

O Bulletin Board

Connect! Learn! Grow!

October marks the membership renewal and new member recruitment period for South Central Association of Blood Banks. Members of South Central experience the exceptional learning, vibrant community and essential resources that enhance every aspect of our professional development. We connect great ideas and great people and then add a comprehensive collection of association services and professional resources. As a professional in the field of blood banking and/or transfusion medicine there is no better venue to Connect – Learn and Grow!

Membership renewal emails will be sent to your email of record the second week of October, with a December 31st deadline for renewal.

Members that are attending this year's AABB TXPO in Montreal are encouraged to visit the Associate Corporate Member exhibit booths to receive a SCABB Member ribbon to wear while you are at the meeting. Associate Corporate Members are listed on page 4 of this issue of Pulse.

Share the wealth!! South Central members are encouraged to recruit new members to the association! The annual SCABB Membership Recruitment Contest kicks off October 1 and runs through March 1, 2009. This is a great way to grow the association and have a chance to win great prizes! A minimum of 6 new members must be recruited to qualify for 1st Prize. Each new Individual member counts as one point and each new Institutional member recruited counts as three points. Ties are resolved by a drawing. Second and third prize is the next highest.

All who recruit the minimum will receive special recognition in Pulse and at the Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City. Additionally, everyone recruiting at least one new member will be entered into a raffle for a gift from South Central.

Prizes are as follows:

First Prize is a full annual meeting registration to the next annual meeting.
Second Prize is a \$150.00 VISA card
Third Prize is a \$50.00 VISA card

When recruiting a new member, direct them to www.scabb.org > Membership > Applications to complete the online membership application. Be sure and remind them to put your name in the "referred by" field of the application.

Ready? Set?

Connect! Learn! And Grow!



Dr. Carolyn Beck

■ Dr. Carolyn (aka Carol) Beck is a one in a million teacher and blood banker! On August 1, 2008, Dr. Beck retired as an

associate professor from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She started her career at the University of Texas Medical Branch where she graduated with a BS in Biology/chemistry. She earned her Ed.D in Allied Health Education and Administration at Baylor College of Medicine and University of Houston Consortium. As a researcher in neuroscience, Carolyn kept her interest in blood banking, teaching and South Central Association of Blood Banks.

■ After a career that spanned over 30 years Carolyn has decided to become a lady of leisure. While we all wish Carolyn the best as a lady of leisure, it is worth noting her many attributes and contributions. One will quickly notice that Carolyn's mind is like a super computer. There is never a strange antibody or a rare situation in blood banking she can't tell you about in detail. Carolyn has a knack of

telling these tidbits with the most delightful sense of humor.

■ Carolyn's associates can't help but notice the very high standards Carolyn set for herself both as a blood banker and teacher. It is suspected (though never proved) that she could teach blood banking to a fence post. It is quickly apparent that even when we think we are dumb as a fence post there exists an ember that can be flamed into a joy of learning of blood banking. Many of us know the process of flaming the joy of learning about blood banking can place you on the hot seat. Carolyn believes we are born to learn and makes no bones about expecting us to do so. So learning from Carolyn at times brings tears and at other times brings laughter and pure joy. In teaching blood banking, she also teaches us much about ourselves and what we can accomplish when we shed our fears and open our minds to thinking. Many people identify Carolyn as the chief contributor to their development and their subsequent careers in blood banking. Carolyn's work is a rare exception and a treasure which many blood bankers will pass forward to new generations of blood bankers. For that and many other gifts she has given our field, we say a huge thanks and best wishes in her future adventures.

O Call for Board Nominations

■ **"Good leaders must first become good servants." Robert Greenleaf**

■ The South Central Association of Blood Banks, Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2009-2010 year.

■ Information on the Board and officers is as follows:

Executive Committee:

Immediate Past President – Jim Teague

President – LeaAnn Teague (assumes office of Immediate Past President for 2009-2010)

***President Elect – Dennis Harpool (assumes office of President for 2009-2010)**

***Vice President – Nancy Haubert (eligible for re-election or election to another office)**

***Secretary – Kirk Kitchen (eligible for re-election or election to another office)**

Treasurer – Christie Loe-Malone (Completing first year of a three year term)

District Directors:

District I – Susie Hart (completing first year of two year term)

*** District I – Jose Garcia (eligible for re-election or election to another office)**

*** District II – Jeanne Gardner (eligible for re-election or election to another office)**

District III – David Gremillion (completing first year of two year term)

District at Large- Sara Ballew (completing first year of two year term)

■ Offices eligible for nominations are President elect, Vice President, Secretary, District I and District II Directors.

■ Please submit written nominations for qualified candidates to the SCABB Central Office at scabb@scabb.org no later than February 8, 2009.

■ Information submitted must include: (1) the nominee's name, address and phone number; (2) the board position and reason(s) for nomination to that position; (3) an indication that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve; (4) specific reasons for the nomination and the individual's qualifications. Curriculum Vitae may be attached to help support the qualifications of the nominee. Basic duties of each board position as well as election criteria can be found on the SCABB web site at www.scabb.org/. The names of the members of the Nominating Committee are also posted on the web site. Contact Kathie Carlson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at 832-687-7987 or kathie.carlson@terumomedical.com if you have questions.

■ The Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees to the association membership. Election of the 2008-2009 Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association in Oklahoma City.