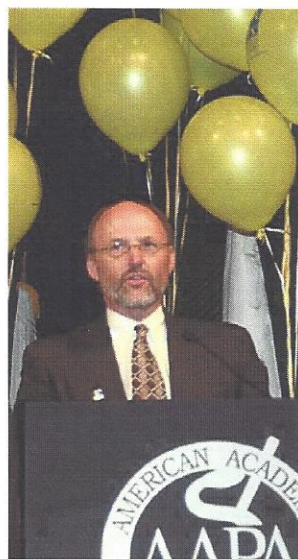
Dr. Kirklin's greatest contribution to the PA profession was founding the nation's first formal

educational program to train surgeon assistants at the University of Alabama – Birmingham in 1967. He was also a pioneer in the field of cardiac surgery.

Learn more about Dr. Kirklin by reading his complete biography on the web site at <http://pahx.org/society>.



Dr. J.W. Kirklin



President Ron Nelson

## President addresses AAPA HOD

By: Pam Scott

Then President Ron Nelson represented the Society proudly during the annual AAPA House of Delegates meeting held this year in Las Vegas in conjunction with the AAPA Annual Conference. Flanked by Board members and carrying bright yellow SPPAHx balloons, he was escorted down the center aisle to bring the Society's message to the House.

He thanked the Academy for their generous support and commitment to the society, including the resolution that was passed at last year's House.

He also thanked individuals and organizations who were members or sponsors and encouraged everyone to become involved in the important work that the society is doing.

The SPPAHx would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the following PA organizations for their generous and continued support:

AAPA  
APAP  
NCCPA  
NCAPA



## What's in your PA program's "attic"?

By: Pam Scott

With all the recent tropical storms, hurricanes, and associated flooding, now more than ever we need to be thinking about what items of historical interest to the PA profession could be the victim of the next natural disaster. Most PA programs have a room or a storage area filled with unknown artifacts and memorabilia from years ago that is far from the appropriate climate controlled facility needed to preserve documents. Perhaps you are not ready to (or cannot obtain administration's permission) to send the entire collection to the History Center. Perhaps you are curious to see what is in there? What can you do? Plan an exploration party!

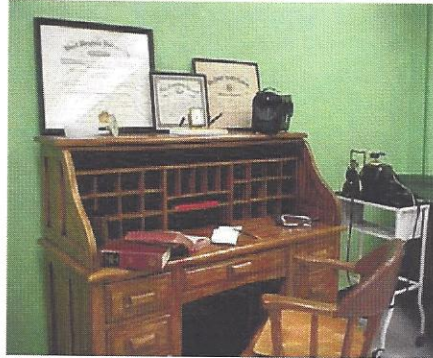
Then, utilizing a good quality digital camera, photograph the items you and your colleagues feel are of significance to the history of the wonderful

profession.

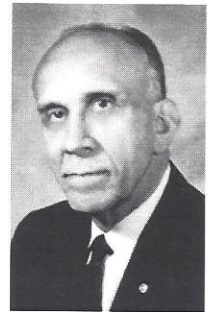
I recently had the opportunity to explore the Alderson-Broadus College's PA "attic". What a treat for a medical, PA, and history enthusiast! I had an amazingly good time digging through old documents, boxes, and photographs! And you'd be pleased by what I found and photographed.

I arranged the items as I envisioned Dr. Hu Myers would have kept them. I sat at the chair and desk and held the fountain pen that Dr. Hu Myers' used to write prescriptions or to complete his charting. And lastly, I palpated his stethoscope!

I also found fascinating documents such as his medical school diploma, medical license and his honorary membership certificate for the AAPA and viewed photos of classes of long ago.



Display featuring Dr. Hu Myers' memorabilia



Grayscale image of oil painting of Dr. Hu Myers



Dr. Hu's stethoscope



Photo of photo of Dr. Hu in the OR

## Society board displays at AAPA Conference

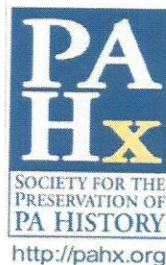
By: Pam Scott

The SPPAHx displayed again this year in the exhibit hall of the AAPA annual conference.

