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Happy Physician Assistant Week!

From the Board of Directors and the Staff of the SPPAHx

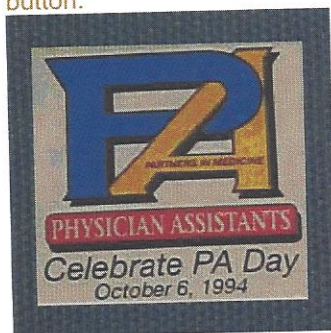
Evolution of PA Day/Week buttons reflects maturation of the profession

By: Pam Scott

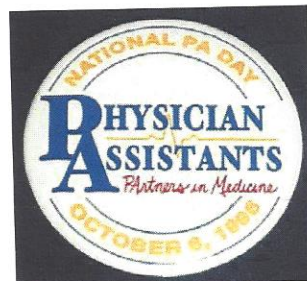
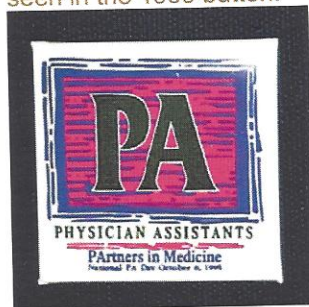
After finding my collection of the glossy, enamel-like reminders of PA Days past, I arranged them in chronological order. It was then I realized that the evolution of our profession was expressed in the button or pin design that the AAPA created to celebrate PA Day/Week.

In our infancy, when we were unable to express any thoughts, there was not a PA week, or even a PA day. The first PA Day occurred on Oct. 6, 1986 after the AAPA HOD past a resolution creating it. The day was chosen because it marked the twentieth year anniversary for the date that the first class of PAs graduated from Duke University.

Our early childhood years were marked by big letters and primary colors, as represented by the 1994 button.

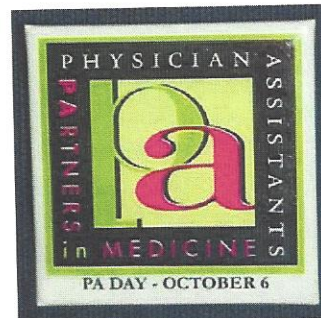


Our later childhood years were marked by incomplete coloring of the box, with bright colors, as seen in the 1995 button.

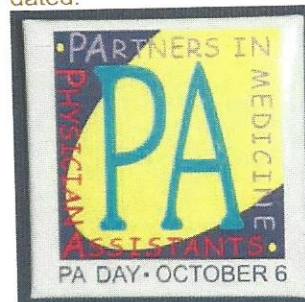


Our pre-adolescent period was represented by us attempting to appear more mature than we were. The 1996 button reflected this with an ECG tracings running through the middle of our title as well as multiple themes on the button.

Our adolescent years were marked by what popular teen fads consisting of fluorescent shades of fuchsia and lime.



Emerging into young adulthood, we continued with a pattern of bright colors and monogramming; however it is not as bright or bold. Both of these buttons reflected the more practical nature of the individual as they were designed for multi-year use, instead of being dated.



With the establishment of PA Week by the AAPA House of Delegates in 2004, we also entered into a new life-phase -middle age or maturity.

The large buttons announcing PA Day were replaced with tasteful PA (Continued page 3)

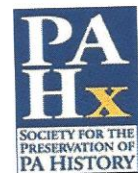
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Upcoming events:

Board of Directors Meeting & APAP Educational Forum
Las Croabas, Puerto Rico
November 2-6, 2005
(Details on page 4)

AAPA Annual Conference
San Francisco, CA
May 27-June 1, 2006



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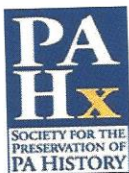
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President's Perspective...

Greetings from the SPPAHx!



Ruth Ballweg, MPA, PA-C
SPPAHx President, 2005-06



The SPPAHx loves and appreciates all our members! Thank-you!

By: Ruth Ballweg

It's looking like a busy autumn as we prepare to move our offices into the Stead Center in early December. There will be more information coming soon regarding the dedication of this new building early in the 2006. We're continuing to build membership with a vision of all PA programs, all state academies and all related PA organizations ultimately having ongoing memberships in the Society. If the PA organizations you belong to aren't yet a part of the society, please encourage them to join us!

