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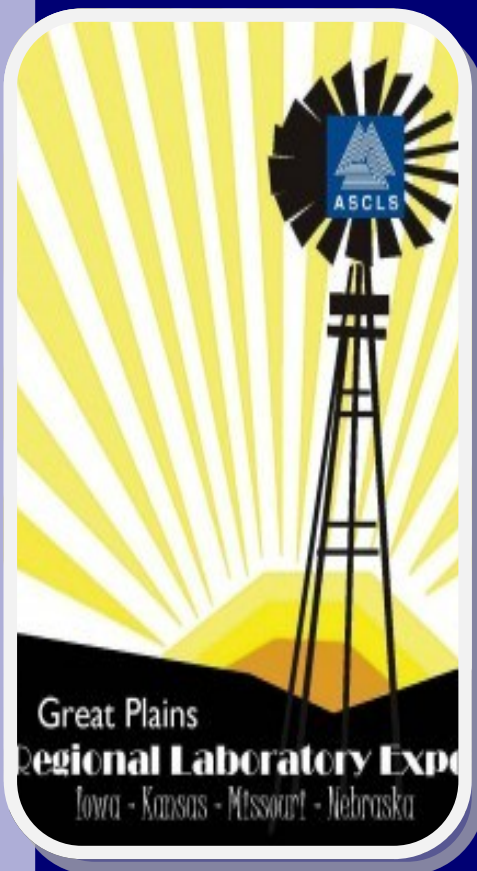
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SPECIAL EDITION!!

2013 SPRING MEETING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!

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There is still some time to get your registrations in for the 2013 Great Plains Regional Laboratory Expo!! This year is just plum full of new and exciting things to do! There is over 50 hours of P.A.C.E-approved continuing education. There is an awards luncheon to start on Wednesday noon, plus a vendor reception that evening that you will not want to miss! All the exciting new technology on our side of the bench is right at your fingertips! The social is planned for Thursday eve with pizza and a brewery tour! Can't beat that!! Our own Leadership Academy is set to begin! Just think of all the networking you can do with all your colleagues from all over Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas!! We are an awesome group of people! Turn the page and see what we have in store for you



GENERAL MEETING POLICIES

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Hotel accommodations may be a bit tricky to secure at this stage of the game, but one never knows. There may be rooms available at Courtyard by Marriott Omaha-La Vista and the Embassy Suites Omaha-La Vista so go ahead and check. This close to the conference date, the block of rooms set aside at a special rate for ASCLS has been already booked. Check the area to see what is available!

REGISTRATION DESK

The registration desk will be located at the LaVista Conference Center in the prefunction area and will be open at the following times:

Wed, April 3rd from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm

Thurs, April 4th from 7:30 am until 3:15 pm

Friday, April 5th from 7:30 am until 12:15 pm

Registration includes admission to general sessions, exhibits, and all continental breakfasts, lunches, and breaks. A name badge is required for admission to all sessions and social functions. Name badges can be obtained at the registration desk during registration hours.

RESISTRATION FEES

FULL CONFERENCE

Member Professional \$232.00
 Non-member Professional \$335.00
 Member Student/Emeritus \$36.00
 Non-Member Student/Emeritus \$72.00

DAILY CONFERENCE (single day)

Member Professional \$129.00
 Non-Member Professional \$180.00
 Member Student/Emeritus \$16.00
 Non Member Student/Emeritus \$32.00

Fees include social

VISIT WWW.GREATPLAINSLABMEETING.ORG FOR ALL THE DETAILS!

WHO'S ON THE BALLOT

Each year, a variety of positions are filled within the organization by ballot voting. These candidates have given their time and talent to ASCLS-IA and are seeking to help steer its course in the following terms. Please enjoy learning a bit about each one and plan to attend the ASCLS-IA Annual Meeting Thursday evening at 4:45. These annual business meetings are open to all members and non-members alike (although only members can vote) and will give you a first hand view on what it takes to govern a society.

President-Elect Janice Frerichs



Jan Frerichs, MLS(ASCP)CM is currently the director of the Pathology Learning Center at the University of Iowa Department of Pathology. Jan has over 40 years of experience in clinical laboratory medicine and has been active in ASCLS at the state, region and national levels. She served as ASCLS-IA secretary, ASCLS-IA president in 2007-8, and scholarship committee. She is currently the national membership chair person and serves as the Region VI representative to the membership committee. Jan is very active in career recruitment and has been involved with iSTEM, the Learning Connection through the Carver College of Medicine and the Open Minds conference held at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. In addition to her position at the University of Iowa, Jan is also an adjunct phlebotomy instructor at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA. Whenever she goes in to a phlebotomy station to have her blood drawn, she usually runs into a former student.