Working in shifts during the two days of exhibits, all the Society's board members assisted in the endeavor and contributed attributed to its success.

According to Dr. Carter, "We had over 50 individuals either join or renew their memberships at the exhibit booth. I would estimate that we spoke earnestly to about 125 people about the Society and handed out information to well over 600 people.

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SPPAHx magnet, designed by Board member Glen Combs, distributed at the booth in the AAPA exhibit hall.

### American Academy of Physicians' Assistants

This Certifies that  
**Hu C. Myers, M.D.**  
 has been awarded  
**Honorary Membership**  
 and is entitled to all the rights and privileges  
 pertaining thereto

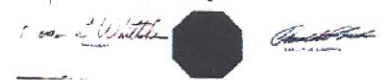


Photo of Dr. Hu's Honorary AAPA Membership Certificate





Treasurer Combs talks with attendee about SPPAHx while then President Nelson looks on.

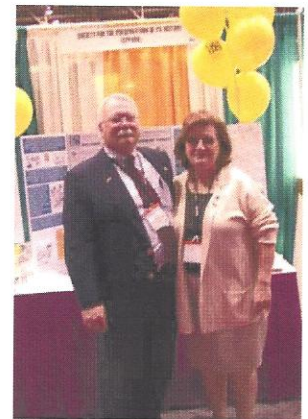
## Society exhibits

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 Comments by attendees who stopped by the booth included: "This is a much needed project." "I looked at the website and it was wonderful!" "Gee whiz, I just emptied out my attic and threw away some things you guys may have wanted." "Have you talked to 'so and so' who was one of the first PAs to....?", "Have you ever seen the video that was

made by ....!" and the most popular, "Where do I sign up?"

Plans are already underway for next year's exhibit booth in Orlando, FL. Hope to see you there!

*Society President Blessing would lure passer-bys in with, "Can you name the first three PAs? The answer is in history."*



President Blessing and board member, Elaine Grant pause for a "PO" (photo op) in the exhibit hall.

## Society signs agreement with DUMC library/archives

By: Reginald Carter

Its official. On May 17 and 18, Ron Nelson and Patricia Thibodeau signed a deed of transfer agreement for the Society and the DUMC Library/Archives respectively. The agreement begins:

"In consideration of mutual benefits, the Society for the Preservation of Physician Assistant History, Inc., later called the SOCIETY, and the Duke University (through its division of Medical Center Archives), later called ARCHIVES, enter into this agreement for

access, use, disposition, and ownership of the SOCIETY'S PAPERS, later called PAPERS."

The Society will retain ownership and physical property rights or the papers and will provide funds to support a full-time special collection archivist to process, catalog and develop finding aids for the collection according to accepted archival standards to assure easy access to the papers. The Society's papers contain both the administrative files of the Society and

also a special collection of related historic materials being assembled by the Society and the Archives. The Archives will ensure that the Society's papers and collection are stored according to accepted archival standards and are accessible through the same access points as other DUMC Archive collections. The Society can terminate the agreement at anytime providing it contacts the Archives in writing 30 days prior to the proposed date of cancellation.



Mira Waller, MLA  
 SPPAHx archivist

## Society welcomes own archivist

By: Pam Scott

The SPPAHx Board of Directors and PA History Center staff extend a warm welcome to our first archivist, Ms. Mira Waller.

After earning her BS

from Trinity University, she earned a Master of Library Science with a concentration in Archives and Records Management from North Carolina Central University.

During her tenure at her previous position at the Burlington Textiles, she was responsible not only for managing their entire library collection but also for assisting with web-site

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## AAPA President Visits History Center

By: Pam Scott

In May of this year, then AAPA President, Pam Scott, visited the Physician Assistant History Center on the campus of Duke University School of Medicine. The goals of the visit were to learn more about the Center's activities, to increase communication and collaboration between the two organizations, and to determine processes for them to accomplish mutual goals and objectives.

