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ASCLS - IDAHO NEWSLETTER

Summer Edition 2018

Message from the President: Flying Chickens

by Mechelle Reeve

There were once a group of chickens who attended a convention where they learned everything about flying. They learned about aerodynamics, the wind, their wing structure, feathers, gliding, soaring, take off, and landing. The chickens squawked and clucked to each other about how exciting this all was to learn about and to try. When their flying convention was over, they all walked home.

What?! Did you catch that...**they all walked home instead of flying!!**

They learned all they needed to know about flying at their flying convention and then walked home.

So, my point with this story is: **Don't be like these chickens!** Take what you learn and apply and use it! For those of



you who were able to attend our Spring Convention, I hope you are able to use and apply what you did and learned there both in laboratory knowledge, but also friendship and networking. I hope you were able to sit by, talk to, or introduce yourself to *at least* one new person at the convention. I hope you left the convention with new conviction to B.A.S.E. Jump and be brave, take chances, challenge yourself, and try something new, whether it be in your personal life or your career.

Continue networking and expanding your web of professional contacts and friends. For those of you who weren't able to attend the convention, I still hope you will take and apply these principles in your life too.

I can say as your ASCLS Idaho President this year, this has been a B.A.S.E. Jumping type opportunity for me to challenge myself and also get to know and network with other laboratorians as I've been in this position. I appreciate all the support from you as members as well as my board and committee members.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and our profession in this capacity. So as my last words of advice: **seek out and fly home from conventions and learning opportunities, don't walk if you learned how to fly!**

Calendar

- Mini Leadership Academy: June 23, 2018 9:00-12:00
- National Annual Meeting July 30 - August 2, 2018
- Region VIII Round UP IMSS Jackson Hole, September 27-29, 2018



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June 23rd, 9:30-12:30

- Snake River Grill, 611 Frog's Landing, Hagerman
- Diane Stumpf Presenting
- Register by mail or at the door
- Lunch included in registration
- BOD meeting will follow in the afternoon

Our Spring Convention gave you the courage to JUMP!

The Mini-Leadership Academy will help you prepare for a successful JUMP! Often times we feel that success means changing jobs, finding new opportunities or getting a fresh start. But that is not necessarily true. You can be successful no matter what your shift, no matter what your position, and no matter where you work. Success...your professional success...is within your power...because you pack your own chute! Attend the 2018 ASCLS-Idaho Mini-Leadership Academy to start packing your chute! Registration form is attached for your convenience.

Please Join Us!

Diane R. Stumpf

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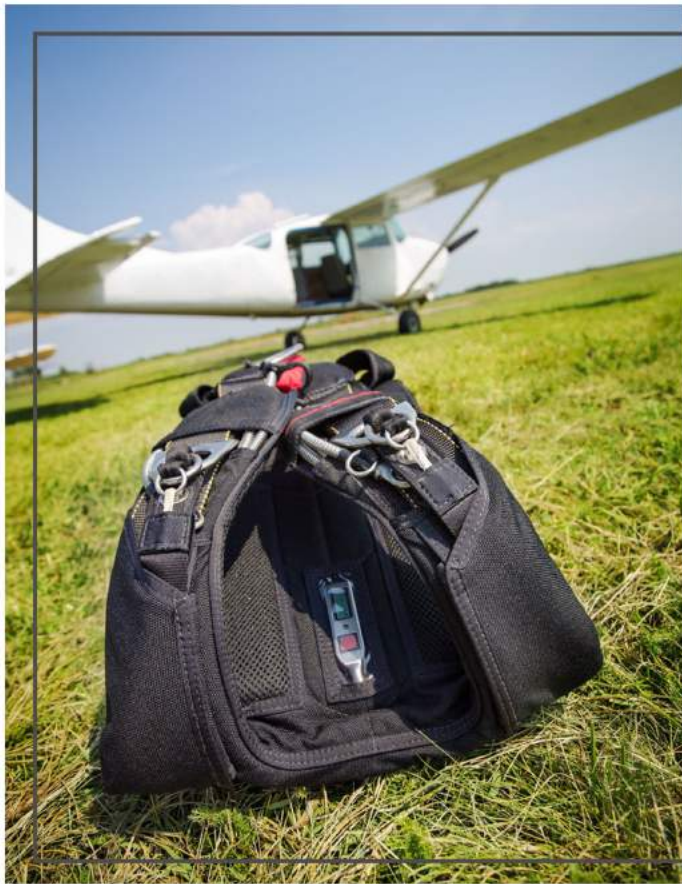
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Take control of your professional success by joining us in Hagerman for the Mini-Leadership Academy.

