



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I begin my extended term as President of ACHE of North Texas, I want to thank John Hill, FACHE, for his distinguished service to our Chapter and the Board of Directors. John's tenure as President was cut short by his appointment as CEO of a prestigious HCA hospital in the Denver area. This is an outstanding career opportunity for John, a well deserved promotion in recognition of his success within HCA, and in his role as Chief Operating Officer of Medical City Dallas Hospital. He will be missed for his friendship and his many contributions.

To continue with John Hill's theme as President, 2007 is going to be a tremendous year for ACHE. Our various committees are working diligently to produce valuable programming and educational opportunities, including several Category 1 program sessions. With the change in our credentialing program, ACHE of North Texas is committed to providing as many Category 1 hours as possible. The Membership Committee is rolling out our groundbreaking Ambassador Program. The program is designed to make ACHE more visible and approachable for current and potential members. Ambassadors will serve as the Chapter's in-house representatives at the various hospitals, health systems and other health-care businesses in our region. They will recruit new members for the local chapter and promote our various programming events. We hope that this program will improve service and value for our membership, as well as become an important platform to develop future leaders for our Chapter.

Meanwhile, planning for our annual golf tournament is well underway and the Networking Sponsorship Committee is pursuing sponsorships. The Mentoring Committee is evaluating several changes to this important program. We envision rolling out the program at the start of the semester.

In the coming months, I will be working with the Board to address leadership development, strategic planning, as well as setting some ambitious goals. We encourage you to become involved as we continue down this exciting path.

John G. Self
President

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS...NOW!

May 30, 2007

General Membership Meeting

Topic: Texas Legislative Update- featuring Dan Stultz, M.D., President/CEO, Texas Hospital Association. The event will take place at Las Colinas Country Club, 4400 N. O'Connor Blvd., Irving, TX 75062, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

June 1, 2007

Advancement to Fellow-ACHE Board of Governor's Examination Study Course

Are you planning to advance to Fellow in 2007? ACHE of North Texas is offering a preparation study course which is being conducted by Paula M. Zalucki, FACHE. The class will be given at the University of Dallas Campus from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nine hours of category II credit will be awarded. A nominal fee of \$50.00 will include all materials, a continental breakfast, a box lunch, and soft drinks. Pre-registration with payment is required by Tuesday May 29, 2007, and the class is limited to 30 qualified applicants. For more information contact anitap@dfwhc.org

June 20, 2007

Breakfast with the CEO-J.C. Montgomery, Jr., FACHE

Come join us for our next "Breakfast with the CEO" featuring J.C. Montgomery, Jr., FACHE, President, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. The event will be at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital located at 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, Texas 75219 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Seating is limited to the first 40 members. Please RSVP to ACHEofNorthTexas@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM THE REGENT

Ours is an honorable profession, represented by men and women that are dedicated to the care and improvement of human life. I continue to be impressed by the willingness of so many to serve above and beyond their day to day responsibilities.

Upon the announcement of my selection as the North Texas Regent I received numerous calls and e-mails from ACHE affiliates extending a hand of congratulations and a willingness to assist. The calls came from national health-care icons such as Douglas D. Hawthorne, FACHE, from Texas Health Resources to early careerist Gregory L. Haralson at Plaza Medical Center. I have been invited into the homes of some of the great leaders in healthcare such as Elmer G. Ellis, FACHE, from East Texas Healthcare System and have enjoyed listening to local executive Scott Schmidly at Medical Center of Arlington present at the ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership in New Orleans.

All in all our membership is comprised of men and women that are dedicated to changing the face of healthcare. Please join me in supporting ACHE further by actively participating in the events and activities that are sponsored by our chapters.

Britt R. Berrett, FACHE
Regent

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Legislative Update

The 80th Texas Legislature adjourned on Monday, May 28. Highlights of the Legislative Session include a comprehensive reform of the Medicaid program in Texas. As a result, the state will be pursuing a Medicaid waiver to cover more uninsured through the Texas Health Opportunity Pool, a new program created by Senate Bill 10. Eligibility for the state Children's Health Insurance Plan was changed from 6 months to 12 months.

The Texas Advanced Directives Act was heavily debated. However, a compromise bill that would have extended the "10 day rule" to 21 days died on the House floor on the last day that the House could consider it. Other bills concerning infection control, nursing education, transparency, trauma funding and distribution of funds, and graduate medical education were also considered by the Legislature and acted upon.

Steven Bristow, FACHE

2007 ACHE of North Texas Golf Tournament

The [ACHE of North Texas 2007 Golf Tournament](#) is scheduled for October 22, 2007, at the Texas Star Golf Course in Euless, TX. Last year's golf tournament attracted 72 golfers and had 16 corporate sponsors which included hospitals, architectural firms, food service providers, real estate developers and other healthcare industry vendors. The tournament raised over \$10,000 in scholarships to ACHE Congress in New Orleans and \$13,000 in programming funding. This year's goal is to have 144 golfers and \$30,000 in sponsorships. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor, click on the link.

Networking Events

Our last several networking events have been a great success with excellent turn out! We would like to thank the following hosts and sponsors:

James Swartz, President & CEO, CareFlite
John Self, CEO, JohnMarch Partners, Inc
John Hauptert, COO, Parkland Health & Hospital System
John Hill, COO, Medical City Dallas
National Association of Health Services Executives
RTKL Associates Inc.
Health Industry Council

For those who are unable to attend our evening events, keep a look out for announcements on the Breakfast with the CEO Series coming soon!



Membership Committee—Ambassador Program Update

The Ambassador Orientation was held on April 28th at the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council. It was very well attended with twenty-one members present representing more than fifteen health care or health care related organizations. The Ambassadors have begun recruiting new members within their organization as well as educating them about the benefits of ACHE. There are future plans for conducting a second orientation for those who were unable to attend. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, please contact jvillarroel@metroanesthesia.com