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2009 Gala Another Big Hit

PASADENA, TX - One of Texas Chiropractic Colleges biggest and most popular events each year, the Boots & Spurs Gala was held on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009. The 18th annual event returned to the Westin Oaks Galleria Ballroom with 310 revelers attending.



Dr. & Mrs. Otis Thomas were honored during the evenings program as the honorary chairpersons for the event. Dr. Thomas is an emeritus regent of the TCC Board of Regents. He served as a board member during some of TCC's most glorious and also critical times. He has been an ardent supporter of TCC over the years. His wife, Peggy, helped him establish his practice and was the office manager for many years. Their son, Randy, and granddaughter, Amanda, have followed in his footsteps as chiropractors. His brothers, L. G. and Lamar Thomas, also graduated from TCC and practiced in the Houston area until their deaths.

The evening began with The Rockin Relics, featuring TCC's own Drs. Stephen Foster and Brad Koby. After the Relics set, guests enjoyed a three-course dinner which featured a salad of fresh spinach leaves and feta cheese, sundried tomatoes, mushrooms & spiced pecans with warm sherry vinaigrette; and an entrée of Porcini rubbed



filet, shitake port glaze paired with chicken breast wrapped in puff pastry, stuffed with duxelle, chervil sauce. For dessert, guests enjoyed Chocolate mousse brownie with fresh strawberries or seasonal mixed berries devonshire.

TCC Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement Bill Clements served as the master of ceremonies for the evening. Following the dinner, the program proceeded with the recognition of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas and greetings by TCC President Dr. Richard G. Brassard and Chairman of the Board of Regents Johnny Blau.

Auctioneer J.E. Bear Hebert was on hand again this year and led the house through another lively auction. There were some great items available for this year's live auction, including a day at Buckhorn Ranch, a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo package with featured tickets to seven shows, beer for a year, an adult-sized electric scooter and a chance to be a fighter pilot for a day.

The evening was highlighted by the arrival of headliner Mark Chesnutt and his band to the stage. Guests took to the dance floor and requested their favorites.

"The Gala was another grand evening," noted Dr. Brassard. "I'd like to thank everyone who sponsored tables and purchased tickets, participated in the auctions, and took

the time from their busy schedules to join us. "I'd also like to thank the many area businesses donated items for the auctions. During these challenging economic times, it means a great deal to me that so many people continue to step up and support Texas Chiropractic College."

Also joining in the celebration were State Representative Ken Legler; Judge Holly



Williamson; former Chairman of the Texas State Board of Education and TCC Alumnus Dr. Jack Christie; long-time TCC supporter Mel Cowart; Deborah Ingersoll, Legislative Lobbyist; Pasadena Councilwoman Jackie Welch and her husband Bill Welch, a former Pasadena Councilman; Pasadena Councilwoman Dana Philibert; Deer Park Councilwoman Becky Stockstill-Cobb; and former Pasadena Councilman James Guthrie. Bay Area Economic Partnership president, Bob Mitchell, and members of the TCC Board of Regents. Gala Corporate Sponsors included NCMIC Insurance Group and Standard Process.



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Chiropractic Well-Represented in Economic Stimulus

(From ACA Today, Feb. 16, 2009)

Late last week, the U.S. House and Senate approved the long-debated \$787 billion economic stimulus package. Included in the final legislation, which is to be signed by President Obama this week, are the following items of interest to the chiropractic profession:

* As a direct result of lobbying by the ACA-led PARCA coalition, non-MD/DOs will be eligible for a federal incentive program aimed at the establishment of electronic health record systems (EHRs). Under the new program, due to begin in 2011, physicians – including DCs – will be eligible for incentive payments totaling more than \$40,000 for meeting EHR standards developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. At the same time, the bill contains a plan to establish penalties for not adopting the standards, which would be due to start in 2016. The entire program is funded at \$19 billion.

* The stimulus package provides money for a Prevention and Wellness Initiative (\$1 billion). Once the program details are announced, ACA will be certain to lobby aggressively to ensure chiropractic inclusion.

* An allocated \$1.1 billion would establish a Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research, which would assist the offices and agencies of the federal government—including the Department of Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense—to coordinate comparative effectiveness and related health services research. Increased funding in this area could help the chiropractic profession become more involved in the health care reform process.

* Also included, new funding totaling \$86.6 billion over 27 months to bolster Medicaid, which has been impacted as states handle budget shortfalls and as the newly unemployed come under Medicaid coverage. Similarly, there will be \$24.7 billion spent to pay 65 percent of the premium costs for laid-off workers (over nine months) who want to continue their job-based coverage under COBRA.

Now that both chambers of Congress have approved the legislation, it goes on to the White House for President Obama's signature. According to White House officials, President Obama will sign the \$787 billion economic stimulus plan in Denver on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

What a busy time it's been since we last spoke! We've had our annual Boots & Spurs Gala, we've been learning about the QEP and preparing for our SACS visit next week, I've had the great opportunity to celebrate an alums new practice, and NCLC is just around the corner.

