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WHY ASCLS-UT?

BY KAREN BROWNELL, PRESIDENT

While pondering what to submit for this article I recalled a cartoon that had appeared in BYU's student newspaper several years ago. There was a picture of the "Y" mountain, but in place of the "Y" was "WHY". The caption underneath said something about scientists uncover the real meaning of the "Y". Remembering this cartoon then made me think, "Why ASCLS-UT?" Why belong to ASCLS-UT and what does ASCLS - UT offer its members?

I believe there are several "whys" and "whats". Here are just a few, including some specific plans for the upcoming year.

- Networking
- Education
- Professional Support
- Leadership opportunities
- Mentoring
- Involvement

Networking: Oftentimes career-building opportunities come our way not just because of skill and knowledge but because of the people we know. Increasing our network of professional acquaintances opens doors that may not have been opened otherwise.

Education: Technology and laboratory work are changing at a rapid pace and it is our responsibility to be educated. ASCLS-UT presents us with opportunities to learn about new technologies and evolving areas of laboratory science from experts in the field. Attending conferences such as Spring Seminar and Intermountain States Seminar (IMSS) have historically provided us with the opportunity to pick from a variety of topics and attend classes over a span of a few days. This year, in addition to these conferences, we will have additional continuing education opportunities. Watch for more information in your quarterly newsletter.

Professional Support: As an organization we communicate to our membership information regarding significant government initiatives that affect our profession. We increase awareness of the importance of the laboratory field and foster positive changes locally and nationally by presenting a united front and lobbying the support of our government representatives.

Leadership Opportunities: ASCLS-UT has a board and elected, as well as appointed, positions that offer everyone the opportunity to lead and be involved. Board meetings are held monthly and are opened to everyone and anyone wanting to attend.

Mentoring: As we work together we learn from each other. This year we will be working very closely with the student programs within our State and recruiting student members. We are also putting together a First Year Professionals committee to help those new to our field as they transition into professionals in the work place and within our professional organization.

Involvement: ASCLS-UT has ample opportunity to be involved. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to contact us or just come to a Board meeting. Board meetings are held every fourth Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 at Intermountain Healthcare Central Laboratory in Murray.

To anyone out there who may be asking himself or herself, "Why ASCLS-UT?" my response is, "Why not!"

ASCLS-UTAH 2008-2009 BOARD

2008-2009 Officers and Members of the Board		
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SPRING SEMINAR AWARDS FOR 2008

Students of the Year	
Shannon Baulch	Clinical Laboratory Technician Student of the Year for Weber State University
Ryan Rowe	Clinical Laboratory Scientist Student of the Year for Weber State University
Amy Kircher	Clinical Laboratory Scientist Student of the Year for the University of Utah
Eeva Kennedy	Clinical Laboratory Scientist Student of the Year for Brigham Young University

Recognizes for valued service	
Bill Zundel Lisa Wariner Kraig Chugg Thais Hansen Travis Price Catherine Thompson	Outgoing Secretary Outgoing Board Member Outgoing Board Member PACE Coordinator Awards Chair Nominations Chair
Outstanding Laboratorian	
Ann Spjut Evlyne Koford Willi Thompson Andrew Clark Heather Hughes Charlene Peterson Marcelee Call Cecelia Wright	ASCLS-UT Member of the Year Outstanding Phlebotomist Outstanding Cytology / Histology Tech Outstanding Anatomical Pathology Tech Outstanding Clinical Lab Assistant (CLA) Outstanding Clinical Lab Technician (CLT/MLT) Outstanding Clinical Lab Scientist (CLS/MT) Outstanding Manager/Supervisor
ASCLS National Meeting Student Research Competition:	
Weber States' Brianna Dahl, Kelsey Farnsworth and Teresa Patterson took first runner up for "Survey on Pretransfusion Compatibility Testing Methodologies in the United States" Congratulation!	
Thanks given to Planning Committee and our Great Student Volunteers	
Amber Singleton Ann Spjut Cecelia Wright Chere' Clawson Deborah Niven JaNiece Warren Josh Pulido Kara Hansen-Suchy	Kimberly Gibson Kraig Chugg Maria Bettinson Omar Munoz Reza Panahi Travis Price Valerie Blake Yasmen Simonian

KATHERINE DEAN: FOUNDER AND 1ST PRESIDENT OF ASCLS-UTAH DIES

BY JEAN HOUGER HENGESBAUGH, EMERITUS MEMBER

Katherine Dean, Ruth Orlob and Adrie Langan Chatlain had the vision to start the Utah chapter of the American Society for Medical Technology (now called the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science - Utah) back in 1947-48.

