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The Georgia Society for Histotechnology

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See Page 16 for the details of the upcoming GSTH "Wave of the Future" Symposium April 12th-14th at Jekyll Island

Highlights of NSTH Vancouver !





President's Message....

Dear Members,

As we head into 2013 please renew your FREE membership to GSH and share our website with your coworkers and other histotechnology professionals. We have planned an exceptional 40th anniversary celebration in Jekyll Island, Ga. featuring speakers from our region.

Go to our website at www.histosearch.com/gsh to reserve your room at Oceanside Inns & Suites by March 1st.

GSH was well represented in Vancouver, BC at the 38th annual NSH symposium, with three of our members in the House of Delegates. New officers were installed and GSH would like to welcome JoAnna Barton, our new Region III director.

We look forward to having NSH represented at our state meeting on Jekyll Island. I challenge you to become active in GSH by contacting any of your officers or committee chairs with suggestions or concerns.

At our BOD meeting this past month the one thing we discussed was "perception". As volunteers we give our time and talents, but without input from our membership we will NOT be successful. There are over 200 techs in the metro Atlanta area alone. Get the word out and recruit new members. Watch on the website, on Facebook, and in our newsletter for upcoming award and educational opportunities.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone for the support during my dads illness & subsequent death. The prayers, emails, and thoughts were heartfelt and very appreciated. Dad encouraged me to attend my "GEEK WEEK " in Vancouver and I know he would be delighted that GSH supported our family in so many ways.

Warm wishes & peace in 2013

Wanda K Simons, HT(ASCP)

Books & Articles:



EDITOR'S PICK: This article is a must-read for “babyboomers” in the U.S

Epstein, R. (2012, October). Brutal Truths About the Aging Brain. *Discover Magazine*. Retrieved from

<http://discovermagazine.com/2012/oct/16-brutal-truths-about-the-aging-brain#.UNuq-Kw1Nmw>

A very interesting book has been released that we in the health field should consider reading. The name of it is:

SALT KILLS, by Surender Reddy Neravetla, M.D., FACS, Director, Cardiac Surgery, Springfield Regional Medical Center with Sjhantanu Reddy Neravetla, M.D., Transitional intern, Virginia Mason Medical Center.



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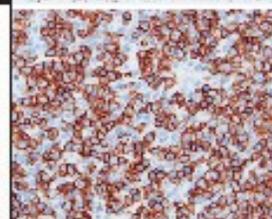
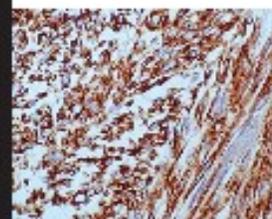
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Histotechnologists;

My name is Lena Spencer. I am a Past President of NSH and the current representative for NSH to the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP). During the membership meeting held on October 2, 2012 at the Annual Symposium/Convention, I was asked to give an update to my Annual Report. I reported that the ASCP Board of Certification had received a request from the ASCP Council of Laboratory Professionals to reinstate the Clinical Laboratory Assistant (CLA) Certification examination. I summarized the discussion that the Board had regarding tasks that could potentially be performed by this group and voiced my concern regarding the possible blurring of the scope of practice (ex: solution exchange, embedding or micro-tomy). The ideas presented were **NOT** those of the ASCP but strictly personal from each individuals' perspective.

I was premature in sharing this information because the ASCP is investigating the potential need of certified laboratory professionals at the level of a laboratory assistant. This is a new agenda item for the fall meeting and has not been approved. Before a new certification is offered the ASCP creates a task force of experts as advisors, does an extensive investigation with an in-depth task analysis and market assessment. This a long process in which the ASCP must perform due diligence at each step of the process. If the certification is offered and the NSH disagrees with the tasks analysis, the opposition would be noted.

The ASCP has received numerous e-mails from the NSH membership regarding the information I shared and they would like you to know this is only the first step in a long process to even consider a new certification and that content has not been considered. If I misrepresented the intent of the request for CLA certification or communicated information that was incorrect, I am very sorry for the misunderstanding.

I applaud you for your passion for the histology profession and I will continue to keep you updated on activities of the ASCP BOC when appropriate. Thank you for your support.

Lena T. Spencer, MA., HTL^{cm}(ASCP)QIHC *from NSH.org*

NSH Vancouver!



Vinnie Della Speranza & Shirley Powell



Lamar Jones, Dr. McCormick, and Wanda Jones



Past NSH Presidents: Vinnie Della Speranza, Frieda Carson, Lena Spencer, & Kerry Crabb

Having fun at NSH!



Vinnie Della Speranza, Shirley Powell, & Janet Hobbs



*Kerry Crabb & Beth Sheppard
presenting Dr. Cornell with
Culling Lecture Award*



*Linda Jenkins on Career
Day opening students' eyes
to the opportunities in
Histology*

