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## CPFI Member is 2011 ASHP Residency Preceptor of Excellence

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# Spring 2012 A note from

the President:



Margaret Chrymko PharmD (left) receives the ASHP Residency Preceptor of Excellence Award

Margaret Chrymko MA PharmD FASHP was the 2011 Recipient of the ASHP Residency Preceptor of Excellence Award. The award was presented at the 2011 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in New Orleans. Margaret is an active member of CPFI.

As a clinical pharmacy specialist at the Erie Veterans

Affairs Medical Center in Pennsylvania, she initiated a PGY-1 residency program in 2002. Under her guidance the program rapidly developed into

one the highest ranked pharmacy residency programs in the VA health system. In addition, she initiated a national research design training program for anyone involved in VA pharmacy residency programs nationally. Since 2006, Dr Chrymko has served on the VA National Residency Advisory Board.

Dr Chrymko received her BSPharm and PharmD at the State University of New York Buffalo, and completed a residency at Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo. She also holds a MA in pastoral counseling from Gannon University.

Her commitment to excellence in practice, development of the next generation of pharmacists, and advancement of the profession of pharmacy is exemplary for the pharmacy profession and CPFI. Congratulations Margaret!

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Retreat

Erin Van Meter PharmD Candidate Shenandoah University

During the first weekend in October 2011, the Bernard J Dunn School of Pharmacy, Shenandoah University host-ed the CPFI annual student retreat. In addition to Shenandoah University, Texas Tech University, University of

Charleston, University of Maryland, University of Maryland



2011 Annual Student Retreat Attendees

Eastern Shore, St John Fisher College, East Tennessee State University, and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) were represented.

As people arrived on Friday evening, we played games and got acquainted. On Saturday morning we held a benefit walk to raise support for the Free Medical Clinic in Winchester, VA. This clinic has been providing health care to poor and uninsured patients for 25 years. We were able to raise \$1000 (continued page 3)

Reflecting back on 2011 it has a blessing to see how God has been faithful to CPFI. We began the year with the goals of improving our strategic planning and our communication with our membership. We were able to deliver two issues of the journal this past year, two issues of the pharmacist newsletter, The Faith Script, and two issues of the National Student Council Newsletter. In addition, following the summer Board Meeting each month an e-mail has been prepared by a different Board Member to keep you abreast of the heartbeat and plans of CPFI.

Strategic planning has been a big help in identifying priorities to see this ministry grow. After a period of declining enrollment we have seen God do so amazing things and have begun to see the membership begin to climb. We are thankful for each of you that have stepped up in your giving and your recruiting efforts to make more and more people aware of CPFI. We thank you so much.

One of our strategic events each year that gathers pharmacists together so that we can have fellowship and build one-another up so that we can go out and be salt and light in the market place is our annual meeting. Please be sure to check out the details on page 4 and/or go to the website to get more information and to register for the conference.

Thanking you for your faithfulness, Ron Herman, CPFI President

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#### **CPFI is subject to Financial Accountability**

CPFI is a registered 501(c)3 organization. We depend entirely on your tax-deductible gifts and membership dues for the financial support of our ministry. Gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. (Consult an accountant regarding tax deduction of dues.) We are grateful for the many members who make regular contributions beyond their dues to support this ministry.

*The Faith Script Newsletter* and *Christianity & Pharmacy Journal* would welcome articles with a Christian focus. If you are interested in contributing, please draft your manuscript and submit it directly to the CPFI office or to the editor. The deadlines for each edition of the newsletter and journal are as follows: Newsletter #1: November 15; Spring Journal: December 1; Newsletter #2: February 1; Newsletter #3: June 1; Fall Journal: July 1; Newsletter #4: September 1.

### **Short Term Foreign Mission Opportunities**

CPFI has agreed to partner with the Christian Medical and Dental Associations, the Fellowship of Christian Nurses and the Fellowship of Christian Physician Assistants to send out short term medical teams under the group Global Health Outreach. The primary care teams usually are one or two weeks in length. We strive to have 2 pharmacists on each team. Here is a list of some upcoming trips, but for a complete list of the possible projects and dates, go to the GHO website which can be found from the CPFI or CMDA websites (www.cpfi.org or www.cmda.org).