In your organizations—or at a personal level—we're hoping that you're beginning to create your own internal list of individuals who need to be acknowledged and remembered for their role in

developing the PA profession.

The loss of Dr. Stead this past year has emphasized the significance of these many "founders" and the important role that they each played—often at the state or community level—in bringing our profession along!

The Society's Board will come together at APAP's fall meeting in Puerto Rico. We're also planning some focus group activities with Society members attending the conference to get their views on prioritizing many of the projects we have in mind for our organization.

Stay tuned for more information about those conversations!



2005-2006 Board of Directors

(L to R): Cawley, Blessings, Ballweg, Carter (ex. dir.), Scott, Coyte, Fasser, and Jordan
Not present: Stewart, Combs, and Danielson

PA Day/Week items...

(Continued from page 1)
Week lapel pins, with shiny gold trim like a piece of unique jewelry. The PA Week item returned to the dating of the piece for enhanced individualism and desire to obtain the entire "set".



As we are now approaching our "golden" years as a mature profession, one almost has to wonder, what will the future PA Week logo look like and reflect about our profession?

SPPAHx present at this year's AAPA Leadership Summit

By: Pam Scott

Leadership Summit has marked the beginning of the new leadership year for the AAPA for the past 10 years. It is held in July, and consists of the SAAAPA Board of Directors meeting; constituent organization training for leaders on legislative and regulatory issues, chapter management and professional advocacy; the Academy's committees and councils hold their initial meeting of the year; and the liaisons participate in orientation and training. Over 250 individuals took part in one or more of these components this year.

Thanks to the generosity of the AAPA,

SPPAHx was able to have a table in the registration area to provide information to attendees on the Society.

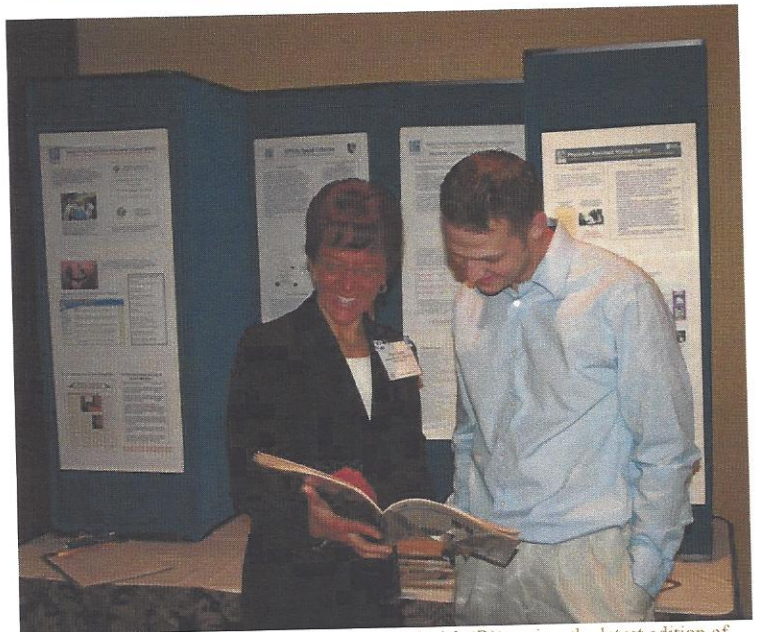
Many attendees stopped by the booth to learn more about our activities, our resources, our web-site, our membership categories, and historical trivia regarding our profession.

The booth was manned by for the Society by Board of Directors' members Glen Combs (treasurer), and, Pam Moyers Scott, (president-elect).

We want and need to hear from you...

Please send your suggestions for newsletter articles, web exhibits, biographies, photographs, artifacts, memorabilia, oral histories, or more to:

pahx@mc.duke.edu



SPPAHx President-elect Scott (L) and Kris Musick (R) review the latest edition of *Historical Happenings* during Leadership Summit



SPPAHx President-elect Scott (L) discusses the various membership options with PA Jill Fields.

Schedule of SPPAHx activities during APAP Educational Forum

Display in the exhibit hall

Stop by the SPPAHx table (Number 7) during the APAP forum to help us celebrate

“40 Years of PA Education”

Also while you are there ...