Dr. Carter scheduled a full day of activities for Mrs. Scott. They started with a tour of the History Center itself. According to Scott, "It was a wonderful experience...like a kid being turned loose in a toy store. There were old books, photos, journals, individuals' scrapbooks, all kinds of memorabilia, films, patches, pens, and medical implements all of

which were intimately linked with the early history of our wonderful profession. It was totally awesome and I didn't want to leave!"

Next, they met with team members, Pat Thibodeau, Charlie Lackey, Rusty Koonts and Anne Bushyhead in the Duke University Medical Center (DUMC) Library Classroom. Scott was provided with an overview of the LSTA Digitizing Project, the DUMC Library, online catalog and special collection, the DUMC Archives, online tour of archives and special collection, and the DUMC Audiovisual Media Services. This was followed by a brief tour of the library. "It was also totally cool", according to Scott. "They had tons of medical books and a mini-medical museum. I was astounded by the quantity and detail involved in the

digitalizing of a single article. It is much more complex than sitting a document on the scanner and pressing the 'start' button."

This was followed by a demonstration and discussion of the newly updated Illustrated PA History Website at the hospital, lunch with the PA students at Duke University School of Medicine, a visit to the DUMC Archives, and a conference call with then President, Ron Nelson, since unexpected weather prevented him from making the visit in person.

"I think what impressed me most during the visit was the enthusiasm and dedication expressed by every member of the team I met," stated Scott, "Everyone involved, even the non-physician assistants, is truly excited to have the opportunity to work on this important project."



Left to right are Lackey, Koonts, Thibodeau, Scott, Carter, and Bushyhead during Scott's visit at the PA History Center and DUMC.

### We want to hear from you.....

- What do you think of the new newsletter format?
- What other topics should be covered?
- What exhibits do you feel we are missing?
- Were you involved in making PA History?
- Do you have to donate?
- What is your big PA historical question?

Contact us at:  
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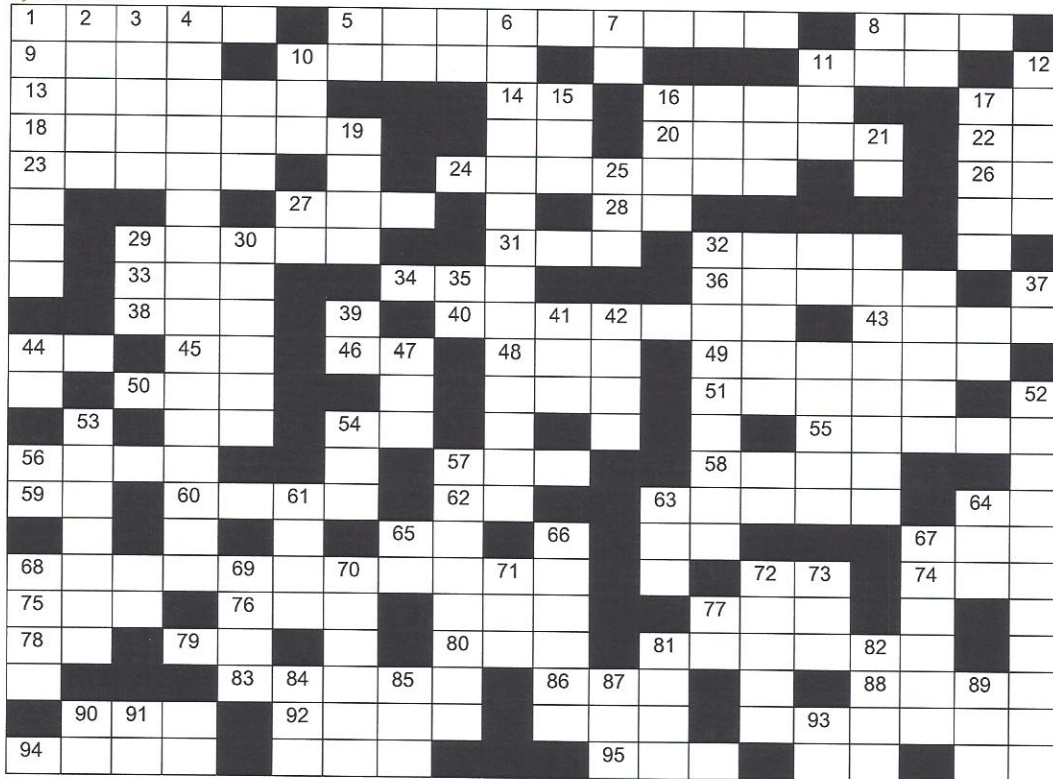


## PA Puzzle

Think you know everything there is to know about PAs?

