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'Give Glory to God'

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A message from the President

Pharmacists, their families, and student pharmacists from 26 states, from as far as Oregon, gathered together last month for the CPFI 2014 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat which was held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The theme for the conference this year was 'Give Glory to God' from 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (NIV)

Dr. Scott Ries and Dr. Samuel Molind, from the Christian Medical and Dental Associations, and Dr. Jeffrey Copeland, PharmD and Assistant Dean at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX, opened the conference on Thursday afternoon with thought provoking and challenging lectures that covered topics such as *Transformed: The Pharmacist Society Needs*, *Pharmacist Role in Emergency Medical Relief*, and *Pharmacy's Mission in a Changing World: A Christian Perspective*. Dr. Fred Eckel, CPFI President, served as moderator for a panel discussion on Friday morning titled Honoring God Through Pharmacy: Sharing Life Experiences. Herb Hames, Susan Lutz, Wagdy Wahba, Keith Allhands, Ron Herman, and Lisa Sims served on the panel and each shared a personal testimony. A total of fifteen hours of continuing education were offered throughout the three-day event and thirteen speakers delivered faith integrated lectures designed to challenge the intellect and revive the spirit. Beverly Herman and Linda Allhands blessed the spouses again this year by leading a Beth Moore Bible study on Friday and Saturday morning.



a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace.

The Friday night event was held at the Alabama Theatre and participants enjoyed an extravaganza of music, dance, and acrobatic entertainment. This year we also added several new features to the conference including a silent auction which was masterfully coordinated and conducted by Suzanne Hussar and Susan Lutz. The money raised from the auction, \$2,700, was designated to bless CPFI brother Paul Kabanga Kapuya's work with CPFI/DR Congo and will be used for building up the body of Christian pharmacists in the DR Congo as well as to help support ongoing efforts to develop a natural product that could provide relief to individuals suffering with AIDS. (continued on page 2)

Recently I have been reading John Flavel's "The Mystery of Providence" in my study group. This book was first published in 1678 but reading it in 2014, I have become overwhelmed by the realization of how completely my life has been directed by God's providence. Now I try to look at all my daily experiences as part of God's providence. By regularly mediating on how God is using providence to benefit me, my life seems so much fuller because "goodness and mercy follow the people of God, and they cannot avoid or escape it (p.150)".

This new perspective has allowed me to see my activities with CPFI in a different light too. God used my CPFI roles to grow me spiritually as well as professionally. I meet pharmacists I probably would not have met without CPFI but I also got to know them from a Christian perspective through CPFI.

Which brings me to my appeal for this Newsletter: Please join or renew your CPFI membership because God may want to use CPFI membership to benefit your professional and spiritual walk too. Why join CPFI is the question many people ask? Let me use scripture to suggest why CPFI needs your membership and why you may need to be a CPFI member.

Paul told the Church of the Thessalonians in 1 Thes 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up". We need encouragement to get on the right course and stay on that course I have found. Because we are pharmacist when we are encouraged by another pharmacist does it have a different impact on us. I think it does.

Being involved with CPFI can be a source of encouragement for you but your membership can also encourage CPFI leaders too.

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Another new addition to the conference was a service project held on Saturday afternoon to help benefit *Sole Hope*. The project included cutting material and plastic for making shoes for individuals in Africa who do not have access to shoes. Sole Hope provides beautiful handmade shoes to those in need as well as medical care to help treat foot diseases contracted from not wearing shoes.



Several individuals were honored this year during the CPFI Awards banquet including Daniel (Dan) and Suzanne (Sue) Hussar who were the first 'couple' to receive the esteemed Warren Weaver Award. Dan and Sue have been faithful members and supporters of CPFI for many years and have both served on the CPFI Board of Directors. Sue currently serves as the CPFI Vice President. Dan provides a pharmacy update lecture each year at the CPFI Annual Conference. The Fred M. Eckel award was presented to Sarah Marie Lenall from Wingate University to honor her leadership in student activities. The CPFI Chapter of the Year Award was presented to the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW). Jeffrey Copeland accepted the award on behalf of the chapter. UIW has hosted several outstanding national and regional CPFI Student Retreats over the last several years in addition to participating in numerous chapter activities, fundraisers, and service projects. A Psalm 145 award was presented to Candace Chelette for her dedication and service as an advisor to the student chapter at the University of Louisiana, Monroe Campus.

This year we added a new twist on our traditional Thursday night ice cream social. Students and professionals gathered for an event called 'Speed Networking,' a lively new event for CPFI in which students moved between tables every 10 minutes and asked pharmacists various questions related to pharmacy practice and work/faith integration. Pharmacists were divided into groups according to practice areas. Students appreciated this special time of bonding and developing friendships with the professional pharmacists.



Like last year, hosting the National Student Retreat at the same location as the Annual Conference energized and elevated both events. We are so grateful that 40 students were able to attend this year and we were blessed by their leadership during praise and worship (especially during singing under the stars!) and also by the many ways they challenged us with their fresh perspectives.

Several exhibitors added interest to our conference this year including Barry Ewy, CEO of Blessings International, Albert Hester, Director of Operations for Kingsway Charities, Inc., and Marty Boren of Parkway Financial Group. Each hopes to exhibit with us again next year in Flat Rock, NC.

