



2008 PRESIDENT'S AWARDS OF MERIT

Outstanding Individual:

This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the blood resources of a blood collection facility, either by coordinating blood drives, donating large quantities of blood, or recruiting large numbers of blood donors over a long period of time.



Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Wilson Jr.

Nominated by: Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, LA

Citation: Jean and Chuck began donating platelets with Our Lady of the Lake in 1998 when Jean's uncle was diagnosed with

Leukemia. Although he lived for only 10 weeks after being diagnosed, it was more than enough time for them to see the great need for blood and blood products. Cancer hit the Wilson family again in January 2005 when Chuck's sister Deborah received 10 apheresis platelets and 17 RBC's most of which were donated by Jean and Chuck. Deborah unfortunately lost her courageous battle on July 1, 2007.

Jean Wilson's Personal Donation History

Time Frame	Apheresis Platelets	Whole Blood
1998-2008	206	7

Chuck Wilson's Personal Donation History

Time Frame	Apheresis Platelets	Whole Blood
1998-2008	212	10

After donating for so many years and knowing the need for blood, Jean became a blood drive coordinator at Zoar Baptist Church in 2003. Jean leads by example, rolling up her sleeve to donate motivates others in the church to do the same.

Zoar Baptist Church - Blood Donation History

Time Frame	Mobile Blood Drives Hosted	Aph. Platelets	WB
2002-2007	9	287	307

On January 25, 2008 Chuck and Jean Wilson Jr. were honored for each reaching the 50 gallon milestone at the Our Lady of the Lake Blood Donor Appreciation Banquet. Ghandi once said "The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others." Chuck and Jean have dedicated their lives to each other and to the service of others.



Outstanding Contributions:

This award is presented to a group or financial contributor to the blood banking profession which has shown spectacular long or short-term results

Rotary International- Chuck Kurtzman, Past District Governor

Nominated by: Joyce Kleist – Carter Blood Care

Citation: In 1996, the Governor's challenge was initiated in the DFW Metroplex. The challenge is a collaboration of Rotary Districts to help build momentum behind the organization's international efforts to support community blood supplies. It began with one blood drive that collected 440 units of blood, and three years later it was bringing in over 1640 units of blood.

Since the inception of the Governors' Challenge, Rotary International District 5790, has hit a record of over 50 thousand life saving units of blood.

In 2001 Chuck Kurtzman, Past District Governor of District 5790, traveled to South Africa to extend an invitation to Rotarians in the Johannesburg area to join the Governors' Challenge and they accepted.

The Rotary currently facilitates blood bank projects around the world. Rotarians have also been instrumental in networking blood centers for the purpose of sharing knowledge, equipment and supplies to help provide safe blood in other countries. To date, this program has involved blood centers from the U.S., Russia, India and Europe.





2008 AWARD WINNERS



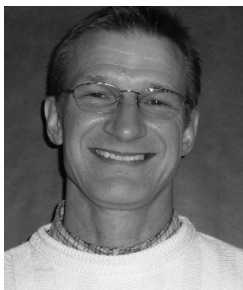
Sol Haberman Scholarship Award

The Sol Haberman Scholarship Award originated in 1970 to honor Sol Haberman for his pioneer work in blood group immunology. This award is given to a student of an approved or accredited SBB program anywhere within the United States.

Daoping Zhang, MT (ASCP)SBB
Student, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center

Daoping's paper will be presented on Saturday at 10:30 am.

Citation: For her outstanding research evaluating the effectiveness of a commercially available bedside LR-P filter at varying filtration rates as well as the practice of platelet LR in high-volume transfusion services in the region.



Dr. Matthew Gottlieb Rising Star Award

This award recognizes a blood bank professional who has been a member of SCABB more than one year but less than five years and has contributed to the organization (either by serving on a committee, writing articles for Pulse, presenting an abstract at the annual meeting, or a combination thereof).

Kirk Kitchen

Blood Systems Laboratories
 Tempe, AZ

Nominated by: Nancy Haubert, Blood Systems Laboratories

Citation: Kirk has been a member of SCABB since 2006. Kirk has served as the Chair of the Education committee since 2006 where he has taken a formally inactive committee and made it a vital part of the association once again. During his service period as the Education chair he has worked diligently for the organization by surveying the membership to determine how best to meet member's education needs, developing the SCABBinar online training programs and sponsoring and supporting regional workshops to help meet those needs. While leading the Education Committee Kirk helped to begin the Journal Club Corner in Pulse and reinstated the role of the committee to review the meeting shell to harmonize annual meeting workshops. Kirk has worked to ensure that all annual meeting, SCABBinar and regional workshops are PACE accredited; adding value to these programs for our members.

Larry L. Trow Memorial Education Award

This award is presented to an individual who has significantly contributed to the promotion of education in the field of immunohematology within the South Central Region

Clare Wong, MT(ASCP)SBB

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center
 Houston, TX

Nominated by: Nancy Haubert, Blood Systems Laboratories



Citation: Clare is known by her colleagues to be one of those quiet unassuming people who goes unnoticed in an institution because she does what she is supposed to without complaint or problems. She is self sufficient and resourceful. At Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, Clare was the coordinator of the annual safety training as well as the new employee orientation including cGMP. She currently coordinates the training of SBB students and any Medical Technology or MLT students who are sent to GCRBC for their clinical rotations.

Clare has also been instrumental in the development of many different programs throughout her career. Clare wanted to make case studies available online to allow customers to learn more about antibody identification. Raising all the money for this program herself she was able to develop the program known as eGRIPS which is offered to SBB students in the SBB Collaboration. Clare also had one of the very first SBB programs to recognize the potential of the internet when it comes to distance education. Claire is one of 5 instructors using the internet for teaching SBB students. She has developed a review course for Medical Technologist; she has carried on the GCRBC Last Chance Review.

Clare is also very involved in her community taking on roles of advertising and finding people interested in becoming marrow donors in the Asian community. She has also provided in services to the GCRBC hospitals on about any subject they request. Clare is a great asset for her community, her employer and her SBB programs.