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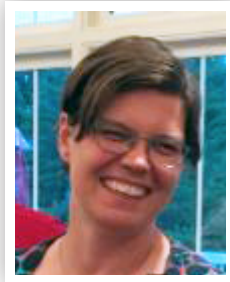
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From the President



Happy New Year! Today the sky is slate grey with blustery winds that make my nose tingly when I go outside. All that's missing is snow... fingers crossed.

As we usher out 2021 and welcome 2022, MOCMS has some transitions of its own. Sadly, some of those transitions were the passing of revered community physicians. Please read more about the remarkable lives and careers of Dr Ruff, Dr. Habbe and Dr. Creek. MOCMS appreciates their service and contributions to our community.

We also will have some changes in our leadership, including the presidency. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as MOCMS President these past few years. We couldn't have predicted how these years would have gone, but I'm proud of our community's resilience and caring. Each of us has been stretched in new and challenging ways, and though we have encountered hurdles and losses, I feel we have tried our best to support each other.

Two people who have supported me immensely are our MOCMS director Susan Richardson and co-director Kim Rudolph. We all started our new roles with MOCMS together, and I have felt so fortunate to work with such caring, knowledgeable, connected, thoughtful and driven individuals. They have been inordinately patient, incredibly kind and supportive, and wonderfully insightful and wise during our tenure together. I feel honored to have worked with them and lucky to count them as friends. Thank you, Susan and Kim.

I'd also like to thank your incoming MOCMS president, Dr. Christal Greene. Dr. Greene has cheerfully stepped up to the plate and I know she will be an excellent president for the next term. Dr. Greene has not only started the MOCMS book club but has led it for over 2 years with wisdom, curiosity and kindness— three attributes that I know will serve MOCMS well. Dr. Greene was raised in a small rural town near Atlanta, GA and completed her undergraduate work at Mercer University in Macon, GA, obtained her medical degree at Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA, and completed her Anesthesiology residency at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, TN. She enjoys helping patients get through tough surgeries and the useful skills that she has developed in her job. When she's outside of the hospital, Dr. Greene enjoys spending time with her husband and children, reading voraciously, and exploring creation stewardship, working to treat her body and planet the way she feels called as a follower of Jesus. She's adapting to our colder climates by enjoying cinnamon spice hot tea. I've enjoyed getting to know Dr. Greene over the years and I know you will, too.

And I'd like to thank you, the MOCMS members, for your service to our community and each other. Despite a pandemic and multiple other challenges, you have come to work every day and shown up for yourselves and your families, friends and colleagues. Throughout this time, MOCMS has continued to work to support our local physicians with social events (even over Zoom at times), educational and leadership programming, policy development and networking. We had a wonderful Fall Meeting in October, involving an informational update of the new IU Health Hospital and tour of the Regional Academic Health Center, and we look forward to many more in person gatherings, including the traditional Spring Baseball outing!

I look forward to seeing you around Bloomington and at more MOCMS events in 2022.

Thank you for everything. Let's keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Laura B. Knudson, MD

President

Monroe Owen County Medical Society

MOCMS Fall 2021 General Meeting

The Monroe Owen County Medical Society was once again able to meet in person on Wednesday, October 20th for their Fall General Meeting. This year's event was held at the beautiful IU Health Sciences Building, which is attached to the new IU Health Bloomington Hospital. Of course, masks were worn, and everyone stayed socially distanced, but it was great to gather and socialize. The presenters for the evening were **Dr. Kathy Hiller**, Associate Dean and Director of the IU School of Medicine-Bloomington, **Brian Shockney**, President, IU Health South Central Region and **MaryAnn Valenta**, Director, Alignment and Integration, IU Health and **Julie Reed**, Executive VP, ISMA.

Following are some highlights from the speakers.

Dr. Kathy Hiller shared that the Indiana University School of Medicine is the largest medical school in the country and includes nine campuses.

The IU Bloomington Health Sciences includes the Nursing, Optometry, Social Work, Medical Sociology, Public Health and Speech Language and Hearing Sciences.