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects	
Jan 14 – 21, 2012	Apr 19 - 30, 2012
Managua, Nicaragua	Moldova
Jan 21 – Feb 4, 2012	May 4 - 18, 2012
Vilcabamba, Ecuador	Kabul, Afghanistan
Jan 27 – Feb 11, 2012	May 19 - 27, 2012
Siem Reap, Cambodia	Managua, Nicaragua
Feb 10 - 19, 2012	May 26 – June 23, 2012
El Sembrador, Honduras	San Marcos de Colon, Nicaragua
Feb 11 - 19, 2012	Jun 2 - 10, 2012
Bluefields, Nicaragua	Isla de Ometepe Nicaragua
Feb 17 – Mar 3, 2012	Jun 9 – 17, 2012
Axum, Ethiopia	Boqueron, El Salvador
Feb 21 – Mar 3, 2012	Jun 16 –23, 2012
Tikapur, Nepal	Managua, Nicaragua
Mar 3 - 11, 2012	Jul 16 – 24, 2012
San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua	Santa Domingo, Dominican Rep
Mar 10 - 18, 2012	Jul 21 –29, 2012
Santa Domingo, Dominican Rep.	San Miguel, El Salvador
Mar 10 - 18, 2012	Jul 23 –Aug 3, 2012
San Salvador, El Salvador	Kwa/Fieve, Ghana
Mar 17 - 25, 2012	Jul 27 – Aug 12, 2012
St. Marc, Haiti	Namanga/Nairobi, Kenya
Mar 17 - 25, 2012	Sep 20 –30, 2012
Tela, Honduras	Moldova
Mar 24 - 31, 2012	Oct 6 –21, 2012
Guiamaca, Honduras	Chennai, India
Apr 14 –22, 2012	Oct 30 – Nov 11, 2012
Palacaquina, Nicaragua	Tikapur, Nepal

The website also provides a link for each trip introducing the team leader and gives an estimate of the cost associated with the trip. It is possible to apply online to participate in the trip of your choice. If you have further questions you can contact Ron Herman, the Mission Committee Chair for more information or to apply for a mission scholarship (ronherman@mchsi.com).

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### **Student Retreat (Continued)**

for the clinic. Contributions from The Winchester Group, Alpha Voyages Inc. Schockey Inc, Bethel Assembly of God Women's Ministries, Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University, LECOM School of Pharmacy, Dr Martha Morrow, and Dr Swandol Dustin were greatly appreciated. Later on Saturday, we had the privilege to discuss with Daniel Hussar PhD and Fred Eckel MS the topic of "taking your Sunday faith into your Monday world." Additionally, Bill Altland, owner of White Tail Pharmacy in Craig, AK, provided devotionals for the weekend. Each of the speakers were a great encouragement to us, to keep focused on the things of importance and make giving God glory in everything and every way a priority in our daily lives. It was clear that the speakers cared deeply about us as students and individuals. Everyone left the weekend re-energized, having listened to wonderful presentations and formed new friendships.

Next year's student retreat is still in the planning stages. We will keep you informed of the host site and the dates just as soon as they become available.

#### In the News

- Hewitt Matthews, PhD, a CPFI member is the recipient of the 2012 APhA-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Outstanding Dean Award. He is Dean, and Vice President for the Health Sciences at Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.
- Daniel A. Hussar, PhD., FAPhA, Remington Professor, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, a CPFI Board Member, has been designated the 2012 Honorary President of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). He was honored for his 40 years of service to APhA and the profession of pharmacy, serving in various roles and committees.



Over 2500 health care professionals and students attended the Global Missions Health Conference in Louisville, KY on November 10-12, 2011. CPFI is a supporter and active participant in this conference, joining over 100 organizations with exhibits at the conference. Additionally, the CPFI Board meets during the conference.

In addition to the large general sessions, there were over 100 workshops dealing with various aspects of global health and medical missions. Content in the workshops were focused in 4 different areas. (Figure 1) These are extremely valuable seminars and presentations for anyone interest in medical missions or engaged in global health issues.



