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# Alpha Mu Tau Newsletter

# The President Speaks

# By Yasmen Simonian

Dear AMTF Colleagues:

Do you remember the first time you heard about the Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity? I do! It was precisely the summer of 1981 during our national meeting when we still called ourselves ASMT, currently better known as ASCLS. I was so fascinated with this "elite" fraternity that one either had to be invited to attend a dinner, a meeting, or be nominated by "important" people to become a member.

Well, several years passed and three "significant" people nominated me and I was finally worthy enough to be a part of this "privileged" group of individuals. It took a while for me to realize the goal and the mission of our fraternity. What a dignified cause! Collectively, we raised funds to help shape the future and educate students in our profession. We had the power to make additional difference in our chosen field! How powerful is that! At last I understood the true meaning of "elite" and "Privileged" in the sense of our Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity. It meant that a group of intelligent, generous, professional, educators with open hearts selflessly gave to raise funds for education, even during challenging

economic times. If this is what it means to be "elite", then I am honored and so very proud to be among such a group.

We have a great leadership and they are planning for this summer's meeting in Anaheim, California. We look forward to our future activities and ways we can raise scholarship funds for this coming year. Meanwhile, stay happy, healthy, and take good care. Don't forget to check out the new web site www.alphamutau.org.

Thank you for all you do for AMTF.

Respectfully, Yas

# AMTF Supports Education Scholarship Winners

AMTF presented \$30,000 in scholarship awards at the ASCLS annual meeting in Chicago, IL. Scholarship awardees for 2009 include:

Memorial Scholarship: Matthew Curtis

Ruth M. French Scholarship: Homan Mohammadi

Dorothy Morrison Scholarship: Brittany Hill

Ida & May Reilly Scholarships: Charles Faingnaert, Isabella Mantel

Martha Winstead Scholarship: Anna Brownfield, Marisa Kibbie

AMTF Undergraduate Scholar-

ships: Carrie Boylan, Brenda Brassill, Erin Dean, Andrea Grimm, Rachel Hippen, Erin Hood, Sarah Leader, Molly Montgomery, Rhonda Money, Melissa Saxlund, Melisa Smith, Tara Sorensen, Erin Starman, Chelsea Vincent.

Thank You
I am quite humbled for being
selected. It is an honor & a
privilege to have received this
scholarship from AMTF. Once
again, thank you! Brittany
Hill, Morrison Scholarship

I wanted to express my gratitude to receive an undergraduate scholarship. This scholarship means a great deal to me & will make my studies this year a much less stressful process. After I finish my final year in ISU's CLS program I hope to further my career into graduate school. I look forward to a long career involved with ASCLS. I assure you your generosity will not go unnoticed. Many thanks. Katie Eby, ASCLS E & R Scholarship

I just wanted to express my appreciation to you...for the scholarship to...Katherine Herman. ASCLS E & R Scholarship, Linda Marler, IN Univ, School of Medicine, CLS Program Director

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# New Members Inducted into AMTF while in the Windy City

Jean Bauer-North Oaks, MN was nominated by Bill Hunt & Nadine Fydryzewski. She is employed as Laboratory director at Allina Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN. As a member of ASCLS for over 25 years, she has been active at state, regional & national levels, most significantly as Chair of CEAC & Vice Chair of the Annual Meeting Steering Committee, organizing the electronic submissions of proposals for the 2009 ASCLS meeting in Chicago.

Norma Bivona-West Monroe, LA was nominated by Angela Foley & Patsy Jarreau. Employed as a traveling clinical laboratory scientist with Aureus Medical, she has been outgoing & enthusiastic, referring employees interested in travel, willing to perform extra tasks without complaint. Since joining ASCLS in 2000, & despite traveling, she has found time to author articles, give presentations, be active at the state, regional, & national levels. Her nominators see her as a beacon of light for the "hidden profession".

Karen Brown-Salt Lake City, UT was nominated by Shauna Anderson & JoAnn Fenn. Karen is Clinical Professor at the U of Utah, Department of Pathology, Program Director for the cooperative MLT Program. Her leadership in the program was felt in all aspects from program design, recruitment, teaching excellence, student support and community support.

In addition to teaching to Clinical Laboratory students, she has served colleagues in South Africa, Lesotho, & Guyana. She served as general chair for CLEC when it was held in Salt Lake City in 2000.

Karen Coppens-North Webster, IN was nominated by Bernadette Rodak and Linda Kasper. She is employed as Laboratory Director of St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. Besides being active at state, regional & national levels, she has authored articles, given presentations, been a champion for the grassroots, & been instrumental in keeping ASCLS-IN viable & functional.