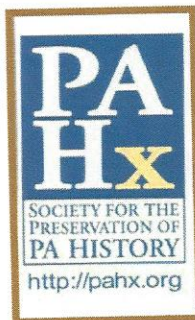
- See what the SPPAHx is doing with history
- Review samples of our recent publications, newsletters, & web-site updates
- Register to enter our contest (more details in your registration bag)
- Join or renew your Society's membership

Exhibit hours are 6-9 PM on Thursday, November 3, 2005 and 7:30-11:30 PM on Friday, November 4, 2005
Exhibits will be located in the Grand Caribbean Ballroom East Foyer of the El Conquistador Resort

SPPAHx Open Forum

Grand Caribbean Ballroom 3
Friday, November 4, 2005
2:00 – 3:00 PM

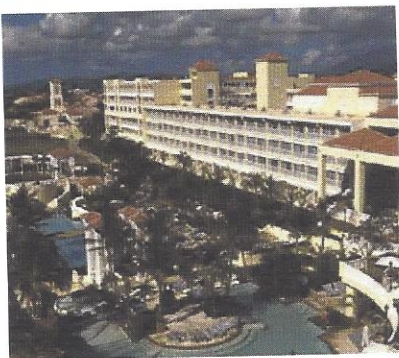
Please plan on attending and providing the Board and staff with your input and suggestions



SPPAHx Board of Directors Meeting

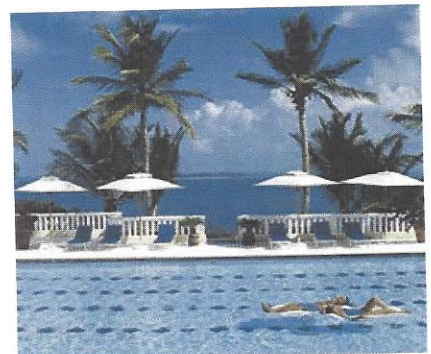
Grand Caribbean Ballroom 3
Friday, November 4, 2005
3:15 – 4:00 PM

All members are welcome to attend



Committee Meetings

Committee meetings will be held at a time and place determined by the committee chair. If interested in attending any of these meetings, please contact the chair for time and place of the event.



Executive Directions...

Reaching our Tipping Point



Reginald Carter, PhD, PA-C
Executive Director

By: Reginald Carter

I enjoy visiting PA Programs to tell students about their professional history. My latest trip was to Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA to visit with Tony Miller, his faculty and students.

I begin the discussion by asking - "was anyone here born before or during the 1960s?" Only a few hands are raised in response. Most students enrolled today were born between 1970 and 1980. "What was going on in the world and the United States during the 60's," I ask. Viet-Nam, civil rights, women rights, assassinations, riots, computers, space exploration are mentioned.

Next we explore advances in science and medicine, the enactment of Medicare legislation and the growing shortage of physicians, especially in primary care, coupled with a shortage of all types of health care professionals. In the 1950's, nursing rejected Stead's and Ingle's attempt to expand the clinical role of nurses. In the 1960's, ex-military corpsmen were hired to staff cardiology and renal dialysis units.

"All these factors, and more, produced the right

milieu for the birth of our profession in the mid-1960s. The USA finally reached a 'tipping point' - a crisis in health care - something had to be done, and done quickly."

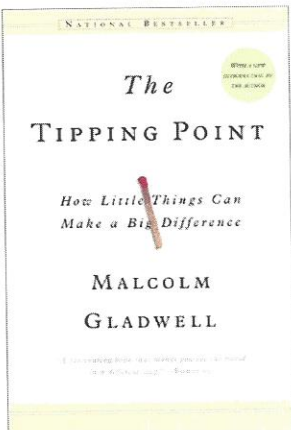
Malcolm Gladwell's #1 national bestseller, *The Tipping Point*, describes that magic moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips and spreads like wildfire. I believe this perfectly describes the evolution of the PA profession. Over lunch, Tony Miller, Rachel Carlson, Brenda Kaminski and I discuss Gladwell's book. Gladwell describes three personality types who play pivotal roles in bringing about a tipping point phenomenon. He calls them Connectors, Mavens and Salesmen.