Figure 1 Areas of focus for the Global Missions Health Conference

We were privileged to have Paul Kabanga Kapuya, head of CPFI in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the 2010 Warren Weaver Service awardee, join us at this conference. Paul was able to attend the CPFI Board meeting. During the Board meeting, Paul described the difficult and poor conditions of the pharmacy profession in the DRC. He is spearheading a pilot project with 12 other CPFI pharmacists to address the problems and explore possible solutions. Robert Watt, a CPFI Board members with experience in the DRC, will be working closely with Paul to develop greater collaboration between CPFI in the US and the DRC.

The next Global Missions Health Conference will be in Louisville, KY, November 8-10, 2012. Additonal information is available at www.medicalmissions.com.



Paul Kabanga Kapuya and Robert Watt at the CPFI display during the Global Missions Health Conference.







We look forward to sharing a very special time with you in a very special place.

#### **Comments from last year:**

- "Excellent meeting!! I felt uplifted!! I hope future meetings will be as rewarding. Thank you and keep up the great work."
- "Great Christian fellowship and family time."
- "This was my first CPFI meeting...such a blessing!"



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#### **Upcoming Events**

- **CPFI 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** June 7 – 10<sup>th</sup> Colorado Springs, CO
- **CPFI 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Retreat** Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> weekend Venue to be announced

## Practicing Pharmacy with Wisdom and Knowledge 2012 Annual Meeting

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6

> June 7-10, 2012 Glen Eyrie, Colorado Springs, CO

This summer take a few days away from your busy schedule to join us at Glen Eyrie, the camp and conference center of The Navigators, an international, non-denominational Christian organization. Glen Eyrie is nestled in the majestic Rocky Mountains, just outside Colorado Springs, but it feels like miles away from the fast pace and busyness of the world. Experience the beauty and serenity of a special place where deer and rabbits come down from surrounding mountains in the evening to graze on lush green lawns. Enjoy beautiful accommodations, excellent food, and outstanding hospitality from the Navigators and their staff in a setting that resembles a majestic castle.

Visiting Glen Eyrie offers more than beautiful accommodation, good food, and a setting that beckons us to slow down and draw close to God and our fellow believers. The area also offers numerous opportunities to visit famous locations like, The Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak, the U.S. Air Force Academy, Fort Carson, and the headquarters of Focus on the Family, all within a short drive of Glen Eyrie. There are also numerous walking and hiking trails on the conference center grounds and in the surrounding mountains.

This year 12 hours of continuing education credit will be offered for professionals, with free time for fellowship with friends and family. Some members are planning to arrive on Tuesday to enjoy a white water rafting trip together on Wednesday. Those that come in on Tuesday will spend Tuesday night in a local economy motel and then arrive at Glen Eyrie after the rafting trip on Wednesday. More details will be made available through e-mail. The CPFI Board of Directors will begin their semi-annual Board meeting on Wednesday evening. The meeting will reconvene on Thursday morning and will conclude just after lunch on Thursday. Registration will begin in the afternoon on Thursday. The first CE session begins Thursday afternoon at 2:30. The traditional CPFI Ice Cream Social will follow dinner on Thursday. Friday is a full day of CE sessions followed by a Friday night outing to the Flying W Ranch. Dress for the Flying W is casual and some may want to bring along their cowboy boots and hats for this event! The CE sessions will resume on Saturday morning and conclude at noon. Saturday afternoon is free time and Saturday evening we will host the CPFI Awards Banquet, followed by 'singing under the stars'. Attendees are invited to visit the U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel (it is spectacular) for Sunday morning worship and there are options for worship at local community churches as well.

The deadline for registration is April 4, 2012 to guarantee room availability. After April 4<sup>th</sup> you will be able to register for the various sessions, but rooms will not be guaranteed. We are offering an early bird registration fee to professional members that register before February 29, 2012. Please visit <u>www.CPFI.org</u> to register for the conference on-line, use the registration form mailed to you or you may e-mail the office to request a registration form at <u>www.Office@CPFI.org</u> or call the toll-free number to request a registration form (888) 253-6885.

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