Katherine was the first President of the Utah chapter. Katherine says she was appointed President because she had a car and could drive the other women to evening meetings in Ogden and Salt Lake City.

Katherine was also the first recipient of the Medical Technologist of the Year award in 1962. Katherine was so proud of her profession and this award that she asked her family to tuck her award plaque into her casket.

Katherine was 85 years old when she died on February 18, 2008. She was born in Salt Lake City on September 3, 1922. She got her BS degree from Loretta Heights College in Denver, Colorado and served her medical technology internship in Kansas City, MO. Katherine worked as a medical technologist in Rock Springs, WY, St. Benedict's Hospital in Ogden, Sacred



Heart Hospital in Idaho Falls, the Ogden Clinic and McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden.

In honor of Katherine's service to ASCLS-Utah, scholarship donations to ASCLS's Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity would be appreciated. Send your donation in memory of Katherine Dean to Joe Briden, Executive Secretary of AMTF, 7809 South 21st Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85041-7736.

Photo of Katherine De-an by Jean Hengesbaugh, November 2003.

LET'S HEAD TO JACKSON!

BY ANN SPJUT

How long has it been since you last visited Jackson Hole? Remember the gorgeous Tetons, the crisp blue sky and the sparkling streams? Did you do some white-water rafting? Take a hike around Jenny Lake? Sneak off to Yellowstone for the afternoon? Ride the Horse through the mountain trails or jump on the Alpine Slide? What about getting away for an opportunity to network with colleagues, visiting vendors to see the latest and greatest they have to offer, or attend exciting, up-to-the minute continuing education sessions?

The Intermountain States Seminar is coming up, and Utah is hosting this year. Join us in beautiful Jackson, Wyoming for the opportunity to do all of the above, plus more! Topics offered this year include everything from preparing for inspections to leaning out your laboratory, from advancements in phlebotomy to the latest quality control issues, from professional excellence to improving our professional image, and from the status of medicine in China to the benefits of an online training program. Social opportunities include a banquet with an outstanding comedy ensemble and the opportunity to learn to skeet shoot.

Watch for the registration information that will be coming out shortly. The cost is minimal for this outstanding educational experience, plus you can save on gas costs by car-pooling to Jackson with your friends. Let's make this the best year ever!

Intermountain State Seminar

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September 17-20, 2008 - Jackson Hole, WY

Friday Night Banquet with “Off the Cuff” Improv and Sketch Comedy Ensemble

Sporting Clays Shooting in Jackson Saturday, September 20th 1 pm until finished

In conjunction with IMSS, the Utah chapter of ASCLS is proud to offer conference participants the opportunity to shoot clay targets at the Jackson Hole Gun Club. (www.jacksonholegunclub.net).

If you have never shot a shotgun before, don't worry. Basic shotgun instruction will be provided, and you will have a great time. You can bring your own gun and shotgun shells (shot not to exceed 7.5). If you do not have a shotgun, one will be available.

Pre-register:

Make a note on you IMSS registration or email Kraig Chugg (kchugg@weber.edu) if you would like to participate or if you have any questions. ASCLS-Utah would like a final count by the conference pre-registration deadline (Sept. 6th).

Costs:

Jackson Hole Gun Club Non-Member Day-Use Fee - \$7.00 (Day-use fee waived if >25 participants)
25 Target Round of Sporting Clays - \$7.00
Box of Shotgun Shells (25) - \$6.00
Ear Plugs - \$0.25

BE A STAR-BE A MEMBER!

BY ANN SPJUT

I have been active in ASCLS-Utah for several years. I always try to encourage others to become involved, but I often come up against the same excuses. I would like to take just a minute to address a few of these.

Membership is too expensive, and my company doesn't help me pay.

The ASCLS Professional Level I membership is \$92 per year, which is \$7.67 per month, \$1.77 per week or 25 cents per day. Everyone can afford that! But even at 25 cents a day, you must receive something for your dues dollars. The VALUE of ASCLS can be seen in the huge network of professionals that you will have access to as a member. Continuing education for members can be obtained on-line, through the CLS Journal, and in the many local, state, regional and national conferences offered each year. ASCLS represents its members in Washington, DC by lobbying on

legislative and regulatory issues that affect the way that we perform our duties and is a reliable source of information about the profession and the changing roles of its practitioners. Have you heard of competitive bidding? ASCLS has presented a strong lobby group that has helped us repeal this legislation. In addition, ASCLS proclaims the VALUE of our role on the healthcare team to other professionals and the public.