Elizabeth Leibach-Augusta, GA was nominated by George Fritsma & Shirlyn McKenzie. She became active in ASCLS/ASMT since 1977 as a delegate, continuing her participation in Scientific Assemblies and Task Forces, namely current Chair of the Professional Doctorate Committee. In between authoring numerous articles & giving presentations, she is a choir member & soloist. She is employed as Professor & Chair at the Medical College of Georgia.

Judy Parsons—Gainesville, FL was nominated by Casey Ceasor & Lynn Ulmer. She is an Area Technical Specialist with Ortho Diagnostics. She has been a member of ASCLS/ASMT since 1985 holding various leadership positions at the state level, & active at the regional &

national levels. She was recently named the Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Lab Specialist of the Year. She has a passion & gift for training, & is one of the most dedicated laboratory professionals, state her nominators.

Halcyon St. Hill-Naples, FL was nominated by Leon Headley and Ruby Howard. She is employed as Professor, Faculty Senate President, & member of the University Board of Trustees at FL Gulf Coast University. Halcyon started her professional activities in New Jersey, then moved her talents to Florida. She has authored several articles, mentored students & young people in her community, given professional presentations, served on numerous committees at state, regional & national levels, been active in community affairs earning her several awards & honors. She was the Chair of the Phlebotomy Section of the Book of Knowledge.

Ginger Weeden-Pleasant Hill, CA was nominated by Susanne Zanto and J. R. Constance. Although active for several years in Region VIII, including being instrumental in organizing the Clinical Laboratory Collaborative Conference, she has moved to Region X, and recently appointed as Region X's representative on the ASCLS Member Services Committee. She is Senior Product Manager for Bio-Rad Laboratories.

## AMTF Board Minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting

#### **Pre-Dinner Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Butch.

Treasurer's Report: the financial statement of AMTF as published in the Spring 2009 newsletter showed the balance in parentheses, indicating the balance was a negative when it was not; when the CDs come due, the market will be assessed for reinvestment for a higher yield; certified letters are sent to non-dues paying members after the second e-mail notice. 33% of members were late with dues, this is costly to the fraternity. Audit: no irregularities were noted; the audit balanced to the penny. Bylaws: Copies of proposed changes were published in the newsletter; the Handbook has been updated, pending general member-

ship approval. Finance: proposed Budget to be available at the Post-Dinner meeting. Membership: Applications were processed by e-mail: all nominees were accepted: Jean Bauer, Norma Bivona, Karen Brown, Karen Coppens, Elizabeth Leibach, Judy Parsons, Halcyon St. Hill, Ginger Weeden. Nominations: Candidates for office are: Vicki Freeman, President-Elect; Debbie Faubion, Secretary; George Fritsma, Junior Board Member. Social: buses at 6 PM for US Cellular Stadium Club, information posted on ASCLS bulletin board. Items for auction include 5 pearl necklaces, a pin, wine stopper, vodka, wine and Chicago "stuff". Scholarship: Duncan Samo was reappointed to a 2 year term; one student who received an E & R scholarship withdrew from school. The award was not given to the next qualified

recipient; Committee would like clarification on how to award points when deciding need. No provision exists that disallows someone from getting more than one scholarship in successive years. Newsletter: written report submitted. Officer Reports: President Butch recommended all forms be available via email & suggested AMTF have a webpage which would have application forms, be free standing and linked to ASCLS's webpage. Motion passed. Jr & Sr Board members: it was confirmed the AMTF President notifies all scholarship winners, including E & R Fund; Myra Myers would like to see a template for a Press Release in the Handbook. Executive Secretary: unable to attend. To comply with IRS regs, the Exec Secretary will send original income documents to the treasurer. Meeting adjourned. Continued p.3

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#### AMTF Board Minutes continued

#### **Annual Dinner Minutes**

Introduction of AMTF Board members & invited guests was held prior to dinner. The meeting called to order by President Suzanne Butch. Sergeant of Arms: Barbara Brown; Minutes Committee: Debbie Shell & Kathy Wesseler. Members elected to the Nominations Committee were Bunny Rodak, Susan Leclair & Cheryl Caskey. No AMTF scholarship winners were in attendance. New members: seven new members were introduced with their nominators and inducted. Karen Brown was unable to attend. Elections: candidates Vicki Freeman (President-elect). Debbie Faubion (Secretary) and George Fritsma (Jr Board Member) were elected by acclimation. Bylaws changes: Motion passed by unanimous vote to accept the changes presented. **Installation:** President Yasmen Simonian, President-elect Vicki Freeman, Secretary Debbie Faubiion, Junior Board Member George Fritsma. Joe Passiment served as auctioneer. The auction raised \$6997.