The Gala was another grand evening. We had more than 300 people in attendance, enjoying a wonderful three-course dinner and excellent entertainment from featured performer Mark Chestnutt as well as the Rockin' Relics. Of course there was a great deal of camaraderie as we joined together as community neighbors in celebration.

I'd like to thank everyone who sponsored tables and purchased tickets, participated in the auctions, and took the time from their busy schedules to join us. I'd also like to thank the many area businesses donated items for the auctions. During these challenging economic times, it means a great deal to me that so many people continue to step up and support Texas Chiropractic College.

Special thanks also go out to our Institutional Advancement staff of Bill Clements, Debbie Salisbury, Patty Barnes and Nikki Hurley for their hard work in making this such a fun event every year.

On February 2, I was delighted to be invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the grand reopening of Advanced Health & Rehab Center in Humble, Texas. TCC Alumna Dr. Lauren L. Baker is the proud new owner of this chiropractic care facil-



President's Message

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ity, previously operated by Dr. James D. Wetz for 22 years at the same location.

Congratulations Dr. Baker! We are very proud of you and wish you continued success as you care for those in the Humble area. We know they are in good hands.

As you are all well aware, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on-site review committee will be visiting our campus February 24-26. Many of you are being asked to participate in meetings with the team as a part of the review process and I thank you for answering the call to help.

For those not actively participating in these meetings, you will no doubt come across our visitors as they tour our campus, and you may be stopped for a quick question. I ask of you simply that you treat them with the respect every visitor to our campus enjoys and to answer their questions honestly.

Unfortunately, the SACS visit

coincides with the start of NCLC, so I (and several others) will be slightly delayed in attending this important conference. For those of you heading to Washington, D.C., I encourage you to take a few minutes to visit the ACA's web site and review some of the legislative issues briefs which can be found under the heading "Advocacy." These are somewhat familiar points for discussion that we will hopefully be communicating to our legislators.

As ACA President Glenn Manceaux, DC noted last month: "This will probably be the most important NCLC meeting since the big battle over national health reform that took place during the first term of Clinton Administration."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard G. Brassard, D.C." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard G. Brassard, DC
President
Texas Chiropractic College

SABCA Fish Fry

SABCA will be holding a fish fry luncheon on February 25 as a part of Ash Wednesday. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact a SABCA member for more information.

Around Campus...

Scholarship Opportunities

Outside TCC Scholarship Opportunities:

OUM Wellness Works (deadline: 3/1/09, 8/1/09)

Amount: \$1,000

Number: multiple

RQ: Completion of two full years of chiropractic college; Essay of marketing chiropractic care

Where: Pick up application in Institutional Advancement office

Margie Elder Scholarship, MSCA Auxiliary Scholarship (deadline: ongoing)

Amount: \$1,000

Number: Multiple

RQ: Must be a Missouri State resident, minimum GPA of 2.5, 200 word essay on merit, and question

Where: Pick up application in Institutional Advancement office

Irene S. Wicher Scholarship- Frost Bank (deadline 3/31/09)

Amount: \$Fall semester tuition

Number: multiple

RQ: Must be a resident of Texas, good character, academic ability, and need for financial assistance.

Where: Pick up application in Institutional Advancement office

Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee (deadline 3/16/09)

Amount: Various

Number: Multiple

RQ: Tennessee resident.

Where: Go to www.cfmt.org to download scholarship listings and applications

Catholic Health Association of Texas (deadline 6/26/09)

Amount: \$1,000; \$500; \$250

Number: Multiple

RQ: TX state resident and a member of a Catholic Parish, 500 word essay of your personal professional and educational goals.

Where: Pick up application in Institutional Advancement office

San Jacinto Day Foundation (deadline 3/31/09)

Amount: \$1,500

Number: multiple

RQ: Enrolled in Texas school, financial need, 200 word essay on "Battle of San Jacinto"

Where: Pick up application in Institutional Advancement office

International Chiropractors Association Auxiliary (deadline 4/13/09)

Amount: \$500

Number: 4

RQ: Member of the SICA, 100-200 word essay on "your commitment to Chiropractic"

Where: Pick up application in Institutional Advancement office

Scholarship opportunities offered through TCC Scholarship Funds (deadline 4/24/09):

Rhoden Calder Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Number: 1

RQ: Trimester 4-10, 2.50GPA. 1 page essay demonstrating financial need/merit.

Where: Pick up application in Institutional Advancement office

C. Mathews Scholarship

Value: \$1000

Number: 1

RQ: Trimester 4-10, 3.50 GPA. 1 page essay demonstrating financial need/merit.

Where: Pick up application in Institutional Advancement office

J. Andrews Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Number: 1

RQ: Trimester 4-10, 3.50 GPA. 1 page essay demonstrating financial need/merit.

Where: Pick up application in Institutional Advancement office

TCC General Scholarship

Value: \$1000

Number: 1

RQ: Trimester 3-10, 3.50 GPA. 1 page essay demonstrating financial need/merit.

Where: Pick up application in Institutional Advancement office