Classes are held on the Bloomington campus at the Biology Building (Jordan Hall), Myers Hall and the Regional Academic Health Center Health Sciences Building. IUSM at the RAHC includes 7000 square feet of teaching and administrative space, anatomy lab, two large classroom labs, medical student lounge, conference room and a 11,500 sq ft SIM center.

IUSM Bloomington is a full four year program; M1:35 students, M2:35 students, M3:12 students and M4:5-10 students.

There are plans within the next few years to have Residency programs in Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine and Internal on the Bloomington Campus.

MaryAnn Valenta and **Brian Shockney** reported the plans to move to the new IUH Bloomington Hospital facility. With the support from IU Health state-wide system, the patient move will be completed in one 12-hour shift on Sunday, December 5th.

The new ED will open at 3:00 am and the old ED will close when the last patient leaves the building. This will all occur with the collaboration of INDOT, City of Bloomington, and IUPD. IU Health and IU will also collaborate with the SIM center and shared meeting spaces.

The new IU Health Bloomington Hospital is a 356-bed acute care hospital, and includes a Stroke Center, Level 3 Trauma Center, Level 2 NICU, Infusion Center and Outpatient Clinic Space.

Julie Reed, ISMA Executive VP, updated physicians on the annual convention that was held virtually in September. The primary purposes of the ISMA convention are as follows:

- Required to be held at least annually, during which the business and legislative sessions of the House of Delegates shall be held.
- Elect ISMA Officers and AMA Delegates (the slate of officers and delegates can be found on the ISMA website, www.ismanet.org).
- Make policy-Voting members of the HOD (2021) 263

Approximately twice the number of typical resolutions were filed this year; as Julie stated, this was one for the history books. 105 total resolutions were considered, and nearly three quarters of these were adopted in some form. The remaining resolutions were either referred to the board for action, referred to the board for study or not adopted.

If there are any questions regarding any of the resolutions, send an email to director@mocms.org.

Comments from attendees of the Fall General Meeting attendees included "they were happy they attended", "they were impressed with the presentations" and that it was "a good use of their time." In 2022, it is the hope that MOCMS will once again have a Fall General Meeting that includes dinner, drinks, and spouses.



December 2021 MOCMS Book Club:

Lady of the Wood

By *Christal Greene, MD-MOCMS President Elect*

It was our pleasure to support and welcome a local, fellow physician author to our December Book Club. Thanks to Marcia Campbell for her recommendation and her connection with Mark that led to this special opportunity.

Mark Braun, retired pathologist and professor of IU School of Medicine, met with us to discuss his book entitled **Lady of the Wood**. His novel was a tale set in the Pacific Northwest. The novel played out as quite a compelling mix of fantasy and historical fiction filled with references to local events as well as ancient lore of the Native Americans of Puget Sound. His work was inspired by his vacationing in the Puget Sound area for 20+ summers, his study of anthropology and ancient DNA, as well as his hobby of woodworking and fascination with tribal masks.

In addition to Mark graciously letting us pick his mind about his novel, he also shared the self-publication process and how to solicit/interview/choose the narrator for the novel's Audible edition. He brought some wood carving samples and a few tribal masks for our visual enjoyment.

Mark Braun's more recently published novel **There Be Dragons** follows the same trend with mystical time travel allowing Greek mythological characters to visit a modern-day university campus.



In Memory

In a month's time, the Bloomington community lost three wonderful, longtime physicians. Their combined dedicated care to patients in the area was almost 150 years!

Dr. Jerry Ruff

Dr. Jerry Ruff started his pediatric career in Bloomington in 1965. He provided excellent medical care to children until he retired in 1996. Dr. Ruff was a fitness advocate, athlete and sports fan, and rode in the inaugural Little 500 race in 1951. He completed fifty-three marathons, including the Boston Marathon three times, and ran races in every state in the country. He often shared his ribbons with his patients and encouraged them to stay active.

He was a lifetime advocate for social justice and expanded civil rights. He served on the original Human Rights Commission in Bloomington from 1969 to 1971.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nancy, and four sons, Michael, Andrew, Theodore and Joseph and 12 grandchildren.

A donation in his name has been sent to IU Health Hospice House on behalf of Monroe Owen County Medical Society.

