

Society News — Winter 2001

In *CJHP*'s Fall issue, we reported on the **2001 Annual General Meeting** (AGM) held in August. This time around, we'd like to offer picture proof of the AGM's success. A total of 280 participants enjoyed an exceptional educational program and the warm hospitality of Halifax. Heather Kertland's Educational Services Committee and Judy McPhee's Host Committee ensured that we enjoyed both the educational events and the lobsters. Take a look at the pictures we managed to snap and glimpse a few of the "two thousand and one" successes of this year's AGM (see page 307).

For the fifth consecutive year, AGM initiatives included the on-site **Residency Mentorship Program**. Twenty-two residents took advantage of the opportunity to network with and learn from prominent CSHP members. These one-on-one opportunities allowed both students and mentors to share perspectives on the development of pharmacy and its practice. The feedback from residents and mentors alike was uniformly positive for this event.

The **Research and Education Foundation** was the beneficiary of the fifth annual CSHP golf fundraiser, held at the Lost Creek Golf Club in Halifax. Seventy-two golfers (the most yet!) from both the hospital community and industry teed up to raise over \$4000 for CSHP's R&E Foundation. In the quest for the title, 2 teams tied for first place at 4 under par: Mike Meredith and Borys Sydoryk of Leo Pharma, Mike Leblanc from New Brunswick, and Ed Dawe from Newfoundland made up the first squad, which shared the honours with Marc Desmarais from Faulding, Gladys and Ted Whyte from Alberta, and Sherry Coutts of British Columbia. This year's event was organized by Randy Hughes of Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada. Our thanks also go to the corporate sponsors that made the outing a success: AstraZeneca, Baxa, Canadian Pharmaceutical Distribution Network, Faulding, Eli Lilly, Genpharm, Leo Pharma, Novartis, Novopharm, Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada, Hoffmann-La Roche, Sabex, and 3M.

Planning for CSHP's **33rd Professional Practice Conference**, scheduled for February 2 to 6, 2002, in Toronto, is well underway, and the lineup of speakers, workshops, and posters promises to be as impressive as ever. Preliminary programs and registration forms were

distributed in the November 12 issue of the *CSHP News and Employment Opportunities Bulletin*. If you haven't received yours, or if you have any questions regarding the conference, please don't hesitate to contact this year's PPC Event Coordinator, Marlo Palko, at 613.736.9733, ext. 222, or by e-mail at mpalko@cshp.ca. We look forward to welcoming you as one of the more than 1100 anticipated registrants.

On the home front, CSHP has been working on pharmacy's reply to the **Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada** (the Romanow Commission). CSHP's Executive and Government and Health Policy Planning Committee have reviewed the Canadian Pharmacists Association's draft response. Together, they have crafted feedback specific to hospital pharmacy, seizing on this tremendous opportunity for Canadian pharmacists to promote their contributions to patient care. The Society's recently approved position paper on pharmacists' prescriptive authority is a good example of a patient care issue that deserves full recognition in such a response. We will keep you posted on the progress of this document of national interest.

Pharmacist shortages continue to be a significant feature on our radar screen: CSHP is represented on the Steering Committee (made up of the profession's national and provincial organizations) that will guide the efforts of **Human Resources Development Canada** (HRDC) in completing a sectoral study in pharmacy over the next 2 years.

Medication incidents constitute another topical issue to which your Society is responding. We are represented on the Health Canada coalition that is developing a proposal for a national, voluntary reporting program. Hospital pharmacists, whether influencing the prescription and use of drugs in practice sites or working with quality assurance or system improvement measures, can offer major contributions to the development of this program.

A new **newsletter** is also in the works for CSHP members. Alternating monthly publication with *CJHP*, this new communications vehicle will focus on connecting members, delivering local and regional news across the country, and recognizing the achievements of CSHP colleagues. Submissions



regarding current events, article ideas, and member updates are very much appreciated. We will also feature new columns, including announcements of births, deaths, marriages, and appointments. As we “set our course” as a Society, we need to celebrate our success in doing so. Please forward news and updates to mpalko@cshp.ca.

Applause is an important way to recognize excellence. The Applause column in the new newsletter will focus on outstanding contributions that CSHP members are making to their practice, to their communities, and to the lives of those around us.

A practice innovation that leads to positive patient outcomes? Let us know. Coach of the championship tee ball team? Perfect. We welcome any opportunity to offer CSHP congratulations on a job well done. And please don't be shy — nominate yourself or someone else who is doing great things. Again, contact mpalko@cshp.ca to contribute.

With all of these projects in the works, it is an exciting time for CSHP. If we in the CSHP office can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the national office at 613.736.9733. We are pleased to answer your questions and address your concerns.



CSHP National Council, 2001–2002. Front row, left to right: Ron Swartz, Mike Gaucher, Margaret Gray, Linda Poloway, and James L. Mann. Middle row, left to right: Sherry Coutts, Susie Dallarie, Vicki Sills, Barb Thomas, Val Fong, and Catherine Doherty. Back row, left to right: Nick Honcharik, Doug Sellinger, John McBride, and Mike Leblanc.



Host Committee members Catherine Doherty, Judy McPhee, and Anne Hiltz enjoy the fruits of their extraordinary efforts.



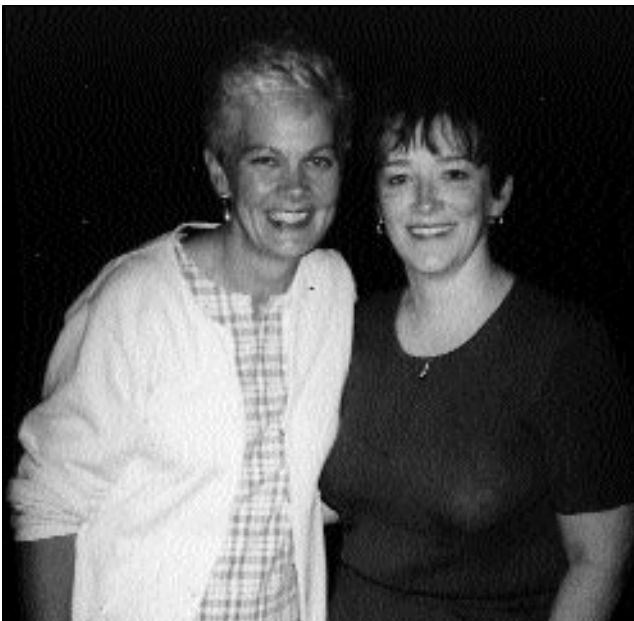
Barb Thomas, Michael LeBlanc, Nick Honcharik, and Borys Sydoryk pose before trading lobster plates for dancing shoes at the 2001 Past Presidents' dinner.



Cristina Zanchetta and Tom Chin try out the latest in east coast haute couture – or is that “hat” couture?



CAPSI reps Trevor Kidney, Sue Bowles, Kevin Duplisea, Rob Goddard, and CSHP Manager, Office Operations, Helen Halligan, feast on some of Nova Scotia’s finest fare.



Outgoing Past President Donna Wheeler-Usher and new President Margaret Gray take a break in the action to smile for the CSHP camera.