**A Message From The Secretary/Treasurer**

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It was a pleasure seeing so many alumni at this year’s alumni meeting, especially since many of you were first time attendees. Those of you who could not attend missed a superb scientific meeting and guest lectures. On Friday, Dr. Bigliani took us through memory lane and made us feel proud to be part of NYOH and its over 140 years of excellence in research, education and patient care. Dr. Chris Ahmad and Tommy John teamed up to deliver a lively Alan De Forest Smith Lecture on Dr. Frank Jobe’s behalf. Dr. Bigliani hosted a symposium in honor of Dr. Charles Neer and presented to him the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

We also displayed a recognition poster with the names of those who are supporting the Marvin L. Shelton Memorial Lectures. Thank you.

We feel our Association has been reinvigorated by your participation. We are thankful and very happy with your feedback. We want the next meeting to be even better and bigger. To accomplish that, we need you – please become a member, get involved and stay connected.

Sincerely,

**Michael G. Vitale, MD**

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**Congratulations to our 2007 Graduates!**

Over the past couple of years, our graduation has become an all day event to celebrate our graduates’ achievement. The day program includes presentations by our residents, fellows and a guest lecturer. This year’s guest lecturer was Dr. Scott D. Boden, Director of The Emory Orthopaedics and Spine Center. Over the last couple of years, we have invited our local alumni to our traditional black tie graduation dinner. We wish our graduating residents the best and hope they stay connected.

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**Our Newly Minted Orthopaedic Surgeons**

- **Michael A. Gleiber, MD**, Leatherman Spine Fellowship, Spine Institute, Louisville, KY.
- **Matthew W. Hwang, MD**, Spine Surgery Fellowship, New England Baptist Bone & Joint Institute, Boston, MA.
- **Derek W. Moore, MD**, Spine Surgery Fellowship, Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY.
- **Themistocles Protopsaltis, MD**, Hand Surgery Fellowship, Duke University, Durham, NC.
- **Niket Shrivastava, MD**, Hand Surgery Fellowship, University of California Davis Hand, Sacramento, CA.

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**A Rare Treat**

During the meeting, the alumni enjoyed the display of a few books from our rare book collection including Andry’s Orthopedie, 1st ed., 1741, where the word *orthopedie* was used for the first time to describe the specialty. A rare treat indeed!

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**Save the Date**

- 2008 Reception at AAOS: March 7, 2008, San Francisco
- 2009 Alumni Meeting: Date TBD, New York City

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**Welcome Our Incoming Residents!**

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the NYOH family: **Lauren M. Fabian, MD**, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

- **Joseph K. Lee, MD**, Brown Medical School.
- **Jason M. McKean, MD**, Boston University School of Medicine.
- **Kate W. Nellans, MD**, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.
- **Scott A. Thompson, MD**, Harvard Medical School.
- **Corinne VanBeek, MD**, University of Pittsburgh.

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The 72nd Alumni Meeting

The meeting opened with welcome remarks from Drs. Jonathan Ticker and Louis Bigliani in the beautiful Wintergarden atrium of Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of NewYork-Presbyterian. The presentations on pediatric and adult specialties were superb and as always, our residents and fellows presented cases to the alumni. The audience was engaged throughout the meeting and participated in lively Q&A sessions. Take a look at some of the participants.

Stinchfield and Smith Lectures

The Frank E. Stinchfield Lecture was delivered by Scott Wolfe, MD (F90) on Friday. Dr. Wolfe’s topic “From Mentor to Manuscript: Why Choose Academics” reminded us of the importance of mentorship and the richness of the academic environment.

Frank W. Jobe, MD, this year’s Alan DeForest Smith Lecturer, can make things happen from afar. Dr. Jobe teamed up his former fellow, Dr. Christopher Ahmad (R00), with Tommy John to pinch hit for him.

On Saturday, Dr. Ahmad told us the Tommy John story and the incredible surgeon who paved the way back to baseball for injured players. Tommy John described his athlete’s experience with the injury, surgery and remarkable recovery.

New Officers 2007-2009

During Friday’s Business meeting, the alumni unanimously elected Scott V. Haig, MD (R89) as President of NYOH Alumni Association for the period 2007-2009 and re-elected Michael G. Vitale, MD (R00) as Secretary-Treasurer for the same period. Dr. Bigliani also took the opportunity to thank Jonathan and Alyse Ticker and Michael Vitale for their service, revitalizing the Association and putting together an outstanding meeting.

The Banquet

Alumni and guests also had a great deal of fun starting with dinner at Prohibition on Thursday, mingling at Friday’s reception while enjoying the rare book display and having the most wonderful time at the banquet on Saturday. The New York Yacht Club made for an exquisite venue, everyone shook it with the band and the service was impeccable.

We wish to thank John Basti for the banquet pictures.
THE NEER SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Charles S. Neer II, MD (R49) was honored with a Neer Symposium during the 72nd New York Orthopaedic Hospital Alumni Association Meeting. The Neer Symposium took place on the sunny afternoon of Saturday, April 21, 2007 at The Wintergarden, Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of NewYork-Presbyterian. During this meeting, one of the best attended in recent history, some of Dr. Neer’s fellows paid tribute to their mentor.

Frances Cuomo, MD (F89) spoke about Dr. Neer’s contributions to the world of fractures, as reflected by his classification and publications, and closed with an emotional “Thank You, Dr. Neer”.

Craig R. Foster, MD (R69,F71) spoke about Dr. Neer’s contributions to instability. He described Dr. Neer as a “renaissance man” and “incomparable teacher” and admitted to being intimidated by him during his time at NYOH.

Frank A. Cordasco, MD (R89,F90) highlighted Dr. Neer’s contributions to the diagnosis and treatment of impingement syndrome and rotator cuff tears. He also spoke of Dr. Neer’s unquestionable impact in shoulder education as proven by his pupil’s successful track records.

Peter McCann, MD (R85,F86) highlighted Dr. Neer’s strong belief in the importance of rehabilitation, his protocol and “Dr. Neer’s Top Ten” rules of shoulder rehabilitation.

Evan L. Flatow, MD (R86,F87) talked about Dr. Neer’s legacy: the development of arthroplasty and how Dr. Neer, even today, remains #1 amongst authors with 100+ citations.

Drs. Peter McCann (R85,F86), Scott Haig (R89) and Robert Neviaser (R67).

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Louis U. Bigliani, MD (R77,F78) bestowed a special tribute to Dr. Neer the teacher, the founder, the international leader, the innovator, the outstanding surgeon and the family man by honoring him with the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Dr. Bigliani presenting the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Dr. Neer.

Dr. Neer gets a standing ovation…

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