Governor signs Proclamation declaring National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

The week of April 19-25 was National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, which, as is customary, was commemorated by the signing of a proclamation by the sitting governor.

Representatives from both ASCLS-DE and HSD were in attendance, and the signing was followed by introductions and a chance to “provide the face” by explaining what we laboratory professionals do and why Lab Week is an important recognition of that work. For more pictures of the Governor, the attendees, and the proclamation, check out the photos posted on our Facebook group, Delaware Medical Technologist.

ASCLS-DE celebrates NMLPW with Univ. of Delaware Students

ASCLS-DE helped celebrate Lab Week with the junior class in the Med Tech Department at the University of Delaware by buying bagels, doughnuts, coffee and juice, and delivering them to Mary Ann McLane’s Clinical Chemistry class. Not to miss an opportunity to spread the word about ASCLS, Rebecca Boyer-Andersen took a few minutes while the students were munching on their bagels to talk about the advantages of joining—and remaining active in—a professional society.

Highlighted were the benefits ASCLS membership conveys, including access to
Resources, Advocacy, Leadership, Networking, Continuing Education, Scholarships and Awards, Membership Perks, Legislation, and Publications. The Leadership Academy’s 2008-2009 Project—the ASCLS Member Recruitment Toolkit—was used as the basis for addressing the junior students. Mary Ann McLane followed with a presentation about Leg Day, so the junior class had the opportunity to hear about ASCLS from several perspectives—along with a free breakfast!

More Lab Week Festivities!

ASCLS-DE and the Histotechnology Society of Delaware celebrated Lab Week with a joint dinner at Michael’s Restaurant, Tuesday, April 21. The menu featured a great buffet of unlimited salad and sundae bars, soup, chicken, ribs, smoked brisket, and vegetables. It was delicious! HSD graciously provided door prizes, and the evening was spent socializing, and catching up with friends and professional colleagues. With plenty of food and great conversation, it was a great midweek break to come together with our fellow professionals and celebrate the important work we do in the laboratory!

Second Annual Summer Seminar features UD Prof and CCHS Bloodbank Manager

As part of ASCLS-DE’s efforts to offer its members the opportunity to attend networking and social events, while earning CEUs at an affordable price, we have continued our Saturday Seminar event, this year at The University of Delaware in early June.

This year’s topics included a talk by U of D professor Michelle Parent on her research on pathogenic Vibrio spp. and a Mystery Case Study presented by Ken Love on the topic of A Transfusion-Related Fatality. Can you guess what it was?

Breakfast was included in the morning’s schedule which about 15 folks enjoyed. We hope to continue this Spring/Summer event.

Laboratory Professionals Donate to Help Patients’ Families

Keely Pierzchalski, of the Center for Clinical Diagnostics, organized an event to cook dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House on May 27, 2009. Her cooking team consisted of Nemours Research Department employees, Vicky Maduskuie and her husband, Tom, Revital Herrmann, Marj Postell, Bobbie Boyce, Suzanne Purfield and her husband, Rich, Alicia Olivant Fisher, Terry McLaughlin, and Dalal Tonb and her daughter, Dunia, and mother, Samira. The employees of the Research Department collectively donated over five hundred dollars.

Their generosity enabled Keely to purchase groceries for nearly one hundred guests. Dinner consisted of ham, roasted chicken, smashed red potatoes, asparagus, green beans, macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, PB&J’s, and chicken nuggets. A green salad was served topped with red and yellow peppers, broccoli, cherry tomatoes, carrots and croutons. Fresh strawberries, watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew melon, oranges, apples, ice cream sandwiches and sorbet were served for dessert.

Several members of the cooking team stayed to dine with the families. The gratitude of the families and volunteers of the Ronald McDonald House was overwhelming. Research folk have little to no patient contact. It was both rewarding and refreshing to them to interact with the people they help with their daily labors.