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Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Psalm 95:1-2 (NIV)

A note from the new CPFI President
By Jeff Copeland

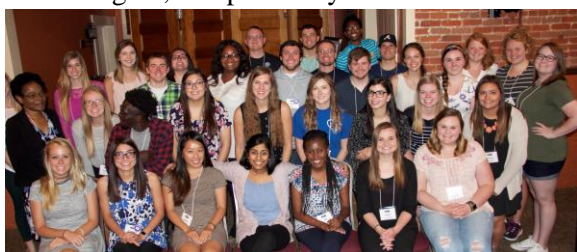
CPFI 2017 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

By Nena Lindrose

The CPFI 2017 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat was held on June 14 to June 18. For the first time in five years the event was held at the beautiful Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs, CO. The four-day event began with the National Student Retreat on Wednesday evening and concluded on Sunday morning following a church service at the United States Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel. 131 pharmacists, student pharmacists and family members gathered from 25 states and one CPFI member from the DR Congo.

The CPFI Board of Directors met on Thursday morning. The meeting opened with a prayer and devotion from Board member and outgoing Vice President, Gene Lutz and concluded with a prayer and blessing from outgoing President, Fred Eckel, along with a charge to the Board of Directors to continue to follow CPFI's commitment to Biblical values and principals. Fred emphasized that this may become more challenging during the current post-Christian times we are now in, but that God will only bless CPFI as long as we are honoring Him. Board members applauded President Eckel with a standing ovation. Fred's outstanding leadership skills will continue to bless CPFI's Board of Directors and Executive Committee in his new role as Immediate Past President.

Once again, a pharmacy student from Palm Beach Atlantic University



coordinated a great National Student Retreat! Andrea Mezentsef, 2017 graduate of the Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy at Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm

Beach, Florida, coordinated the event this year and she did a wonderful job. Dr. Elias Chahine, Dr. Barry Ewy, Gary Lewis, Dr. Tom Robertson, and Dr. Alan Spies all presented at the Student Retreat. Worship was led by Dr. Jeff Bates and his wife Sheryl, and several very talented students.

For the last several years Susan Lutz has coordinated a silent auction to raise money for student chapters and the DR Congo CPFI chapter. This year the silent auction generated over \$5,000. for student activities and the DR Congo. The cookout/picnic on Friday was followed by an early evening walk in the magnificent Garden of the gods. Some hiked to the Garden of the gods from the Glen Eyrie property!

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During our Lord's earthly ministry, He placed great value on a number of things – fellowship, worship, discipleship, evangelism, Scripture study, and prayer. Prayer characterized Christ's life (Hebrews 5:7). His ministry was saturated in prayer. He prayed early in the morning (Mark 1:35), all night (Luke 6:12), before ministry (Luke 6:12-16), during ministry (Matthew 11:25-26), after ministry (Matthew 14:23), for Himself (John 12:27-28, 17:1-5), and for others (Luke 23:34; John 17:6-16). Christ taught others how to pray both by example and by direct teaching (Matthew 6:5-14). No matter how busy He was, prayer was a daily staple rather than an item on a to-do list.

As God's children, we have a wonderful opportunity to directly communicate with our Heavenly Father. He is always available for a conversation with His children. Since God the Son spent time in prayer to God the Father, I think we as an organization and individuals should spend time in prayer. As we move through the summer, let us examine our personal and professional lives. Are we conversing with God about our current/future pharmacy practice, our role in CPFI, our responsibilities within family life, and service to others? May our lives, practices, families, and organization be saturated in prayer.

Jeff



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The educational program was outstanding again this year and our conference evaluations testify to the incredible job our speakers did. Topics integrated faith with a wide range of contemporary issues including medical marijuana, update on new drugs, update on pharmacy legal issues, several sessions on medical missions, a panel discussion, a virtual poster presentation and faith-integrated leadership. Our speakers included Dr. Jeffrey Copeland, Dr. Alan Spies, Dr. Fred Eckel, Dr. Cathy Rosenbaum, Dr. Daniel Hussar, Dr. Nancy Stoehr, Dr. Jeffrey Bates, Virgil Vandusen, JD, Dr. Elias Chahine, and Dr. Barry Ewy.



Devotions were led by Joy Greene, Jennifer Sands, and Ron Herman. We were blessed by the messages from each of these great speakers. We were also blessed by wonderful worship times on Thursday night, Friday morning and Saturday morning led by Jeff and Sheryl Bates with Mannesah Heeralall on conga drums.

The awards banquet included a few surprises this year and started with CPFI honoring Fred Eckel and Herb Hames with Lifetime Achievement Honors. Keith Allhands presented the awards and Dr. Dan Hussar and Jennifer Sands presented memory books to Fred and to Herb which contained pictures and letters written by fellow CPFI'ers. Much to our amazement we were able to keep this a secret and they were both surprised and appreciated our demonstration of love and gratitude for all of their contributions to the fellowship over several decades.