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NOMINEES CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

AND THE BALLOT CONTINUES...



TREASURER NEIL KUMOR

Neil Kumor has been a familiar face around ASCLS-IA since 1991. He has been with VAHCS for 27 years and is the supervisor for Phlebotomy, Processing, Send-outs, and the Evening and Overnight techs. He has served in all the elected positions within ASCLS-IA! He is Region VI Webmaster and has held that title for many years! Neil lives in North Liberty, having moved there this summer and he and his wife Anne, have one son.

SECRETARY SARAH BEERENDS



Hi! I am Sarah Beerends. I work as a generalist at the VA medical center in Iowa City. I became involved with ASCLS as a student forum representative, and this year I have served as the first-year professional on the Iowa board and at the region level. I have also been working on the scholarship committee this year, which has been a great opportunity to help some great students further their education. When I began this career a year ago, I was excited to finally be doing something I love. I love being involved in ASCLS because I get to share that excitement with others. ASCLS is a great organization where I can educate others about our wonderful field, and find ways to help make it even better. I would love to continue doing this by serving on the board as your secretary next year.

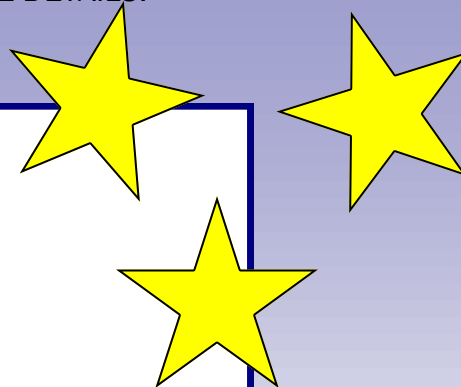
AND CONTINUES!!**BOARD MEMBER MONA PAREKH**

I have over fourteen years of healthcare leadership experience in progressive positions. I graduated from the University of Iowa with a CLS degree and obtained a masters in Healthcare Administration from Des Moines University. My first job was in the microbiology department at Mercy Medical Center-Des Moines. At the same time, I worked at a local pediatric clinic on an as needed basis performing phlebotomy and basic clinical testing. I managed the laboratory at Clarke County Hospital in Osceola for a few years where I gained many leadership skills. I transitioned to a Quality Improvement position at the same hospital and worked on multi-disciplinary projects, allowing me to see the very important role of the laboratory from many different aspects. The mix of experiences has allowed me to grow as a laboratorian and as a leader. I am currently the Outreach Manager at Mercy Medical Center-Des Moines. This position allows me to utilize my laboratory background to ensure those utilizing our services have what they need to provide quality care to patients in each of their facilities. I am glad to be back at the hospital where I started and am looking forward to what the future holds in our field as it is ever-changing!

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS!!



Aww...Pet Pictures

**TAKE
A
BREAK!**

EVERY YEAR YOU ALL WORK SO HARD TO PUT TOGETHER A MEETING LIKE NO OTHER! THE HOURS THAT ARE PUT INTO THE ORGANIZATION OF THESE EVENTS GO BEYOND WHAT OUR IMAGINATION LETS US REALIZE.. THERE ARE SO MANY MORE DETAILS TO ATTEND TO THAN A NORMAL PERSON CAN UNDERSTAND. IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO MAKE THIS WORK. A SIMPLE "THANK YOU " DOESN'T SEEM ENOUGH BUT IT IS ALL WE HAVE! FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS, WE THANK YOU FOR THE DEDICATION AND BLOOD, SWEAT, AND TEARS GIVEN TO THIS VENUE. WE SO APPRECIATE IT ALL!

THANK YOU!

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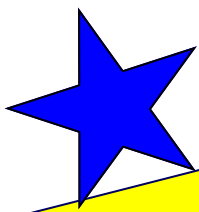
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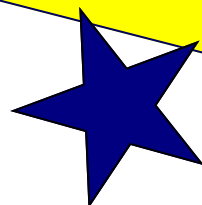
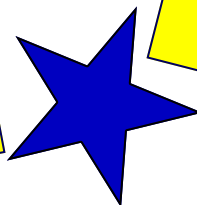
GREAT FOOD AND GREAT FRIENDS!

ASCLS President -Elect

JR Constance will be giving the Key-note address! JR is a really cool dude and you won't want to miss it!

Do you need CME for Certification Maintenance? We have topics in Blood Bank, Chemistry, Hematology, Microbiology, Molecular Pathology, Laboratory Safety, and Lab Management just for that purpose! Come on over to La Vista, Nebraska April 3-5!

COME AND ENJOY THE NICE SPRING WEATHER!?! IT'S GOTTA SHOW UP BY THEN!



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