

This is the time of the year that we Arizonans don't brag about our weather. Its summer in the desert and temperatures are consistently above 100. We set a couple of records in early July with temperatures around 117. The nice thing is that we do not have to run our sterilizers. We just set things outside for an hour or so! Fortunately, July not only brings extreme heat, but it also brings our "monsoon". Everyday brings a chance of thunderstorms that can dump 3 inches of rain in a matter of one or two hours. While we desperately need the rain, our rock-hard soil cannot absorb it and many of our streets turn into rivers.

May Meeting

Our May meeting was held at Banner Estrella Medical Center in Phoenix. Thank you, Sebastian Rodriguez, for the use of your beautiful facility! Kevin McCarthy from Getinge USA presented an entertaining and educational program on *Cleaning & AAMI ST:79* and supplied breakfast for all attendees. Thanks Kevin and Getinge! 2 CEU's were earned by each attendee.

June Meeting

Our June meeting was held Banner Thunderbird Medical Center in Glendale, AZ. Thank you, again, Al Cox for your hospitality! Nick Martin from Synthes CMF presented an interactive program on *Sternal Fixation*. Nick brought a number of demonstration kits so that all attendees could actually apply the fixation devices. We are pleased to report that all patients survived – barely. Nick also supplied breakfast. Thank you Nick and Synthes CMF! 2 CEU's were earned by each attendee.

Fifth Annual Conference

Plans for our 5th Annual Conference have been finalized. Our conference will be held at the Phoenix Crowne Plaza Hotel on Saturday, October 20. An RSVP-only dinner will be held on Friday evening. A contest was held to name the theme of our conference. The winner was *Beyond CS/SPD Expectations – The Future Belongs to Us* and was submitted by Dr. Nyla "Skee" Japp from Banner Desert Medical Center. Her conference registration will be paid for by the Chapter.

The speakers have also been selected. As last year, we will have 3 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.

New Members

Our Chapter continues to grow by leaps and bounds! We would like to welcome 7 new members.

Blanca Arizmendiz, Phoenix Children's Hospital
Tim Brooks, Yuma Regional Medical Center

Millie Joralmon, Banner Thunderbird Medical Center
Frewoni Kefey, Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center
Michele LeMay, Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center
Nora Lynn Throssell, Scottsdale Healthcare
Tony Wilson, Scottsdale Healthcare

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