



*Spotlight*

The newsletter of the **Coastal Medical Access Project**

## Volunteers honored at awards luncheon

The nearly 200 volunteers whose efforts make CMAP possible were honored at the annual Awards Luncheon in June. The event included presentation of awards by Timothy A. Jamieson, MD, PhD, board chair; Frank Selgrath, executive director; and R. Neal Boswell, MD, Medical Advisory Committee chair.

Dr. Jamieson welcomed the volunteers and Al Talley, serving then as Volunteer Committee chair, delivered the opening prayer. Following lunch, Doctors Jamieson and Boswell and Mr. Selgrath offered remarks prior to the presentations:

**Physician Volunteer of the Year** Eric Andreae, MD, a native of Switzerland who moved to Sea Island in 1993 after 43 years of practice in New York. He volunteers regularly for the clinic, is on the Resource Committee, and has helped with cultivation efforts.

**Volunteer of the Year** Tim Meredith, data entry specialist who has contributed more than 1,150 hours.

**Board Member of the Year** Jeanne Manning, who has



Physician of the Year Eric Andreae, MD.

served as chair of the Resource Committee, has held cultivation events in her home, and has hosted clinic tours. She and her husband Jim also have been generous supporters of CMAP.

**Board Member Award** Veronica Aroyave, who is leaving the board after two years to move to Virginia, was a valuable member of the Volunteer and Medical Advisory committees.

**Brunswick Physician Volunteer Award** Bill Inman, MD, a steadfast volunteer physician from the start of CMAP, he shares the award with his wife Bebe, who faithfully drives him to the clinic

each week.

**Camden Physician Volunteer of the Year** Robert Wilson, MD, a staunch supporter and physician volunteer since CMAP's beginning, he brings his office nurse and staff with him to each clinic.

**Outstanding Volunteer Award** Susan VanRooyen, whose technical computer skills have been of such enormous value to CMAP that we have named our software tracking system the Sue System to honor her help in developing it.

**Brunswick Volunteer Award** Tim Lucas, who has served as both a resource and social discharge counselor and is a skilled instructor for new volunteers.

**Camden Volunteer Award** Sherry Harper, receptionist at the Camden Clinic who has served there since it opened in 2003.

**Nurse Volunteer Awards** Robin Braswell, RN, and Carol Healy, RN.

**CMAP "Miracle" Awards** Gary Colberg, CEO of Southeast Georgia Health System, and Marsha Pierce of the Coastal Health District.



# First Annual Fund has successful launch; Hospital's \$250,000 gift leads the way

**S**outheast Georgia Health System donated \$250,000 to CMAP in October to help support CMAP's various healthcare programs.

"The hospital's support is vital to the operation of CMAP," Executive Director Frank Selgrath said. "In a million ways there would be no CMAP without the hospital. It really is a verification of the hard work the volunteers and community have put in."

Claire Wilcox, development director, explained that "the value of CMAP to the hospital is to help divert emergency room visits by people who don't have a doctor."

In related resource activities, the Resource Committee deserves a tremendous Thank You for its work in helping CMAP launch the first Annual Fund. "Without the dedication and perseverance of this group of committed citizens, the success so far of our Annual Fund would not be possible," Selgrath said.

In efforts to reach out to the community, CMAP held two cultivation evenings, in March hosted by Jeanne and Jim Manning and in May hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Eric Andreae. Both evenings were well attended and resulted in positive responses,

according to Ms. Wilcox.

Regular clinic tours are now conducted at the Brunswick Clinic for civic and business leaders and representatives of cultural, educational, religious, and healthcare organizations. CMAP staff and volunteers conduct tours at 9 a.m. Thursdays and at 9 a.m. and noon Fridays. They provide a firsthand view of how CMAP works to provide health services for low-income individuals and families without adequate health insurance.

Three institutions awarded grants to CMAP recently:

**The St. Marys United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.** provided a \$95,000 matching grant to support the Camden Clinic. The grant calls for CMAP to match the \$95,000 on a gradual basis.

**The Mary Allen Lindsey Branan Foundation** donated \$25,000 for the purchase of computer software and related expenses to streamline resource development.

**The Azalea Foundation** provided \$50,000 for general resource development.

### **Pilot Club donation**

The Pilot Club of Brunswick, Inc., an international service organization, has donated to CMAP a Staples Gift Card for \$1,500.

"This welcome gift will be extremely helpful in defraying office expenses," Executive Director Frank Selgrath said.

