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Election Results

KPPAC Candidates Successful

The 2008 general election was one of the most successful in Kentucky Physician PAC's (formerly known as KEMPAC) history. All but one of the contested federal and state candidates KPPAC supported won their elections, which translates into a winning percentage (97%).

Voter turnout was heavy November 4 as Americans chose their future leaders, including the election of the nation's first African-American President, Barack Obama. In Kentucky, Senator Mitch McConnell retained his seat and will return to the US Senate as the Minority Leader. All of Kentucky's incumbent Congressmen, all KPPAC/AMPAC supported, will return to Washington, with the exception of retiring Congressman Ron Lewis. State Senator Brett Guthrie picked up that open seat. Republicans retained control of Kentucky's State Senate, and Democrats picked up a seat in the state House.

Highlights of KPPAC's success include the re-election of Bob DeWeese, MD, along with a successful radio and newspaper advertising campaign for David Givens, who won his open seat race in south-

central Kentucky.

In the state Senate, KPPAC-supported candidates went nine for nine, including Givens, mentioned above, and Senator Jack Westwood, who narrowly defeated his opponent with KPPAC's assistance and individual contributions from Northern Kentucky physicians to his campaign.

In the House of Representatives, candidates whom KPPAC supported were 19 for 20. Unfortunately, the loss for the PAC was Travis Calhoun, MD, from Hopkinsville. Overall, these are fantastic results for KPPAC.

KPPAC could not have had such victorious results without the help of physicians in Northern Kentucky and across the state. KPPAC appreciates physicians who encouraged other physicians to vote and individual physician contributions to pro-medicine legislators.

Contribute now and be part of this winning formula for success. KPPAC's continuous high winning percentages demonstrate that a contribution to KMA's political action arm is one of the best investments physicians can make in the future of the profession.

Take a moment to visit KPPAC's website, www.kppac.org, to learn more about how you can get involved.

In conclusion, KPPAC is fortunate to have excellent representation on its board from the Fourth Congressional District and, specifically, Northern Kentucky. Included is KPPAC Chairman Thomas E. Bunnell, MD, who has served on the board for many years and is a past president of the Northern Kentucky Medical Society. Serving with Doctor Bunnell are Nancy C. Swikert MD, Speaker of the KMA House of Delegates, and Kimberly Moser, who represents the KMA Alliance. Together, they work to ensure that KPPAC achieves its mission of improving the pro-medicine make-up of the Kentucky congressional delegation and General Assembly.

If you have questions about the elections or KPPAC's success, please contact Whitney Meadows at (502) 426-6200 or Meadows@kyma.org.

Whitney Meadows, KPPAC Membership Manager and Policy Analyst

Northern
Kentucky
Clean Air Act

President's Report

The NKMS has been asked to take a position on the question of a smoking ban in public areas. This issue has several hot buttons that can make it difficult to remain objective. We recognize and respect these strongly held opinions. Those who promote the ban argue that the effect of second hand smoke causes an increase in pulmonary diseases, lung cancer and other diseases in other pa-

trons and those working in those establishments. The statistics support that. Those who oppose the ban argue that smoking is a legal activity and a pleasurable experience for them. It is also an exercise of their freedom of choice. These are valid statements.

We have had active discussions at the Board meetings on this topic. It is the position of your Board that in this situation the concern

for public health should be our primary priority. It is for this reason that we support a ban on indoor smoking in Northern Kentucky. While we recognize that there are many other factors that contribute to poor air quality, indoor smoking is the leading contributor and one that we can address directly and inexpensively.

Stephen Hiltz, MD
President, NKMS

Color Me Mine

Alliance Report

On Friday, February 6, 2008 at 10:00 AM, the Alliance is hosting a paint party at Color Me Mine in the Crestview Hills Town Center. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The price includes a choice of basic bisque and paint. All pieces will be ready for pickup one week later. For an additional fee you can upgrade your

bisque.

No artistic talent...no problem. The staff at Color Me Mine will provide you with over 22,000 images and technique cards.

We need at least 20 people to keep this a private event for our group only. Afterwards you can stroll with your friends to one of the

nearby restaurants.

Please make plans to attend the paint party at Color Me Mine hosted by the Alliance. Please bring any friends who would be interested in this event.