Fill out the [registration](#) form and send it today!





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Secrets to being successful no matter who you work for!

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For more information contact Diane @ 208-520-6318 or dstumpf138@gmail.com

Mail Registration Form to: Amy Huse
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Member: \$25 Student: \$15 Non-Member: \$35

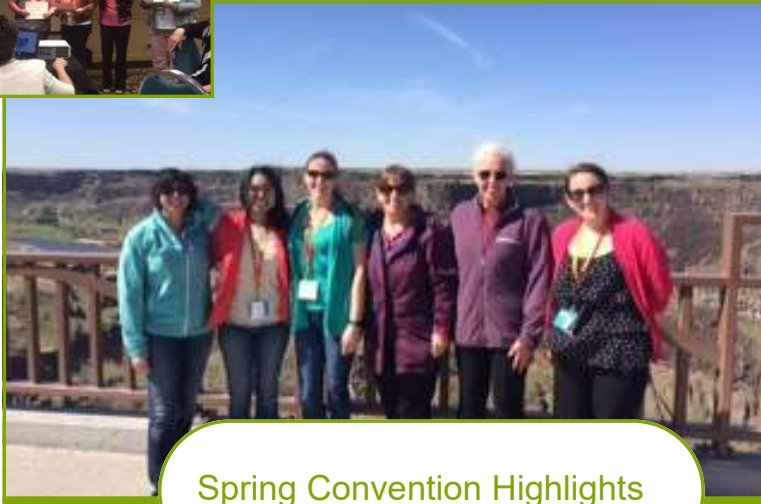
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Spring Convention Highlights

This convention promised to be jam-packed with exciting educational sessions, opportunities for personal growth and breath-taking thrills. True to form the convention committee delivered! We enjoyed good company, great education, and beautiful views. Here are just some of the highlights of the weekend captured by convention goers.



Clockwise from top: Convention goers painting rocks at one of the networking activities, Jennifer Hayes at the vendor session showing off her new poo emoji pen #coolestvendorgift, convention goers enjoying Thursday nights networking dinner.

Awards

Thank you all for your time and support of ASCLS. We know you are amazing and now everyone else knows it too!

Congratulations to the following for their achievements. ASCLS - ID would not be the same without you.

Key to the Future:

Kate DeAngelo

Member of the Year:

Susan Morris

State Omicron Sigma:

Mary Brown

Mary Cobos

Chris DeAngelo

Kate DeAngelo

Jessica Lewis

Kami McGann

Susan Morris

Diane Thompson

Regional Omicron Sigma:

Chris Doran

Melissa Dumoulin

Mechelle Reeve

Debbie Shell

Diane Stumpf

Basket Raffle Proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House

by Chris DeAngelo

This year's raffle benefitted the **Ronald McDonald House** in Boise and what a success it was. ASCLS Idaho raised a whopping \$549 from the raffle. Last year's raffle earned \$368 for the Children's Miracle Network.



Chris and Kate DeAngelo at the Basket Raffle table.



Chris DeAngelo and Mechelle Reeve present the check to the Ronald McDonald House in Boise.

A big thank you goes to everyone who brought a gift basket for donation for the raffle and to everyone who bought the \$549 worth of raffle tickets. We should all be very proud of the effort and generosity of ASCLS Idaho.