#### Post-Dinner Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Yasmen Simonian. Committee appointments: Membership: Vicki Freeman, Linda Comeaux, Ellen Libby; Bylaws: Suzanne Butch, Paula Garrott, Barbara Brown, Cindy Johnson, Dianne Cearlock; Scholarship: Duncan Samo, George Fritsma, Linda Smith, Shirlyn McKenzie, Joann Fenn; Nominations: Bunny Rodak, Cheryl Caskey, Susan Leclair. Reports: Bylaws: handbook will be updated to reflect changes. Finance: Committee recommends placing \$21,000 in a CD or

other interest bearing account; Charlie Francen to contact Royce Watson re: distribution of his scholarship funds. Proposed 2010 Budget was approved with discussed changes. **Webpage**: J.R. Constance will assist. **Social**: next year's meeting: Ananheim, CA. **Executive Secretary**: Yasmen will notify Joe Briden regarding photocopying of documents per IRS regulations for tax reporting purposes.

(Not noted in the Minutes: other committee members are: Audit: Charlie Francen, Mary Coleman, Heidi Smith; Finance: Dee Fike, Karen Griffin, Pam Kieffer; Membership: Shauna Anderson, Carol McCoy; Nominations: Debbie Shell, Elizabeth Leibach; Social: Charlie Francen, Yasmen Simonian, Ginger Weeden)

## AMTF FINANCIALS Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 Karen Griffin, Finance Chair

INCOME	Actual 2008	Approved 2009	Proposed 2010
Dues/Annual Dinner	\$ 23,700.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Scholarship Donations	\$ 67,990.00	\$ 35,700.00	\$ 39,200.00
Interest & Earnings	\$ 13,630.00	\$ 10,000.00	
AMTF Product Sales	\$ 413.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(\$131,204.44)		
Other	\$ 611.56	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Auction			\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL:	(\$ 24,859.88)	\$ 59,300.00	\$ 54,800.00
EXPENSES	Actual 2008	Approved 2009	Proposed 2010
Officers/Board	\$ 829.03	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 1,820.00
Committees	\$ 1,275.95	\$ 1,972.00	\$ 2,685.00
Scholarships	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 32,300.00	\$ 28,500.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 19,499.60	\$ 11,850.00	\$ 19,850.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 508.00	\$ 710.00	\$ 1,010.00
TOTAL:	\$ 66,112.58	<b>\$</b> 48, <b>952.00</b>	\$ 53,865.00

INTERIM REPORT 1/1/09 TO 7/1/09 Heidi Smith, Treasurer

INCOME Actual 2009 \$ 15,807.03

EXPENSES Actual 2009 \$ 38,216.67, less Scholarships \$5,916.67

Value on 6/30/09 \$331,693.17

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#### **ALPHA MU TAU FRATERNITY**

Yasmen Simonian: President Vicki Freeman: President-elect Suzanne Butch: Past President Debbie Faubion: Secretary Heidi Smith: Treasurer

Myra Myers: Senior Board Member George Fritsma: Junior Board Member Carol Titsworth: Newsletter Editor Joe Briden: Executive Secretary

The purpose of Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity shall be the advancement of clinical laboratory science as a scientific profession by providing monies to deserving applicants for educational endeavors. No minimum donations is required. Using the form on p. 6 send donations to Joe Briden, Executive Secretary, 7809 S. 21st Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85042-7736

#### We're on the Web! Check us out at www.alphamutau.org

#### AMTF Nominations Now Open for 2010

AMTF is seeking nominations for the following positions for 2010: **President-elect** (1 yr term) shall acquaint him/her self with duties of presidency, chair meetings in the absence of President, perform such duties as directed by the President or Board. Also serves as chair of Membership Committee & assumes duties of President in the year following this term. **Treasurer** (2 yr term) Shall keep accurate records of all monies received, pay bills, work with Finance Committee to prepare a budget, handle deliquent dues notices. **Junior Board Member** (1 yr term) attends all meetings of the Fraternity, determines policy & makes decisions when requested by the President, assists the President & committee chairs as needed, shares Senior Board member duties such as preparing news releases for elected officers, new members, scholarship awardees, & sends letters to employers, program directors regarding new members & scholarship awardees.