Test you "PA IQ" here.

By Pam Scott



### Across:

1. "Father" of the PA profession
5. Current AAPA President
8. Group responsible for our professional title
10. Number of first graduates
11. Society's Board member with a dog that outweighs her
14. PA program in the DC area
16. "The" PA professional org.
17. Location for a surgical PA
20. Initial certifying examination
22. Type of arthritis
24. State without Rx authority
26. Abbrev. for an address
27. Not a PA in orthopedics
28. Opposite of down
29. Served 2 terms as AAPA Pres.
31. Profession where many PAs originated
32. NCCPA commissioner who was a past AAPA Pres. and Speaker
33. Genetic material
34. Weird
35. AAPA President who was married to a later AAPA President
38. Not the first network featuring PAs
40. Month for PA Week
43. Approach PAs take to the practice of medicine
44. Dedicated HCP
45. Respiratory care professional who sometimes becomes a PA

46. Near AAPA Headquarters
48. Open wide and say "\_\_\_\_\_"
49. Early pediatric PA leader
50. Most distal digit
51. Name of AAPA IPP
54. Could be CME
55. PAs are Professional \_\_\_\_\_ for docs
56. Used a leech
57. Feminine "his"
58. Bi-weekly AAPA publication
59. Oral administration of a drug
60. First PA Program
62. Job location for many PAs
64. Common surgical specialty for PAs
63. Group responsible for verifying foreign PA credentials
64. What a PA use for a resume
67. PAs need 100 of these units every 2 years
68. Last state to get enabling legislation for PAs
74. Sort of a "big heart"
75. What pharmaceutical companies place in journals
76. Idea supposedly to help the uninsured
77. Him and \_\_\_\_\_
78. Near the 2001 AAPA Conf.
79. Profession with very high satisfaction rate
81. First wrote about PAs
83. No. 1 PA journal

86. Chips for pts. postoperatively
88. Near vermilion borders
90. One studying to be a PA
94. Org. representing all PAs
95. PA in NY

### Down:

1. First AAPA President
2. Location of PAs on DOL list of fastest growing professions
3. Number of EVPs AAPA has had
6. Executive director of the Society
7. Abbrev. for before meals
8. Group desiring inclusion in PA regs in some states
10. Abbrev. for three times per day
15. What some PAs are considered to be to their jobs
16. Professional assoc. for PA programs and educational issues
17. \_\_\_\_\_do, site of next AAPA conference
18. What you don't want to hear a surgeon say
21. Other half of 35 across
29. Gov. agency located in Atlanta
30. Degree majority of PA program now offer
32. Society's current President
35. The "other" kind of physician
38. Kind of injection
39. The \_\_\_\_\_-PA Team
41. Procedure to remove fluid from a body cavity
42. State without Rx authority
44. HCP recognized week of Oct. 6
47. Credits NCCPA requires you to get 100 of every 2 years
52. Current Speaker of AAPA House
53. State where UMGs could be PAs
54. Big offering at AAPA Conference
56. One of the vital signs
57. Biggest practice setting for PAs
61. Can transmit EBV
63. Where a PA hospitalist might work
64. A virus that might be sexually transmitted
67. Where an OPT PA might work
68. Gender in minority of PA profession
70. Professional assoc. for students
71. Nickname for 04-05 APAP President
72. Profession of first PAs
73. Place to find surgical PAs
81. PAs do this for patients
82. Prefix meaning without
84. Group sometimes confused with PAs by lay individuals
85. Philanthropic arm of the AAPA
87. Mouth-to-mouth was part of this
89. Test responsible for decrease in cervical cancer in US
90. Having one can improve a doc's quality of life
91. CXR view
92. Our profession