Connectors know lots of people and can influence them. Maven is a Yiddish word for one whom accumulates knowledge. Not only do they collect knowledge, but they love to share it with others, especially to solve problems. Salesmen are adept at convincing people that they should try a new product or idea.

Thus, the Maven delivers the message and proposes a possible solution.

The connector provides the social glue, spreads the message and gets individuals to act upon it. Finally, the salesman intervenes to persuade the unconvinced to try out the new idea - "take a risk, you might like it." We were blessed to have had all three types involved in the founding and propagation of our profession in its formative years.

I believe the Society is close to the tipping point. I call on all Connectors, Mavens and Salesmen to become actively involved in our efforts to preserve study and present the history of our unique profession to others. Please make time in your busy schedules to participate more fully in the Society.



Newsletter to be published more frequently

By: Pam Scott

Due to the amount of positive feedback we have been receiving regarding our newly formatted newsletter, the Publications Committee recently decided to increase the number of issues produced annually.

Starting with the 2005-06 leadership year, *Historical Happenings* will be distributed on a quarterly basis.

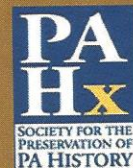
We hope that you enjoy the additional issues and share them with your colleagues.

If you would like to submit an article for possible publication or just suggest a topic you would like to see covered, please feel free to contact me at pamscottpa@citlink.net.

Thank-you!

The Society would like to thank all of our members, sponsors, and supporters.

Without you, we could not preserve our professions history for future generation!



The Archivist's Corner ... "Mold"



Mira Waller, MLA
PA Hx Center Archivist

By: Mira Waller

When I was ten, I dropped a paperback book my mother had given me for my birthday into the tub. Instead of telling my mother about the wet book, I tried to dry it and then put it back on my bookshelf – naively assuming that it would be fine in a few days. At that time we lived in Houston, and it was the middle of the hot and humid summer. I forgot about the book for a few weeks and when I finally got back to it, it was too late; mold – in the form of fuzzy black spots – had taken root. While a major mold outbreak will require the assistance of a trained preservation professional, I will try to provide some basic suggestions for how to prevent and combat mold, as well as some background information about it.

Mold is a generic term that is used to describe various types of fungi. These fungi are microorganisms that depend on other organisms for food. Since there are over 100,000 known types of fungi, it can be difficult to know how deal with a particular outbreak. Mold spores exist everywhere, and it is impossible to eradicate them.

You can control these spores and keep them dormant by ensuring that the temperature and humidity are moderate to low, and by ensuring that active colonies are not introduced into the environment.

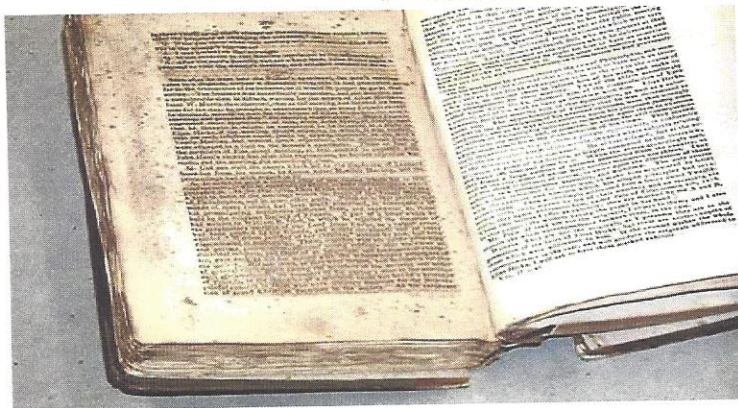
Although dormant mold exists everywhere, it is a problem when active for a number of reasons. Organic materials like paper, cloth, and leather are food for mold and these materials can be eaten to the point where they are ruined beyond repair. Mold can also stain organic materials, and the conditions that encourage mold growth also hasten deterioration in paper and books. Some varieties of mold are even toxic to humans and animals. The best way to combat mold is to prevent it from developing and becoming active in the first place. You can do this by dusting regularly, circulating air, and keeping the temperature moderate and the relative humidity low: approx. 70° and 55%, respectively. If you discover mold, check to see if

it is active (soft and fuzzy) or dormant (dry and powdery).