We also honored past CPFI presidents:

Newly elected president Jeff Copland with past presidents Keith Allhands, Herb Hames, Ron Herman & Fred Eckel



The Fred M. Eckel Distinguished Student Award was presented this year via Skype to Christine Schutte and the first recipient of this award, Dr. Amanda Hayes Davis, was in attendance with her husband, Nathan.

The Chapter of the Year Award went to the Palm Beach Atlantic University Chapter this year. GO PBAU! Jason Bowen accepted the award on behalf of the chapter, and other PBAU students and graduates joined in the photo



Virgil Vandusen, CPFI member and Chapter advisor for the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Chapter in Weatherford, Oklahoma, received the Psalm 145 Award which recognizes an outstanding student chapter advisor. Our website describes this award in more detail and states "CPFI believes the most important job a chapter advisor can do is to direct student members to a deeper dedication to our wonderful Savior." Virgil Vandusen has been living this out for years including opening his home throughout each school year to CPFI student members, and hosting cook-outs on his farm for pharmacy students. Virgil also brings large numbers of students to the Annual Conference & National Student Retreat each year.



Finally, CPFI presented the Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award to the organization's administrative director, Nena Lindrose. This was the last surprise of the evening and I am humbled and deeply grateful.

Saturday evening concluded with Singing Under the Stars on the Castle terrace. Old friendships had been renewed and new friendships had been made and another wonderful CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat came to a close as we began to set our sights on 2018!

Remember to save the dates for the CPFI 2018 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat which will be held at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, North Carolina. The Student Retreat will begin May 30 conclude June 3 and the Annual Conference will begin May 31 and conclude June 3.

Finally, please join me in welcoming to the Board of Directors our new President, Dr. Jeff Copeland, and our new Vice-President, Dr. Daniel Wilson, as well as two new board members, Dr. Lauren Willis and Gene Lutz and student board member, Ashley DeV Vaughn. We also welcome Dr. Jeff Bates who will be planning our continuing education program next year in his new role as Chair for the Education Affairs Committee.



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Upcoming Events:

- **CPFI Prayer Breakfast at the AACP Annual Meeting**
Nashville, TN
July 16, 2017 @ 7:00 am
- **CPFI Meeting of the Board of Directors, Exhibit Booth and CPFI Meet & Greet** at the Global Missions Health Conference
Louisville, KY
November 9 to November 11, 2017
- **CPFI 2018 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat**
Bonclarken Conference Center
Flat Rock, North Carolina
Student Retreat: May 30 to June 3, 2018
Annual Conference: May 31 to June 3, 2018



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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 welcomes 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](http://www.gho.org) which can be accessed from the CPFI website www.cpfi.org or the CMDA website www.cmda.org.

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

Aug 29 – Sep 10, 2017 North Africa/Middle East	Feb 17 – Mar 3, 2018 East Africa
Sep 15 – 23, 2017 Moldova	Mar 3 – 11, 2018 Nicaragua
Sep 15 – 27, 2017 North Africa/Middle East	Mar 10 – 17, 2018 Haiti
Sep 16 – 24, 2017 Nicaragua	Mar 17 – 25, 2018 Dominican Republic
Sep 16 – 26, 2017 East Africa	Mar 17 – 25, 2018 El Salvador
Oct 5 – 15, 2017 North Africa/Middle East	Apr 2 – 10, 2018 Nicaragua
Oct 13 – 22, 2017 Ecuador	Apr 14 – 23, 2018 Eastern Europe
Oct 23 – Nov 4, 2017 Myanmar	May 8 – 17, 2018 Pacific
Oct 27 – Nov 11, 2017 North Africa/Middle East	May 13 – 28, 2018 North Africa/Middle East
Oct 28 – Nov 5, 2017 El Salvador	May 19 – 27, 2018 Nicaragua
Nov 11 – 19, 2017 Ecuador	May 28 – Jun 5, 2018 Honduras
Nov 11 – 20, 2017 Pacific	Jun 18 -26, 2018 El Salvador
Jan 12 – 20, 2018 North Africa/Middle East	Jul 9 – 17, 2018 Dominican Republic
Jan 13 – 21, 2018 El Salvador	Jul – Aug, 2018 Ghana
Jan 25 – Feb 10, 2018 South East Asia	Sep, 2018 East Africa
Jan 27 – Feb 4, 2018 Nicaragua	Sep, 2018 North Africa/Middle East
Feb 10 – 15, 2018 Honduras	Oct – Nov, 2018 Pacific

The GHO website provides a link for each trip, the name of each team leader, and the estimated cost of each trip. You may apply on-line to participate in the trip of your choice or e-mail Keith Allhands, kwallhands@gmail.com the Mission Committee Chair for additional information.