I don't have time to join/already belong to another organization.

How involved you become in ASCLS is up to you. But the VOICE of ASCLS speaks for its members- even when an individual member can't. We know that in everyone's busy lives there isn't enough time for active participation in society activities at some times. As a member, your dues dollars support many different activities as well as the people who have the time and energy to put into these activities.

And when you do have time to participate, there are many opportunities to contribute at the local, state, regional and national levels. Keep in mind that the more members that we have, the stronger the VOICE of ASCLS. ASCLS is the preeminent professional organization that speaks for the entire profession, not just one specialty area. ASCLS represents all scientific disciplines, all levels of practitioner from bench tech to laboratory manager and every type of facility. ASCLS speaks with a unified VOICE on issues that impact you in the workplace. No other organization understands the scope of the needs and issues that surround the clinical laboratory like ASCLS does.

I don't need what ASCLS offers.

The VISION of ASCLS membership ensures that the needs of the profession are addressed for both current needs and those of the future. ASCLS is proactive in efforts to define the laboratory of the future and the changing roles for laboratory professionals. We provide varied opportunities to grow in our individual careers and are able to monitor the environment to position us to respond appropriately to any challenges. Membership in ASCLS offers each of us a way to help ensure we remain a vital and valuable part of the healthcare team.

ASCLS: VOICE-VALUE-VISION

QUESTIONS ANYONE?

How do I contribute to the newsletter?	Send ideas and submissions to info@ascls-utah.org
How do I get my membership ASCLS number to make a profile?	www.ascls.org
How do I renew my membership?	www.ascls.org
How do I direct a question to a board member or chair person?	Email question to info@ascls-utah.org
When and where the Board Meeting?	Email question to info@ascls-utah.org
How do I get involved with a committee?	Come to a board meeting and email info@ascls-utah.org
Why don't I get the newsletter?	A correct mailing or email address must be in your profile at www.asclss.org . added jcwarren5@comcast.net to you save sender list. Always check your junk email lists for ASCLS-UT subject.
What is the renewal cost?	See application on the next page.
How do I become a member?	Go to www.ascls-ut.org or www.ascls.org for applications

ASCLS Membership Categories and Eligibility Requirements

(ASCLS membership is from the date of payment to the next July 31.)



PROFESSIONAL (*full voting privileges*) is open to all persons certified or engaged in the practice and/or education process of the clinical laboratory science, including those with an active interest in supporting the purposes and goals of this Society. Membership benefits are dependent on level of membership:

PROFESSIONAL I includes basic benefits plus the award winning journal, CLS.

PROFESSIONAL II* includes basic benefits only.

National Dues: Professional I - \$95; Professional II - \$72; **plus** State Dues: (see attached schedule)

COLLABORATIVE* (*Non-voting privileges*) is available to any individual who currently holds membership in any other *health related national organization AND HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ASCLS.*

National Dues only: \$45

FIRST YEAR PROFESSIONAL* (*full voting privileges*) Open to persons who have graduated within the last twelve months from an accredited program in laboratory science. Prior student membership with ASCLS is not a prerequisite. This membership status is valid for only one year to assist recent graduates. After one year in this category, members are upgraded to Professional membership.


National Dues: \$40.00 plus State Dues

STUDENT*(*non-voting privileges*) Open to persons enrolled in a structured program of training or academic instruction in clinical laboratory science, or to full-time graduate students in related science area.

National Dues: \$25.00 plus States Dues:

*Persons residing outside the U S are not eligible for these categories--International practitioners must join as Professional I.

STATE DUES SCHEDULE			
Professional I & II		Student	
CA	\$25	CT, FL, HI, IL, IN, IA, LA, MA, MI, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NC, PR, RI, SD, VA, WI	\$5
CO, NY	\$20	AL	\$4
TX	\$18	OH, OK	\$3
AZ, FL, HI, LA, MN, MO, MT, NC, NE, NJ, NV, SD	\$15	GA, KY, SC, TN, UT, WV	\$2
TN	\$12	STATES NOT LISTED	\$0
AL, AK, AR, CT, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MA, MI, MS, NH, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, WY	\$10	*First Year Professional (state dues schedule same as Professional I & II except for the states listed below) CA - \$0, MN - \$0, NY - \$0, TX - \$9, CO - \$10	
MD	\$6		
DE, ME, NM, ND, VT	\$5		

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