Please consider nominees for these positions, & obtain permission of the person to be nominated. If you are personally interested, let us know. We'd like to have a more than full slate. Submit your nominations no later than February 1, 2010. Forms available from Bunny Rodak, Chair, at brodak@iupui.edu *Committee members*: *Debbie Shell, Elizabeth Leibach, Cheryl Caskey, Susan Leclair* 

# Tributes— Honoring our Special Friends, Living and Deceased with a Scholarship Donation—4/15/09 –10/15/09

#### IN HONOR OF

#### George, Loretta & David Adam

Barbara Brown

#### Scott Aikey Mary Ann McLane

Mary Beth Miele

#### ASCLS BOD Lezlee Koch

Tom & Kathy Aurelio Joyce Eng

#### Anna Marie Barrios Cheryl Caskey

Patsy Bering Mary Ann McLane Linda Seefried

### Mary Briden

Jeanne Christen

#### Lynda Britton Lynn Russell (2)

Marian Cardinale Donna Myer

Cheryl Caskey Lynn Russell (2)

Casey Ceasor Lynn Ulmer

#### Pat Collins Linda Gorman

#### Hope Conrad June Conrad

#### Aimee Corrigan Roma Hall Robinson

#### Brenta Davis Michael Bishop Cheryl Caskey Judy Davis

Judy Davis Paula Garrott (2)

#### **Dana Duzan** James Holley (2) Jean Krupa

Joan Felder Dorothy Bergeron

#### Paula Garrott Michael Bishop

Gloria "Mike" Gilbert Ann S. Anderson

#### Jim Gorman Jane Hudson

Mary Gourley Joyce Eng

#### Jean Gowdy Debbie Shell

#### Kathy Hansen Paula Garrott

#### Kara Harris Roma Hall Robinson

#### Bob Hartman Bernadette Rodak

#### James Holley Jean Krupa

#### **Lynn Ingram** Paula Garrott

#### Lois B. Jones Cheryl Drennan

#### Karen Karni Nancy Brunzel Cheryl Caskey Helen Hallgren James Holley Rick Panning Kay Quill

#### Lezlee Koch Mona Gleystein

#### John Koenig Tom Reddig (2)

#### Marilyn Kangelos Ann S. Anderson

#### Linda Larson Mary Coleman

#### Lucille Larson Sharon Morey

#### Mary Ann McLane Joyce Eng Lynn Russell

#### Myra Myers Lynda Britton

#### NAACLS BOD, Staff Cheryl Caskey (2) Diane Cearlock (2)

#### Patricia O'Brien John Landis

#### **OB Palmer** Jeanne Christen

#### Rick Panning Paula Garrott

#### Eleanor Parchman Karen Bennett Gerre Gourley

#### Elissa Passiment Bernie Bekken

#### Tim Randolph Dan Southern (2)

#### My Mother George Roberts

#### Lynn Russell Joyce Eng

#### Yasmen Simonian Chloe Scott (2)

#### John Smith James Holley

#### Zana Skidmore Rosada Heintz

#### Dan Southern Tim Randolph (2)

#### Camellia St. John Michelle Kanuth (2)

# **Ann Strowe**Janice Kinsinger

#### Patricia Taylor Sheri Gon (2) Narcissa Hocker

#### Marie Vittetoe Linda Gorman

#### Royce Watson Beverly Price Denard Joyce Eng Jean Krupa Dyan Monte Verde Deb Rodahl (2)

AMTF thanks all of you for your generous donations!

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#### IN MEMORY OF

David S. Adam Barbara Brown

**Tony Amico** Beverly Price DeNard

Constance Babcock Stavri Joseph Michael Vanzandt

Joyce Behrens Dana Duzan Jean Isabel Susan Miller Bernadette Rodak Heidi Smith

**Grace Bochino** Elissa Passiment (2)

**Ann Boggiano** Tim Randolph

Sister Shirley Ann Boucher Mary Ann McLane

Joan Brockhoven Lynn Russell (2)

Patricia Buckley Cathy Otto

Pvt. Stephen Bulger Mary Gourley (2)

Catherine Butch Suzanne Butch (2)

Robert Chamberlain Charlie Francen (2)

Margaret "Peetie" Charette

Julie Brownie Ellen Libby

Katherine Dean Jean Hegensbaugh

**Leah Gordon DeNard** Dyan MonteVerde

Carolyn & Walter Eng Joyce Eng Anna Fagelson Ruby Howard

Ruby Howard Delores Mounsey Lynn Russell (2)

Lee Feehely Joyce Eng

Kathryn Forest John Smith

Ruth French Carol Barnhardt Judith Barr Sue Beglinger Beverly Fiorella (2) Norine Janzen Kristin Kelly Jean Krupa Diane Kumashiro Ruth Morris Eleanor Parchman Deb Rodahl (2) Lvnn Russell (2) Linda Smith Anne Steine-Martin Camellia St. John (2) Frances Whitt