Patty Heeb, President,
NKMS Alliance

Upcoming
Events

Calendar of Events

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| December 4 | Holiday Party (Ft. Mitchell Country Club) |
| January 20 | NKMS Executive Board Meeting |
| February 17 | NKMS Executive Board Meeting |
| March 19 | Trustee Dinner |
| March 24 | NKMS Executive Board Meeting |

KMA Report

KMA Produces "Transparency in Medicine" Video
KMA has produced a video, "Transparency in Medicine," to address websites that allow patients to "rate" their physician and care experience. The video alerts physicians to many of the websites that are being used by patients and urges physicians to adapt to this new environment to ensure patients are getting reliable, credible information, and that they get the best medical care available.

Visit the KMA website - www.kyma.org - search "Transparency in Medicine Video" - to view the video.

Community Health Champion Program- KMA's Community and Rural Health Committee, chaired by Nancy Swikert, MD, has launched KMA's Community Health Champion program and needs physicians from every county to serve as advocates for a healthier Kentucky. This physician volunteer would promote

resources and information from KMA to local physicians at medical society or hospital staff meetings. In addition, the community champion would identify issues at the local level, which could be shared with membership throughout the state. Sign up today by contacting KMA at 502-426-6200.

Jenny Hill, Communications Manager, KMA

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Recognizes
Retired
Physicians

NKMS Retired Members

Dr. Thomas Bunnell has been a member of the NKMS for 36 years. Dr. Bunnell is retired from the practice of Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Medicine.

Dr. Howard Heringer has been a member of the NKMS for 14 years. Dr. Heringer is retired from the practice of Internal

Medicine and Hematology.

Dr. James Schrand has been a member of the NKMS for 44 years. Dr. Schrand is retired from the practice of Family Medicine.

Dr. Gordon Air has been a member of the NKMS for 32 years. Dr. Air is retired from the practice of Orthopedic Surgery.

Dr. Robert Longshore has been a member of the NKMS for 40 years. Dr. Longshore is retired from the practice of Family Medicine.

Dr. Gregory Frey has been a member of the NKMS for 24 years. Dr. Frey is retired from the practice of Urology.

Trustee Dinner

The annual Trustee dinner is planned for March 19th this year. The details as to the time and place are still to be worked out. This is the chance for the KMA President, Dr. James Beattie, to address the Northern Kentucky Medical Society on current KMA issues. This will be your opportunity to get an update on the issues affecting the

practice of medicine throughout the state and to have your questions answered. Prior to Dr. Beattie's address we will have a "social hour" and dinner to allow you to enjoy the company of your friends in the medical community. Please plan to attend.

NKMS members assembled together for the KMA Trustee District Meeting at Summit Hills Country Club on March 20, 2008.



Left to right: Stephen Hiltz, MD; Tom Bunnell, MD; Tom Slabaugh, MD; Michael Gerwe, MD; and Richard Park, MD.

The logo for the Northern Kentucky Medical Society (NKMS) features the letters "NKMS" in a white, serif font, centered within a dark brown rectangular box with a thin white border.

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NKY HOLIDAY PARTY

The Annual Holiday Party sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Medical Society and the Northern Kentucky Medical Society Alliance will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at the Ft. Mitchell Country Club.

The festivities begin with a cash bar, silent auction, and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 7:30 PM. The cost will be \$50 a person.

The proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the Women's Crisis Center.

The dinner menu will feature a salad of mixed greens, with candied pecans, goat cheese, craisins, tossed in a balsamic vinaigrette. Pork loin stuffed with

spinach, boursin cheese and pine nuts served with a sun-dried tomato cream sauce, tri-colored herb-roasted potatoes, haricot vert almandine, rolls and butter. For dessert there will be pepper-



mint ice cream and a holiday cookie.

The Holiday Party gives the opportunity to recognize the NKMS

members who have retired. The following physicians will be honored at the Holiday Party. Dr. Thomas Bunnell, Dr. Howard Heringer, Dr. James Schrand, Dr. Gordon Air, and Dr. Robert Longshore.

Make plans to attend this year's Holiday Party. Please RSVP to the Northern Kentucky Medical Society, Karla Kennedy, at

859-496-6567.

Reservations will also be accepted by email: nkms@nkms.org

The Northern Kentucky Medical Society wish you and your family a very happy and safe holiday.