If the mold is active or present in large quantities, consult a professional.

If it is dormant try taking the following steps: determine what caused the growth (for example storage in a very humid basement); modify or change the environment so that it is no longer conducive to mold; take precautionary measures to protect your health, such as wearing gloves and a mask; isolate the affected materials; and clean the affected items. If the moldy materials are wet take steps to dry or freeze them: your goal is to make the mold dormant. If the mold continues to appear active consult a professional.

In the long run, having the right environment is much easier and more cost effective than trying to eradicate mold after it has taken hold among your possessions – just as preventative medicine is much more cost effective than curative medicine.



Appearance of mold on book page

Suggestions for cleaning dormant mold off of dry materials:

- Begin the process outdoors, instead of in an enclosed space whenever possible.
- If you use a vacuum make sure it has a HEPA filter, and vacuum fragile objects through a screen.
- If you use a brush make sure that it is soft and wide, and try not to brush too hard or you might rub the mold into the surface.

PA IQ Challenge ...

Test your knowledge about the PA Profession and its history

Match the quote or concept with the individual/organization attributed to it from the choices provided. Each answer is only used once. Answers are on page 10.

By: Pam Scott

1. "Interdependent relationships of PA's with other health care professionals are advocated and the reorganization of health care workers into health teams is supported."

2. "In many respects, the birth and development of the 'physician's assistant' is the most exciting health manpower innovation in several decades."

3. "One of the most promising ways to expand the supply of medical care and to reduce its costs is through a greater use of allied health personnel, especially those who work as physician's and dentist's assistants, nurse pediatric practitioners, and nurse midwives. Such persons are trained to perform tasks which must otherwise be performed by doctors themselves, even though they do not require the skill of a doctor. Such assistants free a physician to focus his skills where they are most needed and often allow him to treat many additional patients."

4. "Physician's assistants in the context of this document are members of the professional health care team, qualified by academic and clinical training, who perform certain assigned tasks ordinarily done by a physician and who work under the direction, supervision, and responsibility of a physician in accordance with policies established in medical staff bylaws of the health care institution."

5. Supported a new term for individuals who performed physician-like tasks, "syniatrist" from the Greek "syn" meaning "along with" and "-iatic" meaning "relating to medicine" Additionally he would add a term

6. "When two professional colleagues are functioning together as associates, they collaborate on decision-making and each has some responsibility for formulating the decision. When one person has the title of assistant in relation to a second individual, he carries out the decisions of the other."

8. In a *Modern Medicine* article, classified Duke University as a Type A program and the Medex as a Type C

7. Responsible for the classification of Type A, B, and C physician's assistants based on their degree of specialization and level of judgment, with type A being more autonomous and having a great scope of practice.

9. Approximately 55% of medical school applicants did not get accepted in 1970 due to space limitations. The Association of American Medical Colleges estimated that nearly 50% were "fully qualified". In a *Journal of Medical Education* article it was suggested they be trained as PAs.

10. Reported in 1971 that there were 80 PA training programs in various stages of development and approximately 50 programs to extend the role of nurses.

11. Discussing the feminization of the profession, it was noted that originally, the PA workforce was 100% male. In 1971, it had shifted to 70% male and 30% female. It was suggested that the number of women entering the field is expected to increase to at least 40%.

12. "The success or failure of the new health professions will be measured by the degree to which congruence is achieved between their professional aspirations and public ..."

- A. President Richard Nixon
- B. Board of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences
- C. American Hospital Association Council on Professional Services
- D. Henry K. Silver, MD
- E. Alfred Sadler, Jr., MD, Blair Sadler, JD, & Ann Bliss, RN, MSW
- F. Kenneth M. Endicott, MD, Administrator, HRA, US Department Health Education & Welfare
- G. Dorothy Mereness, RN
- H. E. Harvey Estes, Jr., MD
- I. W.F. Dube, Frank Stritter, and Bonnie Nelson
- J. AMA Council on Health Manpower
- K. US Dept. Health, Education, and Welfare, National Institutes of Health.
- L. Edmund D. Pellegrino, MD, President, Yale-New Haven Medical Center, Inc.