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Jeanne Gowdy Debbie Shell

Melton Griffin Karen Griffin

Ruth Heieman Eleanor Parchman

Elizabeth Hendrick Margaret Schmidt

**Georgia Hileman** Bob Parada

Nathan Hochstein Lisa Hochstein

Jeanne Kellogg Holker Lisa Hochstein

Ruth Hovde Gerry Anderson Carol Gleich Auldon Hutton

Sandra Heatherley Carol McCoy (2) Danny Myers

Mary F. James Anne Steine-Martin Marie Vittetoe

Michael Karni Karen Karni

Sandra Keener Lynn Russell (2) Sharon Strauss (2)

Mary Killian James Amend

**Don Kuhn** Dana Duzan Susan Miller

Lucile Larson Sharon Morey

**Monica Lawrence** Debra Faubion Arene Gustafson

William & May Lewis William Lewis (2)

RJ & Emma Masarik Linda Smith

Andrew & Margaret Matta Mary Gourley

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Dorothy Morrison
Dorothy Fike (2)
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Norine Janzen
Jean Krupa
Connie Laubenthal
Elissa Passiment (2)
Becky Perdue (2)
Deb Rodahl (2)
Martha Roulund (2)
Lynn Russell (2)
Micaela Sieracki

Randy Vandevander

Susan Nichols Bernadette Rodak

Annie Oller John Koenig Tom Reddig (2) Mary Lou Vehige

**George & Helen Olson** Shirlyn McKenzie

Ruth Orlob Jean Hegensbaugh Chloe Scott Dianne Vorhees

Joseph Passiment, Sr. Elissa Passiment Joseph Passiment

Shirley Pohl Gerry Anderson Margaret Carroll Brenta Davis Carol Gleich Karen Olson Bob Parada Lynn Russell (2)

Norma Quinlan Norine Janzen

Ida & May Reilly
Janet Hiller Bowman
Cathy Dowrick
Lynn Furman
Jean Krupa
Connie Laubenthal
Becky Perdue
Deb Rodahl
Lynn Russell
Neysa Simmers
Randy Vandevander

Duncan Samo's Father Lynn Ingram

Francisco & Lorenza San Diego Leticia San Diego

**Arnold Shepardson** Beverly Price DeNard **Eda Snyderman Shulman** Barbara Snyderman

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Dean Spradling Chloe Scott

Madeline Stockdill Martha Roulund (2)

Marjorie Stumpe Herb Miller Joan Radtke Lynn Russell (2)

Betty Lynn Theriot Debra Faubion Angela Foley Patsy Jarreau Lynn Russell (2)

Alphonse & Luella Vehige Mary Lou Vehige

**Gus Watanabe, MD** Bernadette Rodak

Martha Winstead Joan Aldrich Grace Mary Ederer James Holley (2) Jean Krupa Myra Myers Deb Rodahl (2) Lynn Russell Sara Wade

Louise Wulff Marcia Armstrong

Jeanne Zbrowski Mary Gourley Lynn Russell (2) Sharon Strauss Linda Vivian

# Inquiring Minds Want to Know—This and That

#### Our Own Web Page!

Visit the new Alpha Mu Tau web page, www.alphamutau.org for information and forms. There are tabs for Information About Us, Scholarships, Officers, Membership, Donations, Photos from the past meetings, past and current newsletters and Contact Us. If you have digital photos from previous meetings they would also be appreciated. Your suggestions for enhancements is greatly appreciated. Send comments to butchs@umich.edu or da zzzzz@yahoo.com.

#### **Bylaws**

Neysa Simmers (2)

The Bylaws amendments have been passed and the revised Bylaws are posted on the web site, <a href="www.alphamutau.org">www.alphamutau.org</a>. If you have suggestions for future bylaws changes, please forward them by December 15, to me at butchs@umich.edu.

#### **REMEMBER**

AMTF has received notice of the passing of Sarah Jane White (AMTF #259, 1964, 2000) died on 9/19/09. Condolences may be sent to Waynette Norman, 1132 Marigny

Ave. Mandelille, LA 70448. Also L'Nora Wells, AMTF #404 died on 9/21/09.

#### **FINANCES**

In the Spring 2009 issue of the Newsletter, the value of the AMTF Operating Funds was printed as (\$354,102.81). The correct value should have been printed as \$354,102.81. This editor apologizes for the error.

Photo on page 1 is new member Jean Bauer, nominators & President Butch.

# Alpha Mu Tau Fraternity Contribution Form

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Martha Winstead Memorial	\$		
Royce Watson Scholarship Fund	\$		
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