Strides in Histology



Janet Tunncliffe, Shirley Powell, Mequita Praet, & Dot Kubler



Jack Ratliff & Wanda Simons

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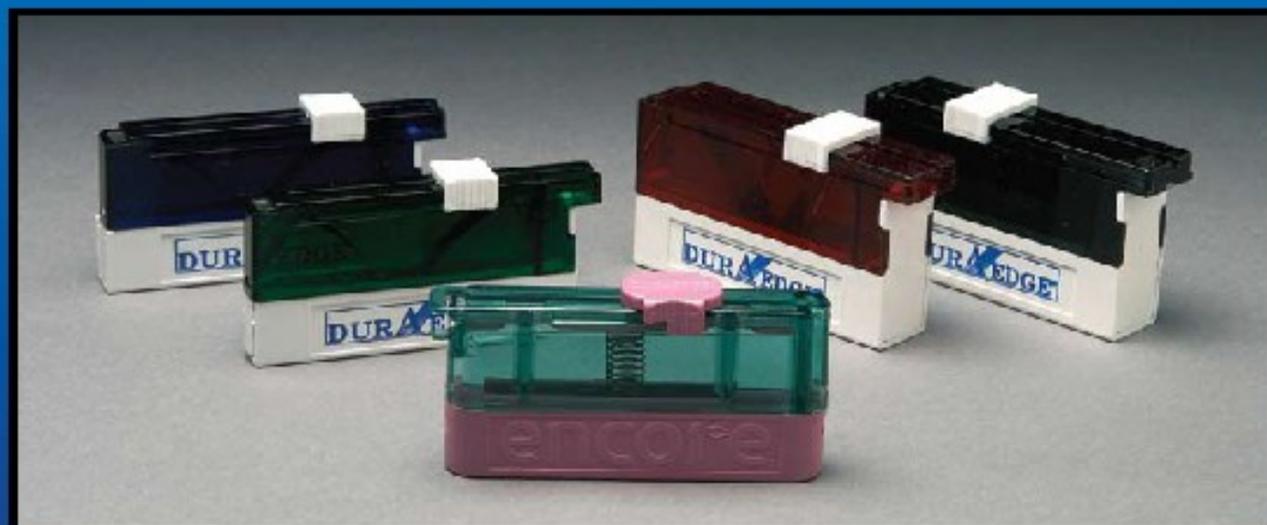


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“Reasons for Joining NSH”

Written by Shirley Powell, HTL(ASCP) ~ Founding Board Member of NSH and GSH

I have been asked many times “What is the reason for joining NSH?”. My answer is this: After thanking them for asking why, there are numerous reasons. I attach a word document with just a portion of what NSH has to offer Histology Professionals on their website at www.nsh.org.

The following information is taken from that website.

“Benefits of Membership

Volunteering Builds Credibility

Membership in NSH makes a statement about your professionalism and your dedication to the profession. NSH works to advance the profession and others will take notice of your contribution.

Access to the Best Continuing Education

As a member, you have access to the country's largest convention dedicated solely to Histology. Throughout the year, NSH offers members and other practitioners in their labs smaller face to face trainings, online lecture style courses, teleconferences and a variety of test your knowledge exercises.

Publications to Stay Informed

Keep up to date on the latest clinical techniques and research technologies, plus learn new strategies for managing histology laboratories. The Journal of Histotechnology, Advance Newsmagazine, targeted committee publications and the NSH in Action newsletter are all included in your membership.

The National Society for Histotechnology was formed in 1973 by a group of dedicated histologists with the purpose of sharing scientific and technical knowledge to the histology community worldwide. These efforts were to help advance the discipline of Histotechnology and aid professionals in their career. NSH believes lifelong education is the key to a satisfying career and continued professional advancement. “ quoted from www.nsh.org

The feature I appreciate as an NSH member is My NSH which is your own personal password protected place where you can maintain your CEU transcript which can be downloaded anytime. Also you can find publications, educational resources, teleconferences, and career resources at the NSH job board. Also available is the Membership directory, Health & Safety material and innumerable networking opportunities. NSH Members are a “family” that loves to help other members and I am very proud to be one of the oldest of that family.

Another great benefit of membership, a subscription to the Journal of Histotechnology, published by NSH, provides education & information about new techniques in histology. **NEW in 2011 -online access for all members of NSH through our partnership with Maney Publishing!**

As a Histotechnology professional it is important to keep up with what is going on in the world of histology. New methods, new equipment, and continuing education are the keys to staying current with technology and procedures that are being utilized to maintain patient care. Doctors have their national Professional societies, nurses, medical technologist, cytologist and I could go on. Now histology has their own society to speak for histotechnologists. NSH membership is also beneficial in furthering job welfare, increasing salaries, which have been kept low in the past by lack of education and organization, and helps to provide good patient care. This is our ultimate goal as a healthcare professional, good patient care.

NSH has the educational resources and has gained strength of voice in what happens to our profession. NSH has achieved affiliations with national groups that are in control of our profession. We have made great strides in taking back the control by increasing in numbers (members) and improving our opportunities for advancement. GSH was started for the same reason, we were practically invisible and unknown when first organized in 1973, and as a constituent society of NSH, GSH members have benefited greatly from that association.

More pressing is the fact that the number of GSH delegates allowed to sit in the NSH House of Delegates, which governs the society, depends on, not how many GSH members we have, but how many NSH members are in Georgia. There are those who join NSH and not GSH. It is beneficial to the histotechnologist, to GSH and to NSH, to join both. GSH membership is free so the membership to NSH is the only one requiring payment, which is a good deal.

I hope this has helped explain some of the reasons to join NSH. But if you need more explanation I would suggest going to NSH's website to see all that is available to you as an NSH member. One major opportunity is the NSH Annual Symposium and Convention each year and the mini meetings and Forums throughout the year, available at a discount for NSH members.

If you have doubts about NSH membership or GSH membership, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Shirley Powell, HTL(ASCP)

GSH Treasurer

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