SPPAHx office soon to have a new location

By: Pam Scott

As previously announced the SPPAHx will be leaving the grounds of Duke University and establishing their own offices within the Stead Center.

The Stead Center is the new location for the North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants offices and conference facilities. NCAPA is the first constituent organization to build and/or purchase their own building.

The Society plans to be into their new office space in January, 2006.



View of the construction of the back side of the Stead Center a few weeks ago. The SPPAHx office complex will be located here with its own separate outside entrance.

PA History department to return to "Perspective On PA Education"

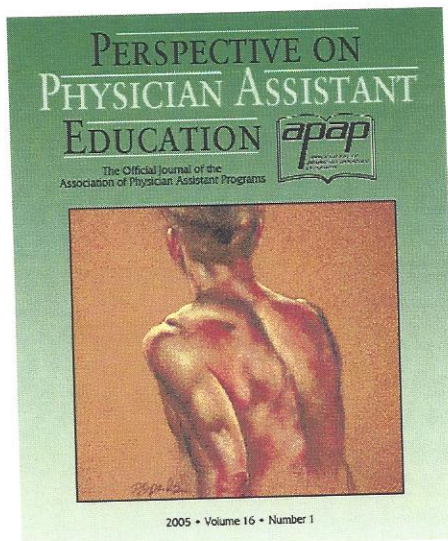
By: Pam Scott

Dr. Carter and I met with the new editor of *Perspective*, Dr. Gene Jones during the AAPA annual conference in Orlando, FL.

APAP is planning on returning *Perspectives* to its quarterly schedule and will feature the PA Hx Installment in at least 2 of the 4 issues. Dr. Carter will be serving as the department editor for these features.

This is a wonderful opportunity for both the SPPAHx and PA Educators because *Perspectives* is the only journal exclusively aimed towards PA educators, who have the responsibility of teach the history of the PA profession to the new members of our profession as part of the ARC-PA required curriculum.

Hopefully, by now, the latest issue of *Perspective* has been released. It features an article by Dr. Carter, Carl Fasser, and me on the importance of teaching the history of our profession to students.



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The SPPAHx can use more volunteers on most of our committees. If you are interested in serving on a particular committee, please feel free to contact the chair or one of the co-chairs of that committee at the above e-mails or Dr. Carter at exdir@pahx.org to let us know of your interests, talents, and desires to serve.

Thank-you!

Advance for PAs to increase frequency of PA History Feature

By: Pam Scott

Starting in 2006, each issue of *Advance for Physician Assistants* will contain an installment of the newly established feature, **PA History**. According to the editor, Michael Gerchufsky, "We at ADVANCE for Physician Assistants believe that it's more important now than ever before that PAs be aware of the deep roots of their profession. Considering that more than half of the PAs practicing in the United States have come into the profession in just the last 10 years or so, and that health care has changed so much in the 37

years since the first PAs entered the workforce, it's essential that today's PAs be educated about where the profession has been in order to understand where it is going."

The SPPAHx is extremely excited about this increased visibility, not only for the Society but for PA history in general. It is essential that every PA understands the background of our unique profession in order to practice effectively. Additionally, we are very grateful to Advance for this opportunity.



SPPAHx President-elect and Publications committee co-chair, Pam Moyers Scott (L), and Advance for PA, Editor Michael Gerchufsky, (R) discuss the future of the PA History feature during the AAPA Annual conference in Orlando.

The SPPAHx thanks all our 2005-06 organizational sponsors!

Without your support, we would not be able to preserve some of our profession's history.

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Steadisms for sale

By: Reginald Carter

The Society will soon have its first item to market to members, sponsors and other interested in our professional history. The item is a "little blue book" titled *Just Say for Me* that contains 342 quotes or thoughts from the unique mind of Dr. Eugene A. Stead, Jr. The book is similar to the little red book of *Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-tung* printed in Peking (Beijing) in 1966. The book of "Steadisms" was compiled by Dr. Fred Schoonmaker and Dr. Earl Metz while residents in the Department of Medicine at Duke University when Dr. Stead was chairman. It was first printed by World Press, Inc., Denver, Colorado in 1968 and has been reprinted several

times by the Department of Community and Family Medicine at Duke University to give to PA graduates and students. The book has never been marketed before and is not well known outside the Duke University medical community.

