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Physicians must be heard as a group says incoming PCMS president

By David Woods, PhD



Incoming PCMS president Dell Burkey's knowledge and experience of the healthcare system covers a uniquely wide swath. Starting out as a nurse, he went on to become a nurse anesthetist,

spending two years in the Air Force in that capacity. Under the GI Bill of Rights he returned to college, acquired a BA in three years while working at night, and finally enrolled in Temple University where he completed his MD degree and residency. Following 20 years in private practice, he has spent the past six years as a clinical associate professor of anesthesiology and critical care at the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

Now, he's ready to bring all of that experience to the service of his fellow physicians as the 145th president of the Philadelphia County Medical Society. "I'm comfortable in a leadership role," says Dr Burkey, who plans, during his tenure, to solidify and continue the traditions of PCMS, to increase membership in the Society, to encourage new committee memberships, and to work collaboratively with other societies for the benefit of the medical profession.

But while he's had plenty of experience dealing with politicians as chairman and a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society Political Action Committee (PAMPAC), he's convinced that such efforts have to be collective ones. If there's going to be progress in such areas as access to quality care, tort reform, physician reimbursement, or stemming

the outflow of doctors from Pennsylvania, physicians must be heard as a group, he says.

But action is what Dell Burkey is about as an individual, too. When he's not jogging, scuba diving, or rooting for the Temple basketball team, he's busy digging and mulching and clipping on his 25-acre estate in Montgomery County. He and his wife Marilyn, a Republican committee woman, literacy council member, interior decorator and carpenter, have three children, Michelle, Adam, and Jason.

David Woods is the publisher of Philadelphia Medicine.

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PCMS President-Elect Dell R. Burkey, MD, is seeking volunteers for PCMS Committees and Sections for his term of office June 2006-June 2007.

The list of Committees and Sections appears below. If you are interested in serving on PCMS Committees or Sections, please call Mr. John F. X. Trevi, Executive Director, on 215-563-5343, Ext. 101.

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PCMS NEWS

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William Tasman, MD



Dr. Tasman is known locally as the Ophthalmologist-in-Chief of Wills Eye Hospital for over twenty years as well as Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology, Jefferson Medical

College at Thomas Jefferson University. Nationally and internationally he is respected as one of the world's leading authorities on diseases of the retina. As a dedicated teacher, Dr. Tasman has trained countless residents and fellows in his specialty.

Practitioner of the Year

Lawrence Robinson, MD, MPH



As Deputy Health Commissioner for the City of Philadelphia, he has demonstrated leadership in writing health policy, management and health education programs.

Dr. Robinson is no stranger to PCMS; he has been a strong advocate for organized medicine and an active member of our Public Health Committee for ten years, fighting for the rights of all people to have access to quality healthcare.

Cristol Award

Rajendra N. Seth, MD, FACC, FACP



Dr. Seth is currently the Chair of both the PCMS and PMS International Medical Graduate Section in which he has proven to be an effective leader fighting for the rights of all IMG's to practice

medicine in these United States. Dr. Seth plays an integral role on the PCMS Membership Committee. He had served as the President of the PCMS West Branch for many years, and is currently a Delegate to PMS. Dr. Seth is also a leader of continuing medical education with a proven record of excellent CME meetings.

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Editorial

Moving On



By Joyann Kroser, MD

It's hard to believe that this is the last editorial I shall write as PCMS President. It seems that just yesterday I was eight months pregnant and

wearing a pink maternity gown as we celebrated at last year's President's Ball and Awards Night.

In my speech that night I spoke about my goals for our society including recruiting members and reenergizing our programs. We had a very successful joint program with the Philadelphia chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers. At that event we had many colleagues who were attending a PCMS event for the first time. We must continue to create new opportunities to get local professional societies together not only to seek out new members but also to strengthen ties in our community.

We have continued to work closely with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health through our Block Captain program which serves as a model for other county medical societies nationally. Our Board meetings this year have included guest speakers and free-flowing exchange of ideas.

I had hoped to bring the academic community together by convening a meeting of the Deans of our city's medical schools. This remains an unrealized goal. I will work closely with Dr. Dell Burkey in the coming year to get our academic leaders together. As Immediate Past-President I will focus on encouraging them to support membership and activism in organized medicine. Can you imagine with me a time in the future when all physicians in the city are working together instead of putting billboards up in each other's backyards? It may sound like naïve enthusiasm, but it is possible.

I cannot end this editorial without mentioning my mother Lila Stein Kroser, MD, of blessed memory. It was such a bittersweet experience recently as I celebrated my first Mother's Day with my ten-month-old daughter, Jessica,

knowing that this was my first Mother's Day without my Mom. My daughter, Jessica, knew her for only four months,

What a shining light [my mother Lila Stein Kroser, MD,] was in all our lives. Her passion for leading her colleagues and mentoring careers may never be equaled. All year I have missed her presence at our meetings and yearned for guidance as I have tried to be a leader of whom she would be proud.

but I had her for almost 40 years. What a shining light she was in all our lives. Her passion for leading her colleagues and mentoring careers may never be equaled. All year I have missed her presence at our meetings and yearned for guidance as I have tried to be a leader of whom she would be proud. I dedicate this past year of service in her memory. May we all have many more years to see her vision of rejuvenated professionalism and balanced advocacy for our practices and our patients come to fruition.

Dr. Kroser is president of the Philadelphia County Medical Society.

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(DBH/MRS) are seeking volunteers for the new Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps Program.

Our mission is to establish a cadre of licensed/certified medical and behavioral health professionals who are trained and credentialed to supplement the existing public health and community medical resources during times of emergencies.

The Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps provides a structure for physicians to be utilized in an effective and coordinated manner during times of emergency or disaster. Working in coordination with existing local emergency response

By Marie Carbonetto, R.Ph.

plans, you might be asked to contribute your knowledge in several different ways, including the following:

- Dispensing medications or administering vaccinations at mass Points-of-Dispensing (POD)
- Supporting mass patient care or hospital surge capacity needs
- Providing medical screening or health education
- Supporting the Public Health Department capacity for disease control measures such as case finding and monitoring
- Improving overall health and well being of communities during and after a disaster.

Completing an application is the first step to becoming a Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps volunteer. Active and retired medical and behavioral health professionals are encouraged

to apply. Volunteer Orientation Programs, additional training opportunities and exercises are offered to members on an ongoing basis. Think about the difference you could make by volunteering your expertise. For applications and more information, visit our website at www.phila.gov/mrc or contact the Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator: Marie Carbonetto, R.Ph. (215) 685-6861 marie.carbonetto@phila.gov.

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