If you have never attended a CPFI Annual Conference or if it has been awhile since you have attended a conference, try to make it a priority to join us next year at Bonclarken. CPFI conferences are unlike any other pharmacy conference you will attend. A CPFI conference offers an opportunity to connect with people who do what you do and believe what you believe! We encourage each other and inspire each other to reach higher in our professions and in our spiritual walk with Christ. You will learn



a lot at a CPFI conference, but you will also leave spiritually renewed. One attendee this year, following a long recovery process from an auto accident, told us he enjoyed all of the conference, but the best part for him was that he left the conference feeling spiritually revived!

After telling the Christians at Ephesus to be worthy of their calling, Paul shared how God used different callings in people "to prepare God's people for works of service." Could God want to use your gifts to prepare Christian Pharmacists for works of service through CPFI involvement? CPFI is attracting a growing number of Student Pharmacists into the organization so you would have an opportunity to influence them. I often wonder how my role as a Christian pharmacist would have changed without my involvement in CPFI.

In Proverbs 27:27 we are reminded that we really need each other: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." My life has been impacted by the sharpening from many individuals but my role as a Christian pharmacist has been challenged most from the examples of other Christian pharmacists I meet through CPFI. For these reasons and probably many more CPFI needs you but I think you need CPFI too.

Fred

Fred M. Eckel, President

In Loving Memory



Warren Eldred Weaver, PhD, 93, of Richmond, VA passed away on July 10, 2014. He had a long and fulfilling life. His family, friends and colleagues know that he was beloved by all who met him. He was Born June 5, 1921 in Baltimore, MD and was the son of Charles and Goldie Weaver.

He received a B.Sc. in pharmacy from the University of Maryland (1942) and a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry from there in 1947, and served as a master chemist in the navy during World War II before moving to Richmond, VA to teach at the MCV School of Pharmacy. He served as dean of the school of Pharmacy at MCV from 1956-1981 before retiring and beginning his "second career" as founder, then president and eventually executive director of the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International. The next issue of *Christianity & Pharmacy* will be dedicated to Warren and our memories of him.

Register now!

2014 Global Missions Health
Conference Louisville, KY
November 6 to 8, 2014

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Upcoming Events:

- Global Missions Health Conference & CPFI Bi-Annual Board Meeting November 6th to 8th, 2014 Louisville, KY
- 2015 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat
Retreat: June 3rd to 7th
Conference: June 4th to 7th
Flat Rock, NC



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"For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will." II Corinthians 8:3(NLT)

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CPFI welcome's articles with a Christian focus. If you are interested in contributing an article for possible publication in our journal, Christianity & Pharmacy, please submit your manuscript directly to the CPFI office or to the editor. The deadlines for the journal: Spring Journal, December 1; Fall Journal, July 1.

Short Term Foreign Mission Opportunities

CPFI partners with the Christian Medical and Dental Association, the Fellowship of Christian Nurses and the Fellowship of Christian Physician Assistants to send out short term medical teams through Global Health Outreach. The primary care teams are usually one or two weeks, and our goal is to have two pharmacists on each team. Below is a list of upcoming trips. For a complete list of the projects and dates, visit the GHO website which can be found on the CPFI website www.cpfi.org or the CMDA website www.cmda.org.

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

Jul26 – Aug 3, 2014 El Salvador	Oct 10 – 24, 2014 Ch*na
Jul 28 – Aug 10, 2014 Ghana	Oct 17 – 31, 2014 Eth*opia
Aug 1 - 16, 2014 Namanga/Nairobi, Kenya	Oct 18 – 26, 2014 Ecuador
Aug2 – 10, 2014 Ecuador	Oct 18 – Nov 1, 2014 Ind*a
Aug 9 -17, 2014 Nicaragua	Oct 28 – Nov 8, 2014 Tikapur, N*pal
Aug 15 – 30, 2014 Sumba, I*onesia	Nov 15 – 23, 2014 Nicaragua
Sep19 – 28, 2014 Moldova	Jan 23 – Feb 7, 2015 Cambodia
Sep19 – Oct 3, 2014 Lebanon	Feb 28 – Mar 8, 2015 Nicaragua
Sep27 – Oct 5, 2014 Nicaragua	Mar 3 – 14, 2015 Tikapur, N*pal
Oct 4 – 18, 2014 Ind*a	Mar 21 -28, 2015 Haiti

The GHO website provides a link for each trip, the name of each team leader, and the estimated cost of eachtrip. You may apply on-line to participate in the trip of your choice or e-mail Ron Herman, the Mission Committee Chair at (ronherman1939@live.com) for additional information.

Urgent Need!

Pharmacists are needed on the Global Health Outreach Team to Inner Mongolia, China, October 10th to 24th, 2014. We will be going to Xin Barr Hu Left Banner to serve an unreached people group for the second year in a row. China is in the top ten countries with a persecuted church and great human rights violations. It is essentially a closed country to missionaries. Medical care in rural areas is greatly needed and it gives us the opportunity to serve those with great physical and spiritual needs and open doors of opportunity to our national partners for ministry which they would ordinarily not have. Please feel free to contact the Team Leader, Dr. Samuel Molind, for more information [click here](#). An application for the team may be completed by [applying on line](#).