Upon learning of Dr. Fred Schoonmaker's death in January, Dr. Carter contacted Dr. Metz and Dr. Schoonmaker's widow, Jan, to determine if they would allow the Society to print and sale the book to raise money for the Society. They agreed to a proposal that distributed net profits from the sale of the book to student scholarships and research fellowships at Duke and the Society. Both felt that the book needed to be circulated more widely and appreciated the significant role that Dr. Stead played in helping to establish the PA profession. Jan Schoonmaker felt that her late husband would have been very supportive of the idea and sent the Society a check to underwrite the cost of printing the first set of books to be marketed. This money will be recouped from the sale of the books and used to print additional books as needed.

Dr. Metz added a new foreword to the book. In closing he remarks, "Now as the sole survivor, Dr. Stead and Dr. Schoonmaker both died this year, I hope that Dr. Stead's wisdom and Dr. Schoonmaker's foresight will provide you the reader with a glimpse of what it was like when there were giants like Dr. Stead practicing the art of Medicine."

Just Say For Me

The Society plans to have Sponsors. Advertisements the books available to sale will be placed in the major in October or September. journals, magazines and Discounts will be given to newsletters. Society Members and

PA IQ Challenge Answers

1. F. Kenneth M. Endicott, MD
2. J. AMA Council
3. A. President Richard Nixon
4. C. AHA Council
5. D. Dr. Henry Silver
6. G. Dorothy Mereness, RN
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Sample Steadisms

5. What the patient believes is what counts.
21. A doctor makes a mistake if he thinks he knows more about a patient than the patient does himself.
62. Too many doctors look at illness rather than people. The curiosity learned is great but the rewards are few if the doctor does not see the face of the person rather than that of the illness.
88. Many physicians too calmly bury their mistakes.
141. The only reason a student fails is because he doesn't pass.
168. I'd like to see all medical school examinations open book. Books are so useful.
200. If you can't get your work done in 24 hours, you'd better work nights.
274. A friend tells you when you are wrong. Others don't take the time.

What's new on the web ...

Let me tell y'all a story about a doc and his

By: Pam Scott

Once upon a time, some 50 to 60 years ago, a general practitioner rural North Carolina was trying his best to serve his patients, his community, his Country and his profession.

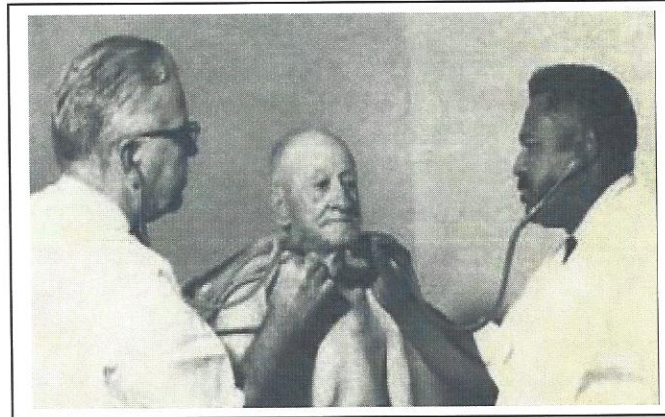
Soon this physician realized that one man alone cannot do it all. Even then, there were problems with recruiting and retaining physicians for rural areas and underserved areas.

However, this did not prevent the physician from developing some creative concepts to meet the needs of his patients.

He started with a young man to work in a office role similar to an orderly. He also got patients ready for examinations, cleaned and prepared the exam rooms between patients as well as cleaned the laboratory equipment.

After showing a great interest and aptitude, Dr. Amos Johnson began teaching his "assistant" how to perform routine office procedures that normally he or a nurse would have to undertake, such as giving injections, drawing blood, testing blood, and developing X-Rays. As this young Henry "Buddy" Treadwell quickly showed proficiency in these routine tasks, Dr. Johnson began assigning him more complex physician-like tasks, such as suturing, splinting, and catheter insertion.