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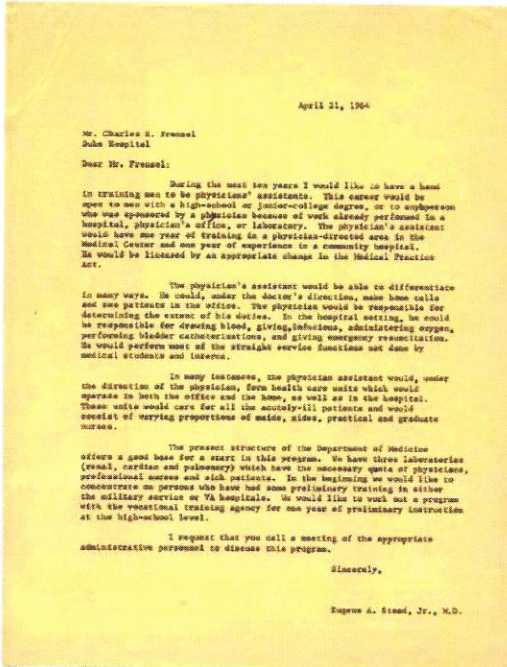
## Thank-you!

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**The cost of preserving the PA Profession's History ...  
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**Now it is even easier to belong...**

By: Pam Scott

Two recent actions by the Board of Directors are going to enable PA students who belonging to an annual sponsoring student PA society or graduate PAs who are members of an AAPA state society, specialty organization, or caucus board that participates in the Society's annual sponsor-ship program to become Society members at reduced rates.

During their meeting in Las Vegas in May, the Board amended the Society's student membership policy to enable Student PA Organizations that are actively participating in the Society's annual sponsorship program may offer their members the dramatically lower Society membership student dues rate of only \$10 for 2 years or graduation, whichever comes first.

The annual sponsorship fee of \$25 dollars will entitle that program to appoint one student per class as their student organization's representative to the Society. Additionally, that student society will receive recognition on selected printed materials, acknowledgement at meetings, and be listed and linked to your home pages on the Society's website.

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- District of Columbia Academy of PAs
- New Jersey State Society of PAs
- New York State Society of PAs
- North Carolina Academy of PAs
- Wisconsin Academy of PAs

**PA Student Organizations**

- Katherine Anderson Society
- Wake Forest University PA Program
- Stead Society Duke Univ. PA Program

**Annual sponsorship program...**

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The annual sponsor fee for student organizations is \$25. The rate for student membership if their program is not a sponsoring organization will remain at \$25.

In a subsequent board action by e-mail vote, the Society's board of directors decided to extend the sponsorship program to AAPA constituent chapters.

As an annual sponsor a PA State Chapter,

Specialty Group, or Caucus is entitled to receive full fellow memberships for the organizations affiliated officers or staff; one of whom is to be designated as the organization's representative to the Society. As sponsored fellow members, your officers or staff can hold office and participate fully in the Society's governance and policy making activities. Their

names will be printed on the Society's online membership directory. The annual sponsor fee and number of "sponsored" memberships for a PA professional organization is based upon the size of the organization as shown below. For more information contact the Society's office at [exdir@aphx.org/society](mailto:exdir@aphx.org/society).

Number of Members	Fee	Sponsored Members	Cost to Add Additional Members
100 or less Members	\$100	2 Officers/Staff	\$50 per additional Officers/Staff
101 to 250 Members	\$150	3 Officers/Staff	\$50 per additional Officers/Staff
251 to 500 Members	\$200	4 Officers/Staff	\$50 per additional Officers/Staff
501 or more Members	\$250	5 Officers/Staff	\$50 per additional Officers/Staff

**Duke achieves another "first" in PA history**



Society executive director, Dr. Carter (third from left) accepts check from Duke's Stead Student Society officers (L-R) Ulqen Fideli, Tami Lee, and Donald Metzger.

