

Greetings from the Grand Canyon State. We Arizonans can tell fall is here. Temperatures have dropped into the 80's and we're all dragging out our sweaters and jackets.

Fifth Annual Conference

Our 5th Annual Conference, *Beyond CS/SPD Expectations – The Future Belongs to Us*, was held at the Phoenix Crowne Plaza Hotel in Phoenix on Saturday, October 20.

In 2006, our 4th Annual Conference was our best ever. We knew we would have to work extremely hard to make the '07 conference even better. We are pleased to report that WE DID IT!! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our board and countless member volunteers, this year's conference was successful beyond even our most optimistic dreams.

We were aiming for 200 attendees, up from 180 from last year. We did not quite make our goal, but came very close with 198. Our goal for next year is 225 attendees. We had 24 exhibitors and 4 sponsors. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our vendors for their support. Special thanks to Getinge, SPSmedical, Steris and Stryker Trauma for their sponsorships! We realize that the support of our vendors and sponsors is critical to the success of our conference and the accomplishment of our primary goal: education and scholarships for our membership.

Special thanks are also in order for our speakers. Michelle Deck, a motivational speaker from Games, Inc., Maureen Spencer, the Infection Control Coordinator at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston and Martha Young from 3M all presented informative and stimulating programs and received nothing but compliments from our attendees.

One of the high points of the conference was our Grand Prize drawing. Lorraine Manning from St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix was the lucky winner and she will have all of her expenses paid to the 50th Annual IAHCSSMM Conference in Reno!

6 CEU's were earned by all attendees.

September Meeting

Our September meeting was held at Banner Thunderbird Medical Center in Glendale, AZ on the 22nd. Thank you, Al Cox, for the use of your beautiful facility! John Wheeler from Steris presented an interesting program "*A Refresher on Steam Sterilization*" and supplied breakfast for all attendees. Thanks John and Steris! 2 CEU's were earned by each attendee.

November Meeting

In consideration of the Thanksgiving Holiday, our November meeting was held a little earlier on the 17th at Gateway Community College in Phoenix, AZ. Our sincere gratitude

to Gateway for not only allowing us to use their facility for this meeting, but also for supporting our Chapter since our inception 5 years ago. We did not have a speaker for this meeting since we wanted to devote the entire meeting to a recap of our 5th Annual Conference.

New Members

More and more CS/SPD professionals join our Chapter every month. We now have 79 members. We would like to welcome 4 new members.

Remick Bloss, (sorry, facility not identified)
Don Faust, Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center
Virginia Gosselin, Banner Thunderbird Medical Center
Delorian Hayes, Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center

Welcome aboard! We appreciate your support and your dedication to our Chapter and, most importantly, your profession.