Dr. Timothy Alan Habbe

Dr. Timothy Alan Habbe, graduated from the IU School of Medicine in 1966, then completed his residency in urology at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He returned to Bloomington to start his urology practice. In 1980, he was elected Chief of Staff at Bloomington Hospital, the youngest physician to hold the position. He retired in 2006, after forty years practicing in Bloomington. Dr. Habbe was an IU fan extraordinaire. He was a Wells House Society Member and lifelong season ticket holder for IU football and basketball.

He is survived by his daughters Hope, Jill, and Beth and son Matthew and seven grandchildren.

A donation in his name has been sent to Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington on behalf of Monroe Owen County Medical Society.

Dr. Jean Creek

Luckily for Bloomington, Indiana, **Jean Creek** was born on May 8, 1928, and he had a keen interest in science and medicine even back in his youth. In 1945, he left his home of Evansville to pursue a degree in Anatomy and Physiology at Indiana University in Bloomington. After getting his undergraduate degree, he graduated from the IU School of Medicine in 1952. After serving in the U. S. Army, Dr. Creek settled in Bloomington in 1955. He first worked at the IU Student Health Center and served as the team physician for the football and basketball teams during 1955-56. He then opened a private practice as a GP, in which he delivered over 1,500 babies, assisted in surgeries and administered anesthesia. He then completed a residency in Internal Medicine, a Fellowship in Cardiology, and a Fellowship in Rheumatology. In 1970, he was the founding member of Internal Medicine Associates; but even before IMA, and Premier Healthcare, there was Creek, Johnloz and Rink.

At Bloomington Hospital, he was Chief of Medicine in 1965, Chief of Staff in 1966, and director of Medical Education from 1974 to 2000. Among the many awards he received for his dedication to medicine and his community, he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1997, the American Heart Association Cor Vitae Award in 2008 and the Distinguished Alumnae and J.O. Richey Award from the IU School of Medicine.

When Dr. Creek was not dedicating time to the healthcare of his patients and the Bloomington community, he had many interests and hobbies. He loved to read, travel and enjoy the outdoors. When he was no longer physically able to walk in the woods, canoe or fish, he established an outdoor scholarship for the members of the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington, supported the WonderLab Museum of Science, and five scholarships at the IU School of Medicine, and three scholarships at the IU Jacobs School of Music. A donation in his name has been sent on behalf of Monroe Owen County Medical Society to WonderLab.

The Bloomington community was blessed by Dr. Creek's dedication for the healthcare of our community for over 66 years. He will be missed.

He is survived by his second wife, Doris Shoultz-Creek; son Jeffrey Creek, daughters, Julie Creek and Teresa Creek and six grandchildren.

Did you know?

- You can find information on the Indiana Physician Coalition on the MOCMS website, at mocms.org.
- We are hoping/planning on once again having the Spring General Meeting for MOCMS physicians and their families at an IU baseball game at the Bart Kaufman Field. Watch your email for updates.
- Your MOCMS 2022 slate of Board of Directors is included here for your information

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New Members

MOCMS would like to welcome the following new members::

Ryan S. Barnett, MD

Anesthesiology

Anton J. Crepinsek, III, MD

Anesthesiology

Denise L. Reeves, MD

Obstetrics

Johnathon P. Shaffer, MD

Neurology/Interventional Pain/Sports Medicine

Leaving Practice or Retiring Soon?

Please let MOCMS know where your medical records will be stored.

One of the most common phone calls received at the MOCMS office involves locating patient medical records for physicians who have moved or retired from practice. MOCMS keeps a database of that information for a number of physicians but certainly not for all former or current members. If your medical records are not housed at Storage Unlimited or with an ongoing practice from which you have retired, please contact the office to update that information for our database. You may email to director@mocms.org or call 812-332-4033. Thank you very much!



Happy Holidays!

In case you have not been told lately, THANK YOU for all you do! Your endless time, hard work and tireless dedication in caring for our patients are especially appreciated during these past two years. Take good care of yourselves and enjoy the holiday season. If there is anything we can ever do for you, please let us know.

Susan and Kim



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