The Duke University Stead Society Officers (class of 2004) presented. Reginald Cater a \$1000 check on August 2, 2004. The class designated \$125 to pay the Stead Society's annual student organization sponsorship fee (\$25/year) in the Society for the Preservation of PA History for five years. The remaining \$875 is to support the Society's PA History Center affiliated with the DUMC Archives.

By: Reginald Carter  
 Graduating students at Duke have made it easy for the next five classes of

PA students to become members of the Society at a reduced membership rate.

Congratulations and thanks on behalf of the Society's Board of Directors!



### Society welcomes....

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maintenance, reference questions, interlibrary loan, document delivery, reserves management and office supervision.

As the first Archivist for the SPPAHx Special Collection, Ms. Waller will be in charge of all facets of the PAHx archives including

reference, cataloging, collection development, extension and outreach.

When asked about the position, she responded, "As the Physician Assistant History Archivist, I believe it is my responsibility to ensure

that a permanent bridge is built between the PA profession's past and its present. I take great joy and pride in the fact that my actions will play a part in the preservation of PA cultural history, and I look forward to all the wonderful possibilities."

### NCAPA center to honor Dr. Stead and possibly house SPPAHx

By: Pam Scott

The North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants (NCAPA) are in the process of constructing a building to honor Dr. Eugene Stead, Jr. It is designed to perpetuate his vision and will serve as a resource not only for PAs in NC, but through the Country. This will be the first AAPA constituent organization to possess their own building.

The building will house the administrative staff of the NCAPA, a collection of Dr. Stead's personal and professional memorabilia, and if negotiations between the NCAPA and the SPPAHx continue to be positive, the PA History

Center and society offices. Additionally, the center will serve as a venue for continuing medical education programs and provide additional professional services for PAs.

Dr. Stead in comments during the center's ground-breaking ceremony said the following: "Who would have thought 39 years ago that the PA profession would have ascended to this level?" Who knows what

can be accomplished in the next 39 years."



NCCPA Board members and distinguished guests at the building's ground breaking ceremony in May 2004.



Artistic rendering of new NCAPA building, slated to open August 2005.

### Society welcomes new administrative assistant

By: Reginald Carter

Sherry Carter is the Society's new administrator taking over the reins from Mildred Woody on July 1, 2004. She is a graduate of Mars Hill College's Business Associate of Arts Program and has held administrative and financial positions in both for- and non-profit organizations.

Sherry recently retired as Finance Director of the Town of Hillsborough. Under her leadership, the town received yearly awards from the National Government Finance Officers Association for outstanding financial reporting.

She is a charter member of the Hillsborough

Exchangette Club, serving as its president and receiving its highest award for outstanding community service.

Persuaded by her husband to help the fledgling Society meet its administrative needs, Sherry says, "I'm glad to have time to help and hope that I can contribute to the continued

success of the Society – its mission and goals.



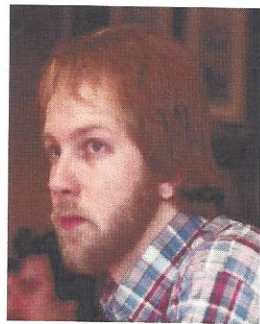
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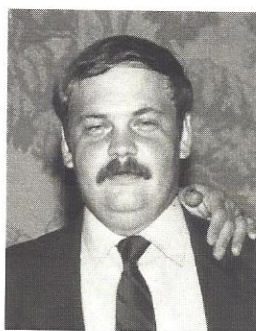
## Can you identify these PA leaders?



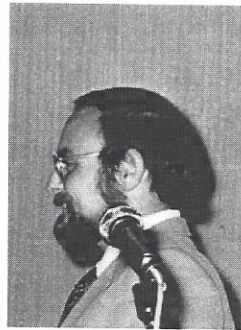
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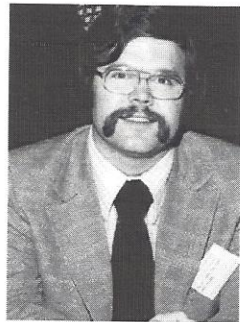
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Special thanks to Ms. Marilyn Fitzgerald, VP, AAPA, for supplying some of the photos.



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