## A huge "thanks" to our CMAP donors!

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## Camden County Clinic's new home opens in St. Marys

The CMAP Camden Clinic opened its new facility in July at 104 Lakeshore Drive in St. Marys, across from the Southeast Georgia Health System, Camden Campus. It is a welcome, permanent home for the clinic, which had been housed in a limited space in the hospital. CMAP established the

clinic there in February 2003 after the closure of Durango-Georgia Paper Co. in November 2002 eliminated the jobs of 900 workers, who consequently were without health insurance.

The clinic's new home was donated by the Health System. CMAP extends its gratitude to it as well as to W.H. Gross Construction for renovation work and to Smith and Associates Office Products, Inc. of Brunswick, for furnishing the clinic.

Physicians will see patients at the clinic on selected evenings. The clinic office will be open weekdays for patient screening and appointments and MedBank procedures, and record keeping, data entry, and other office functions. Many of these activities were not possible when the clinic was housed in the Medical Center.

The new facility provides sufficient space for dental services and a non-narcotic pharmacy, which are planned for the near future. The pharmacy will give sample prescription drugs to MedBank patients who are waiting for approval of long-term medications from pharmaceutical companies.

An estimated 500 patients are being treated at the Camden Clinic, and more than 12,000 county residents would be eligible for the clinic. About 100 physicians, nurses, and non-medical staff volunteer in Camden.



From left, Kingsland Mayor Kenneth Smith; Charles Wilson, aide to US Rep. Jack Kingston; and Ginger Buel, RN, Camden Clinic nurse manager.

### Board Chairman's Message

## Volunteer physicians an urgent need

CMAP provides an essential service for the community in offering medical care for the uninsured working poor. This benefits not only the patients, but their employers as well. We realize that many small businesses cannot afford health insurance for their employees. CMAP can provide the care and potentially reduce sick days and turnover, better enabling the businesses to hire workers they otherwise could not afford if health insurance was a condition of employment. We are seeking further support from local businesses that may benefit from the service CMAP provides, and would greatly appreciate business donations of funds, supplies, or volunteer time.

Additionally CMAP benefits the medical community. By providing preventive care, emergency room visits are curtailed, saving time and money for the hospital and physicians. CMAP's MedBank program provides the valuable, time-consuming task of obtaining free prescriptions from the pharmaceutical companies for patients without a prescription plan. This frees up time and resources in our physician offices, and enables patients to get the medications that will better keep them healthy. Our CMAP clinics are getting busier, and we need more physician volunteers so we can continue to provide our services and channel our resources to keep CMAP moving forward.

I am honored to serve as the Chairman of CMAP. I look forward to continued success and appreciate your comments and support.



Dr. Tim Jamieson

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*Executive Director's Message*

## Voluntary and financial support are key to CMAP success

It is with great pride that we launch our inaugural issue of Spotlight, the CMAP newsletter. The enormous generosity of our community has made possible CMAP's success over the last two years. We have benefited from a tremendous outpouring of community goodwill, resulting in 10,600 hours of volunteer time in 2003. And this year's hours will surely exceed that.



These volunteers enable CMAP to perform our three distinct services:

- *Intensive case management to improve the health of chronically ill people.* Although this is performed by paid nurses, it is only feasible due to the tremendous amount of time provided by volunteers.
- *Free clinics.* We are indebted to the physicians, nurses, and laypeople who staff our clinics in Brunswick and St. Marys. We have never missed a clinic day for lack of volunteers.
- *MedBank, the pharmaceutical assistance program.* This is extremely labor intensive, but thanks to our volunteers we have managed to provide over \$2.5 million in pharmaceuticals. Without the volunteers who expedite the necessary paper work, this would not have been possible.

But, along with volunteers, the terrific community response to our financial needs provides the funds necessary to support our mission. We are especially grateful to Southeast Georgia Health System, which only recently donated \$250,000 and which provides CMAP facilities in Brunswick and St. Marys and generous financial support. Since we began in 2002, almost \$1 million in cash and \$750,000 in in-kind contributions have been donated by individuals, corporations and foundations. Funding has also come from the Coastal Health District, HRSA, through the support of US Rep. Jack Kingston, the Georgia Health Policy Center, the United Way of Coastal Georgia, and others.

In closing this first Spotlight message, I want to thank, on behalf of our Board, staff and patients, all who volunteer and all who provide financial support for the health of their community.



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