

Yale Obstetrical and Gynecological Society

YOGS

Greetings to all of our YOGS members (and folks who should become members, too!):

We have had an eventful six months. The first annual YOGS Reunion in New Haven on April 5th was a great success. We celebrated Dr. Kohorn's career with great talks by Leon Speroff, David Keefe, friend of Yale gyn urologist Ed McGuire, and even a celebrant from Boston, trophoblast guru Don Goldstein. Rick Crootof took some fabulous pictures (attached here), and promises to record many more events for us.

Right before that, we had an excellent turnout for our Yale reception at SGI in San Diego; with Charly Lockwood as president and Hugh Taylor as head of the scientific committee, we sort of had to do a good job. However, with SGI being overseas this year (in Scotland), I think we will have to pass on festivities there.

We only had moderate attendance for YOGS at ACOG this spring - it seems that ACOG in New Orleans had terrible attendance, period - but the folks who attended seemed to have a good time (the photos aren't as good as the ones Rick took - I took these - but I hope you enjoy them.) To me the highlight was Don Coustan and Monique Chireau having the opportunity to chat - they hadn't seen each other since Monique had been Don's medical student at Brown, and Don sent Monique to us specially. Don, as some of you know, just retired as Chair at Brown, and we are planning to honor his career as the theme of this year's YOGS event in New Haven.

So plan to spend the weekend of April 25, 2009 with us in New Haven. See enclosed brochure. Among the speakers will be our honoree Don Coustan - and of course we will have Alan DeCherney, Nathan Kase, John Hobbins, and Roberto Romero coming to talk about their work, and their interactions with Don.

We also are planning to have a well-attended reunion in Chicago at ACOG this year - I expect lots more folks will be attending that meeting than last year's. See attached flyer!

And, of course, we are collecting material for our next YOGS journal - the first edition was extremely well received, and we hope to get you all an equally exciting edition this year. Please send me any suggestions for articles - and please send me any gossip - we need to update all in our community.

Lastly, if you are already a member of YOGS, thanks so much for becoming one of our charter members. As Will Rogers once said, a stranger is just a friend I haven't met yet; so a YOGS non-member is just a member who has not joined up yet. Please join by completing the enclosed YOGS member application and returning it to Susan via email (yogs@yale.edu) or fax (203-785-4713). You can always reach me at maryjane.minkin@yale.edu.

Looking forward to hearing from you with journal suggestions, and seeing you in New Haven and Chicago.

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