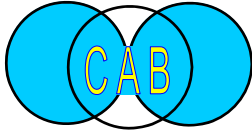


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President's Message:



Dear CAB Members and Friends:

On August 24th, 2001, Oakland CA, Alice Brydon retires after 28 years with the Laboratory Field Services. Alice had spent her most recent years at the department heading up the MediCal Fraud Investigation unit. Representing CAB at the retirement event were Clark Chow, Bob Footlik, and Richard Vance with wife Margarita. On behalf of CAB, President Richard Vance presented Ms. Brydon with a beautiful plaque in recognition of contributions to the Clinical Laboratory profession during her distinguished career. Bob Footlik, as President of CCLA, presented Ms. Brydon with a lifetime achievement award on behalf of CCLA. CAB members can be proud of our members' leadership demonstrated at the DHS/LFS event.

It's been a great year for CAB! First, congratulations to Bob Footlik for his Presidency of California's pre-eminent association of laboratory executives and political advocates-the California Clinical Laboratory Association. CAB members can be proud that this organization recognizes Bob's commitment to professionalism in the



Alice Brydon's Retirement Party

Above From left to right:
Jim Ottosen
(CAMLT's CLTAC member)
Sheila Nolan
(DHS/OLS Deputy Chief Council)
Fred Struve
Karen Nickel



clinical laboratory industry. Next, we are excited about our new members. Welcome to all of you for joining this group of dedicated laboratorians.

I'm particularly pleased that we've seen members at our last two state meetings that we haven't seen for a while. It's great to see all of you again; our new members will benefit greatly by your support!

We're preparing for another fun and educational meeting at Shell Beach again late this September. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

- Richard

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SHELL BEACH MEETING AGENDA:**Saturday September 29th:**

- 6:30 - 7:00 am Registration, Continental Breakfast
- 7:00 - 7:50 am **Steroid Hormones:** Earl B. Weissman, PhD, Western Health Sciences
- 7:55 - 8:45 am **In-Vitro Fertilization:** Dr. Weissman
- 8:45 - 9:00 am Break, Coffee and Tea
- 9:00 - 9:50 am **Homocysteine and High Sensitivity CRP:** Kurtis Styhr, MBA, Marketing Manager, Diagnostic Products Corporation, Los Angeles
- 9:55 - 10:45 am **Cardiac Markers and new definition of AMI:** Mr. Styr
- 10:45 - 11:00 am Break
- 11:00 - 11:50 am **Laboratory Field Services Update:** Robert Thomas; Chief Personnel Licenses Section, Laboratory Field Services
- 11:55 - 12:45 pm **California Legislative Update:** Alan Clarke, Legislative Advocate
- 1:00 - 1:30 pm **CAB General Meeting**
- 1:30 - 1:45 pm **CAB Board Meeting**
- Afternoon Free Time
- 6:00 pm **Cocktails**
- 6:45 - 10:00 pm **Banquet**
- At the banquet we will be honoring our new members and presenting the CAB 2001 Bioanalyst Emeritus Award.



The Cliffs
at Shell Beach
Oceanfront Resort Hotel



Cliffs Hotel (800) 826-7827

For Reservations: Inquire about rooms which have been set aside at a special CAB rate.

Meeting Registration Fees are the same as last year: \$60.00 for the meeting and banquet. \$30.00 for the banquet only.

CAB BY-LAWS CHANGES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE UPCOMING MEETING - IMPORTANTLY, THOSE CHANGES WHICH HAVE OPENED NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE RECENT INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.

Legislative Update:

- *Bob Footlik*

New Phlebotomy Regulations Not to Take Effect

The long awaited regulations implementing the statutory requirements resulting from AB 1557 (Migden) in 1999, are expected to be published imminently, but they will not take effect as previously anticipated. Until recently, the draft regulatory package, R-16-99E, had been submitted for emergency filing. That would have enacted the proposed regulations immediately upon publication, before public comment.

However, in order to avoid controversy, the California Department of Health Services (DHS) more recently decided to withdraw its request for emergency filing. Therefore, when R-16-99 is published, it will remain as proposed regulations until the public has had an opportunity to comment and DHS responds to any such comments. Although this follows the normal administrative process for most California regulations, it is projected that the new phlebotomy regulations will not finally be adopted until January, 2002, almost one year beyond the deadline established by 1999's AB 1557.

Other new regulations that may be discussed at CAB's mid-year meeting in Shell Beach include:

R-1-9	MLT Licensure
R-2-99E	Clinical laboratory personnel
R-22-01	Clinical laboratory licensing and registration standards
R-19-00	Reporting of HIV
R-35-01	Genetic personnel licensing standards
R-54-00	Clinical laboratory standards, "auto-verification"
R-1-01	UAGA Implementation

Also expected to be presented by DHS at the mid-year meeting:

1. Update on modification of regulations for CLIA Certification for Limited Purpose and Period: 17 CCR 1039.1
2. Status of CLS Education and Training Standards: 17 CCR 1032, 1033, 1035

Patient Direct Access to Lab Testing:

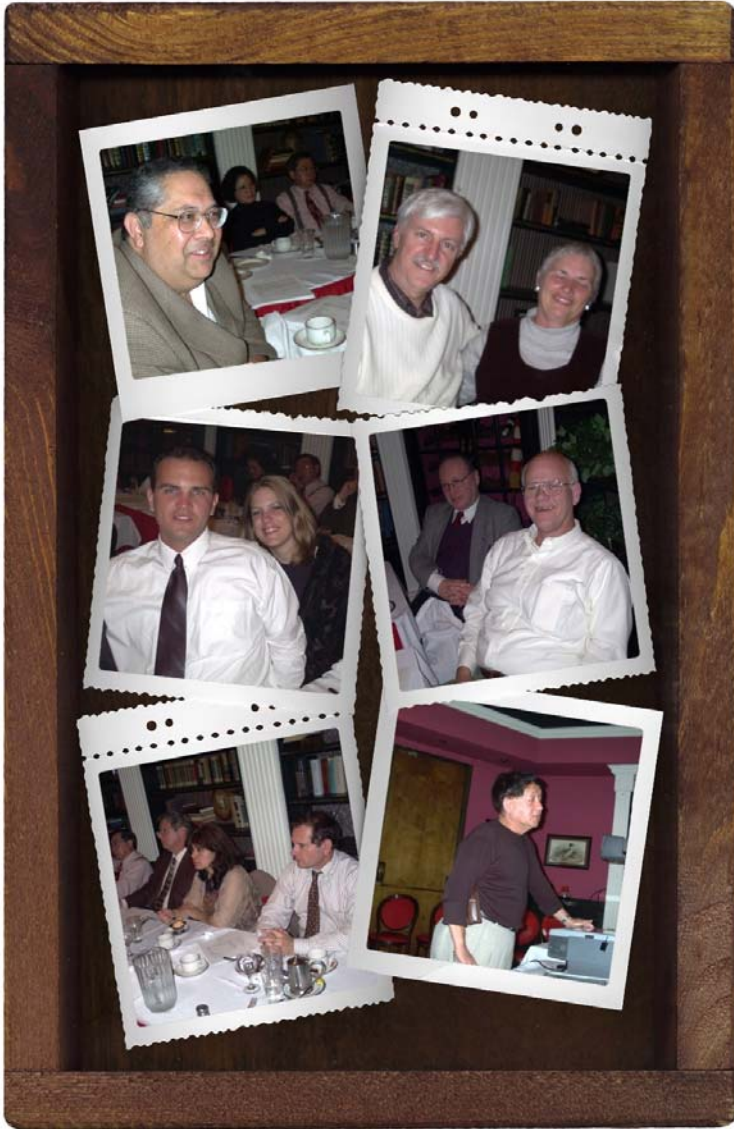
Governor Gray Davis recently signed into law SB1131. This bill, which was introduced by Senator Michael Machado (D-Linden), was sponsored by the California Clinical Laboratory Association (CCLA). Under existing law, section 1246.5 of the California Business and Professions Code authorizes any person to request and any laboratory to perform certain tests without an order from a physician or other authorized person. The tests involved are pregnancy test, glucose level, cholesterol, and occult blood, which can only be performed on the requestors own body, can be reported by the laboratory only to the requestor, and reports must identify results indicating the need for referral to a physician. Existing law further authorizes the California Department of Health Services (DHS) to add additional tests to this list of four only if approved by the FDA for over-the-counter (OTC) sale to the public.

However, SB 1131 has modified this section of law to no longer require new OTC tests to be approved by DHS, but rather to allow such tests to be added to the list automatically, after receiving approval for OTC sale by the FDA. This change in the law, which becomes effective on January 1, 2002, will benefit the public greatly by allowing any clinical laboratory test that can be purchased OTC and self-performed at home to be performed by a clinical laboratory professional using methodology likely to be much more sophisticated than what is available for sale to the public OTC. As predicted by Senator Machado, "this bill will lead to more people visiting their doctors and could potentially save lives."



Retirement Party Cont. from front page: Bob Thomas, Bioanalyst, with wife Grace. Bob will speak at the Shell Beach meeting.

CAB MONTHLY MEETINGS



THE 2001 CAB CONVENTION WAS HELD JOINTLY WITH AAB IN LAS VEGAS - PRESENT WERE A NUMBER OF NEW CAB MEMBERS, INCLUDING TOM BARROW, CHELE RUBINDALE AND HUSBAND LEE. AMONG THE OTHER PROGRAMS, KAREN NICKEL PRESENTED AN LFS UPDATE

CAB CONVENTION



MANY THANKS TO OUR SPEAKERS: DR. ROBERT GAN FOR HIS PRESENTATION ON ANTI-AGING, AND DR. EARL WEISSMAN FOR HIS LECTURES ON ENDOCRINE SUBJECTS. - I HOPE TO SEE ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS AND OTHERS AT OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS.



Fred Newman with wife Rose
Fred was recipient of the
CAB year 2000
Bioanalyst Emeritis Award

**BIOANALYST EMERITUS AWARD
QUALIFICATIONS**

- ◆ Distinguished contributor to goals and ethics of CAB
- ◆ 25 years Bioanalyst and Member of CAB
- ◆ Retired, not actively directing laboratory
- ◆ Actively attends at least one major meeting of CAB per year for the last 10 years. *(This changed in 2001 from 2 to 1 meeting per year. Must include CAB Convention or Mid Year Meeting)
- ◆ Unanimous choice of CAB Board of Directors

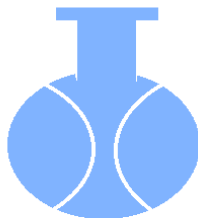
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