

THURSTON-MASON COUNTY

Medical Society

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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE TMCMS PRESIDENT

By Bob Lang, MD

Our new website is up and functional. I urge you to spend time reviewing the website, I think that you will find it useful as will your patients. You can now view the monthly newsletter on the website as well. Please take a look at it and give us your feedback.

The Thurston Mason County Medical Society Gala is a go. Please save March 26, 2016 for your Medical Society's first Gala. This formal event will take place at Indian Summer Golf and Country Club with cocktails and silent auction viewing from 6 to 7 PM. Dinner will be 7 to 8 PM and live auction 8 to 9 PM. Then, kick up your heels and dance the evening away from 9 PM to 1 AM. We have not yet signed this band, but check out Jovino Santos Neto Quinteto and let us know your thoughts. We want this event to be a night to remember! We have not yet decided on the worthy medical cause to benefit, so send us your suggestions.

The Gala Planning Committee currently includes: Dr. Nancy Mackin (interim chair), Dr. Dennis and Evelyn Smith and Mrs. Mary Jo Stientjes. We are actively looking for other members to join the committee. Those with fundraising experience or interest would be most welcome.

I have been thinking about ways to help our members and I wonder how many of you have googled your name and practice lately? We are considering a program later this year on protecting and enhancing your on-line reputation. Your Board would be interested in any

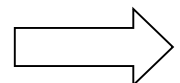
experiences good or bad and perhaps a suggestion for a speaker.

Nancy and I attended the WSMA Leadership Conference at Lake Chelan last weekend. What a great event and a great way to get Category I CME! Such a gorgeous setting and I got in some great biking. Unfortunately, my fishing luck seems to have run out, but sampling delicious local wines at several vineyards more than made up for the lack of fish! The meeting is open to all and is a good deal as your local society membership includes WSMA. The courses were just what I needed. How many of you have partially finished projects with more being added weekly? Why not make a list of your top 4 and keep it on your desk. Keep an account of your progress and you may find it easier to say no to more work until the important work is done. Nancy and I wish you all well. See you soon on the **new TMCMS Web Site**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TMCMS MEMBERS - DR. PATRICK HALPIN & DR. MARK SCHLAUDERAFF - FOR RECEIVING A HEALTH CARE CHAMPION AWARD

Please join us as we celebrate leaders in our community who have made a significant impact within health care this year. TMCMS and the Thurston Chamber are excited to bring you this 9th annual event. The Health Care Champion awards will be presented on June 16 at the Olympia Country & Golf Club beginning at 5:30 PM. The event will include honoree recognition, videos, hors d'oeuvres, and a chance to enjoy time with your friends and colleges as you celebrate excellence in the local medical community.

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You can register for this event by clicking the link on the homepage of the new TMCMS website (www.tmcms.org).

This year's honorees are

- Patrick Halpin, MD – Professional Leadership
- Mark Schlauderaff, MD – Innovation in Rural Medicine
- Don Sloma - Community Impact Award
- Tim's Pharmacy – Safety Net Award

TMCMS NEW WEBSITE

The new TMCMS website is up and running. The website is at the same address, www.tmcms.org. This website provides valuable information for our members on upcoming TMCMS events, WSMA events and legislative updates, access to local, state and national health information and medical journals, as well as providing a resource for patients looking for new physicians and information on insurance, community organizations and important health information.

All TMCMS members are in the new physician search database. The general database that is open to the public includes your name, specialty, practice name, address and phone number. There is also a member login button that will take you to a member access only database. This database provides the same information but also includes your email address. **All members will receive their user name and password either by email or mail within the next week.**

Please spend some time familiarizing yourself with this website and visit it often for up-to-date information on TMCMS activities. We welcome your suggestions as we plan to continue to update and improve the site.

2015 TMCMS DIRECTORY

The 2015 TMCMS Directory is finished and is currently at the printers. The directories will be delivered to all members later this month. We would like to thank all of the physicians, clinics, and other businesses that chose to advertise in the directory this year. We appreciate

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their continued support of the medical society. If you would like an extra copy of the directory for your office, please contact Jena Layton at jlayton@tmcms.org or 360-352-1417.

THURSTON THRIVES INITIATIVE

“Thurston Thrives is a project aimed at bringing together community partners of Thurston County around the work we share. One of the main focuses of the project is to ensure that our county is thriving through the collaboration on the public health and social services that we bring to our community, to honor those who make Thurston County a healthy and safe place to live, and to align efforts to make an even bigger difference in the health of our community. The purpose is to engage our leaders across the board to move forward an action agenda we can all believe in to improve health for all Thurston County residents.” (www.thurston.co.wa.us)

There are many ways for our TMCMS members to get involved in this important initiative. There are 10 action teams organized around various aspects of community health. One of those teams is the Clinical and Emergency Care team. The goal of this team is to integrate medical, behavioral and public health efforts towards achieving the vision of people living longer, healthier lives because they take care of themselves and receive the right care, at the right place, at the right time.

If you would like to participate in the initiative, please contact Chris Hawkins at 360-867-2513. You can also visit the Thurston County website for more information.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Health Care Champions Event** – June 16, 5:30 PM at the Olympia Golf & Country Club
- **TMCMS Board Meeting** – June 18, 6:30 PM
- **WSMA Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates** “Building a Better State of Health” – September 26 & 27 at the historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane, WA

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your TMCMS/WSMA membership for 2015. All TMCMS members are included in the website directory. To renew your membership please go to the WSMA website at www.wsma.org.