PAC Convention Report

By Kathryn Norton

What a great convention turn-out! We had quite a lot of energy from the members following Debbie Shell's talk about the current happenings in legislature concerning our profession. It's so amazing that law makers can affect regulations that impact our day-to-day laboratory operations. It spans from the push to transition an MLS certificate to a license, to the protection of our fee schedule and many important lab functions in between.

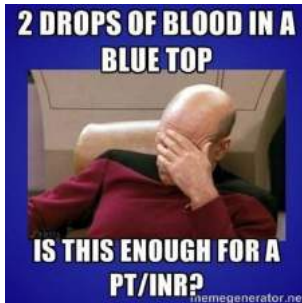
During the convention business meeting, there was a totaling **\$505** in PAC donations!!

Thank you, to everyone who donated!

What is PAC, what does it do, and how do your donations help?

ASCLS PAC helps provide financial and educational support to encourage candidates and legislative officers to be more responsive to health legislation.

We have a PAC specifically focused on laboratory science. If you did not attend convention or would like to donate, you may do so online at <http://www.ascls.org/advocacy-issues/pac>.



Lab Laughs



ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 2018
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Join ASCLS members from across the country at the Swissotel Chicago in Chicago, Illinois for the annual meeting **July 29-August 2, 2018**.

- **Network with colleagues** and other laboratory professionals.
- Take advantage of **more than 60 hours** of P.A.C.E.®-approved education.
- Experience the **latest in laboratory technology** with access to the Clinical Laboratory Expo.

Leave with practical knowledge on methodologies, management, and emerging issues. You'll find it all at the Annual Meeting.

Click [here](#) to check out a message on the Annual Meeting from ASCLS President Debra Rodahl.

[Register Here](#)



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Why should you renew now?

Renewing before June 7th saves ASCLS \$10 in letters and invoices sent through the mail.

With nearly 9,000 members, this savings can really add up! And could be used for:

- The USA Science and Engineering Festival. Where thousands of high school students are exposed to CLS careers.
- Student Member Scholarships to attend the Legislative Symposium
- Other Scholarship programs.

Help us put our membership dues to the best use.

Two easy ways to renew

Online at <https://members.ascls.org/>

or call (571)748-3770



Lab Week Fun

Clockwise from top right: VA Medical Center in Boise, Rene H. and Heidi H. Running the virtual 5K, lab week cake made by Kate DeAngelo. Can you find all the lab elements?

- Can you spot all of the lab references?
- Slide trays = Bankhaus
 - Pool H₂O = H₂O
 - Pool H₂O test strip = urine dipstick
 - Test tube = cord blood
 - round cakes = calcium oxalate crystals
↳ hemolysis = goat crystals
 - Waterfall = Coagulometer Cascade
 - Kiddie slide = Band smear
 - Sprinkles = GMR, GFR
 - Model of flowers = GPC, GNC
 - Beach Balls = Biotests
 - Beach Balls = Biotests
 - Malaria Ring = Biotests game
 - Mallet John = Body King 100 game

The Road to Understanding

How have you impacted patient care in the laboratory?

The Road to Understanding Campaign was developed by the ASCLS Promotion of the Profession Committee and aims to share your stories and encourage other laboratory professionals to be strong patient advocates.

There are 2,080 miles between the 2017 Annual Meeting site of San Diego, California, and the 2018 Annual Meeting site of Chicago, Illinois.

We want to **collect 2,080 stories** to get the conversation on patient safety started. These stories will be published and displayed at the 2018 Annual Meeting where we will continue the patient safety conversation.

Here is a sample of one of the stories shared.

"I took a job in a clinic that had previously only had Xray techs do their lab work. The Docs weren't happy to have to pay me for an MLS. One day, I drew a gentleman patient and then, upon review of the blood smear, I realized he was in blast crisis. I prepared slides, contacted the courier and the pathologist, and

sent off everything to the core lab in another city. Next, I waited outside the exam rooms to catch the provider to let him know what was happening. At the end of the day, the provider came into the clinic lab, pointed at me and said, "You earned your money today." I didn't get any more remarks about not being worth the extra money."

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