



**Sunday, January 07, 2007**

**Dear PAMS Members,**

**The inexorable revolution of our planet around our star has completed another full cycle and with it, another year has passed. As human creatures, we like to look back and tally some of the completed tasks and list new ones to accomplish in the coming year.**

#### **NEW Executive Secretary**

**PAMS wants to thank Gloria Caceres, Executive Secretary of PAMS for decades. She was the soul of the organization for many years and will be sorely missed.**

**We want to welcome our new Executive Secretary, Angela Franco, who joined the organization this past December. She has decided to donate all of her stipend back to the society and will dedicate her considerable energy to making our organization stronger and more efficient.**

#### **Medical Missions**

**PAMS has organized three medical missions this past year:**

- 1- Through Dr. William Chester and the Paul Chester Foundation PAMS has reached Laikipia, Kenya this past August where they outfitted an operating and consultation room and added monitors and supplies to the Maternity Clinic & Health Center, expanding on work begun earlier by Kuki Gallmann.**
- 2- Through Dr. Berny Kreutz and the M.F. Roiter Foundation PAMS organized a surgical mission and delivered medical equipment to Hospital Santa Teresa, Comayagua, Honduras**
- 3- Additional missions to Comayagua, Honduras are under way this coming February and more medical equipment will be shipped through the Pan American Development Foundation (part of OAS) including two full radiology suites donated by Dr. Jorge Mondino.**

#### **Membership**

**PAMS has expanded its membership to eighty five active members, an increase of 50 % from the previous year. As you know, there are hundreds of dentists, physicians and allied health professionals in the Washington metropolitan area who would love to assist with medical missions and charity work beyond the charity work provided in our offices. We encourage you to talk to your colleagues and offer them to become active members of our growing society.**

**We have obtained Non-For-Profit–Tax exempt organization status (501-c3) such that your donations of cash, goods and services can go further to help those in need in Latin**

America. Please, log on to [www.panamedsociety.org](http://www.panamedsociety.org) and pay your \$100 dues via secure paypal

#### New and expanded website

We are developing a new website where we hope to post newsletters, mission updates, messages from the board and pictures from our medical missions. We hope to have a complete list of members with contact information as well. If we get additional resources, a central email system with a [www.panamedsociety.org](http://www.panamedsociety.org) server would be wonderful.

#### Scientific Meetings

We had two scientific meetings this past year. We hope to schedule at least three annual scientific meetings and one annual business meeting. We encourage you all to participate and propose subjects for discussion. If you want to organize a presentation to your colleagues through our organization, feel free to contact the Board or me directly through [cep@chevychasepulmonary.com](mailto:cep@chevychasepulmonary.com)

#### Challenges for the future

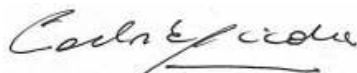
- 1- Expand our membership. Please, invite your friends and colleagues to participate and join our organization. You should know that every penny we receive from you is used for medical missions. The Board Meetings are organized in the homes of members or local restaurants where the attendees cover their expenses.
- 2- Organize at least one and possibly two annual missions to Central or South America. If you have contacts and would like to take charge of organizing a mission, contact Dr. W. Chester ([isladoc@aol.com](mailto:isladoc@aol.com)) and Dr. B. Kreutz ([kreutzmd@aol.com](mailto:kreutzmd@aol.com)) who have experience and have been instrumental in pushing forward these efforts.
- 3- Continue to meet every three to four months at our scientific meetings. Once again, you are encouraged to participate and give your own presentation.
- 4- Channel donation of medical equipment, which can be facilitated by the Pan American Development Foundation. We have contacts at PADF (organization sponsored by the OAS - Organization of the American State)

**I hope to see you all at our Annual Business Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 6:30PM at Maggiano's Restaurant on Wisconsin Ave. in Chevy Chase, MD**

The Annual Business Meeting will be followed by a presentation on "Erectile Dysfunction" by our President-Elect, Dr. Juan Litvak.

This meeting is generously supported by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

Sincerely,



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Carlos E. Picone, MD  
President – Pan American Medical Society