Although there were probably hundreds of individuals working in roles



Johnson (Left) and Treadwell (right) examines patient in office

similar to Buddy's throughout the Country, he and Dr. Johnson are considered to be the prototypical physician/physician assistant team on which Dr. Stead based his model and the Duke University curriculum.

This team's fame and notoriety was known throughout the entire physician community, most likely due to Dr. Johnson's involvement in physician professional societies. He served as President of the North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS) in 1959, NCMS's delegate to the American Academy of General Practitioners (AAGP), a member of the AAGP's Board of Directors. In 1964-65, he became president elect of the Academy and served 18 months, longer than any other President of the AAGP.

Of course the *Medical Economics* article in 1967 also impacted their level of prominence. Dr. Johnson was quoted in the article Regarding how the physician/PA team functions, "He (Treadwell) works for me

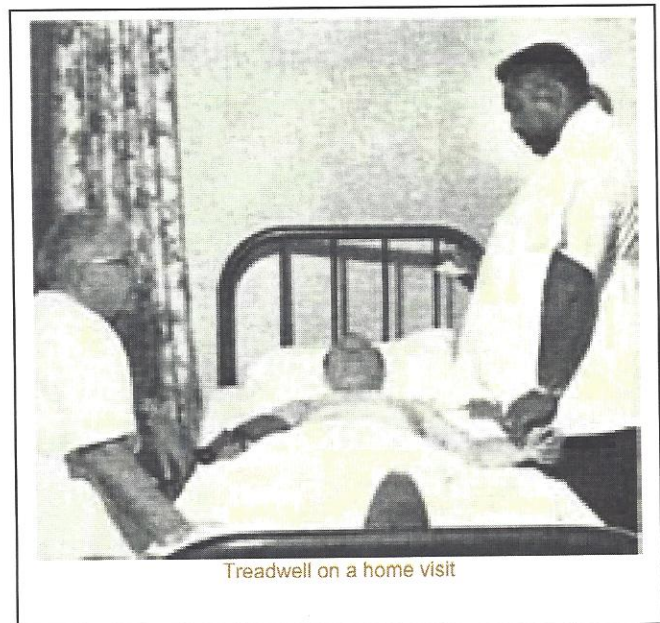
much as a resident in a hospital works for an attending."

The article went on stating that Dr. Johnson felt that he would have never been able to be as active in his professional organizations if Treadwell was not available to coordinate his patient's care while he was away.

Additionally, it describes how Dr. Johnson would permit Treadwell to follow-up on and

treat certain patient conditions in their homes. If he encountered any questions or unusual findings, he would telephone Dr. Johnson for advice. According to Dr. Johnson, "He's saved me many a trip into the country that would have broken up an entire morning's office work," confides Johnson. The article also discussed his policy on billing for the services Treadwell provided. If he was in the office he charged the patient "my regular fee – the same as if I'd done the work myself." However, when he was not physically present, he would generally only charge the patients 50% of his usual fee.

Read more about this team and other fascinating facts about the PA profession on the web at <http://pahx.org/society>.

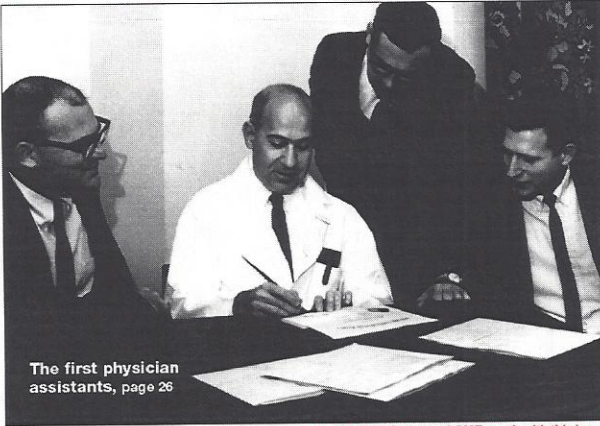


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This Month in JAAPA

Don't forget to read the Society's roundtable in the October issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

In recognition of the 40th year of PA education, SPPAHx interviewed the two remaining members of the first graduating class of PAs from Duke University.

I think you will find their comments and insights both provocative and entertaining.

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