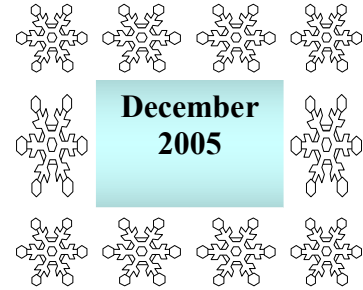


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From the President's Corner

By Keith Nelson

On behalf of the Chicago Chapter Board of Directors, I would thank all of you for a year filled with opportunities to network and learn. Our CLMA chapter mission is built around a dedication to enhance professional and managerial skills.

This year our chapter had incredible opportunities to network and learn. As host chapter of the national CLMA conference held in Chicago this spring, we held a networking event immediately before the

CLMA President's Party. Several



members of the national board attended.

We ended the year with an outstanding fall educational meeting held at NIU, Naperville campus. The cam-

pus setting and speakers were excellent and our chapter membership had the opportunity to visit product and service displays hosted by over 25 business and industry partners. Over 75 CLMA members attended the fall educational event.

We were also fortunate to have a very good 1/2 day spring educational meeting at DuPage Community College which focused on patient safety, JCAHO and Lean Management topics. *(continued page 2)*

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Web Site Development

Joyce Lewis, Chapter Webmaster

This coming year our chapter will be focused on getting the most out of the chapter website, **www.cclma.org**. Information on our

Winter Networking event will be coming to you shortly. A new addition to our web site is an opportunity for you the membership to

post or read of job opportunities in the Chicago area. You may post any job opportunity that is considered a lead or senior position, or is *(continued page 2)*



Fun at Brookfield Zoo, the Summer Networking Meeting

President's Corner

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Our summer networking event, "Walk on the Wild Side", was held at the Brookfield Zoo and attended by over 50 members. A brief tour of the zoo, followed by networking over wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres provided quite the backdrop as we listened to the nationally-renowned, Dr. Jean Dubach, Zoo Molecular Geneticist. Dr. Dubach was entertaining and fascinating as she gave us a personalized account of the many animal groups she has speciated over the years.

Again, if you enjoyed you

Web Site Development

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considered a management position. Please send all job postings to Joyce Lewis at jlewis@ingalls.org. **Postings will be good for one month.**

Also, we are wanting to promote discussion and networking through a Chicago CLMA 'users group'. If you would like to become a mem-

selfes at these events, please bring a guest to our next meeting. Have your guest take advantage of the free 60-day membership offered on the national clma.org website.

At the national level, CLMA is dedicated to serve as THE resource for laboratory professionals. Please take the time to visit the national CLMA website at www.clma.org. You will find several resources available to you. MasterMind is an interactive web-based portal that gives you the ability to learn, share, and communicate with your colleagues on laboratory issues. Just pose your questions or your insight on any particular topic and I am sure you will get plenty of feedback.

name and email address through cclma.org. Go to the "Contact Us" header and let us know your interest. Once the CCLMA email group is formed, questions may be posed for feedback from the group. Joyce Lewis will also coordinate this activity.

National CLMA is also offering a wide selection of lectures, case studies, self-evaluation, and exercises, helping you develop skill sets, models, and tools to be a successful part of the management team. Please review what is available at www.clma.org.

Contact any of the Board Members if you have questions or a desire to get more involved at the chapter level. From a personal perspective, you will get back far more than you give.

Have a great holiday season and a fantastic start to the new year!!

Keith Nelson, Chapter President



"The fall educational meeting was outstanding. The facilities were top-notch and the speakers were excellent. Business and Industry Partner."

KUDOS -

The Chicago Chapter won Honorable Mention in Leadership Administration at this year's annual CLMA conference. The application was submitted by our past-president, Linda McCann. The Chicago Chapter Board Members would like to recognize Linda for her outstanding leadership these past two years as the chapter has expanded their educational and networking opportunities.



Peter Muzzy, Lattice, Inc., - speaker at Spring Educational Meeting

CHAPTER BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The following members were re-elected to two-year board of director posts through Dec 31, 2007: Linda McCann, Linda Palicki, Joyce Doerhoefer, and Marilyn Nelson. Carol Bagan, Director, Lake Forest was elected to her first term and Debbie Miyashiro was appointed by the Board to a two year term as Member-At-Large. Claudine Panick was elected to a two-year term as Treasurer for the chapter. I want to thank the membership for your participation as over 40 members voted in the election.



FINANCES

During 2004, the Chicago Chapter raised \$5700 in vendor sponsored booths at our fall educational meeting. This year we will be surpassing that total. The 2004 funds allowed our chapter to sponsor three \$500 scholarships to local Med Tech schools. During 2005, we will be sponsoring two \$1000 scholarships. In addition, one registration to the 2004 national CLMA conference was granted to a member. Our chapter is able to sponsor both of the spring and fall educational conferences plus the winter and summer networking meetings due to the generous sponsorships of our business and industry partners.

Chapter Finances:

- Assets Dec 2003—\$16,659
- Assets Dec 2004—\$14,836

Membership News By Linda Palicki

Think back to when you were first starting your laboratory management career. Was there someone, a mentor, who told you about a great association for laboratory managers called CLMA? I know that is how I was introduced to CLMA. My laboratory manager at that time was an active CLMA member. He recognized that while I had the potential to be a leader, I could use some help to advance my skills and career so he brought me to my first Chicago CLMA meeting. I was able to meet and network with peers and more experienced managers. I found the education invaluable. I was hooked and have been an active member since 1989.

I hope that is the way you feel and I would like to challenge each one of you to do the same for a new (or maybe not so new) supervisor, lead tech, or management person in your organization. Is there someone in your organization who could benefit from the re-



sources available through CLMA? Here's an easy way for you to accomplish this. Have them sign up for a **free** 90-day CLMA membership. It's easy! Simply go to the CLMA web site (www.clma.org), go to the Membership tab and click on Free Membership and follow the instructions. I would also like to encourage you to bring any of your lab leadership with you to one of our functions.



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Vision Statement— The Clinical Laboratory Management Association is a professional association dedicated to excellence in clinical services worldwide; to enhancing professional, managerial, and leadership skills; to promoting efficient, productive, and high quality operations; and to advocating on behalf of quality patient care and the membership.

The Chicago Chapter CLMA would like to recognize our business and industry partners who have supported us so strongly throughout the year. Thank you for your partnership which has enabled us to support our membership.



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Happy Holidays

We are planning a Winter Networking Meeting at the Goose Island Brew Pub in Lincoln Park. Our event will be held on February 15th starting at 5PM. We hope to see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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